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## IN SHORT

### Baby Loftis

History teacher Devan Loftis and his wife Kaylee welcomed Macy Lee-ann Loftis into the world at 2:10 p.m. on Jan. 12. Born at St. David's downtown hospital, baby Loftis weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces and was 21½ inches long. Macy's siblings are three-year-old Brinton and Lucy, who is nearly two. According to Mr. Loftis, Macy looks like her brother.

### All-region band

Four BCS students who made the ATSSB all-region band performed Saturday, Jan. 24, at Texas State University in San Marcos. Freshman Lucy Park (clarinet), sophomore Polly Park (flute), junior Matthew Gardner (trombone), and senior Peter Johannigman (euphonium) had 10 hours of rehearsal in the span of two days. Auditions for the Regional Band Concert were held in December in Smithville.

### Geography Bee

Fifth-grader Andrew Armstrong won the elementary's National Geographic Bee on Jan. 17, and eighth-grader Lanae Hollingsworth won the junior high event on Jan. 9. The competition began in December with all students in the fourth through eighth grades participating in separate elementary and secondary bees.

Runners-up were sixth-grader Mia Dedear and seventh-grader Kaitlyn Gonzales.

The two finalists took a written test to see if they will advance to the state competition. If they qualify, the National Geographic Society will contact bee sponsors in March.

Armstrong, who also won the elementary bee last year, says he uses geography flash cards in his spare time and asks his parents questions about the world on long car trips.

-Lizzy DuPond

## Fun and gaming

### Homecoming week offers break from norm

taylor **SHAW**  
reporter

Normally Monday mornings can find BCS students shuffling into their classrooms, tired from busy weekends spending time with their families, at church, and even taking part in the less popular practice of studying. But on Jan. 12, things were a little different on the Brentwood Christian campus.

The hallways were decorated with a "gaming" theme. The walls were covered in

posters representing various board games, and even the floors were decorated, all due to the hard work Student Council did to prepare for homecoming week.

"I thought the hallways were fabulous," StuCo sponsor Linda Riedesel credited her officers. "It was a very imaginative theme."

But the hallways weren't the only thing that changed that week in the buildup to Friday's games. Students, entering the school with a

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photo: Olivia Brinson

**THE MOORE, THE MERRIER** One of these is teacher Craig Moore; the others are some of his fans from the junior class who enjoyed dressing up for homecoming week.

## Pimentel named Teacher of Year

Bear Facts staff

High school English teacher Linda Pimentel was selected last month as the National Christian School Association Teacher of the Year.

Pimentel, who has taught at BCS for 27 years, will be recognized at the NCSA conference in Richmond, Va., on March 5. She was selected from a list of nominees submitted by Church of Christ schools around the country.

BCS president Marquita Moss, who is on the NCSA board but abstained from voting for the award, said she nominated Pimentel on the basis of her service to Christian education at BCS, her philosophy of education, her accomplishments, and her leadership of Christ-centered curriculum development for Christian schools in Texas and beyond.

Moss asked Pimentel to commit her education philosophy to paper, and this document was included in the nomination form Moss submitted.

"We must neither sacrifice academic excellence nor artificially superimpose scriptural references onto our lessons, but we must integrate God's truths appropriately into our teaching in all disciplines," Pimentel wrote.

Pimentel is the fourth member of the BCS faculty and administration to be honored by the NCSA over the last seven years. Librarian Sandra Morrow and Moss each won awards several years ago, and elementary principal Dr. Libby Weed was named Educator of the Year last year.

In the past 20 years, several BCS teachers have also been recognized by the Texas Christian Schools Association as Teachers

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## Girls win fourth straight district title

ben **LANCASTER**  
reporter

The Lady Bears have let the new teams in the district know that just because their schools are bigger, it doesn't automatically make them better.

With a 9-0 district record, the girls have already secured at least a tie for the district title for the fourth year in a row and a home game in the playoffs, which begin Feb. 14. A win today against St. Joseph would give BCS the outright

title and a perfect 10-0 record.

Coach Devan Loftis recently praised the attitude and abilities of the team's six seniors.

"This group of seniors has really invested in what we do," he said. "Not only have they proven themselves as winners, but they embrace the lessons the game teaches. They love the game!"

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches has recognized the success of the girls' basketball team by ranking them in the top 20 teams out of large private schools in Texas.

The ranking does not affect playoff seeding, but Loftis said it is an honor that "speaks to the tradition our team has established."

The Lady Bears are led in scoring by junior Ashley Clement with 9.7 points per game. Senior captain Laura Peterson leads in assists, and junior Katie Miertschin leads in steals.

The path to the district title included a good number of blowouts and a few close games. One such blowout was against Incarnate Word

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# The adventures of Johnny Norwood

*This is the fifth chapter in a fictional series written by the editor-in-chief.*

Christmas break had come and gone as quickly as a winter weather watch in Austin, and the stress of school was weighing heavier than ever on the backs of the students of Hundred Acre High. Johnny hated the third quarter more than any time of the year. Much like Thursdays have that wonderful Friday feeling, the third quarter has that end-of-the-school-year feeling. Only at the end of the day, Thursdays mean the week is not quite over, and the third quarter means that there is still a long way to go. Johnny's stress level grew even greater with the arrival of the first few days of February.

Many view Valentine's Day as the most romantic day of the year, when everyone has love on the mind and chocolate in the mouth. Johnny did not. In Johnny's mind, Hallmark and Godiva were the only beneficiaries of the "holiday." The 14th of February served only three real purposes, the first being to point out one's state of singleness in a public fashion. Second, it sets up all males for failure, for romance is expected, and it is simply impossible

to fulfill the dreams of giggly girls. If you buy chocolates and flowers, you're being too cliché. Yet if you don't buy chocolates and flowers, you are being thoughtless and insensitive. And finally, Johnny felt that this occasion was invented to highlight his cowardice.

The little red-headed girl rarely left his thoughts these days, and with every cluster of giddy girls that passed him in the hallways, he felt his stomach tighten with anxiety. He could not figure out why the thought of bringing a beautiful girl a bouquet was so terrifying. After all, what could happen? She would probably smile and thank him, and then tell all of her friends, and float home on a cloud of flattery and contentment...or awkwardly accept his wilting carnations with a grimace, *laugh* with all of her friends, and ask her brother to beat him up.

Johnny wrestled with his fears for days, and by the 13th he had almost convinced himself to go for it, when Myles threw a little wrench in his plans. Johnny plopped down in his back row desk and whipped out his binder in Mrs. Gromley's room as usual, though he immediately knew by the odd silence of his normally bubbly buddy that he was not the only one with something other than logarithms on his mind.

"Hey there, Myles. Everything okay?" asked Johnny.

Myles looked up, his usually energetic eyebrows drooping pathetically, and gave a feeble smile, accompanied by a sigh as deep as the ocean (or at least a large lake) and straightened up in his desk.

