

B A Today

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Rebel Sports Mania

by: Casey Burnette

Varsity Softball

Last Monday, February 24, the Lady Rebels played North River, and we came out on top with a blistering 24-0 Rebels shutout against the Tuscaloosa team. Junior Caroline Parker got her first win by pitching 7 strike outs, and she only gave up one hit. She went 3-4, along with juniors Rachel Worthey who went 2-3, Hannah Kitchens who went 3-3, Katie Barnette who went 2-3, Tori Spain who went 3-4, and senior Magan Bryant who went 3-3. Congratulations girls!

Varsity Baseball

The varsity boys brought home their first win last Monday against the scoreless North River team. Junior Zack Smith had two RBI's and went 3-3. Also junior Trent Jordan had one RBI and went 2-3. Lowell Brook (junior) pitched four innings as well as not giving up any hits four innings straight! He also pitched 7 strike outs. Trent and sophomore Seth Hartley both pitched one inning each. Our Rebels racked up a total of 8 unanswered runs. Congratulations boys!

Have You Ever Seen a Lion Hunting?

by: Tila Vines

Have you ever seen a lion hunting? He walks back and forth, he hides and watches, and he is ready to pounce and attack his prey at a second's notice. Satan is actively waiting for you to allow him to come in and pounce on you, to destroy your faith, and to kill your relationship with the Father. One time Paul tells Peter to be diligent, and to be aware of what's going on. This means through prayer, through study, and most of all, through Faith.

Satan IS very real, and he hates you, he hates that you love the Lord, and he even hates those of you who don't know the Lord yet, and are thinking about making a commitment for a life with Him. He wants you to worship him, and to give your life over to the worldly things he controls. Don't give in, be self-controlled and alert, and keep your eyes focused on the one true life and way. Remember, also, that we have the power to put Satan down through the name of Jesus, and you can practice that in prayer.

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion for someone to devour..." 1 Peter 5:8

Teacher of the Week:

Dr. Nelson

by: Tila Vines

Where did you go to college?

Auburn University, then UAB, then the University of Alabama

Do you have any pets?

Yes, two dogs, one cat, and thirteen ducks.

What's your favorite band?

ZZ Top

If you could be any type of animal, what would you be and why?

A horse because they are beautiful.

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

Maui because of the islands and beautiful oceans.

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, Mar. 4

Pizza, French Fries, Dessert

Wednesday, Mar. 5

Ravioli, Side Salad, Bread, Dessert

Thursday, Mar. 6

Philly Steak, Tots, Dessert

Friday, Mar. 7

Spaghetti, Side Salad, Bread, Dessert

Monday, Mar. 10

Crispitos, Nachos & Cheese, Corn, Dessert

Counselor's Corner

by: Shannan Higgins

Signed course selection sheets are due in the basket outside my office on or by Wed., March 5. Discuss with your parents! See Mrs. Higgins with any concerns or questions.

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 shiggins@bessemeracademy.com or drop by her office.

Hurricane Power

by: iZac

What if hurricane's destructive power could be turned into a source of energy?

Well, a new study that was published in Nature Climate Change suggests that a large array of wind turbines set up offshore could lower hurricane wind speeds and reduce the storm's surge. Mark Jacobson is a civil and environmental engineering professor at Stanford who has been developing a very complex computer model to better examine air pollution, wind power, weather, climate and hurricanes. He combined the hurricane modeling with the wind power modeling to see what would happen if a hurricane hit a giant wind farm. He worked alongside researchers Cristina Archer and Willet Kempton from the University of Delaware to model three big storms: Katrina, Isaac and Sandy.

In the test, it was discovered that if a hurricane were to hit a giant wind farm then the hurricane's outer winds slowed. Since the outer winds slowed, the wave height of the hurricane also reduced, and the reduced wave height made the movement of air toward the center of the hurricane decrease. This makes the all of the hurricane winds slow down.

