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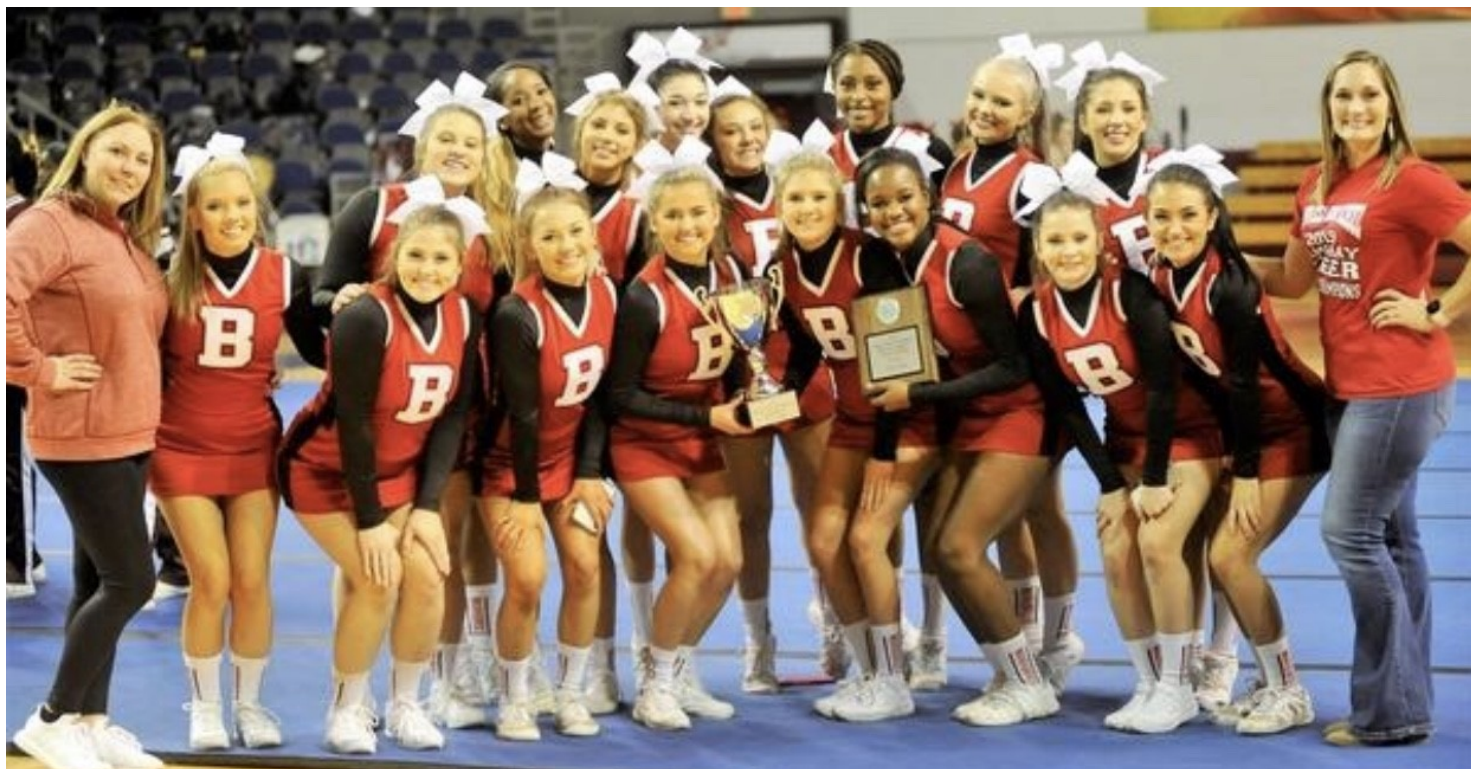
Barnwell School District 45



Parent and Community Newsletter

Winter 2020

Warhorses are Game Day Cheer State Champions



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Congratulations to Barnwell 45's Newest Apprentices

Barnwell School District 45 is excited to announce the selection of two new apprentices with Swiss Krono.