"It's like this, Johnny: I...well, I... I think I'm in love." Johnny had to bite his lip to keep from laughing at this passionate declaration, but as Myles proceeded to explain his predicament, his shyness, and the struggle presented by Valentine's Day, Johnny quickly sobered up as he thought over his own situation. Myles asked Johnny if he wouldn't mind delivering an anonymous bouquet to his special lady, with a desperate, hopeful look on his face, and Johnny couldn't say no.

"Sure, Myles, I'd be happy to. Just tell me who—"

Just then, Myles turned a deep scarlet, his eyebrows shot to the top of his forehead, and he threw his hand across Johnny's mouth to stop his sentence, shooting a meaningful glance at the door. Johnny looked up with curiosity to see the recipient of Myles' affections...and immediately felt his own face grow hot. It was *her*, his own vision of perfection.

Johnny did not sleep well that night. He tossed and turned, and dreamt that Myles stole the last box of chocolates on the face of the earth right out of his hands with an evil cackle...

Johnny tilted his head back and popped in a couple of tic-tacs. It was McSerious Time. There she was, gliding effortlessly down the hallway, unaccompanied. He let out a slow, deep breath, combed his fingers through his hopeless hair, and rushed to her side to give her the flowers he desperately wished were from him.

"Hey, Johnny, Happy Valentine's Day!"

"Um, thanks. I actually wanted to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day too, from a friend of mine — here," he stuttered as he thrust the roses into her hands. She flushed with what Johnny hoped was pleasure and batted her eyelashes shyly.

"Oh, Johnny, they're lovely! You shouldn't have!" Johnny quickly repeated that they were from a friend. She looked up skeptically.

"Johnny, really! I don't know why you're being so shy about it — it was very thoughtful of you." Johnny's frustration was growing by the second, both at her, for not believing him, and at himself, for agreeing to do Myles' dirty work. He tried one last time to explain that they were not from him, his annoyance growing with every awkward second.

She laughed, uttered one last thank you, and continued on her way, leaving Johnny standing there with his hands in his pockets and his spirits low. Not only had he let down Myles, but he was now at the mercy of the redhead, and burning in his mind was the vivid image of the Hallmark CEO counting his piles of money, laughing maniacally.

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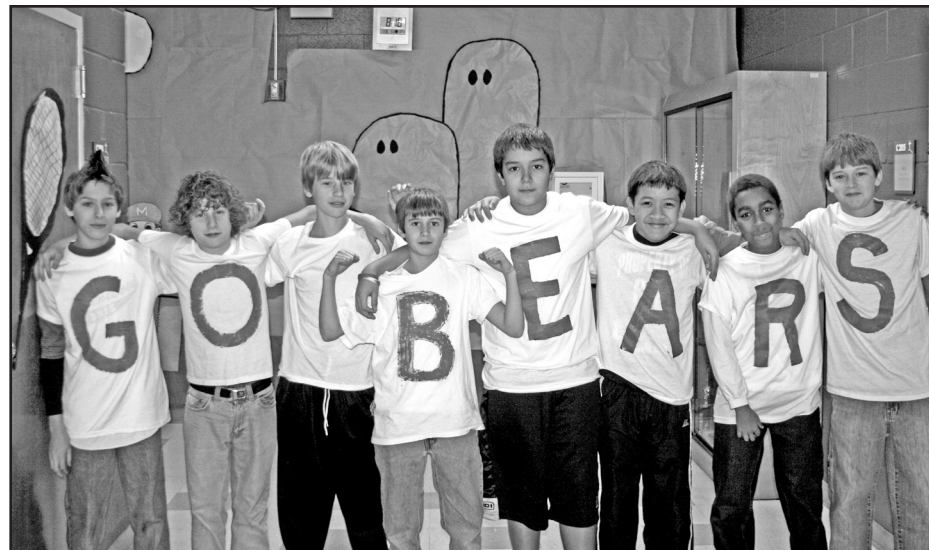


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**RALLIED PEP** Creative seventh graders show their spirit on Jan. 16, the day of the pep rally. From left to right: Hunter, Malcolm, Ethan, Jacob, Elijah, Aaron, Myles, Skylar.

**KRAZY KOREAN:** Charles Kim

## Do you know our Koreans?

"Ahn-young!"

This means "Hello!" in Korean. In BCS, we hear Korean everywhere. It's usually spoken by our Korean students, but it's also spoken by a few American students who just want to try this interesting language.

There are about 17 Korean students in our high school. (We didn't come over here together on one boat, so I don't know for sure.) However, even though you see Koreans in the classrooms and hallways every day, you still don't know lots about them; they still seem like strangers to you. To break this strangeness and to bring us all much closer, I, as a Korean, want to tell you more about our classmates from Korea and answer some questions about them.

As I started interviewing students here, I realized that they have many questions about Koreans but sometimes feel uncomfortable asking. The most common thing people want to know is this: Why do Korean students always study hard, and why do they seem so smart?

I asked this question to a few Koreans in our school, and their answers varied. However, most of them said the reason they study hard is to break the language barrier. Unlike Americans, they said they are not used to an English-speaking environment and they face language difficulties at all times — at school, after school, and even among their friends. To use my experience as an example, when I came to the states for the first time in my fifth-grade year, I usually had to spend five hours on assignments that took other students only 30 minutes. To overcome these barriers, the Korean students have to study and work harder than any other students.

"Most of us have to study much more than average students since English is not our native language, and it's much more difficult for us to catch up in the class," junior Ben Kim said.

A few other Koreans said the reason they strive for good grades is that they have different cultural backgrounds. In Korea, parents expect their children to achieve high goals, especially in academics. Therefore, the Korean students feel pressure to meet their parents' expectations. In fact, some have come over to the states just so they can study without all of the competition and pressure. This describes my case, and a few others also, like freshman Ray Yoo.

"At the end of my sixth-grade year, I and my parents decided for me to study in the states where the school environment seems more suitable for me to study," freshman Ray Yoo said in Korean before we both translated his words into English the best we could. "We heard that the school in the U.S. has less pressure on students and respects individual character of students."

Some of the BCS Koreans said they didn't know they were studying extremely hard. In fact, most of the Koreans don't think they study much harder than others because they

see **Korean**, page 7



# NASA trip still a blast for sixth graders

ashley **HARPER**  
reporter

Brentwood Christian's sixth-grade classes went to Houston on Thursday, Jan. 22, to visit NASA and study space.

They began their trip by leaving before dawn and arriving at the Challenger center in the Houston Museum of Natural Science at 9 a.m. There they conducted a simulated mission where each student spent a session either as mission controller or as an astronaut. When the first session was over they switched jobs and spent another hour role playing the other of the two occupations.

"Everything went smoothly," sixth-grade teacher Karen Peyton said. "The kids stayed on task and did what they were supposed to."

After each student had a turn to role play each job, the group drove to Space Center Houston. There they saw an IMAX movie about astronaut training. When the movie was over they had the opportunity to explore the museum, where they saw the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo capsules.

