

Monthly Report to Parents

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BASH Set for March 10th at Pawleys Plantation

The BASH (Building a Scholastic Heritage) Committee has established as the logo for this year's event, "The World is Their Oyster!" Indeed, it is. BASH is foremost about raising money for the education and care of our students.

Having considered a number of locations throughout the local area, the committee decided upon Pawleys Plantation Golf & Country Club. It is located just across Highway 17 from our school.

Once again, this year, Brooks Auction will be leading the charge in terms of what looks to be a very exciting live auction. The evening will also include a silent auction, food, and beverages, as well as fun and fellowship!

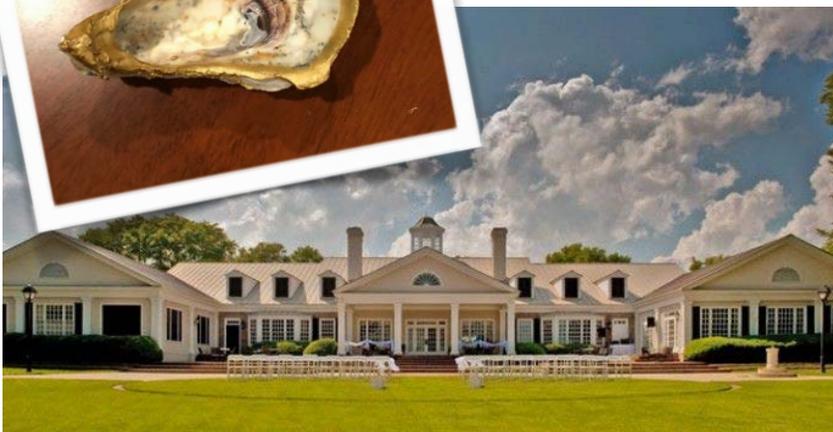
Live entertainment will be provided by a special guest out of Columbia, South Carolina. Of course, the dance floor will be open. And if you missed your chance last year at the Wall of Wine, make sure you arrive early as the juice moves quickly!

Opportunities to provide voluntary assistance in support of BASH are several. They include setup,

"night of" tasks, and cleanup both that night and the following morning. To volunteer, please contact the front desk by phone or in person or e-mail info@lowcountryprep.org.

Meanwhile, look for your invitation shortly. Also, tickets can be purchased online. We will forward instructions on how to do so shortly.

Again, BASH is our school's premier fundraising event each year. Please support BASH through attending, buying auction items, donating a bottle of wine for the wine wall (\$20 minimum, please), or volunteering—many thanks!



MS/US Honor Rolls Published



Middle and Upper School Director David Suber published the A and A/B Honor Rolls at assembly on January 26, 2018.

Students on the A Honor Roll include from the twelfth grade, Brian Duggan, Josie Mangialardo and Andy Williams; from the eleventh grade, Blake Errico, Peyton Little, Joey Ray, and Molly Rumph; from the tenth grade, Wallace Johnson; from the ninth grade, Georgia Beacham, Olivia Collins and Cameron Tedrow; from the eighth grade, Anne-Hackett Little, Jalayah Mickel, Gates Prosser, Billy Ray and Molly Tate; from the seventh grade, David Allen, Venus DeMello, Molly Lonon, and Sailor Rearden; and from the sixth grade Ben Hall, Jennifer Musiol and Jaxton Prosser.

The A/B Honor Roll includes the following students: from the twelfth grade Rayce Gibson, Robbie Rumph; from the eleventh, Kaitlin Bellune, Yinou Chen, Josiah Cohen, Blanton-Harris Cox, Alice Dong, John Kong, and Linda

Zhang; from the tenth, Alson Thomas and James Thurlow; from the ninth, Lillie Akers, Ross Cox, Madison Divine, Blake Joseph, Pierceson Lee, Riley Moore, Lanee Patton, and Thomas Prosser; from the eighth, Lillian Antonelli, Mary Chapman, Paris Sorenson, and Isabel Thurlow; from the seventh, Lucy Joseph and Mary Beck McLain; and from the sixth, Lock Miller and Dale Sankum.

