



School Matters

St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools

"Where all students are challenged to learn and inspired to dream"

2018-2019 Issue 4



The Class of 2019

The one hundred eighth annual Commencement exercises took place on Thursday, May 23, 2019, in the Roger Bacon High School gymnasium. Due to construction, the event was held off campus for the first time in school history. Sarah Woolridge was class valedictorian; Lauren Strayhorn was salutatorian. President of the class of 2019, Isshiyah Latham, presented the class gift, a Titan podium for future school events. The Class of 2019 selected a yellow rose with black ribbon as the class flower and a quote from Oscar Wilde as the class motto: "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." The Titan Fan Club hosted an outdoor reception following the ceremony. Congratulations, Class of 2019!

The Class of 2019: Isaiah Adams, Afdhal Amidou, Alphonso Anthony, Jr., K'riya Ar-Razzaq, Ian Bedgood, Alexis Bowman, Natilly Cadle Butler, Jacob Callinan, Aman Christon, Amir Christon, Mykel Cunningham, Rachael Degaro, Ganiat Demu, Shane Dietz-Flacke, Briashia Gaines, Marlon Gans, Owen Gastelum, Jordan Glass, Haley Green, Raven Green, Curtis Greene, Dashyla Harper, Logan Harper, Hunter Hennel, Devon Hicks, Summer Hines, Michoria Horton, William Horton, Abigail Hyden, Toni Johnson, Jordan Jones, Nathan Keiner, Demetrius Lackey, Isshiyah Latham, Jeremiah Lay, Malary Laycock, Tanner Lewis, Layla Lovett, Jessie Magana, Zachary Miihlbach, Zachary Mink, Haley Misch, Melinda Mofford, Shian Moore, Makayla Parker, E'lizia Perry, Michael Rack, Iyanna Reliford, Trenton Render, Shediah Richardson, Jessica Ridder, Durae Robinson, Donnie Sanders, Kiley Saylor, Joseph Schalk, Tynila Schooler, Emma Sirk, Trenton Soloman, Daniel Stevens, Brittney Stier, Lauren Strayhorn, Elijah Washam, Rahsaan Washington, Anthony Williams, Emily Wombles, Camara Woodrum, and Sarah Woolridge

Class Officers: Isshiyah Latham, President; E'Lizia Perry, Secretary; and K'riya Ar-Razzaq, Treasurer



Sarah Woolridge
Valedictorian

Academic honors and other significant achievements give testament to a student's hard work and dedication. Congratulations to the following students for earning special recognition:

Diploma with Honors

Tanner Lewis

Academic Top Ten

Shane Dietz-Flacke
Haley Green
Tanner Lewis
Jessie Magana
Melinda Mofford

E'Lizia Perry
Jessica Ridder
Daniel Stevens
Lauren Strayhorn
Sarah Woolridge

National Honor Society

Jessie Magana
Jessica Ridder
Sarah Woolridge

National Technical Honor Society

Rachel Degaro
Jessica Ridder

Outstanding Senior

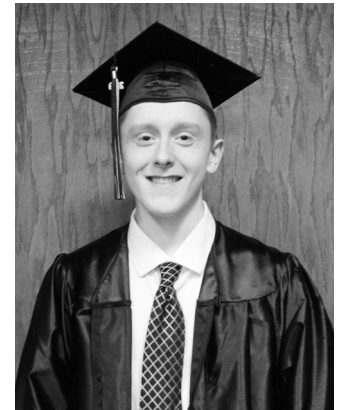
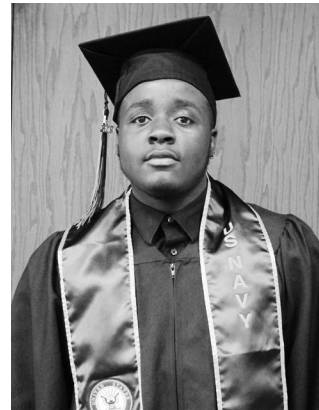
Sarah Woolridge



2019 Titan Academic Top Ten



Class of 2019 Senior National Honor Society Members



**Graduates entering the military:
Aman Christian (Navy) and Jeremiah Lay (Air Force)**



Local Scholarships Winners:

- Afdhal Amidou: Jerry Radtke Memorial Scholarship and Titan Fan Club Academic Scholarship
- Dashyla Harper: Titan Fan Club Academic Scholarship
- Summer Hines: Edgar Wheeler Memorial Scholarship and Titan Fan Club Scholarship
- Issiyah Latham: Titan Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship
- Tanner Lewis: St. Matthews United Church of Christ Scholarship
- Layla Lovett: Titan Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship
- Jessie Magana: Robert J. Carroll Memorial Scholarship and Titan Fan Club Athletic Scholarship
- Zachary Mink: SBEP Education Association Scholarship and Titan Fan Club Arts Scholarship
- Melinda Mofford: Cora Schaefer Scholarship
- E'Lizia Perry: Robert J. Carroll Memorial Scholarship, Tina Siegel Memorial Scholarship and Titan Fan Club Athletic Scholarship
- Donnie Sanders: Titan Fan Club Scholarship
- Daniel Stevens: Jim Cain Scholarship and Titan Fan Club Arts Scholarship
- Sarah Woolridge: Harold & June Barge Scholarship, Ode to Joy Music Scholarship, and St. Bernard Women's Club Scholarship



**2019 Outstanding Senior Athletes
Marlon Gans & Sarah Woolridge**

TITANS



Titans Sign to Play College Sports

Congratulations to 2019 Titan graduates who have signed to play college sports. Layla Lovett, Shian Moore, and Sarah Woolridge will play softball at Miami University Hamilton. The following Titan men have signed to play football at the next level: Marlon Gans, Cincinnati Christian University; Devon Hicks, Hocking College; and Donnie Sanders, Bluffton College.



SENIOR DAY

Senior Class Blood Drive

Students and staff members donated blood at the annual Senior Class Blood Drive to benefit Hoxworth Blood Center in May. Thank you to all who donated.



GRADUATION



District news...

2019 District Retiree

Thank you to 2019 retiree, Ms. Mary Kay Powell, for her 32 years of dedicated service to St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools. During her tenure with the district, Ms. Powell served as a teacher, mentor, National Junior Honor Society advisor, and junior high cheerleading advisor, and wrote and developed curriculum. In addition, she was the 2018 St. Bernard-Elmwood Place "Celebrate Excellence" Educator of the Year award recipient.



2019 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

The SBEP Titan Athletic Hall of Fame inducted two new members, Kim (Edwards) Martin and Tom Lattimore, at the annual Hall of Fame dinner on May 11, 2019.

Kim is a 2005 graduate of St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School. She participated in soccer, basketball, and volleyball. Highlights of her athletic career include MVC first team honors in both soccer and basketball and all-city honorable mention in soccer. She holds the school record for career goals scored in soccer.

Tom was a member of the Class of 1982. During his four-year varsity basketball career, Tom scored 1,063 points, ranking him sixth in school history in career points. He also ranks sixth in points averaged per game (17.7), sixth in rebounds averaged per game (8.4), and seventh in career rebounds.

The following State champions and runners-up from school history were recognized at the dinner. State champions recognized were: Fred Koch, 1930, 100-yard and 200-yard dashes; Jerry Morgan, 1959, discus; and Tommy Tye, 1995, 135-pound weight class, wrestling. Runners-up at State include: Paul Geisen, 1948, 220-yard dash; John Jeffries, 1983, unlimited weight class, wrestling; and Bill Mangus, 1983, cross country. Permanent placards will be on display in the gym to honor these individuals for their accomplishments.

Keynote speaker for the evening was George Vogel, WLWT Sports Executive Producer. More than sixty people attended the dinner. Proceeds benefit the Titan Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship fund.



2019 Education Hall of Fame Inductees

On Monday, June 24th, 2019, three individuals were inducted into the Education Hall of Fame at the Board of Education meeting. Recognized for their distinguished service to the district were:

- **Christina Barnes, Teacher**
- **Joetta Hatton, Para-Professional**
- **Susie Steiner, Retiree and Volunteer**

Uniform Policy Modifications for Elementary Students

For the 2019-20 school year, the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Board of Education has made the following modifications to the uniform policy for elementary students:

In place of "Shirts must be solid color with a collar," the uniform policy now reads, "Shirts must have a collar." All collared shirts--solid, striped, or patterned--are permitted. Also, in place of "Jeans are not permitted, except on out-of-uniform days," the policy now reads, "Jeans are permitted."

No other changes were made to the uniform policy for elementary students. The entire policy can be found in the student handbook.

Kids Eat Free!

Free lunch is available for children ages 18 and under every week-day, through August 14th, at the Elmwood Place (6120 Vine Street) and St. Bernard (10 McClelland Avenue) branch libraries. Lunch will not be available on July 4th.

Lunch is served from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Elmwood Place Branch Library and 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the St. Bernard Branch Library. A snack is served at the St. Bernard Branch Library at 4:30 p.m.

Find help getting food for your family by visiting: www.whyhunger.org/findfood or by calling 1-866-3HUNGRY.



Celebrate Excellence

The 13th annual "Celebrate Excellence" breakfast, hosted by the Hamilton County Education Foundation, was held Friday, May 3, 2019, at Sharonville Convention Center. This year's St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Educator of the Year award recipient is vocal music teacher, Mrs. Gina Jasinowski. Congratulations, Mrs. Jasinowski, and thank you for all you do!