Following that they drove to the Johnson Space Center to see where shuttle and space crews conduct training. Once their exciting day of activities

had come to a close the students loaded up and returned to Austin, arriving back at BCS at about 9:30 p.m.

Before embarking on this educational journey, students learned about the communication between the space station crew and mission controllers. The teachers incorporated their space unit into math, history, and language arts, where they learned about the history of the space program, living in space, and space travel and exploration. Even after the trip is over, the

space unit is not. They will have a "debriefing" and will study more about rocketry.

Sixth-grade teacher Becky Stewart has been taking the sixth graders on this trip since 1986. Before that the students studied about the space program but didn't have the chance to see what went on.

There have been some changes since the first trip. A few years later the Challenger Center simulator was added and a several years later the classes started to take the tram to tour the Johnson Space Center.

Also, more changes will be added this upcoming year for next year's sixth-graders. The classes will either have to go to NASA separately or do the simulated mission at different times. This is because Brentwood will be adding two new students to each sixth-grade class, making Brentwood's totals exceed the maximum number allowed by the Challenger Center.

Some students have been inspired by this trip to pursue a space career. Kevin Arnold, who took the trip in 1996, is studying in the UT Aerospace program, and Dan Butler, who was a sixth grader in 1989, once worked at NASA.



photo: Karen Peyton

**PLAYING SPACE** Madison Ashworth (microphone) and Allison Rader (right) head up the communication team while Megan Burcham and Abbie Baros send a message to mission control. Nicole Glenn looks on.

# Volunteers make playground ready

megan **MONACELLI**  
reporter

Curious glances struck the big pile of mulch that suddenly appeared near the back entrance of the school last month. Rumor had it that a new playground was going to be built there, but was there enough room?

It turned out there was plenty of space for an ideal spot for upper elementary students to play, after a team of parents, teachers, and students put in long hours of work on two Saturdays – Jan. 10 and 24 – and nearly completed the playground.

The new playground includes two four-square cement pads, two tire swings, a tetherball pole, a sitting bench for teachers, and 10 big boulders for "creative play." The playground also has an amphitheatre large enough to hold two classes and a miniature athletic field, which will have two portable soccer goals. A climbing dome will soon be added.

Playground committee chair Lynn Petrik gave a survey to the upper elementary students asking what they most like to do at recess.

Most of the boys said they liked to play soccer and football while most of the girls said they liked to talk with their friends. Four square was also mentioned a number of times. The amphitheatre was put in primarily for the girls and the portable soccer goals for the boys.

"We hope they will find a play environment that is just right for their age," said elementary principal Dr. Libby Weed, who assisted Petrik in planning and coordinating the work.

Sure enough, girls were seen talking at the amphitheatre during recess on Feb. 2, while boys were kicking a soccer ball and many other students were clustered at the tire swings.

Before construction could begin, some work had to be done for the land to meet the standards set by the City of Austin. John Martin, father of two BCS elementary girls and the head of Flintco-Austin, began the work on the last three days of December. He and his crew filled in the ditch that occupied some of that land and buried a pipe for runoff water. They put in the four-square cement pads, built the amphitheatre, and put in the big boulders along the south fence. His work was all donated.

On Jan. 10, workers gathered at 9 a.m. and removed dead trees and brush, planted shrubs, installed a base for a new climbing dome, erected tire swings, installed a tetherball pole, put down mulch around the large boulders, and partially installed a bench for teachers.

Two weeks later, the new playground was finished, with the exception of a climbing dome which is late in arriving. On this second workday, volunteers finished the borders and mulching and secured the teachers' bench.

Weed expressed gratitude for several hard-working individuals by name, particularly Petrick, who coordinated all groups who would work on a specific area. She also praised the work of Pat Womack, who drove the Bobcat to move mulch, Lee Mohrmann and his fourth-grade son Joseph, who brought their Boy Scout troop, and former teacher Gary Moss. Fourth and ninth graders also came to work toward the cause.

Weed said the equipment that was bought is durable.

"We hope to take good care of it so it will last a long time," she said.

# Guest speaker tells students "Words Count"

carter **BOYD**  
reporter

Before Mark Brown stood up and spoke, no one would have expected the guilty silence that soon engulfed Brentwood Christian School's auditorium.

The big, friendly Jamaican came to Brentwood during seventh period on Friday, Jan. 9, to present his Emmy-nominated speech entitled "Words Count" to the secondary students. Brown, who still remembers the pain of being injured by words as a child, took it upon himself to prevent this from happening to others. He speaks for a living, traveling to schools around the country.

Some BCS students said they were expecting something boring, and possibly even a nap, but they were glad they stayed awake through the speech. Students said they saw an effect almost immediately, and even more than two weeks later it was observed that people were "sticking up for each other more."

In his thick Jamaican accent, Brown grabbed everyone's attention with stories about his family, details about himself, and a stunningly accurate impression of a VCR rewind noise.

He became more and more serious as he began talking about his family and their traditions, including watching "Beauty and the Beast." He stopped the laughter in its tracks when he centered on his topic. After singing a song from the popular Disney movie, he quoted a powerful line from the song: "We don't like what we don't understand."

Building on an analogy of "Beauty and the Beast," Brown explained how Gaston, the self-elected leader of the village Belle lived in, led the villagers to attack the Beast. He did not know the beast, didn't understand him, and because of this, he hated him and felt challenged by him. Gaston tried to kill the beast with clubs, knives, and guns.

Similarly, Brown explained that every day, students attack others with their words. He showed a letter written by a ten-year-old girl in which she tried to explain how she felt. This girl had been called horrible things by her classmates.

"At 10 years old, NO ONE should feel like this," Brown said passionately.

"We are all exactly like Gaston," he gently accused, "making fun of other students. And when we do this, others WILL follow."

He challenged all of BCS to try, instead of "being a Gaston" and causing others to follow us in hurting others, to act like Belle, and to find the prince or princess inside a criticized beast at our school.

"He was the best speaker our school has ever had," sophomore Levi Matus said.



**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:** *Laura Peterson**Seniors featured in the Bear Facts were selected by a vote held among the entire BCS Class of 2009.*

# Laudable, lovable Laura

*Humble: adj. -bler, -blest. From Lat. humus, "low to the ground"***eddie CARLIN**  
copy editor

"When I grow down, I want to be just like Laura Peterson," says senior Olivia Brinson.

Despite her famously short stature, one can't help but notice this extraordinary girl who measures up to extraordinarily high standards. Having attended Brentwood since Pre-K, she has touched many lives throughout her years at the school, and she will not soon be forgotten after she graduates.

Laura is known for being a girl of many talents, but probably most prominently – and surprisingly, considering her towering 5-0 height – for being an excellent basketball player. Like any expert though, she was once a beginner. According to her best friend, fellow senior L'nae Allen, in one basketball game in elementary school, Laura scored for the other team.

"We were all shouting 'No!' but she thought we were saying 'Go!'"

