



## The Paladin News

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### Bishop Hall Charter School Graduates



## The Class of 2012

May 25, 2012

*Front row from left to right: Emily Shanell Sneed, Anna Lucille Griffin, Linda Elizabeth Gutteridge, Kristen Marie Hart, and Kei'undra Fantasia Bell. Back row from left to right: Maybree Elese Boyles, Amy Alicia Moody, Johnathon Thomas Sellers, Alexis Raven Vall, Bryson David Rose, Valedictorian, and Mr. Dusty Kornegay, Thomas County Superintendent.*

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# August Hot Movie Picks



**AUGUST 3**

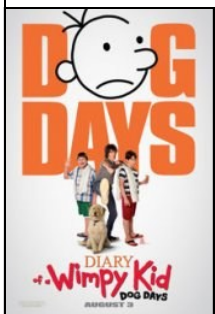
## TOTAL RECALL

Welcome to Recall Inc., the company that can turn your dreams into real memories. For a factory worker named Douglas Quaid (Colin Farrell), even though he's got a beautiful wife (Kate Beckinsale) who he loves, the mind-trip sounds like the perfect vacation from his frustrating life - real memories of life as a super-spy might be just what he needs. But when the procedure goes horribly wrong, Quaid becomes a hunted man finding himself on the run from the police. The line between fantasy and reality gets blurred.



## THE CAMPAIGN

When long-term congressman Cam Brady (Will Ferrell) commits a major public gaffe before an upcoming election, a pair of ultra-wealthy CEOs plot to put up a rival candidate and gain influence over their North Carolina district. Their man: naïve Marty Huggins (Zach Galifianakis), director of the local Tourism Center. At first, Marty appears to be the unlikeliest possible choice but, with the help of his new benefactors' support, a cutthroat campaign manager and his family's political connections, he soon becomes a contender.



## DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Based on the third and fourth book in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, The Last Straw and Dog Days. School is out and Greg is ready for the days of summer, when all his plans go wrong. What on earth is he going to do all summer?



**AUGUST 15**

## THE ODD LIFE OF TIMPthy GREEN

A childless couple, unable to conceive, buries all their wishes for a baby in a box in their backyard. One day, they wake up to find that a child is born, but the child is not all that it appears.



**AUGUST 10**

## BOURNE LEGACY

Fourth installment of the Bourne franchise based on an original story. As writer/director Tony Gilroy explains, "This is not a reboot or a recast or a prequel. No one's replacing Matt Damon. There will be a whole new hero, a whole new chapter...this is a stand-alone project." Jason Bourne will not be featured in the film; Jeremy Renner will play another assassin trained in the same program as Bourne.



**AUGUST 17**

## THE EXPENDABLES

The Expendables are back and this time it's personal...Barney Ross (Sylvester Stallone), Lee Christmas (Jason Statham), Yin Yang (Jet Li), Gunnar Jensen (Dolph Lundgren), Toll Road (Randy Couture) and Hale Caesar (Terry Crews) -- with newest members Billy the Kid (Liam Hemsworth) and

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# May 2012 Graduation

Nine students received their high school diplomas on May 25th, as Bishop Hall Charter School conducted commencement exercises for the Spring Graduating Class of 2012. The graduation ceremony was dedicated to the American Armed Forces overseas and to the graduating students who planned to enter the military following graduation; Johnathon Sellers and Bryson Rose. This graduation ceremony was hosted by Thomas County's new superintendent of schools, Dr. Dusty Kornegay.

A moving invocation was delivered by Bishop Hall graduating senior, Raven Vall. Focusing on her love and passion for nature, Ms.



Vall read selections from some of her favorite writers, in this case, Sun Bu'er..."When you discover nature's power to break through all obstacles, You will discover that this same power is inside of you..." Amy Moody led the pledge to the flag.

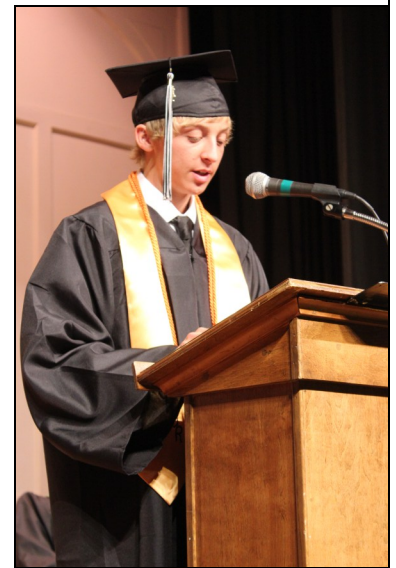
Dr. Kornegay, superintendent of Thomas County Schools, was next to address the graduating class. Reflecting on Bishop Hall's school creed, "THE CHOICES WE MAKE DICTATE THE LIVES WE LEAD," Dr. Kornegay made choice a theme in his speech. "... what will determine your success far more than your abilities are the choices that you will make in your life....it



is our choices, whether large or small, that determine our character, personality, and the satisfaction that we derive from life. I encourage you to choose well."

