

2022: STARTING NEW!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BESSEMER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT







Pictured above: Students at Greenwood Elementary & J.S. Abrams Elementary are working on New STEM/STEAM projects.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

"Celebrate endings—for they precede new beginnings."

—Jonathan Lockwood Huie

Dear Bessemer City Family,

Happy New Year to all! It's 2022. Let's get excited about the new year and the new beginnings it offers.

Bessemer City School District had wonderful successes in 2021, and we are eager to seize the new opportunities for the benefit of our students again this year. When you've been in education as long as I have, you learn quickly that achievement takes strategy, persistence, and capturing every opportunity that comes your way.

This year, we're offering you opportunities that we believe will help you and your family reach goals academically and beyond the classroom. Read ahead for more information on a brand new parenting initiative through our Parent Engagement Department. It's designed for the unique needs of our Bessemer families, particularly during this time when we face new challenges brought by the COVID pandemic. This is an additional way we want to support you as parents.

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Dr. Autumm Jeter Superintendent of Bessemer City Schools

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the principal of your child's school. I hope to see you at this Wednesday's Dinner with Doc on Zoom.

Thank you,

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Dr. Autumm Jeter

BCS SHINING STARS!



Alexander Shunnarah Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Ms. Caroline Kaiser for being selected as one of the next Alexander Shunnarah Teachers of the Month!

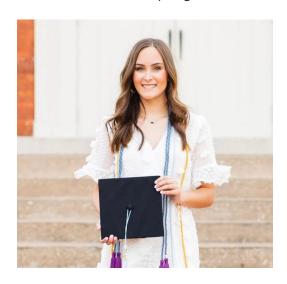
Ms. Kaiser was chosen out of hundreds of nominations nationwide. Her picture will be displayed on one of the billboards, and she will receive a \$500 classroom incentive for materials and supplies.



BCS P.R.I.D.E. Honorees December

Congratulations to our December BCS P.R.I.D.E. HONOREES

- Ms. Jacquetta Christian, Librarian at Greenwood Elementary School
- Ms. Stephanie Forrest, ELA Teacher at Bessemer City High School



Community Partners Pink and Cultured Pearls Interest Group, Bessemer | Hoover

Thank you to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.'s Pink and Cultured Pearls Interest Group of Bessemer/Hoover. They are making a difference in our community with donations, mentoring, and educational support.

They have partnered with us several times this school year to support our scholars and schools.

New Career Option Ahead for **Bessemer City Middle** Students

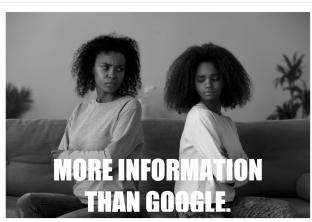
Bessemer City Middle School is looking towards an ongoing partnership with UAB's Physician's Assistance Program.

Program Director, Dr. Tosi Gilford, brought students from the program along with a plethora of instruments for making incisions, practicing surgical procedures and working as a team.

The workshop was part of Physician's Assistant Week in the fall. But, BCMS is looking towards a continued partnership for their students.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT PRESENTS: THE PARENT PROJECT





Empowering Parents. Transforming Teens.

- ► Learn how to never argue with your child again!
- ▶ Prevent or intervene in alcohol or drug use!
- ► Improve school attendance and performance!
- ► Explore concrete solutions for media issues!

Date: January 18th - March 22nd, 2022 (Class meetings are once weekly)

Time: Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m./Wednesday 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Location: via Zoom/Local Location

Prizes will be awarded based on attendance. To sign up contact Kimbley Gaston, 205.432.3049 or kgaston@bessk12.org

Ready to feel empowered?

https://parentproject.com/

DINNER WITH DOC: WHAT'S NEW IN **BESSEMER CITY SCHOOLS**



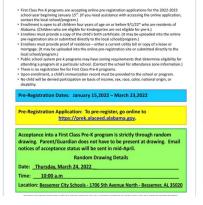
DINNER WIT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

6PM - 7PM

Send your questions to BCSParents@bessk12.org

PRE-K REGISTRATION

We are now taking applications for PreK students for the 2022-2023 school year! Pre-register at this link: https://prek.alaceed.alabama.gov





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A TRIBUTE TO OUR BOARD

They are a group of seven individuals, with different backgrounds and talents that work together for the good of the children of Bessemer City Schools. In honor of Alabama's School Board Appreciation Month, we want to pay special thanks to our wonderful school board members.

Any school board member can tell you, it's a job that follows them everywhere. Concerned parents approach them at church, the grocery store, or running other errands, and our board members take the time to listen and address them.

During these trying times of COVID-19, our board shows strength in leadership as they support the decisions and direction of the superintendent. The BCS board has not hesitated to put the safety of the students and employees first, by allowing virtual learning for students and incentives for teachers. Their commitment to educating our students and their love for the city of Bessemer are evident.

We salute our Bessemer City School District Board of Education! Thank you for all you do to make us great.



A PIECE OF BESSEMER HISTORY HAS SOLD

The historic Snitz Snider Memorial Stadium holds countless memories for many graduates of Bessemer City School District. That historic stadium is now sold. Realtor, Quentin Carter, from Barnes Associates and Realtors, speaking in a news interview with WVTM reporter, Fred Davenport, recognizes this is a major moment for his firm, and for the Bessemer Community. "Selling a piece of Bessemer's history - this is huge!" says Carter.

People have many memories of the Snitz Snider Memorial Stadium. It's where so many recall marching in the band, attending football games, and graduations.

Carter says the structure was on the market for a couple of months before it sold, and he's proud his office was the one to make it happen.

NEW WAYS TO FIGHT COVID



COVID Testing

COVID-19 Testing is more convenient than ever. In addition to outside testing sites, Bessemer City families now have these additional options:

1) FREE home kits:

The Postal Service is delivering one shipment of four COVID Tests per residential address. Enter your name, address, and email by clicking the link below to request the FREE at home COVID-19 Test.

Click here to order your family's kits today.



2) On Campus Tests in partnership with UAB.



DISTRICT EMPLOYEE TESTING

All district employees of Bessemer City Schools are invited to enroll in free, voluntary and weekly COVID-19 testing through the COVID Testing in Alabama's K-12 Schools program. Only one registration is needed to participate, participants are encouraged to return to their same testing site each week.

STEP 1: CHOOSE A TESTING SITE

Mondays Westhills Elementary: 8:30AM – 10:30AM

Tuesdays Abrams Elementary: 9AM – 11AM Greenwood Elementary: 9AM – 11AM

Wednesdays Bessemer City High School: 9:30AM – 11:30AM

Thursdays Bessemer City Middle School: 8:30AM – 10:30AM Jonesboro Elementary: 8:30AM – 10:30AM Charles F. Hard Elementary: 12:30PM – 2:30PM

STEP 2: ENROLL

Visit testing.bloomhealthpartners.com/uab_adult or scan the code below. Paper consent forms will also be available on-site. This link is only for faculty, staff, and district employees



STEP 3: RECEIVE WEEKLY TESTING DURING YOUR ELECTED SITE'S DAY AND TIME.



January Vaccination Clinics