Allen recalls. "I was holding my arms open in exasperation, and she came back and high-fived me." Since then, of course, Laura has risen to become one of the Lady Bears' best basketball players, having been recognized as first-team all district last year.

Laura has been playing basketball for most of her life, but at Brentwood, she has played as the Lady Bears' point guard since her freshman year. According to Devan Loftis, who has coached her four years, she has invested in working hard and improving, and it shows.

"She works at the summer camps and inspires the younger kids with a love of the game and to work hard," he says. "Usually, she's the smallest one out there, but they figure if she can do it, they can."

In the words of her teammates, Laura is "2 Legit to Quit."

Besides renowned prowess on the basketball court, Laura also has a reputation for being an extremely gifted artist. According to art teacher Lori Morin, she is an "incredible

renderer." She has the ability to draw what she sees in such a way that it is instantly recognizable to others. Whenever a sign or poster needs to be made, Laura is one of the first people asked to design one, and for the past couple of years, she has drawn caricatures at the Fall Festival to help her class raise money.

Morin says she has seen Laura grow from being too conscientious about her work to becoming much more focused.

"Instead of allowing the medium to dictate what she can create," says Morin, "she can really choose what it is she wants to produce despite the materials she is working with."

Younger art students look to her as a role model and appreciate her skills in critiquing pieces.

Morin says Laura "has a passion for what she does," even though it is just one hobby among her many interests and she does not plan to make a career in art.

In addition to juggling her disciplines of art and basketball, this year

Laura has assumed the position of Student Council president. She has helped plan several events such as the Back to School Bash as well as the recent homecoming festivities, including decorating the school hallways and putting on the talent show.

Despite her being very active at school and church, not many people may know about Laura's interest in American Sign Language, which she has been learning since she was in fifth grade. Over the years, she has taken classes periodically, but a lack of time has forced her to study the subject sporadically.

"A big problem in the world is that the deaf community is very isolated," Laura explains. "A lot of deaf persons' reading and writing abilities are much lower than most people's."

She says she is not so much interested in teaching sign language as she is in the deaf culture as a whole, but at the moment, it is just another interest that she would like to explore. She is currently considering a major in communications to further explore her interest in writing. Last year, she won a first-place scholarship prize from the Austin American-Statesman for her editorial on how deaf people were influenced by the media concerning the presidential election.

But more than all of this, Laura is best known for her humility, which is core to her personality and only augmented by her many talents.

"She's got this creative spunk," says L'nae, "but even though she's good at everything, she's humble and very approachable."

Even though Laura is extremely talented, it is the little things she does for others that make her so easy to love, like when she brings her famous chocolate-chip cookies to share with her class for no special reason.

"She is a really sweet, reliable person who you can always trust to do the right thing," testifies fellow senior Katie Legband.

"Even though she's small, she's made a big impact on my life," says Olivia.

To Morin, what is most impressive beyond Laura's artistic abilities is her servant's heart.

"She has no aloofness. Others are very comfortable around her, especially younger ones, and there isn't that age-gap that one might usually see between seniors and seventh graders."

This lack of distance has served Laura well as president of StuCo.

"She's spunky and not at all full of herself," attests StuCo sponsor Linda Riedesel. "She has no gauge of 'what's cool.' She isn't necessarily practicing humility – she just *is*."

## Super seniors celebrated on Saturdays

**jay WILES**  
reporter

Nick Sterling sat in a comfy chair at the front of a large room while his mom shared stories of Nick and his brother painting themselves blue with oil-based paints which required a call to Poison Control. Minutes earlier, senior Cody Iltis spoke of how he and Nick used to set fires, unbeknownst to Nick's parents, and put them out in the Sterlings' front yard.

Such tales of mischief were told many times as Brentwood Christian's senior class held their Super Senior celebrations on two consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 17 and 24, at Villa St. Clair near Manor.

Super Senior is a tradition that dates back to Brentwood's first graduating class in 1988. Seniors and their parents gather to share fond memories of each student and offer encouragement for the future.

"It ended up being more emotional and enjoyable than a lot of people expected, and I think it was nice to honor the people we've grown up with for this long," class president Eddie Carlin said.

Between each session of honoring, snacks and lunch were offered by Kim Sinclair and her family, who run an event-planning business from the recently finished building.

At each Super Senior, students, parents, teachers, and administrators sat in couches and chairs and began honoring each student, one by one. Each student had asked one or two friends to speak on their behalf. The friends spoke first, followed by a parent.

Students were glad they went, even though it meant giving up a couple of Saturdays.

"I'm glad we took time out to honor our classmates like this. I really enjoyed it even though I didn't get to sleep in," Sterling said.

The celebration was organized by senior parents Tanya Quinn and Kim Sinclair.

## Pimentel

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of the Year, including Pimentel in 2007.

Moss said there are a couple of reasons BCS wins more than its share of awards, aside from the fact that she feels the school is blessed with plenty of deserving teachers.

"When we feel like we have a worthy candidate, we will nominate," she said, explaining that not all of the other 78 NCSA member schools nominate regularly.

But the other reason, perhaps more telling, is the fact that BCS has conducted seminars and training sessions for other schools on a regular basis. Moss said Brentwood, as a leader in Christian education among the nation's Church of Christ schools, receives calls every year for assistance in training.





**TEACHER FEATURE:** *Diane Troutman*

# Back to stay, teacher regarded as “one of the best”

gabe **BRETERNITZ**  
reporter

When first interviewed for a position at BCS, the young Diane Troutman, then Diane Kallis, was finishing her degree in elementary education at Harding University. She drove down to Austin with a friend and spent the

night at the home of her interviewer, Dr. Libby Weed.

Despite the unusual circumstances, Diane impressed Dr. Weed “from the beginning as being an excellent children’s teacher.” Over the years, her peers and former students have come to recognize her as a premier educator and a fine individual.

“She must be one of the best teachers of young children I’ve ever worked with,” first-grade teacher Geri Archer says. “She also has the distinction as being the only teacher to teach both my oldest and my youngest child (who are 13 years apart).”

Troutman has been involved at BCS off and on since 1992, the year she first interviewed for the job as a first-grade teacher. She taught first grade for two years before taking a two-year leave from teaching

until 1995. During this break Diane Kallis became Diane Troutman. She married her husband, Brant, in June of 1995 and returned to teach kindergarten at Brentwood later that year.

But first, Troutman explored other employment opportunities in retail and public education, working at Talbot’s for awhile and teaching second grade at Graham Elementary. After these two experiences, she realized that “teaching at a Christian school is where I want to be.”

She remained teaching kindergarten until December of 1997, when she left to have her first child, Tori. This began a 10-year hiatus from teaching at Brentwood so she could raise her children. However, Troutman still remained active in the church as a preschool supervisor and a home-group leader. In 2004, she returned as second-grade aide until returning to her current position as kindergarten teacher in 2007.