In his remarks, the Middle and Upper School Director congratulated students on both honor rolls and encouraged all students to aim for the honor roll during the current semester. He congratulated those who earned a place on the honor roll for the first time and those who had moved from the A/B Honor Roll to the A Honor Roll. Nice work, one and all!

Brooks, Thurlow Lead the Pledge at Chamber of Commerce

Jasper Brooks and Mary Thurlow led guests in the Pledge of Allegiance on January 12, 2018 at the Georgetown Country Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Breakfast 2018. The event was well attended with guests eager to hear from representatives in the South Carolina General Assembly particularly regarding a preview of what was planned for the upcoming legislative session.

Guest commented on the poise of Jasper and Mary. In fact, the two get plenty of practice with both the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer in the Lower School. Each day in the Lower School begins with an assembly at 8:00 AM at which both are recited and birthdays and other special recognitions are made.

"One of the benefits of reciting both is to help the children gain confidence with their public speaking—glad to know it is working," said Lower School Office Manager Gina Augustino.



Victory at SCISA Spelling Bee

The Marlin spellers ran away with a win on January 24, 2018 in our gym where we hosted six other SCISA schools. They included Christian Academy, Coastal Christian, Conway Christian, Pee Dee Academy, Risen Christ, and Williamsburg Academy.

Students representing our school included third graders Virginia Adams and Kaiden Greer; fourth graders Maisie Davis and Ashley O'Neal; fifth graders Mary Thurlow and Emma Rusnak; sixth graders Jenny Musiol and Dale Sankum; seventh graders Lucy Joseph and Venus DeMello; and eighth graders Anne-Hackett Little and Izzy Thurlow.

In addition to a team win, Marlin spellers stood out individually. Virginia Adams and Kaiden Green were the top third graders; Maisie Davis and Ashley O'Neal were the top fourth graders; and Emma Rusnak was the top fifth grader—good job, all, and thank you, Ms. Janet Kelly and volunteers!



High Performance at the SCISA Math Meet

On January 16, 2018 a group of Marlin mathematicians attended the SCISA Division II Math Meet. Thirty-two schools competed with multiple teams. Our mathematicians were divided into two teams. Team A included Josie Mangialardo, Alice Dong, John Kong, Blake Errico, and Yinou Chen. Team B included Peyton Little, Linda Zhang, Wallace Johnson, Julian Mathis, and Peter Thurlow.

When the points were tallied, Team A had finished in second place, while Team B landed in ninth place. In terms of individual performances, two Marlin mathematicians finished in the top ten among the 150 students competing. Blake Errico finished in sixth place, while John Kong finished in tenth.

We congratulate our fine mathematicians and thank our Upper School mathematics instructor, Mrs. Patti Wilson, for organizing our participation in the competition.



Rafaela Rodrigues Visits from Brazil

Rafaela Rodrigues spent a week with us as part of the eighth grade. Her family was visiting from Brazil with the Milleners, who include Alexander and Davi Millener in the Lower School.

Rafaela struck up a friendship with Mary Chapman, a fellow eighth-grader. The Chapmans invited Rafaela out for a day on the beach where she collected shells. Rafaela plans to take them back to Brazil.

In terms of academics, Rafaela hoped to improve her English. It was, however, quite good already. She managed to get along fine in the classes she attended.

We wish Rafaela and her family a safe journey back to Brazil and hope to see her on campus, again, maybe for a longer visit next time. Deus abençoe!



Senior Night Hoops

Families, friends, and teachers were on hand to watch four basketball games against Conway Christian on January 30, 2018. The action began with the boys' B Team. Down a few players because of the flu, the boys did their best but came up short, 33-11. Our top scorer was Joel Hankins who scored all 11 points. .

The girls' B Team, however, evened the overall score with a 34-17 victory. Lucy Joseph and Sailor Reardon each scored 10 points.

Next up was the girls' varsity team that managed another victory. Keys to the victory were aggressive defense and constant movement of the ball. Senior Josie Mangialardo scored 11 points, while senior Tanea Miller sank 5 points. Brooke Ashton added 10 points.