The Bishop Hall valedictorian, Bryson Rose was the keynote speaker for this semester's ceremony. Bryson spoke of the special and non-traditional components of Bishop Hall's small class sizes and the ability to work at one's own pace. He mentioned that the unique structure allowed him to "...come out of his shell, work quickly and graduate early, at the age of 16..."

Bryson thanked his family for their support and thanked Bishop Hall staff for allowing him the freedom to work in his own rather unique style which enabled him to achieve the goal of early graduation, in three years instead of the customary four and in taking more than the



traditional class load which allowed him to complete more than the traditional number of class units. He closed with these final words from Steve Jobs: "...Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most importantly, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become... Everything else is truly secondary."

Several students were singled out for recognition Amy Moody and Johnathon Sellers received the \$100 Charting 4 Success Award. These honors are presented to the students who best exemplify the mission of Bishop Hall Charter School and, in addition, complete their senior homeroom course in Charting 4 Success, an exploration and self-assessment of Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences.

Nine students received honor cords from Southwest Georgia Technical College, signifying completion of dual-enrollment coursework completed on the SWGTC campus. An additional six students received recognition for their volunteer efforts, members of the Bishop



Hall S.T.E.P. (Students Taking Education Positively) program have spent the school year helping Head Start pre-schoolers develop pre-reading and reading skills and have worked as classroom assistants to Scott Elementary, Garrison Pilcher and Harper teachers under the direction of Ms. Verna Wiggins, Bishop Hall guidance counselor/graduation coach, Coach Chad Ward, Dr. Doug Haydel and Mr. Jeremy Rich, all teachers at Bishop Hall.



Nine students also wore honor cords signifying their attaining a grade point average of at least a 3.0 (B) throughout the course of their high school career.

Bryson Rose, below, received several scholarship awards as the Bishop Hall valedictorian. He received a \$4000 award from Thomas University, which he plans to attend in the fall prior to his entering the U. S. Coast Guard. He also received scholarship assistance from the local Kiwanis Club (\$1000) and the Thomasville Antiques Foundation (\$1000). The Bishop Boosters



presented him with their \$500 Valedictorian Scholarship Award. Emily Sneed, right, received several scholarship awards which will help support he attendance at Darton College. Emily was awarded \$200 from the Aquarius Club; \$500 from the local NAACP; \$1000 from Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority; and \$500 from the Women's Forum. Amanda Slaughter, a December graduate, received a \$200 award from Archbold Hospital to support her educational pursuits in the medical field.



Mr. James Sickler, Bishop Hall math department chair was singled out by his peers for the

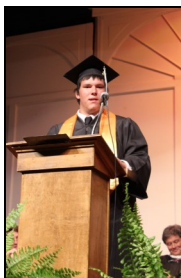
\$500 Teacher of the Year award presented by Ms. Jackie Rose a member of the Bishop Boosters and also a member of the Bishop Hall Board of Directors.



Thomas University, represented by Ms. Melanie Martin and Ms. Vera Clark of the Pre-College Program and Ms. Stacie King of Thomas University's Career Counseling Program received Bishop Hall's Business Partner of the Year Award. Eight different volunteer professionals from this institution influenced practically all 110 students who attend Bishop Hall. The volunteers contributed a minimum of 600 hours.



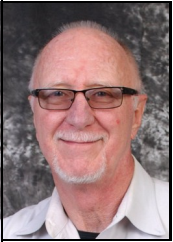
The senior farewells were delivered by Johnathon Sellers, and Emily Sneed. Johnathon Sellers' speech focused on the uniqueness of Bishop Hall's experiential program, specifically identifying trips to motor racing facilities and meeting legendary figures. Johnathon, right, thanked "... the greatest people in the county that privately donate funds to our school..." that allow Bishop Hall staff to plan and arrange such unique field experiences outside the walls of the school and boundaries of Thomas County. He also spoke of the community service requirements placed on all Bishop Hall students as a method of learning to better appreciate the community and to help serve the local less fortunate.



Finally, Emily Sneed, right, spoke of the spiritual force that motivated her to pursue her dream of completing high school and earning her diploma. Much of her strength came from her recently deceased father, a Pentacostal minister who had passed within the last year. She left her classmates with words of encouragement "... remember that we can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us." Ms. Sneed then led her fellow graduates in reciting the Bishop Hall creed, "The choices we make, dictate the lives we lead!" The graduates then tossed their hats in the air and proceeded out of the hall to join family and friends in the reception room.