Besides her interest in teaching, Diane is also a sports fan. She is an avid Longhorn and Spurs fan; she goes to a couple games a year and watches a range of sports from volleyball to basketball to football. She also enjoys coming to BCS sporting events to watch some

of her former students play, including juniors John Alan Archer and Joelle Vargas, and senior Trever Brightwell.

Ten years later, these students maintain fond memories of their teacher. Archer still remembers a lesson on Dr. Seuss.

“We had real green eggs and ham,” he says. “Too bad I only had her half a year.”

Her own children are also involved in sports. Her youngest, Connor, plays basketball for a church league and flag football; he is in the second grade. Her daughter Tori, a fifth grader, plays volleyball and basketball.

Diane’s experience at Brentwood since her return has been a good one; she recalls an episode in which her students applauded when told they would be learning about long vowels.

“Kindergarten is the best age to teach,” she says. “They truly do love to learn!”

Dr. Weed lauds her ability to captivate and maintain the attention of all 18 of her students. Her peers admire her gift for teaching. She has won herself much respect and she does not see herself leaving any time soon.

“Brentwood is where I want to be.”



photo: Laura Peterson

**WRAPPED UP** Kindergarten teacher Diane Troutman leads Autumn Rader and Taryn Cole in a favorite song.

# Tots learn value of commitment at annual wedding

kaalah **MANONGDO**  
reporter

Hand in hand, preschoolers walked slowly and nervously down the aisle. The flashing bulbs of dozens of cameras popped around the chapel, capturing pictures that will represent memories and a lifelong commitment.

“Ladies and gentlemen,” the preacher announced, “I present to you, Mr. and Mrs. Pretend Bride and Groom.”

This marked the close of the Children’s Ark annual pretend weddings on Jan. 23 and Jan. 29. The ceremony has been a tradition at Brentwood since 1988.

As the wedding started, preschoolers beamed and waved at their parents from up front, mothers brushed away tears, and fathers shared their pride with one another. The wedding began, after pictures, at 10:30 a.m.

The class called “Preschool 2” – for ages four and five – performed the wedding, and families were invited to attend. Afterwards, a reception was held that included a real wedding cake and punch. The “tweeners” and “Preschool 1” classes were also invited as wedding guests and were asked to wear nice clothes to school that day.

During the ceremony, the minister at Brentwood Oaks, Roger McCown, spoke to the children about the importance of love and commitment. He reminded them that their wedding was just pretend, and explained that marriage is a plan from God. He read typical

wedding verses, such as Genesis 2:24, prayed with the children, and helped them make their own vows that they promised to one day fulfill.

“It’s hard to believe that one day, she’ll be up there saying those same things,” said parent Elizabeth Johnston. “It’s more than just cake and punch, and it’s worthwhile that the minister explained those things.”

The wedding is done in conjunction with a study of the family, which Preschool 2 learned about in class the week before their wedding.

“It’s fun watching them interact and ask questions,” said Nicki Larson, the Tuesday/Friday teacher. “They think they’re all getting married to whoever they’re assigned to walk down the aisle with.”

A drawing determined who was the bride, groom, maid of honor, best man, flower girl, and ring bearer. The other students were groomsmen and bridesmaids.

Even after many years, secondary students recall participating in their own pretend wedding.

“I remember talking about commitment” said freshman

Brittany Ho, a bridesmaid in 1999. “It’s really important because it teaches the kids how a happy and safe family is formed.”

The bride wore a white bridal gown and the bridesmaids wore pink dresses and carried silk flower bouquets. The boys wore suits for the occasion. The clothes have been collected over

the years for the weddings.

“I’m nervous about a real wedding one day,” best man Rick Walker said.

Others in the wedding party had different concerns.

“I’m excited about eating cake,” ring bearer Owen Olaniran said.



photo: Olivia Brinson

**WEDDING MARCH** Having been proclaimed Mr. and Mrs. Pretend Bride and Groom, Katie Alcott and Hank Howard head up the aisle a bit wiser at the preschool’s annual pretend wedding Jan. 29.



# Soccer team heads to Houston for playoff game

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reporter

After many ups and downs, Brentwood Christian's first winter soccer regular season ever is about to come to a close on a high note. Despite their 3-4-1 district record, the Bears finished third in their district and locked up the last playoff berth.

Their last outing, a scoreless tie against San Antonio TMI on Tuesday, should add confidence to a team that coach Joseph Walker said is "really hitting our stride now."

The Bears are scheduled to play Awty International in Houston at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

"It's the first time we have been to the playoffs in four years, so I'm pretty pumped," junior Tommy McCaffety said.

The Bears started the season in November, jumping out to an impressive 5-1-2 record. After this, they experienced a frustrating stretch of games, losing four of their next five and tying the other. Despite these losses, the Bears remained focused and kept working hard.

"We need to keep our focus and need to make sure our effort is the way it needs to be," junior Carlos Zaragosa said after losing to TMI in their previous match.

This mindset ultimately helped them become a better team.

"We were just going through mid-season adjustments, trying to get to where we needed to be. There were some growing pains, but we've gotten to where we need to be," Walker said after the Bears emerged from their mid-season slump. "I think we came out more focused and creative."

This focus became evident as the Bears won their next three games on Jan. 17, 20, and 23. The first of these games was against Victoria St. Joseph, a district team who had beaten the Bears earlier in the season.

"It feels good to beat a team that you lost to (earlier)," senior captain Nick Sterling said.

The Bears proceeded to beat Leander Rouse 2-0 and San Marcos Baptist 1-0.

Their frustrating history of losses against district rival SACS – a team BCS has never

beaten – continued as the Bears fell 2-1 on Jan. 27. This game was especially frustrating, as the Bears held a 1-0 lead until 15 minutes remained. In their next game, however, they completed this season's sweep against San Marcos Baptist, as they won 1-0.

After their final game of the regular season was canceled, the Bears were helped out by their district rivals in a paradoxical twist. The conditions were that if SACS beat Victoria St. Joseph, the Bears automatically received a playoff spot. If St. Joseph won, the Bears would have to play them for the final playoff spot. SACS came through, crushing their opponent 6-0 on Saturday night, and the Bears received their first playoff spot in four years.

Several players expressed unhappiness with their 3-4-1 district record and are eager to prove themselves in the postseason.

"We would have liked to win a couple more games earlier, but it's made us stronger," Walker said.

While the entire team has played well as a unit, and credit must be given to every player

on the team for their success, a few individuals' performances stand out.

Senior Ben Lancaster has posted seven shutouts this season, and junior David Ko leads the team with 21 goals.

## Game Results

12/11 - @ St. Michael's: Lost 4-1  
12/15 - Awty International: Lost 6-2  
1/6 - Hutto High School: Tied 1-1  
1/9 - @ SACS\*: Lost 4-0  
1/13 - @ San Antonio TMI\*: Lost 4-0  
1/17 - Victoria St. Joseph\*: Won 1-0  
1/20 - @ Leander Rouse: Won 2-0  
1/23 - @ San Marcos Baptist\*: Won 1-0  
1/27 - SACS\*: Lost 2-1  
1/29 San Marcos Baptist\*: Won 1-0  
2/3 - San Antonio TMI\*: Tied 0-0

\*denotes district game

# Varsity boys fall one spot short of playoffs

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reporter

The varsity boys' basketball team did not reach the playoffs this year, as they fell one spot short in district standings. Heading into tonight's final game against Victoria St. Joseph, they are 5-8 in district (8-19 overall), and will likely finish fifth out of eight teams.