The closest game of the evening was the boys' varsity match. With four minutes remaining, our boys were up by three. However, a foul in the last few seconds put Conway Christian on the free-throw line with only one point needed for victory. While the first shot missed, the second was true for a tough 72-73 loss. John Augustino had 14 points. Andy Williams had 7 points and worked hard on defense while Chas Cooper worked hard rebounding and put in a bucket. Blake Errico dropped in 21 points, and Cody Appleton scored 19.

Cheering for the teams were members of the cheerleading squad. They are overseen by Ms. Jennifer Sexton, our Lower School Spanish teacher.

At half time of the boys' varsity game, seniors and the parents were honored. Among the boys were John Augustino, Chas Cooper and Andy Williams, while the girls included Tanea Miller and Josie Mangialardo. Senior Alex Lonon was out due to illness. We congratulate our seniors and their families!

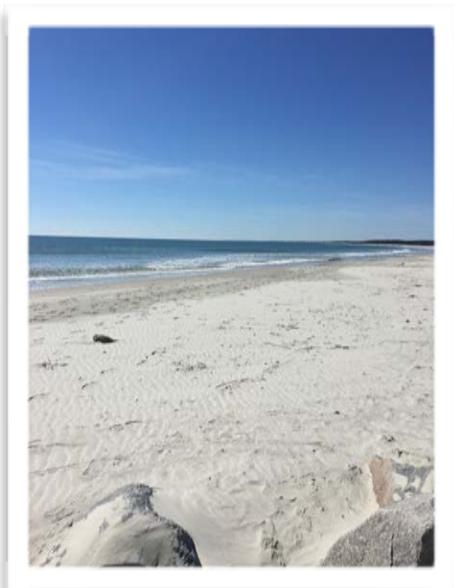


Athletic Director Introduces Spring Running Club

Athletic Director Gwyn Single announced at assembly on January 26, 2017 the formation of a running club. Beginning this spring, she plans to use the school bus to transport students across Highway 17 to the beach. Such runs will take better advantage of our location by the ocean.

“All of our athletes can benefit from endurance training,” said Single, “and running is an efficient way to build endurance.”

The AD envisions a 40 minute session, including 10 minutes back and forth on the bus. “Thirty minutes or so of running time would allow us up to a four-mile run. We would have to build up to that,” she added.



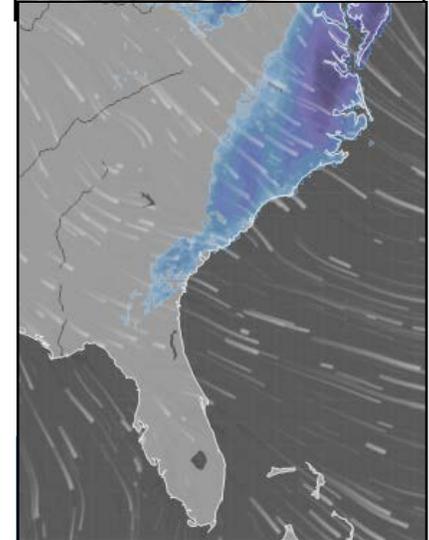
Snow, Freezing Temps Shock the Lowcountry

Freezing rain on the afternoon of January 3, 2018, the day on which we were scheduled to return from Christmas Break, preceded snow by Thursday. Freezing temperatures by night re-froze what melted during Thursday afternoon, extending hazardous driving conditions throughout the area. Students enjoyed a total of three extra days off from school.