A Swiss Krono Signing Day was held on Monday, December 16, 2019. Two Barnwell High School students, Kenneth Dobson and Jayme Still, began an apprenticeship at Swiss Krono in January of 2020. Both students are currently juniors. Kenneth will be working as a Production Operator, and Jayme will assume the role of an Industrial Maintenance Technician. In addition to the two new apprentices, Nathan Anderson, a Barnwell High School senior, is currently completing his second year in a Production Operator role for the company.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For employment opportunities in Barnwell School District 45, please visit www.barnwell45.org.

Barnwell School District 45 Announces a \$391,435 Increase to the District's Reserve Balance

Barnwell District 45's financial standing remains strong, according to its last audit report. In the December 2019 school board meeting, the district announced they had added \$391,435 to the fund balance for the general fund, which is the district's largest operating fund. The district has increased to \$4,440,759 in reserve, which is enough money to cover over three months of district operations.

The district collected \$18,314,131.49 in General Fund Revenue during Fiscal Year 19, an increase of \$107,649.84 from the previous year. The district's net position as of June 30, 2019 increased from the previous year by \$1,407,238 (4.3 percent), according to the audit. According to Steven Strother, the district's Chief Financial Officer, the district's financial standing is positive.

During that meeting, the Superintendent and Board recognized the hard work and dedication of the district's finance department. When discussing the audit, Strother stated, "Change in fund balance is the difference in revenue received and expenses incurred. An increase in fund balance means the district spent less than it received in revenue, thus indicating an increase in its positive financial position."

Auditor David Enzastiga from the Rish & Enzastiga firm commended the district on a strong audit report during the school board's December meeting. According to Superintendent Stapleton, "Both the Board of Trustees and I take very seriously our responsibility to this community and staff to be fiscally accountable. We sincerely appreciate our stakeholders and the Barnwell 45 staff for trusting us to make the decisions that are best for this district we all love so dearly."

B45 Spirit Pump In Partnership with Anderson Oil



Terrill Tuten of Anderson Oil Company presented a new Spirit Pump check at a recent board meeting. Barnwell School District 45's new Spirit total exceeds \$2,000.

Barnwell School District 45 is proud to continue the district's partnership with Anderson Oil Company for a Spirit Pump at the local BP gas station. Each time the gas pump is used, the district receives one cent per gallon of gas. As part of this project, the district designated the funds from this endeavor to support the art

programs across the district, including art classes, band, chorus, and more.

At the January Board of Trustees meeting, Mr. Tuten and his team presented the district with the second Spirit Pump check in the amount of \$1,344.33.

Dr. Rhett Richardson spoke on behalf of the district and expressed gratitude for this partnership, as well as expressing to the audience the impact it has for the district's schools and arts programs.

WAY TO GO, BES TEAM!

Select school teams participated in the DIG GoIT App Development Challenge to present their ideas for apps that would solve an issue in society. Our 4th grade team, "HTH, Helping The Homeless" received the Most Passionate Award. They also met with Beth Overton, who wants to help create their app to use at Southeastern Housing and Community Development, which is a part of the Housing Authority in Barnwell.

Dr. Richardson Recognized for 10 Years Service

Dr. Rhett Richardson, the Board Chairperson for Barnwell School District 45, has been recognized by the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) for 10 years of school board service. He was recognized publicly at the January Barnwell School District 45 School Board meeting, and he will be recognized at the statewide Annual Conference in February. His service and dedication to the staff, students, and community were commended by Board Vice Chairperson Rosey Anderson and Superintendent Crissie Stapleton.

Each year, school board members from throughout the state receive special lapel pins for reaching milestones in their years of school board service. Veteran school board members provide vision and valuable leadership for school districts. SCSBA and the local boards are happy to honor these board members for their long-term dedication to improving student achievement in their communities.

SCSBA is a non-profit organization serving as a source of information and a statewide voice for boards governing the 81 school districts.



Barnwell School District 45 Board of Trustees Recognized



Barnwell 45 joined school districts throughout the state and nation to celebrate School Board Recognition Month in January. More than 600 locally-elected and appointed school board members throughout the state were recognized by schools and communities for their service and dedication to public education.