They could have possibly stayed in contention with wins over San Antonio Christian and Hyde Park last week, but the Bears could not find enough momentum to win either one.

"Before the season, we were expecting it to be tough, but when we got to district, the teams weren't as good as we expected," coach David Peyton said. "So it's pretty disappointing we didn't make (playoffs)."

Junior John Alan Archer leads the team with 10.6 points per game, and senior Ben Lancaster leads with 4.2 rebounds per game. Junior Jacob Cardenas leads in steals (2.1 per game) and free throw percentage (63%).

Here are results since the holidays:

**Jan. 2 at Regents: L 72-53**

The Bears opened up the 2009 half of their season with a loss to a former district opponent. Archer had six three-pointers for a total of 18 points, which led Brentwood scorers.

**Jan. 6 vs. SACS: L 53-42**

BCS got out to an early 7-0 lead, but San Antonio Christian outscored Brentwood 17-8 in the third quarter on their way to victory. Cardenas led Brentwood with 13 points. This evened the Bears' district record at 2-2.

**Jan. 9 vs. TMI: L 44-38**

Brentwood rushed out to a 12-6 lead, but San Antonio TMI went on a 24-14 run and never looked back to end up winning by six. Archer led BCS with 16 points.

**Jan. 10 vs. Incarnate Word: L 56-38**

Brentwood totaled only nine rebounds but had 12 turnovers; Archer again led the team in scoring with 13 points. At this point the Bears were 2-4, and playoff chances were fading.

**Jan. 13 at St. Joseph: W 55-53**

Brentwood led for most of the game and held off a late rally by the Flyers. They hit key free throws down the stretch to help the winning cause. Cardenas led the team with 12 points and senior Nate Shackelford added 10.

**Jan. 16 vs. San Marcos Baptist: W 59-53**

In front of a homecoming crowd, BCS led the whole game, but San Marcos rallied to cut the Bears' lead to six midway through the fourth quarter. Senior Seth Cole's 14 points helped Brentwood hold off the Bears of San Marcos.

**Jan. 20 at TMI: L 48-40**

The Bears got off to a great start and put up a three-point lead at the half, 27-24. But BCS committed 21 turnovers, which doomed them in the end. Archer led with nine points.

**Jan. 23 vs. Giddings State Sch.: W 66-55**

BCS jumped out to a 24-12 lead, but Giddings

cut Brentwood's lead to four at halftime, 31-27. Knowing their playoff hopes depended on this game, the Bears extended their lead to 52-37. Cardenas led all scorers with 23 points.

**Jan. 27 vs. Hyde Park: L 69-61**

In a game BCS desperately needed to win, they came out with fire, but were still down 22-17 at the end of the first quarter. They came back and tied it 31-31 midway through the second quarter, but then a scary moment occurred with about two minutes left in the half. While defending a fast-break layup, Cardenas was struck by a Hyde Park player's elbow above the eye. The bloodied guard left the court and the Panthers took a 37-32 halftime lead.

Cardenas, who would receive six stitches after the game, came out for the third quarter with a patched up eye and a fresh jersey. Nonetheless, Brentwood could not dent Hyde Park's narrow lead as the Panthers stretched the margin to 50-44. BCS made only three of 11 free throws in the fourth quarter and Hyde Park escaped with the win. Cardenas led Brentwood with 22 points.

**Jan. 30 at SACS: L 59-32**

This was the game that ultimately decided Brentwood's fate. The Bears needed to win to maintain even a remote possibility of making the playoffs. After one quarter, Brentwood trailed 12-6, but the second quarter was when SACS put the knife in the Bears. BCS could not get anything going, only scoring four points in the second quarter, to make the halftime score 31-10. The second half didn't prove to be any better, as the Bears lost by 27.

**Feb. 3 at Incarnate Word: L 70-35**

The Bears cut the deficit against their undefeated opponent to 26-18 before a 17-2 run put BCS down 43-20 at halftime.

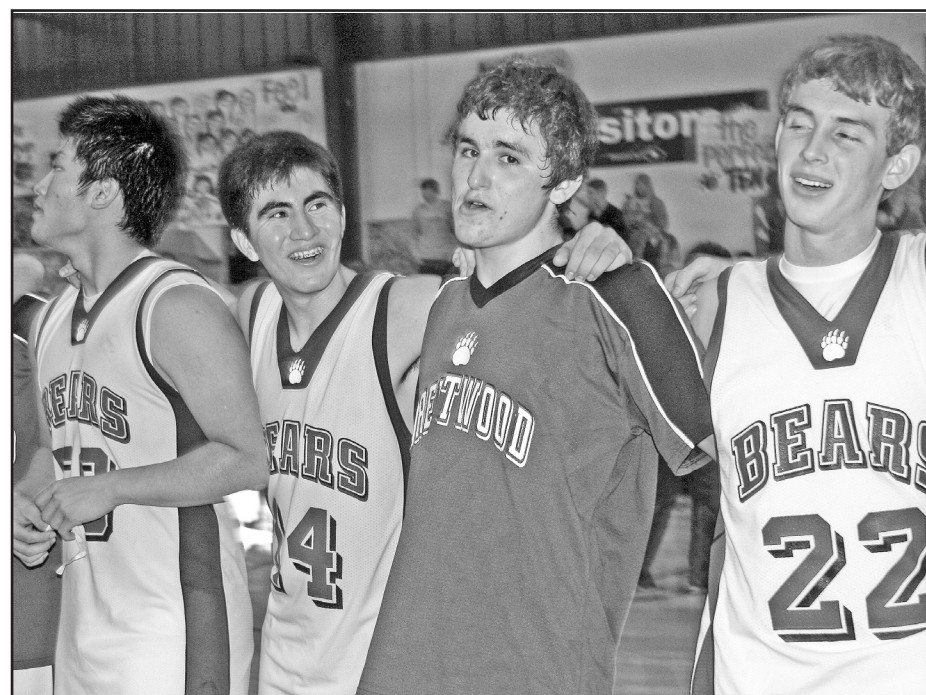


photo: Olivia Brinson

**SONG OF VICTORY** Jae Yi, Jacob Cardenas, Nate Shackelford, and Michael Sansom celebrate a three-game sweep of San Marcos Baptist on homecoming night, Jan. 16.



# Lady Bears perfect in district, eyeing Final Four

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on Feb. 3, when BCS won 62-10, led by junior Tyla Wells' 18 points.