Such a great discovery will hopefully make way for large arrays of wind turbines to be set up off shore thus allowing much more energy to be harvested and hurricane damage to be reduced.

For additional information, please visit:
<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2014/02/26/3332521/offshore-wind-turbines-slow-hurricanes/#>

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.

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**Gamer's Corner:
Lightning Returns:
Final Fantasy XIII**

by: RJ Coleman



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Crossword Puzzle Answers

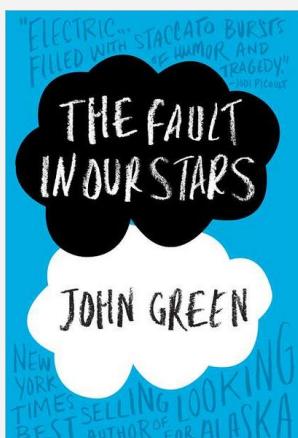
No peeking!

Down	Across
1. PosterHome for Military Friends	1. Family Guy
2. HouseMD	2. Friends
3. Gameof Thrones	3. DrWho
5. Gameof Thrones	7. Divergent
7. Divergent	8. ThorFollowing
8. ThorFollowing	10. Castle
10. Castle	11. DrakeandJosh
11. DrakeandJosh	12. PrettyLittleLies
12. PrettyLittleLies	13. RegularShow
13. RegularShow	15. SuperNatural
15. SuperNatural	17. Shrek
17. Shrek	19. American Horror Story
19. American Horror Story	20. Shreklock

Private School Pros by: Casey Burnette



The Fault in Our Stars Review by: Emily Harrison



Recently, I decided to read *The Fault In Our Stars* by John Green. Although I am not much of a reader, I greatly enjoyed this book. Hazel Grace, the main character, is in remission with a long battle with cancer. However, she is forced to carry around a BiPap machine to help her breathe. During her "support group" that her mother forced her to attend, she meets Augustus Waters. As you can probably tell, this book is basically your cliche teen love story mixed with disease and sadness. I personally am not a fan of romance, but the writing technique Green uses can relate to everyone in some way.

I give *The Fault In Our Stars* two thumbs up and recommend everyone read it. However, please make sure you have a box of tissues close by.

**ANYONE CAN USE BA TODAY to
<<<<<ASK SOMEONE TO PROM>>>>>
JUST SEE MRS. LUDVIK or a STAFF WRITER**

Emily Harrison, Casey Burnette, Donna Knight, Warren Rocksvold, RJ Coleman, Zac Wade

Developer and publisher Square Enix has created an incredible follow up to the amazing Final Fantasy series, *Lightning Returns: Final Fantasy XIII*. *Lightning Returns* is the third and final installment to the Final Fantasy XIII games. The game presents a world where Chaos reigns in a world that never ages. New life cannot be born. People need salvation.

As Lightning, it is your mission to save souls so they may be brought to a new world, but with only thirteen days remaining, not everyone can be saved. *Lightning Returns: Final Fantasy XIII* is a hybrid of RPG (role playing game) and time attacking challenges. The game provides Lightning with all new weapons, player customization, and battle abilities that allow the player to discover Lightning's destiny.

Also, Square Enix has developed a brand new battle system for the game. This new battle system is both unique and strategic that provides a fresh, interactive battle experience. Players will be able to enjoy a range of different actions by interacting with obstacles and objects. In addition to the new battle system, the tactical set consists of equipment such as garb and a weapon, along with assigned abilities. During battle, players will be able to swap between three different sets that are customized to suit the player's needs. Also, changing garbs alters Lightning's looks, so both its utility and aesthetics can be enjoyed. As you race against the clock you must save souls and perform good deeds in order to find your destiny.

This game will end the Final Fantasy XIII trilogy, so if you want to see the outcome you better buy this game.

Agree? Disagree? What game would you like to see reviewed in the next issue? Email batodaygames@gmail.com