

# BA Today

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## Senior Scholarship Updates

by: Casey Burnette

Yes, seniors, the day is drawing near when you will no longer be a high schooler! Most of the class of 2014 has already been accepted into college, and some have already received scholarships.

As of February 21<sup>st</sup>, the following seniors have received one or more scholarship offers:

Warren Rocksvold- USA, UAB  
Emily Harrison-Montevallo, UAB  
RJ Coleman- Birmingham Southern  
Cody Hamilton- LSU Alexandria, Faulkner  
Allison Carroll-UAB, Montevallo  
Emily Gilbert- UAB  
Abby Watson- UAB  
Jamie Tully- UAB  
Katie Gafnea- UAB  
Lulu Sims- UAB  
Sammie Jo Fleming- UAB  
Zac Wade- UAB  
Everett Curry- Stillman, Faulkner, and many more  
Justin Pratt- Highland Community and much more  
Dakota Blackwell- Concordia College

This list will grow as the school year comes to an end. *BA Today* will keep you updated.

## Congrats Seniors!

## Time Is Flying

by: Tila Vines

Think about it- January is already over, and February only has a few days left. Football, basketball, and volleyball season is over for now. For the seniors, they only have a few months left of high school for the rest of their lives! When you think about, time is flying, and the year is almost over.

This entire year, everyday, we have a chance to show God's glory through us and show home magnificent he truly is. Some people may put a mask on for others and claim they are firm in their faith with Him but are actually just as lost as the rest of the world. Just think, you could be the one to change someone's life today and change their fate for eternity.

Time is ticking and we should use every minute we have to show God's amazing glory.

*"What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short." 1 Corinthians 7:29*

## Teacher of the Week: Coach Perkins

by: Tila Vines

### What brought you to BA?

The good Lord!

### If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

Tuscaloosa, because it is my home

### If you could be any animal, what would it be and why?

An eagle because it can fly and it's endangered so no one can touch me

### If you could drive any car, what would it be and why?

Any car with fantastic gas mileage

### If you could be any person on this planet, who would it be?

No question, Jonathan Wright

*Who would you like to see as teacher of the week? Or what crazy question would you like us to ask? Text or email batodaystaff@gmail.com*

## Lunch Menu This Week

### Tuesday, Feb. 25

Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Dessert

### Wednesday, Feb. 26

Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, Bread,  
Dessert

### Thursday, Feb. 27

Potluck

### Friday, Feb. 28

Taco Salad, Corn, Dessert

### Monday, Mar. 3

Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Green  
Beans, Dessert

## Counselor's Corner

by: Shannan Higgins

Seniors- take note of graduation day activities.

8:00 am – Report to gym for graduation practice

9:00 am – Awards/Class day (family invited)

11:30 am – Senior Lunch at Hyatt Wynfrey (family invited)

6:15 pm – Be at Bessemer Civic Center

7:00 pm – Graduation

*Text or email your questions to shigginsbessemeracademy.com or drop by her office.*

## Tech Talk: Black Holes

by: iZac

Wouldn't it be awesome if we knew how objects actually reacted when coming in contact with a black hole?

Well, in March or April a gas cloud is expected to collide with Sagittarius A\* which is a massive black hole just 26,000 light years away from the earth. While the actual collision took place 26,000 light years ago, we will just now be able to see it due to the time it took for the light to travel this far.

The gas cloud itself is 3 times the size of the earth which makes it seem quite massive, but in reality the gas cloud is a dwarf in comparison to the black hole which has the mass of 4 million suns. Scientists are hoping that watching the gas cloud as it approaches the black hole will give enough data on how objects actually react to coming near a black hole. If the event doesn't give enough information then many scientists are hoping that Sagittarius A\* ends up absorbing more gas clouds in the future.

Scientists are also excited because next year the Event Horizon Telescope will gain enough acuity to discern the light that bends around the black hole. If there are any deviations in the predicted shape of the halo, then Einstein's theory of gravity would need a revision.