Superintendent Crystal Stapleton stated, "This month we honor the year-round pledge that school board members make to our district and the community. This is a position that requires a tremendous commitment of both time and effort, and we are extremely

fortunate to have such a supportive and dedicated School Board. When you see our board members in the community, please thank them for all they do to support our students, our families, and our staff on a regular basis."

In Barnwell School District 45 school board members develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues impacting the entire community. They bear responsibility for an annual budget of over 18 million dollars, over 2,200 students, and over 350 employees.

Board of Trustees Sign the Ethical Principles



As a part of School Board Recognition Month, Barnwell School District 45 board members participated in an official signing of the South Carolina School Board Member Ethical Principles during their January school board meeting. By signing the principles, school board members publicly vowed to uphold effective governance principles and pledged to improve public education in their community.



REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Parent Portal Web Access

<https://barnwell45.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

www.barnwell45.org

Go to the Parent Information tab and click on Parent Portal



Spotlight on Apprenticeships

The District is excited to announce the expansion of the Barnwell High School Youth Apprenticeship Program partnership with Swiss Krono.

The company recently announced an addition of two apprenticeship positions. At the November signing, Nola Grant, Human Resource Director at Swiss Krono, announced the hiring of two more apprentices to be stationed at their new facility during the 2020-2021 school year. Both an Industrial Maintenance Technician and Production Operator position will be created. The addition of a fifth apprentice working in the capacity of a human resources field is also a possibility.

Swiss Krono, located in Barnwell, is an industry leader in the production of laminate flooring. In the fall of 2017, the first registered apprenticeship program in the county was launched through a partnership between Barnwell School District 45 and Swiss Krono. The apprenticeship program is registered and approved through the United States Department of Labor. Through the program, students are provided with opportunities to connect classroom

experiences to career-based internships.

The district continues to extend our gratitude to Swiss Krono for their vision and commitment to our students and community. According to Superintendent Stapleton, "The district extends our sincerest appreciation to Swiss Krono and their vision and commitment to our students and community. We cannot thank the Swiss Krono Administrative Staff enough for this opportunity, and we are so grateful for our staff at Barnwell High School working to make this partnership successful."

The development of this program required an extensive investment from both Barnwell High School and Swiss Krono staff. The district is tremendously appreciative of the continued assistance provided from Barnwell High School's Career Development Facilitators, JJ Cone and Kaylyn Baxley. Again, the district and the

high school are extremely grateful for the assistance all of the coordinating individuals and agencies provided to develop this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Barnwell High School Principal, Franklin McCormack, stated, "We are so proud of our partnership with Swiss Krono. Our apprentices are gaining on-the-job experiences that will pave the way for them to be career ready prior to graduating from high school. Additionally, Swiss Krono is able to capitalize on a pipeline of students returning to Barnwell upon graduation from two-year technical or four-year colleges who have already been exposed to the industrial workforce."



**Congratulations to
Kenneth Dobson and
Jayme Still, our new Swiss
Krono apprentices!**



Spotlight on Accomplishments

BPS Teacher Paige Black Nominated for National LifeChanger of the Year Award

Barnwell School District 45 teacher, Paige Black, has been nominated for the 2019-2020 national LifeChanger of the Year award. Mrs. Black is a second grade teacher at Barnwell Primary School.

Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, the national LifeChanger of the Year program recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 public and private school educators and employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership.

Mrs. Black was nominated by an anonymous parent of a student for the tremendous impact she's made on the students and families she works with, as well as the staff at her school. Every day, she lets her positive attitude shine through. She gets to know each and every student who sits in her classroom and is an inspiration to everyone around her. Mrs. Black

embraces each challenge that arises with an infectious smile, determination, and the positive mindset that anyone can do anything they set their mind to. She is an amazing asset to the entire community at Barnwell Primary School.

"I know, without a doubt, she has changed and continues to change the lives of the children she has taught," said her nominator. "She impacts so many second graders and staff members by being an example of acceptance, tolerance, and what it truly means to believe in kids."