# Meet the BH Teachers & Staff



## Richard Johnson Headmaster

**Richard Johnson**, a Vietnam Veteran (Airborne), who fills the role of Headmaster, leads the staff. Mr. Johnson has been in education for over thirty years and has received numerous awards for his work with at-risk students. He has coached and taught in four states and has worked at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. His ALT-O program at Bainbridge High School was featured on ABC News as one of the best examples of dropout prevention programs in the nation. The program was validated as a model program by Georgia DOE and was recognized by SACS as a model program for dropout prevention. He received a Milken National Educator Award for the same program in 1993. Mr. Johnson teaches U.S. History and Oceanography.

## Lana Hicks Assistant Principal



**Lana Hicks** is the Assistant Principal and Technology Chair. She has thirty-four years of experience teaching and coaching in Texas, Tennessee, and Thomas County. Teachers and students consider Mrs. Hicks the "heart and soul" of Bishop Hall. She was teacher of the year for 2004. She has two children, Tara and John, and is grandmother of Cabe Parker. She was recently awarded her Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from Albany State University. Mrs. Hicks teaches Western Geography and Career Essentials



## Dr. Doug Haydel English Department Chair

**Doug Haydel** is a native of Louisiana who moved to Tallahassee in 1972 to attend Florida State University. He completed his graduate work in 1978 while teaching English at Maclay School in Tallahassee. In the years that followed, he taught at Florida High and eventually began teaching in Thomasville, Georgia, at Thomas College. In 1999 he was part of the team that founded Bishop Hall Charter School. In addition, he has worked at Southwest Georgia Technical College and the Scholars Academy, also located in Thomasville. For the past twenty-eight years, he has resided in the Miccosukee Land Cooperative, an intentional community east of Tallahassee. Dr. Haydel teaches English.



## Jack Malloy Science Department Chair

**John M. (Jack) Malloy** graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Animal Science. He is certified to teach General Science, Biology and Chemistry. Jack served 20 years in the U.S. Army and retired in 1998 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He has been teaching since 1998 and teaches Adopt-a-Stream, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Earth Science and Physical Science. He was awarded Teacher of the Year 2010 by his peers.

## Renee Pettit Porter Social Services Coordinator



**Renee Porter** assists students with social service needs as well as externships, tutors, mentors and community service projects. Other duties include coordinating the BHCS Booster meetings, parent/teacher open houses, board meetings, fund raising events and school functions like prom, HOTC work day, and the December and May graduations and receptions. Mrs. Porter is editor for the school newsletter, The Paladin News, and yearbook, The Paladin. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Alabama's University of Montevallo in 1983. She is married and has two children, Chance and Hailey.



## Jeremy G. Rich Social Studies Department Chair

**Jeremy Rich** joined the faculty in March of 2007 as the Social Studies Department Chair. He is a 2005 Social Science Education graduate of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and a 2007 graduate of Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce Leadership course. In the community, Mr. Rich serves as pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Rich teaches Economics, Citizenship, World Geography, United States and World History. He was elected as the 2008 Teacher of the Year of Bishop Hall.

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## Dan Salveter, LCSW Psychology Department Chair

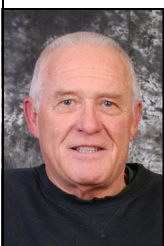
**Dan Salveter**, LCSW, comes to Bishop Hall from the private sector with 15 years experience working in the field of mental health. Dan was the Director of Charter By the Sea's Child and Adolescent Unit prior to the hospital's closing and most recently served as Director of Archbold Northside's Partial Hospital Programs which included the adolescent partial hospital program. He has extensive experience conducting individual, group and family therapy with adolescents and adults in the field of mental health and substance abuse. Dan received his Master's of Social Work from the University of South Carolina in 1993 and has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker since 1997. Mr. Salveter is married and has a daughter and a son.

## Kathy Searcy Administrative Assistant



**Kathleen M. Searcy** is Bishop Hall's Administrative Assistant. Before coming to Bishop Hall, Kathy was with the Thomasville City school system where she earned eleven year's of experience in office work, assisting in guidance, discipline, and attendance as well as being Lead Secretary. She also has four years of Special Education (MID, LD and BD) classroom experience. Kathy is very active in the community with church programs and youth sports. She also serves as the Thomas County Deputy Coroner. Ms Searcy has three children.

## Jim Sickler Math Department Chair



**Jim Sickler** is the Math Dept. Chair. He has forty-six years' experience and was awarded Teacher of the Year at his high school in Miami. This year, he was voted Teacher of the Year at Bishop Hall by his peers. A former coach, he was in charge of the county's ISS program at Crossroads, where he became familiar with our local at-risk population. He has earned his Master's degree in math and coordinates Math programs, our work-study program and most of the construction, maintenance and landscaping activities on campus. Mr. Sickler is father to two daughters and two sons.