*Footnote from Mrs. Ludvik: A light year is the distance light can travel in 1 year. Using the rough estimate of this equating to 35,000 miles per hour, 26,000 light years ago is approximately 508,458,003 earth years. Creation science would theorize God created this event "pre-aged" when He spoke it into existence similar to how Adam and Eve were created "pre-aged" as adults.*

*Questions for our tech guru? What would you like to see in the next issue? Text or email batodaytechtalk@gmail.com*

## Notice for Seniors

by: Emily Harrison



Senior shirts are now available! If you are interested, please pay Nadia Hervey before March 12. SM-XL:\$11 2XL-3XL\$13

**Gamer's Corner:  
Dragon Ball Z: Battle of Z**  
by: RJ Coleman

XBOX 360



Image courtesy of gameinformer.com

What would it feel like to be Goku? Every DBZ fan has already wondered that in their mind. A person would have thought of flying at incredible speeds, throwing blasts of energy from their hand, engaging in insanely fast fighting techniques, and transforming themselves into a Super Saiyan. If you have wondered about this then you will be able to experience this in the new video game *Dragon Ball Z: Battle of Z*.

Since its beginning, Dragon Ball Z has enthralled fans with the astounding fights between Goku, his friends, and their enemies. *Battle of Z* delivers original and distinctive fighting gameplay in the adored world from the series creator Akira Toriyami. Unlike previous DBZ fighting games, *Battle of Z* offers matches that are up to four players on each team. Also, this game features a 3D battle arena that allows you to fly, find your target, and assault with a melee attack. *Dragon Ball Z: Battle of Z* features a large roster of playable characters that includes Goku, Vegeta, Piccolo, Gohan, Frieza, Cell, and other well-known DBZ characters. Also, the game features well-known attacks that includes the Kamehameha, Special Beam Cannon, and the Spirit Bomb. In addition to the fighting gameplay, the epic battles in *Battle of Z* derive from the style of the original anime series and will take place in rich environments on land and in the air. Players will engage in group melee actions, take on massive boss battles, and challenge other players around the world.

If you have played previous DBZ games like *Budokai Tenkaichi*, *Raging Blast* and other DBZ games then you will be amazed with *Dragon Ball Z: Battle of Z*.

Agree? Disagree? What game would you like to see reviewed in the next issue? Email [batodaygames@gmail.com](mailto:batodaygames@gmail.com)

**Crossword Puzzle Answers**

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| 19. Anna         | 20. Yzma      |
| 15. Gantu        | 18. Pumba     |
| 13. Timon        | 17. Olaf      |
| 11. Scar         | 16. Calhoun   |
| 9. Ralph         | 14. Chip      |
| 7. Dug           | 12. Stitch    |
| 5. Gaston        | 10. Kuzco     |
| 4. Lilo          | 8. Kronk      |
| 3. MrFredrickson | 6. Vanelllope |
| 2. Lumiere       | 1. Elsa       |
| Down             | Across        |

No peeking!

**Private School Probs** by: Casey Burnette



**The 2013 Undefeated JV Football Team Earns Rings** by: Staff Writers

Who would have thought that when the JV football season started on August 26, 2013 with only 14 players that they would go undefeated? The season started with a defeat of Tuscaloosa Academy at our home field. With a win over our long-time rival under our belts, comments were made that despite having such a small team that we might win a few games this year. Next was Kingwood in which BA dominated. Evangel was our next game. With less than 2 minutes left in the game and no chance of BA winning, hopes came alive with an 85 yard touchdown pass which made BA victorious with a 12-8 win. Then we played games against Southern, Tuscaloosa,



Southern and Kingwood in which BA only allowed 8 total points in all 4 games. With a record of 7-0, we knew we had Evangel to beat again to secure an undefeated season. This time the game was at Bessemer. With a little over a minute left in the game and on 4<sup>th</sup> down and 11 yards to go, BA scored a touchdown on a 55 yard run to win their 8<sup>th</sup> and final game of the season 14-8.

On February 10, 2014 the JV team was able to celebrate their great season with being presented with JV 8-0 undefeated rings at the Bessemer Academy Sports Banquet.

The MAGNIFICENT 14 players were Robert Jeter, Jeremiah Jeter, Wes Davis, Derrian Thompkins, Chase Medders, Nick Perry, Chris Levins, Hunter Gilbert, Kenny Hyde, John David Wood, Andrew Lawley, Kevin Morris, Matthew Barnes and Clay Farrington. They were coached by Bob Spurgeon and Jon Kress.