The girls played San Antonio Christian, one of the better teams in the district, the previous

Friday. They came into the game knowing it had serious playoff implications and remembering how they escaped with a one-point win in their first meeting. But the pressure did not

keep them from beating the Lady Lions 43-30 and securing at least a tie for first in district. Peterson led the girls with 15 points, and senior Olivia Brinson grabbed 12 rebounds.

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, the girls went to the Quarries to play Brentwood's rival, Hyde Park, and handed them a sound defeat. Both Clement and Peterson scored in double digits, and every player on the team scored in a 59-31 victory.

The first time the Lady Bears played Hyde Park, on Dec. 12, it was a 63-28 blowout with Wells leading the team in scoring. After this game, some of the girls said they were bummed that the Hyde Park game was not as exciting as it had been in previous years.

"When I think Hyde Park, I think last year, going into double overtime, and winning by one, but this year was not nearly as close or exciting, so I was disappointed," Brinson said.

Over the Christmas Break, the girls went to a tournament in Rosehill and won three out of five games. According to Brinson, the two they lost were against good teams, but neither game was a blowout: 45-39 to Faith Academy and 51-44 to Faith West Academy. The three games that they won, on the other hand, were blowouts. They beat Baytown Christian 46-20 and 45-29, led in scoring by Peterson and Clement, respectively. They also beat Houston Christian 57-27, again led by Peterson.

On Jan. 2, they played Regents, who is no longer in Brentwood's district, as a tune-up

game to help ready them to play SACS. The Bears were down by nine at halftime but rallied to win 47-39.

"I think it's mostly the team's mindset – they know they're never out of a game," Loftis said, commenting on the girls' ability to come from behind to win games.

After that the girls went down to San Antonio to play SACS, who was second in district at the time. Expecting a close game, they were not disappointed. Again BCS was down at the half, but the team rallied and Peterson hit a free throw with .3 second left to win 44-43.

"We all have confidence in each other," Peterson said. "Whoever is put on the line will make the shot, and it just happened to be me."

After that game the girls won their next three district games by large margins. They beat Incarnate Word Academy 56-19, led by Clement's 11 points; San Marcos Baptist 71-12, led by Wells with 13; and St. Joseph 56-38. St. Joseph is now the only team left that could challenge the Lady Bears for first in the district. Brentwood plays them Friday at Victoria.

The Lady Bears have gone to the Final Four two of the last three years, and they hope to make it there again this month.

"We don't know a lot about the competition because of all the new schools in the division, but if the team plays well, there's a lot of teams they can beat and they have a good chance to get to where they were last year," Loftis said.



photo: Ken Brinson

**SENIOR LEADERSHIP** Olivia Brinson sets a pick for fellow senior Katie Legband during the Lady Bears' impressive 63-28 win over Hyde Park in December.

## Korean view

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know how much harder they would have to study in Korea. Most American students have no idea how much the Korean culture is obsessed about studying. The average Korean high school student in Korea would stay in school until 10 p.m., study with private tutors until 3 a.m., get home around 4 a.m., and go back to school four hours later. Yeah, I know it's shocking, but it's true.

Some American students also wonder about the Koreans' impression of Americans and their society. They wanted to know, in our view, what are the strengths and weaknesses. Many of the Koreans said most Americans are self-centered, cocky, disrespectful, hypocritical, and gossipers. However, these same people also said they admire the open-mindedness, confidence, and optimism from their American classmates. Koreans also see cheerfulness, generosity, creativity, and individual character in the students.

"In general, Americans seem to be not very respectful to adults, immoral, and not capable of distinguishing what is right and wrong because they are way too open-minded," one of the Koreans said. "However, they seem very generous, nice to one another, creative, and very humorous."

## Junior high boys cruising with 15-1 record

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The junior high boys' AA team has won 15 games this season, lost only one, and is undefeated in district. They won the Central Texas Showcase Tournament in Killeen and placed second in the Alamo City Invitational, losing the championship by two points to San Antonio Concordia.

Recent victories include Summit (44-30), Hill Country (47-23), RRCA (43-24), Hyde Park (30-26), and Holy Family (47-41).

Leading scorers for the boys are DD Harris with 14.4 points per game, and JT Lopez-Roeper with 8.4.

"Our goals for the rest of the season are to win every game we play, bring home a first-place trophy from the Ranger Classic Tournament this weekend at TSD, and win our conference (ACAA) tournament at the end of the season," coach Greg Sansom said.

The junior high girls' AA team has a record of 7-7. They won against Summit on Jan. 30, but lost earlier in the week to Hill Country. A week earlier, the girls beat Hyde Park and Victory. Coach Kaylee Loftis said the team is working on fundamentals and court awareness.

The junior high boys' A team is now 2-7, but they managed to beat Summit by 20 points on

Jan. 30 thanks to their defensive pressure. The team also defeated Holy Word 23-13.

Coach Jonathan Weed said the team is led by post-player Elijah Simpson and is blessed with a positive attitude conducive to learning.

"I have been impressed with the character of these athletes, which has been a key to their development on the court," Weed said.

The junior high girls' A team is 2-3 after a loss to the Austin Royals on Jan. 29. The team had only four players show up to the game and had to ask two AA players to join them. Down by 11 in the first half, the girls managed a 14-0 run in the last three minutes of the game.

"I was so proud of my girls for never giving up and playing so well at the end," coach Katie Smith said.

The previous Tuesday, the team won by 10 against Holy Family, in spite of having only five players. Natalie Ingram led the team with 10 points, and Priscilla Glenn scored six.

The elementary boys' AA team lost to Sterling Classical 21-14 on Jan. 26. The Friday before, the team defeated Summit 20-17 in overtime.

Brodie Brown leads the team in scoring, and coach Jeff Orick said the team has many outstanding offensive and defensive players. Charlie Sinclair, for example, "will go up against anyone on the court" defensively. Royce Clark and Mark Baur are Orick's assistant coaches.

The elementary girls' AA team defeated Sterling Classical 26-4 on Jan. 26. The girls also defeated Summit 12-9 on Jan. 23. A week earlier, they beat RRCA 25-13.

Coach Mark Broadway says that "our defense is our game right now," and Kaitlyn Crawford and Nicole Glenn are leading the team in this area. Broadway also said the team is working on moving the ball around on offense.

The elementary boys' A team won a close game against the Austin Royals Jan. 29. The team was down most of the game but pulled it out 18-17. The leading scorers were Trent Brinthaup and John Hollingsworth. The team also defeated Sterling Classical 36-18. Coached by Nathan Smith, their record is now 2-2.

The elementary girls' A team is 2-0 in district after defeating Summit 20-10 on Jan. 30. Earlier the team won their first district game 10-6 against RRCS. Lauren Hill and Emily Wagner were the leading scorers, and Mykala Lopez-Roeper and Emily Luker led in rebounds.

The team went on to beat Sterling Classical 22-5 on Jan. 19. Lopez-Roeper scored 10 points in the first quarter alone.