High School news...



Prom

Prom 2019 was held on the evening of April 12th at the Madison South in Covington, Kentucky. Eighty juniors and seniors enjoyed dinner and dessert before dancing the night away. Congratulations to Queen Shian Moore and King Logan Harper and to the following senior court members: Afdhal Amidou, Marlon Gans, Isshiyah Latham, Makayla Parker, Durae Robinson, Donnie Sanders, Brittney Stier, Camara Woodrum, and Sarah Woolridge. Thank you to Lindsey Louis and Mackenzie Barrott for planning this very successful event!

School Quality Improvement Grant

St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School and St. Bernard Elementary have been awarded School Quality Improvement grants for the next three years. Fully funded, the grants total \$383,000. Grant monies will be used for new technology, a data coach, and staff professional development.



Titan Track Teams Qualify for Regional Meet

Devon Hicks, Zykeem Hunley, Jayden Paige, Peyton Pugh and Cardale Simpson all had outstanding performances during the 2019 track season. The boys' 4 x 100 relay team (Hicks, Paige, Pugh, and Hunley) finished second at the district meet, tenth at the regional meet, and set a new school record for this event during the regular season. After finishing fourth at the district meet, the 4 x 200 relay team (Simpson, Hicks, Pugh, and Hunley) placed fourteenth at the regional meet. The 4 x 400 relay team (Simpson, Hicks, Pugh, and Hunley) finished second at the district meet and fourteenth at the regional meet.

Congratulations to these young men on a great season!

Third Quarter Awards

Third quarter awards for outstanding behavior, perfect attendance, and academic honors were presented to 247 students in grades 7-12. Congratulations to these students for their significant achievements!



Great Job, Justin Johnson

Justin Johnson, high school junior, scored a 212 on the PSAT. That score puts him in the top three percent of the 1.6 million students who took the test. He is now a candidate for a 2020 National Merit Scholarship.

Titan Transition Day

Date: Tuesday, August 6th

Time: 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Who: Incoming seventh graders

What: Meet your teachers, tour the school, pick up class schedules, and much more

For more information, please call Sheila Rapiere, HS Secretary, at 482-7100.

Student Schedules Available August 6th

Parents of students entering grades 8-12 may come to St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Jr./Sr. High School on Tuesday, August 6th, between the hours of 4:00-6:00 p.m., to pick up their children's 2019-20 class schedules. In order to receive a student's schedule on this day, parents must pay that student's fees (\$20.00 per child) and must complete his/her FinalForms registration.

Talent Show

The annual Talent Show included a record 13 acts, performed before a sell-out crowd in the high school auditorium. A tremendous time was had by both the performers and the audience!



Titan Basketball Camp

Titan Basketball hosted a summer shooting & skills camp in the high school gym, May 28th through May 31st. Boys and girls entering third through sixth grades learned shooting fundamentals, dribbling and passing skills, and offensive/defensive techniques through fastbreak drills, 3 on 3 competitions, games, and contests. Each of the 32 campers received a basketball to take home.

TITANS



Titan Triple Crown Award Winners

Maddi Anderson
Lauryn Brown
Eddie Clark
Kiersten Hacker
Seth Hall
Devon Hicks
Zykeem Hunley
Kiersten Mofford

Makayla Parker
DJ Sanders
Autumn Smith
Kyli Thompson
Jaden Wood
Jarod Woolridge
Sarah Woolridge

Elmwood Place Elementary news...



Elmwood Place Elementary Sixth Grader Promotion

On Thursday, May 23rd, the following sixth graders at EPE were promoted to seventh grade and are now members of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Junior High School family:

Fletcher Armstrong, Kori Carter, Logan Davis, Rashaad Dear, Zachary Dick, Aleeah Dickerson, Madisen Elliott, Mekenzie Ficke, Heather Jimenez, Andre Johnson, Amina Kone, LaDae Lackey, Precious Lackey, Reanna Logan, Brandi Lopez Murcia, Jordan Martin, Colt Mattox, Makayla Minton, Jaquilynn Nagel, Billy Parrott, Caitlyne Plavsic, Mya Rodgers, Adrienne Shields, Kamarr Smith, Charles Thompson, Jaymonte Thornton, Chloe Threatts, Cody Trusty, Korrienne Warner, Kamrynn Weaver, Adrielle White, Derrick Wilcher, Alannah Wooten, and Zoey Zimlepan.



