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IMPORTANT DATES

April 11th through 15th - Spring Break

April 18th - Holiday (Bad Weather Make-Up Day not being used)

April 19th - Board of Trustees meeting at 6 pm at the District Office

April 19th - Registration opens for brand new 4K and 5K students
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April 20th - Registration opens for all returning students
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GREG LAWSON NAMED AS NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH OF B-L HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS

During a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, March 29th, the Lexington County School District Three Board of Trustees voted to approve Greg Lawson as the new head coach of the Batesburg-Leesville High School varsity football team. Coach Lawson is replacing Gene Cathcart who was hired to lead the BLHS Panthers back in January but resigned due to personal matters.

Coach Lawson comes to Batesburg-Leesville High School from Conway High School where he served as assistant football coach and a business education teacher. Prior to this, he worked at Hemingway High School as the head football coach and athletic director for three years. During his time in Hemingway, he had a 26-11 overall record. In

2016, Coach Lawson led the Hemingway Tigers to the runner-up spot at the Lower State Championship and in 2017, the team was named as region champs. It was during that same year that Lawson was named Region Coach of the Year. Furthermore, in 2017, Coach Lawson was named the 1A State Basketball Coach of the Year after Hemingway High School won the 1A State Basketball Championship under his leadership.

Coach Lawson brings 31 years of football coaching experience to BLHS, with some of that time served at Palmetto High School, Laurens District 55 High School, Gaffney High School, and Union High School. Under the direction of head coaches like Phil Strickland, Mike Anthony and Shell Dula, Lawson helped Gaffney High School and Union High School amass eight state championship titles and one upper state championship while serving as the offensive coordinator in nine state championship appearances. In 2012 Coach Lawson was named as the South Carolina Football Coaches Association's Upstate 4A Coach of the Year. In 2013, he was honored as the District Officials Coach of the Year.

Lawson, who is originally from Union, SC, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Limestone College and is a certified teacher. He and his wife, Kimberly, have three children (Cliff, Lauren and Leah) and two grandsons (Isaac and Noah).

Coach Lawson met with the varsity football team on Friday, April 1st and enjoyed a warm Panther welcome! Visit our social media pages for pictures from his first visit to BLHS.



2022 PALMETTO GIRLS STATE DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to eleventh grade students **Cameron Price** and **Ella Sawyer** on being selected as the 2022 Batesburg-Leesville High School delegates for Palmetto Girls State. This year's Palmetto Girls State event is slated to be held June 12th through 18th at Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina.

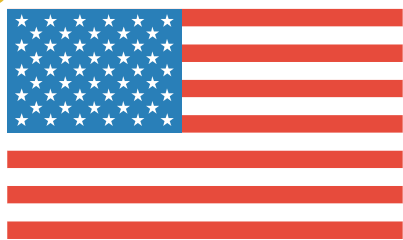
Palmetto Girls State is a program developed and sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of South Carolina. While at the weeklong event, students have the opportunity to learn more about government, Americanism, and citizenship while participating in mock political activities on the city, county and state levels of government. The Batesburg-Leesville High School students chosen for Palmetto Girls State are sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Post 61.



Pictured from left to right are:

Front Row: Cameron Price and Ella Sawyer

Back Row: Kristin Shealy (BLHS Counselor), Sonya Bryant (BLHS Principal) and Deborah Ward (American Legion Auxiliary Post 61)



FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY PLANNED AT B-L HIGH SCHOOL

Event set for April 5th at 9 am

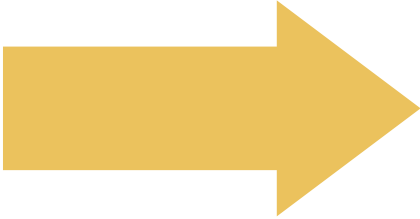
The B-L High School JROTC will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on April 5th at 9 am at the B-L High School flagpole located at the front of the school. The general public is invited to attend this event.

Anyone who has an American flag that they need to have properly disposed can drop it off at B-L High School during regular school hours prior to the event. B-L High School is located at 600 Summerland Avenue in Batesburg-Leesville.

2022-2023 REGISTRATION UPDATE FOR PANTHER FAMILIES

We are already looking forward to registering students for the 2022-2023 school year! Registration will open the week we return from Spring Break (April 19th through 22nd). Please note that April 18th is a district holiday.

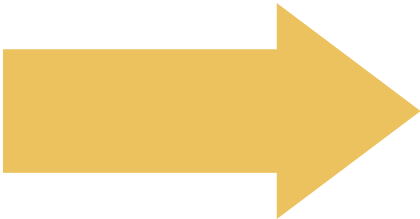
What can you do now to prepare? Just keep reading!