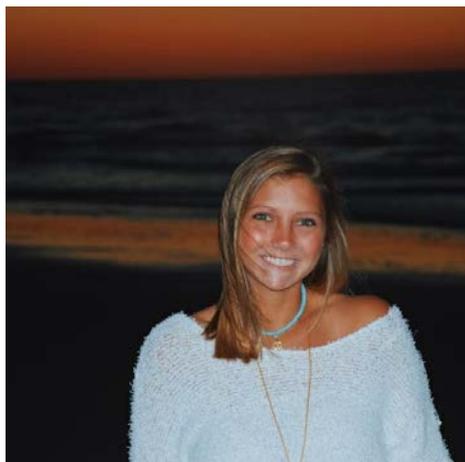
Those who did venture to and from campus noted multiple wrecks along Highway 17. The Georgetown County Sheriff’s Office reported on Thursday more than 50 accidents related to snow and ice on the roads. Residents were strongly urged to remain home and be safe.

The concern among students in the Middle and Upper School was exams—with missed school, would review time be adequate for exams scheduled for January 10-12? Middle and Upper School Director Suber innovated by directing teachers to go directly to exam review upon returning to school and by extending the semester one extra week to allow students to turn in makeup work. Additionally, teachers provided review material to students’ parents via e-mail and through posting on RenWeb while school was closed.

One week later, temperatures reached the sixties.



Alumni Visits



All Well at W&L

Coleman Lucas, Salutatorian of the Class of 2017, returned to campus during her Christmas Break from Washington and Lee University. She was welcomed by students and faculty members alike.

Regarding details, Coleman reported doing well academically with a GPA north of 3.0. She and her roommate from Georgia get along well. The food is good, and the prospect for an adventurous summer job out west is encouraging. She sees Stellings Lee, Class of 2015, now a junior at Washington and Lee, on occasion and says she is doing well, too.

Washington and Lee is proving to be everything Coleman had hoped it would be. Nice work, Coleman!



Alumna Returns from Paris

Ansley Peace (center), Class of 2017, is enrolled as a freshman at the American University of Paris. During her break between semesters, she dropped by the campus to say hello.

Her description of student life sounded glamorous. She shares an apartment in Paris with classmates who are both American and foreign. They tend to eat on the economy, and the food is good—surprised? She is sporting a decidedly Parisian look that makes her look older and more sophisticated. Staff members originally mistook her for Boo! Viva la France!



Dean's List and Polished Shoes

Cadet Brice Landstreet, Class of 2017, surprised the Head of School with a short-notice visit on January 14, 2018. Still on Christmas Furlough, he was taking advantage of The Citadel's proximity to Pawleys Island to play a round of golf with his former basketball teammate, John Augustino.

Cadet Landstreet concluded an impressive first semester. He earned a spot on the Dean's List through his 3.4 GPA. Upperclassmen have approached him regarding the possibility of having rank next academic year and being a member of the cadre, the cadets who report to The Citadel in the summer and prepare the new fourthclassmen for their first year. Nice work, Brice!

Alumna Warren Competing at Brown University

Caroline Warren, valedictorian of the Class of 2017, is competing, again, in gymnastics. This time, she is competing at the collegiate level and wearing the uniform of Brown University.

At the end of her senior year at Lowcountry Preparatory School, Caroline suffered a serious leg injury while competing. The injury threatened to end her gymnastics career altogether. In fact, she gave her valedictory speech while still on crutches. Those familiar with Caroline's determination, however, knew better. Not only is Caroline competing in gymnastics, once again, but she is also studying hard as a freshman and is focused upon international relations. Go, Caroline!



Firm on Class Sizes

The influx of students since the start of the academic year has required the purchase of additional desks and additional tables for lunch time. Enrollment at the start of the academic year was 160, but it has grown to 182. New families are already enrolling for next year.

“This is certainly a good problem to have,” said Head of School Scott Gibson III. “However, we need let our currently enrolled families know that re-enrolling in a timely manner is important in classes that we may have to cap. We do not want to leave anyone out as we adhere to class size limits.”

Parents have made clear in surveys over the years how much they value small class sizes. They provide individual attention for each student and preclude students from getting lost in the crowd. In cases where transferring students need help catching up, the small class size, again, is advantageous. Latitude does exist, however, for families enrolling siblings where one sibling's class is at capacity.

Re-enrollment contracts are now being distributed. Parents are encouraged to re-enroll by March, which is consistent with the timelines of fellow schools in the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