## Chad Ward Health and P.E. Department Chair

**Chad Ward** is Bishop Hall's Health and Physical Education Department Chair. He is the proud graduate of Georgia Southwestern State University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science. Coach Ward completed his Master's of Physical Education at Grand Canyon University in May 2011 and was elected Teacher of the Year by his peers in the same year. He is the assistant Boy's Basketball and Head Girl's Track coach in the Thomas County School System. "Helping kids reach places they could not see before" is the personal "motto" that motivates him in his everyday walk towards education. Coach Ward is married and has one son.

## Verna Wiggins Counselor & Graduation Coach



**Verna Wiggins** is the School Counselor and Graduation Coach. She has a master's degree in counseling and has taught adult literacy at Southwest Georgia Technical College. For seven years, she taught elementary school reading and has been instrumental in teaching volunteers how to teach reading to younger elementary school students through the America Reads program. She was named Bishop Hall's first Teacher of the Year and reigned in that position for three years. She has taught at Bishop Hall for thirteen years. She is coordinator of our partnership with Southwest Georgia Technical College and initiated the STEP program, a marker collaborative with city and county elementary schools using BHCS students as "big brothers and sisters" to younger students.

## Julia Winter Math Department



**Julia Winter** is the newest member of the Bishop Hall staff. She comes to Bishop Hall from The Scholars' Academy in the Thomasville city school system and has a Bachelor's degree in biology from The University of Colorado (Boulder) and a Master of Education Degree from Florida State University. Julia has 12 years of teaching experience in Florida and Georgia and possesses a Gifted Endorsement in grades 5-9 in the Integrated Curriculum. She has worked in both state and national organizations focusing on Superfund education through the EPA. She has a daughter in college.

## August Birthdays

- 3 Alexis Kilgore**  
**11 Grayson Harvey**  
**15 Francesca Huffman**  
**25 Jasmine Barnes**



Were you **TARDY** to school or class? Did you sign out of school early? You are now on the "No Jeans" List? You aren't allowed to wear jeans on Friday?

**YES YOU CAN!**

Here's how.

**You can pay  
Ms. Porter \$2 to wear jeans.**

*All proceeds go to a charitable organization. August, September and October proceeds will go to the Thomas County Family Connection*

## August Hot Movie Picks

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and Maggie (Yu Nan) aboard -- are reunited when Mr. Church (Bruce Willis) enlists the Expendables to take on a seemingly simple job. The task looks like an easy paycheck for Barney and his band of old-school mercenaries. But when things go wrong and one of their own is viciously killed, the Expendables are compelled to seek revenge in hostile territory where the odds are stacked against them. Hell-bent on payback, the crew cuts a swath of destruction through opposing forces, wreaking havoc and shutting down an unexpected threat in the nick of time.



**August 17**

### ParaNorman

In ParaNorman, a small town comes under siege by zombies. Who can it call? Only misunderstood local boy Norman (voiced

by Kodi Smit-McPhee), who is able to speak with the dead. In addition to the zombies, he'll have to take on ghosts, witches and, worst, of all, grown-ups, to save his town from a centuries-old curse. But this young ghoulish whisperer may find his paranormal activities pushed to their otherworldly limits.

**Other movies to see in August:**

**August 17**

**Sparkle** with Whitney Houston

**August 23**

**Hit and Run** with Dax Shepard

**August 24**

**The Apparition** with Ashley Greene

**August 29**

**Lawless** with Shia LaBeouf

**August 31**

**The Possession** with Jeffrey Dean Morgan

**Daily Schedule**  
Monday—Thursday  
2012-2013

1st Period & Breakfast	8:00—8:55
Homeroom	8:55—9:05
2nd Period	9:05—9:50
3rd Period	9:50—10:35
4th Period	10:35—11:20
5th Period	11:20—12:05
Lunch	12:05—12:40
6th Period	12:50—1:40
7th Period	1:40—2:20
8th Period	2:20—3:00

**Friday Schedule A**  
Friday  
2012-2013

STEP	8:00—10:15
Habitat	8:00—10:15
Adopt-a-Stream	8:00—10:15
1st Period	10:30—11:15
2nd Period	11:15—12:05
Lunch	12:05—12:40
3rd Period	12:50—1:50
4th Period	1:50—2:50

**Friday Schedule B**  
Friday  
2012-2013

STEP	8:00—10:15
Habitat	8:00—10:15
Adopt-a-Stream	8:00—10:15
5th Period	10:30—11:15
6th Period	11:15—12:05
Lunch	12:05—12:40
7th Period	12:50—1:50
8th Period	1:50—2:50

# August 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 1st Day of School 1/2 Day	7 1/2 Day	8	9	10 Friday A Schedule 1/2 Day	11
12	13 Morning Motivation	14	15	16	17 Friday B Schedule 1/2 Day	18
19	20 Morning Motivation	21	22	23	24 Friday A Schedule	25
26	27 Morning Motivation	28	29	30		