EPE Completes Second Consecutive Year as High Progress School of Honor

During each of the past two school years, Elmwood Place Elementary has been designated by the Ohio Department of Education as a High Progress School of Honor. To earn this designation for the 2018-19 school year, EPE had to have met the following criteria: showed gains on its combined reading and math proficiency rate, for grades three through six, that met or exceeded the 90th percentile of all statewide gains; earned an overall Progress grade of A or B for each of the three most recent report cards; and earned a Gap Closing grade of C or better for the 2017-18 school year (EPE earned an A). EPE also earned this award during the 2012-13 school year. Congratulations to the staff and students at EPE!



EPE Running Club Does It Again

The Running Club from EPE represented the school at the annual Flying Pig festivities during the first weekend in May. This group of students has been working on running skills since January. The club, which meets weekly, is sponsored by Ms. Becky Balzer, an intervention specialist at EPE.



Congressman Chabot Visits EPE

On Monday, May 20, 2019, Congressman Steve Chabot visited EPE before heading to Washington, D.C., to begin his week in the House of Representatives. He read *House Mouse*, *Senate Mouse* to second, third, and fourth graders, spoke to them about his role as a Congressman, and shared photographs of the nation's capital. Congressman Chabot presented the school with an American flag, which had flown over the U.S. Capitol, and children's books from the Library of Congress.



Thriving Learning Communities

Teachers and principals from St. Bernard and Elmwood Place Elementaries combined forces to attend Thriving Learning Communities (TLC) training. The TLC initiative is a Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) strategy and will be implemented in both schools during the 2019-2020 school year.



Brag Walk

Students in Maggie Goller's third grade math class participated in a "Brag Walk" around the building. After mastering the difficult concept of adding fractions with unlike denominators, students demonstrated their new skills to the office staff and shared their knowledge with the fourth graders.

St. Bernard Elementary news...

St. Bernard Elementary Sixth Grade Promotion

On Wednesday, May 22nd, sixth graders at SBE were promoted to seventh grade and are now members of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Junior High School family. The following sixth graders worked hard throughout the year with their teachers and are well-prepared and ready for seventh grade:

Nevaeh Birch, Emily Blevins, Ra'Nyah Bowman, Caitlyn Bradley, Charlotte Clark, Calyn Cook, Shakirah Davis, Logan Doddy, Kamryn Green, Camryn Grove, Vanessa Guzman, Demico Harris, Dickie Hayslip, Lillian Hovenga, Emauri Jackson, Marcus Jones, Da'Lynn Landrum, Connor Leininger, Jackson Leininger, Jazira Malone, Brandon McKinney, Nevaeh Miller-Canady, Gianna Moore, Da'Naire Nared, Carson Osborne, Aubrey Rack, Oberon Regallis, Savannah Simpson, Sophie Sirk, Ryan Turner, and Sean Whitmore.



Teacher of the Week

Congratulations to Ms. Katie Fitzpatrick, who was named Warm 98.5 Teacher of the Week in May. Ms. Fitzpatrick teaches second grade at SBE.



Field Day

Students in grades K-6 had a great time at Field Day this year. Participants rotated among ten stations, mastered several challenging activities, and learned the value of teamwork. National Honor Society students from SBEP High School did an outstanding job as station monitors.



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Website: www.sbepschools.org

Schools searching for children with disabilities:

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City School District seeks to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with handicaps, birth through age 21, based upon I.D.E.A. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) eligibility. This includes children attending private or parochial schools whose parents reside within our district.

Conditions such as multi-handicapped, hearing handicapped, visually handicapped, orthopedically and/or health handicapped, severe behavior handicapped, developmentally handicapped, specific learning disabled, autistic and speech and language handicapped would be included.

Additionally, it is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are handicapped within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are evaluated, identified and served. Section 504 disabilities are mental or physical impairments or a history of such impairments that "substantially limit one or more major life activities."

If you know of a child with a suspected handicap, please contact Mr. Carter Cordes, Special Education Coordinator at St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools, 400 Maple Street, Elmwood Place, Ohio 45216, 513-482-7115.

In accordance with the Ohio State Plan for the Education of Ohio's Homeless Children and Youth and the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (P.L. 100-77), as amended in 1990, homeless school-age children shall have access to a free, appropriate public education which would be provided to the children of a resident of Ohio, consistent with Ohio's school attendance laws. If you are aware of or suspect that a homeless child is eligible for placement under this policy, please contact Mr. Carter Cordes at 513-482-7115.

I.D.E.A. Budget Meeting

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place School District is currently formulating a budget for the expenditures of I.D.E.A. funds for 2020-2021. These funds are used in providing educational services for preschool through grade twelve special needs pupils residing within the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place School District. Persons wishing to have input regarding the allocation of these funds can attend a meeting at Elmwood Place Elementary on Thursday, April 16, 2020, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., to discuss the budget; or contact Mr. Carter Cordes at 482-7136.