"Last night it seemed to click and they were playing together as a team. I was thrilled to see the whole bench standing and cheering. It was a bonding moment for our team," coach Paul Browder said.



# From rock to opera

*Musicians help talent show maintain prominent spot in homecoming week*

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reporter

The crowd erupted with a roar and a standing ovation as senior Eddie Carlin and freshman Isabella Haws concluded their vocal performance of "All I Ask of You." The fifth annual talent show, held in the Family Life Center on Jan. 14, featured Carlin and Haws receiving the first-place prize of \$100.

The evening began with students piling in and paying the \$5 fee to witness what has become a highly entertaining BCS tradition. While last year's show featured a greater variety of performances, such as comedy and karate, this year's vast majority showed off their musical talents, leading to the appropriate title of the show, "Rock Band."

Of the 13 performances this year, only three could be awarded prizes by the panel of five judges, which included StuCo sponsor Linda Riedesel, choir director Missy Weaver, English teacher Craig Moore, senior Trever Brightwell, and freshman Haley Decker. According to Riedesel, narrowing the presentations down to the top three is a difficult task, but the judging criteria sheet makes it easier. The competitors are scored on a scale of 1 to 10 in five different categories: originality, talent, stage presence, costumes, and commitment.

"Originality is a biggie," Riedesel said. "We're looking for a well polished performance."

Carlin's and Haws' selection was from the hit musical "The Phantom of The Opera." Haws surprised many onlookers who had never heard her sing or knew of her talent for opera.

"I thought it was amazing," junior Megan Montgomery said. "I had no idea Isabella was that good. It was more than good. It was beautiful."

According to Moore, the thing that set Carlin's and Haws' performance apart from the rest was their presentation. A sharply dressed Carlin joined Haws, who wore a long peach-colored dress and held a single rose. The two played the part as lovers, singing from the heart.

"The reason many people love French food is not just about the food but the way in which it is presented," Moore offered as a comparison. "Their presentation was so formal. It looked like they had put a lot of thought into it."

Junior Lizzy DuPont placed second, winning \$50. Her performance, entitled "Creator," was a silent monologue that she created herself during a six-hour wait to cross the border from Mexico into the United States in early January, toward the end of Christmas break. She said she hopes to get it published. In the skit, she played the part of God and finger-painted a picture of creation. In the painting she included the sun and moon, mountains, trees, ground animals, birds, marine life, and humans.

"I thought it was really inspiring," senior Andrew McClellan said. "To have the courage to go up there and perform something you thought of is awesome. It was great."

Eighth-grader Catherine Amann took third place and \$25 for her performance of the country song "Crazy Dreams." Wearing a pair of country boots, Amann may have pushed some into pursuing a new career.

"That one chick was good," senior Carrie Thomas said. "Dude, she inspired me to be a country singer."

Other performances included a blindfolded drum solo by junior Chris Williams, a piano solo



photo: Tina Griego

**WE THREE QUEENS** Laura Peterson was voted Homecoming Queen; Katie Legband (left) and L'nae Allen were runners up.

by seventh-grader Gabrielle Williams, and interpretive music by senior Emilie Baros.

The Jazz Band, directed by Travis Pollard, provided some intermission entertainment, and Josh Odom, class of 2008, was the emcee for the night.



photo: Olivia Brinson

**WHO DUNNIT?** Secondary teachers Darrell Hutson, Kaleen Graessle, Linda Riedesel, Heather Hammock, and Craig Moore dressed as characters from "Clue."

## Homecoming: teams all win

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hint of excitement about them, were allowed to dress up every day to show their school spirit.

On Monday students dressed to represent their favorite board game. The next day, students were allowed to dress alike with a friend. Wednesday saw the halls filled with students dressed to represent their favorite electronic game. On Thursday students wore jerseys and uniforms from their favorite sports teams. On the day of homecoming, Friday, students were asked to dress in green and white to show their school spirit.

Many other activities kept students busy throughout the week as the anticipation grew. Students were allowed to paint posters in the hallways supporting their grade level, clubs, or other school groups as part of a poster frenzy for the secondary school.

Thursday night brought the annual talent show, held in the FLC. Following the entertainment, many students attended a bonfire. There they participated in a devotional before the homecoming court, including the three finalists for homecoming queen, was announced.

The activities culminated on Friday as students were released at 1:40 p.m. to the athletic center for a pep rally. The cheerleaders spent a lot of time planning the pep rally, which included an exciting light show as well as a DJ. Students and teachers also played twister on the gym court, before the homecoming court was once again announced – with the exception of homecoming queen, which was saved for later.

The games began at 5 p.m. as the JV boys defeated San Marcos Baptist 49-41. Next, the Lady Bears crushed San Marcos 71-12 to remain undefeated in district.

After the girls' game, the homecoming court was announced. Laura Peterson was presented as homecoming queen, and her father escorted her to the center of the court, where she joined king Nick Sterling. Runners up for queen were L'nae Allen and Katie Legband.

Prince and princess were juniors Andrew Beach and Abbie Boyd; duke and duchess were sophomores Brett Withem and Brittany Johnson; and lord and lady were freshmen Ray Yoo and Brittany Ho.

Each class elected its own representatives in a secret ballot. The top three nominees for homecoming queen were then voted on by all the high school students.

Following the presentation the varsity boys held up their end by defeating San Marcos 59-53.

At halftime of the boys' varsity game the alumni were announced on the court.

Afterwards, students were invited to come watch a movie in the FLC, but due to technical problems with the presentation, students just "hung out."

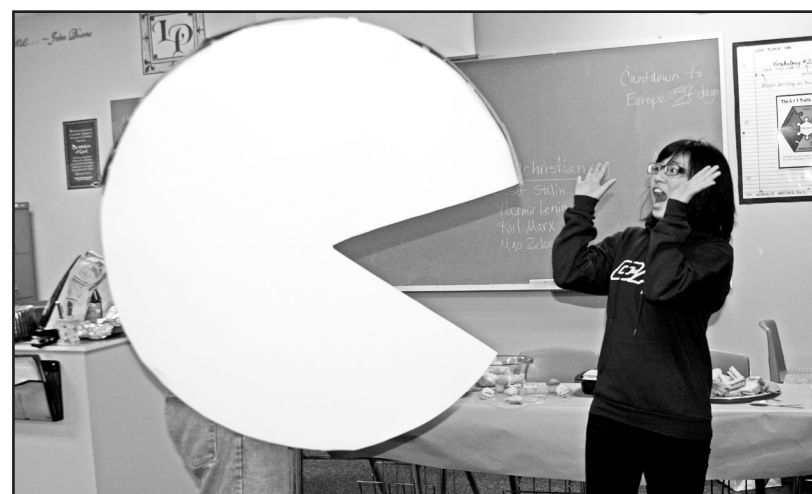


photo: Olivia Brinson

**CHOMP CHOMP** Pac-Man (senior Peter Johannigman) is apparently not a friend of senior Gina Kim, who was a victim of "video game day" Jan. 14.