Superintendent Stapleton agrees with the impact Mrs. Black has on the lives of children within the district and recently said, "I am so honored and proud to work alongside Mrs. Paige Black. There are so many amazing things we could say about her, but what stands out the most is Paige's heart for what she does each and every day within our school district. She has a heart for our students, a heart for her colleagues, a heart for our district as a whole, and a heart for this community that inspires others around her to be their best and strive to be successful. She is a true LifeChanger to so many!"



Winners will be chosen by a selection committee comprised of former winners and education professionals. Help us support her by posting your stories, videos, pictures, supportive comments, or anything else creative you could share about her on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram. Be sure to use the hashtag #LCOY so the selection committee can see your support!

To view Paige Black's LifeChanger of the Year nominee profile visit www.LifeChangeroftheYear.com or click [here](#).



CONGRATULATIONS WARHORSES!

Thank you for hard work and dedication to your sport. We are so proud of our student athletes and coaches and the success you had this year!

Spotlight on Athletic Accomplishments

Cheer

AA|A Game Day State
Champions (Back-to-Back)

- Jireh Baines - Border Bowl
- Gracie Gleaton - Border Bowl
- Eriana Greene - Border Bowl
- Donasia Hill - Border Bowl
- Alea Hooper - Border Bowl
- Kenzie Parler - Border Bowl
- Saylor Zamora - Border Bowl



Girls Tennis

- Caroline Greene - State Singles Tournament
- Crissa Thomason - State Singles Tournament
- Jeff Miller - Assistant Coach of the South Team in the North-South All Star Game

Volleyball

- Autumn Smoke - North-South All Star Game



BARNWELL HIGH SCHOOL TWIRLERS



Cross Country Boys Region V Champs

Football

AA Lower State Champions (Back-to-Back)

Region V Champs (Back-to-Back)

- Dallyon Creech - Border Bowl (Co-Offensive Player of the Game)
- Derick Jones - Border Bowl
- Briggs Kearse - Shrine Bowl, Border Bowl (All Academic South Carolina Team), & High School Sport Report Statewide All State Offense
- Craig Pender - Border Bowl
- Ernest Smith - Border Bowl
- De'Shawn Watson - Shrine Bowl, Border Bowl (Defensive Player of the Game), High School Sport Report Statewide Defensive Player of the Year, & CSRA Defensive Player of the Year
- Isaiah Williams - Border Bowl



CONGRATULATIONS LOWER STATE CHAMPS!

BARNWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 45

To Our Families and Community Members

I am honored to work alongside such a phenomenal team of people in Barnwell School District 45 that have accomplished so much over the past few years. We have seen increased academic growth; our students are earning more college credits and industry credentials; the district has increased safety measures across our schools; we have received millions of dollars in instructional and facility grants; our technology department has put over 3,000 new technology devices and pieces of equipment into the hands of our students and teachers; and our district is in a much stronger financial position districtwide while still increasing salaries and modifying salary schedules to benefit our employees.

My goal is that we continue to work toward and accomplish the goals we set forth for our district in an effort to support our students and community, as well as improve the quality of life we all share. I'm very excited about the future of our district and feel grateful we have such a supportive and dedicated school board working toward one common goal - doing what is best for our students. Each year brings another set of opportunities which allow us to become stronger and more successful, and I look forward to that challenge in the upcoming year.

Looking forward to continued success,

Crissie Stapleton

Superintendent, Barnwell School District 45



**WHERE HEARTS ARE BIG
AND OPPORTUNITIES ARE
GREAT**

Thank you for your partnership
with Barnwell School District 45.

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2020 WARHORSE GOLF CLASSIC

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

9:00 AM (Registration
8:30am)

SWEETWATER COUNTRY
CLUB

~ Barnwell, SC ~

\$100 Per Person

Includes:

- 1 Mulligan
- 1 Cup Shot
- Creek Buster Drive (#17)

4 Person Teams—
Captain's Choice

** Lunch will be
served

\$10,000 Hole-in-One
#14

\$5,000 Sixty Foot
Putt

Longest Drive
Closest to Pin

Mark your calendars!

March 19th and 20th
Parent Teacher Conferences

March 20th
No School for Students

April 6th through 10th
Spring Break

April 13th
Weather Makeup Day

