

B A Today

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Rebel Sports Mania

by: Casey Burnette

Baseball

The Bessemer Academy Rebels and Kingwood Christian exchanged the lead five times on Thursday, March 13, 2014, but Bessemer Academy Rebels ended up on top with 7-4, Rebels. The boys finally managed to grab the lead after a strong fourth inning. The guys scored on an RBI single by Junior Zack Smith, plating Sophomore Brodie Medders. Nevertheless, Brodie was perfect at the dish, going 4-4. He tripled in the first inning and singled in the second, fourth and fifth innings. Kingwood jumped out on an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first. The scoreboard lit up again for Kingwood when the players scored a two-run single. However, B.A. survived Kingwood's surge and put up three runs of its own in the first. The guys scored on an RBI double by Justyn Barnes, an RBI double by Lowell Brook, and an error. The hitters matched its one-run second inning with one more in the fourth. In the second, Bessemer scored groundout by Seth Hartley. The Rebels added two more runs in the bottom of the sixth. A single by Zack ignited the offense, scoring Brodie.

March 14 and 15, 2014 the varsity boys participated in the Border Wars Tournament at Glenwood. Coach Boyd says, "To be honest, we played as poorly as we ever have thus far this season." Aside from the wonderful pitching performance from Sophomore Mike Williams and the continued hitting from Sophomore Brodie Medders and Junior Zack Smith, Coach says there wasn't much worth remembering. However, the boys will work tirelessly throughout the week leading up to the T.A. Tournament. Coach Boyd said that he wants to give B.A. a baseball team the school deserves.

Softball

Thursday, March 13, 2014 the girls ultimately beat Kingwood 12-2! Junior Caroline Parker pitched 8 strike outs, 2 walks, and no earned runs. Junior Hannah Kitchens went 3-4 with 2 RBI's. Junior Katie Barnett went 3-4 with 3 RBI's. It looks like Katie beat you this time Hannah. This win made the Lady Rebels 2-0 in the region.

On March 14 and 15, 2014, the girls played in the Edgewood Tournament and the results are listed below:

Lost 5-1 to Hopper

Lost 6-0 to Edgewood

Lost 8-6 to Monroe in extra innings

Won 3-1 over Coosa Valley

The team is now 6-6.

Congratulations to Hannah and sophomore Sydney Watson for making the All Tournament Team!

Counselor's Corner

by: Shannan Higgins

Seniors- take note of graduation day activities Thursday, May 22.

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

SAT Testing will be April 1-3 and April 8-10 for 1st - 8th grades.

Seniors bring \$75 for cap and gown pictures(cash only)

Cap and Gown pictures that were recently scheduled for March 17 have been postponed until further notice.

All course selection sheets were due by March 5th, if they were not turned in then they are late.

Text or email your questions to shiggins@bessemeracademy.com or drop by her office

Be Kind to One Another

by:Tila Vines

Every day we all go through our problems. We may have problems like bad grades, flat tires, huge tests that day, or even just an argument with a friend. Although, your problems are important at the time, but some people may go through the same problems or even bigger problems. Some people may have a sick family member or even worrying about getting into the college they have always dreamed about. The point is, we all deal with different or the same problems. You never know what is going on in someone else's life or day, but always remember that God gives his toughest challenges to his toughest warriors.

Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

Everyone you meet is
fighting a battle you
know nothing about.

Be kind.

Always.

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Where Are We Going?

by: Emily Harrison

In less than two months, the class of 2014 will be embarking on a new journey. This is our chance to not only grow out of our "high school" ways but also to embrace God's plan for us. The first "grown up" choice we are allowed to make is picking what college fits best for our personalities. We had 38 of the 42 seniors responding. However, the following is based on a class as a whole.

Auburn:1

Beville State:2

Birmingham Southern:2

Fire College:1

Highland Community College:1

Jeff State:3

Montevallo:2

Samford:1

Shelton:2

Stillman:4

University of Alabama at Birmingham: 7

University of Auburn at Montgomery: 2

University of North Alabama:1

Undecided:8

If you notice the list above, the University of Alabama at Birmingham is the most popular choice among the class. However, about 19% of students are still undecided. Although this number may seem large, almost all of these students have been accepted somewhere, and this is the time where decisions are made. We couldn't be more proud of our senior class, and we wish the best for everyone as they embark on a new journey.