Brand New 4K / 5K Students

Brand new 4K and 5K students who have never been enrolled in our district will register using paper packets that can be downloaded from our website or picked up from the front office of B-L Primary School beginning the week of April 19th through 22nd.

More details can be found here, including information on our BLPS program options. Click here to watch a short informational video!



Returning Students

This information applies to students currently enrolled in Lexington Three in grades 4K through 11. Parents of these returning students will have digital registration forms to complete using the PowerSchool parent portal. These forms will be available in the PowerSchool portal beginning the week of April 19th through 22nd. Parents/guardians should make sure they are able to login to their PowerSchool parent portal account prior to this date.

More details can be found here.



Brand New Students

Any brand new students who will be in grades 1st through 12th during the 2022-2023 school year will need to be registered in-person at their appropriate school. Schools will begin making appointments for new student registrations beginning the week of April 19th through 22nd. Please call the schools at that time and schedule an appointment to come in and register your child.



B-L HIGH SCHOOL CLASS WINS STATEWIDE BANNER COMPETITION

Congratulations to Mrs. Kaitlin Jones's class from B-L High School for winning the banner competition at the annual State House Rally for Special Olympics on Tuesday, March 29th!

The event, which was held on the north steps of the SC State House, promotes inclusion and acceptance for all. The event is planned and led by student leaders and young people who want to use their voice to show the state how easy it is to have inclusive schools and communities.

Congrats! Congrats! Congrats!



B-L HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SUPERLATIVES SELECTED

Head on over to our Facebook pages to meet your Class of 2022 Senior Superlatives (and to see bigger pictures)! Don't forget that graduation is set for Thursday, May 26th at 7 pm.

- 1- Amah'dre Leaphart and Amie Johnson - **Most Athletic**
- 2- Cheyenne Rodgers and Kolby Fink - **Most Contagious Personality**
- 3- Corey Weed and Mattie Lawson - **Best Shoulder To Cry On**
- 4- Daedalus Derrick and Secadia Jackson - **Social Media Star**
- 5- Deaunna Wigfall and Zion McWhorter - **Best Dressed**
- 6- Diego Hernandez and Damia Padgett - **Most Likely To Be Late To Graduation**
- 7- Josue Hinson and Anayka Concepcion-Mejia - **Life Of The Party**
- 8- Katie Beth Covington and Drayton Summers - **Everyone's Best Friend**

9- Laci DuBose and James Jarrett - **Best All Around**

10- Luke Derrick and Jaelyn Jerez - **Most Likely To Succeed**

11- Nina Shealy and Rashad Richardson - **Most Likely To Win An Argument**

12- Pacer Buzhardt and Ashten Leaphart - **Class Clown**

13- Shelby Lewis and Thompson Taylor - **Most Likely To Talk Their Way Out Of Trouble**

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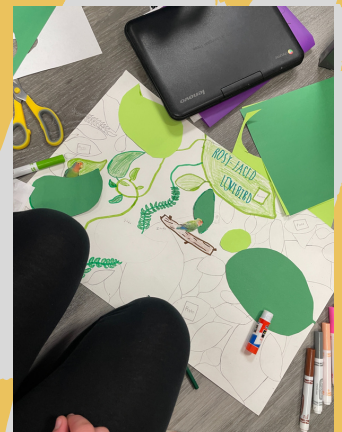


There was a friendly and **super delicious** competition on March 23rd at B-L Middle School as the school admin team composed of Principal Sarah Clark and Assistant Principal Roy Frick took on a teacher team composed of Coach Jacob Prahst and Beth Kirkland in a pie eating contest. The funds raised will be used to sponsor a field day for students later this spring. Thanks to everyone for being such a great sport!



On Wednesday, March 23rd, students in Mrs. Dyches's class participated in World Math Day. The sixth grade B-L Middle School students competed with other students from around the world in a series of math competitions. The event was sponsored by Mathletics.

Students in Ms. McGuire's sixth grade science classes at B-L Middle School have been researching animals and creating presentations and posters as part of their animal unit of study. Students have been very engaged in their projects!



On March 30th, the Panther Archery Team competed in the High School State Tournament. Congratulations to Harley Rodgers on being awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the SC Department of Natural Resources.



First and second grade students in Mrs. Soileau's class at B-L Primary School recently chose to write and illustrate autobiographies about themselves. Some even got theirs printed in actual books!



Students at B-L Elementary School enjoyed Panther College classes on Friday, March 25th.