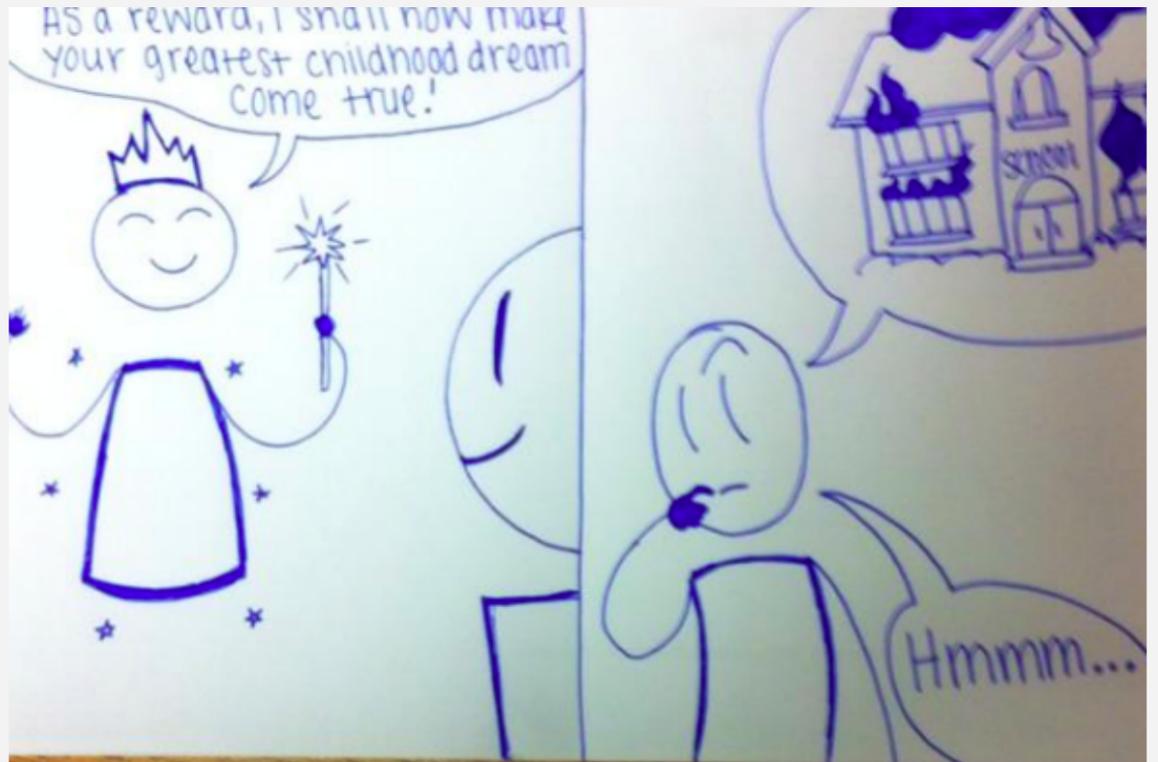
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CALM
AND
Graduate
Class of 2014**

Crossword Puzzle Answers

No peeking!

- Across
3. Wiffball
 4. Ultimate Frisbee
 6. Freeze Tag
 7. Tag
 11. Capture The Flag
 12. Catch
 15. Red Rover
 16. Infect Tag
 17. Football
 19. Soccer
- Down
1. Red Light Green Light
 2. Dodgeball
 3. Wax Museum
 5. Simon Says
 8. Hide N Seek
 9. Badminton
 10. Baseball
 13. Sardines
 14. Kickball
 18. Nerf

Private School Probs by: Casey Burnette



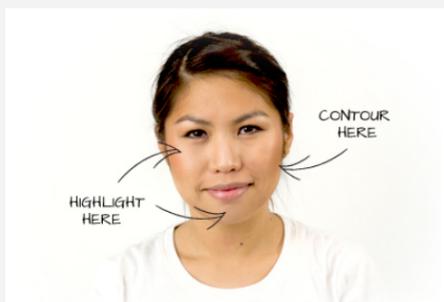
Ask Angie by: Angie Guerrero

Listen up, ladies. Angie has something to say!

Admit it, at least once in your middle school and high school experience, you've went through an awkward phase. If not, you're probably going through it right now. Never to fear, Angie is here! One of my biggest regrets looking back was how I did my makeup. Whoever convinced me buying bright blue eyeshadow was clearly disturbed. Here is my best advice to prevent any of you from having to burn all of your old pictures, starting with your eyebrows. Yes styles change, but that doesn't give any generation to let their eyebrows go wild. Keeping them plucked/waxed/threaded will do just the trick! However, if you're like me and have to draw or fill in your eyebrows, there is an art for that as well. Make sure you keep them looking natural and stay in the shape of your eyebrows already. Nike makes enough money without you giving them free advertising with your eyebrows.



Furthermore, how you do your eye makeup says a lot about your personal style. No matter if you're into the natural look or the smokey eye, any look can go downhill fast. If you want to look natural, use eyeshadows such as browns and golds to make your eyes stand out. On the other hand, the smokey eye is used mainly with darker colors. However, one must know how to properly apply it without looking like a racoon. Darker colors go on your eyelid, and light colors go under your eyebrows. Don't be scared to experiment with more than one color, unless it's blue. Whoever convinced you blue eyeshadow was cool and made your eyes pop is lying to you and probably doesn't care anything about you. After applying eyeshadow is applying eyeliner. The "cat eye" especially is popular now. Just make sure you don't look like Cleopatra when you're done. Mascara is kind of obvious, just put it on your eyelashes.



Moreover, I'd like to talk a little about contouring. For those of you who don't know, to contour is to outline a figure, and most girls contour their faces to make certain features stand out like their cheekbones. There are many tutorials on how to properly do it, but it's a skill that takes lots of practice. However, there is one secret about contouring that I feel everyone must know. **BLEND IT IN!** If you don't blend it in, you're in trouble. If you contour, you must highlight. However, don't forget to blend that in as well.



Your answer can appear in the next issue! Just text or email batodayaskangie@gmail.com or drop it in the box in Mrs. Higgins' office.

App Review: Dungeon Highway by: Zac Wade

Have you been looking to kill sometime outside of school? Or perhaps in school when the teacher isn't paying attention? Well, I have just the app for you. The recently updated Dungeon Highway app is a great time killer. You run around as a novice mage in the beginning and have to dodge obstacles as you try to defeat your foes by casting a variety of magic. As you continue further in the game, you will encounter different foes and different dungeons to spice things up. Furthermore, the game has 2 characters past the novice mage which have their own unique abilities that you can use to defeat your foes.

Although the app is very simplistic and not very complex, it can become a great time killer as you get sucked into it. You'll easily lose track of time as you get zoned in on evading the obstacles and killing the monsters.