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Spring 2026

ACADEMICS



Congratulations to the students from **Richmond Hill High School** student council for attending the General Assembly of Student Councils State Convention! They were elected by schools from across the state to be the Vice President School of the Georgia Association of Student Councils for 2026-2027. They will be helping plan and lead state conferences and conventions, work directly with GASC state advisors and executive board, represent Georgia student councils at state events, and influence initiatives, service projects, and leadership direction across the state. They also earned a Leadership Award for implementing school activities associated with the State Service Project Work2BWell, and the Council of Excellence award for various school initiatives.



Georgia Department of Education recently recognized **Bryan County Elementary School** as both a Title I Distinguished School and a Title I Reward School. The Title I Distinguished School award is presented to schools ranked in the top 5% of highest-performing schools in Georgia, while the Title I Reward School award recognizes schools in the top 5% for academic progress. These honors reflect the dedication, hard work, and commitment of the teachers, staff, and students who continue to make Bryan County Elementary School a Title I award-winning school.

2026 STAR Students & Teachers

The Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program honors Georgia's highest-achieving high school seniors and the teachers most instrumental in their academic development. As part of the STAR program, each student selects a teacher who has made a meaningful impact on their educational journey.



Congratulations to Andrew Long, for being named the **Bryan County High School** STAR Student! This prestigious honor recognizes outstanding academic achievement and excellence on the SAT. Andrew selected Mr. Blake NeSmith as his STAR Teacher

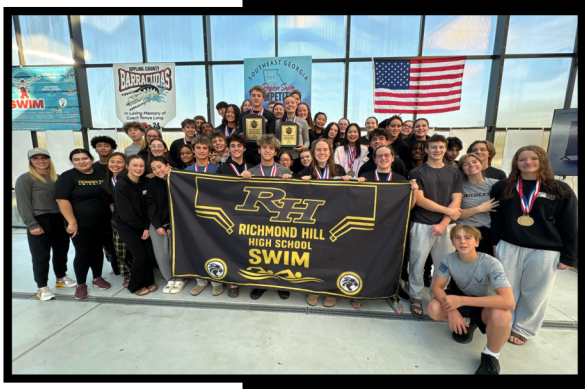


Congratulations to **Richmond Hill High School** seniors Delaney Thompson and Elizabeth Latimer for being named STAR Students after earning the highest SAT scores in their graduating class! Delaney selected Mrs. Cindy Dixon as her STAR Teacher, while Elizabeth selected Mrs. Faith Fitzgerald.

ATHLETICS



The **Lady Redskins** wrapped up an outstanding season by advancing to the region championship game and earning the title of Region Runner-Up. Throughout the season, the team demonstrated determination, resilience, and a strong commitment to excellence, consistently competing at a high level against tough opponents.



A huge congratulations to the **Richmond Hill High School** Boys and Girls Swim Teams on an outstanding performance at the GHSA 6A State Championship! Both teams finished in the top 10 overall, showcasing their hard work, dedication, and talent throughout the season. Special recognition goes to Joshua Montone, Anthony Whitney, Gavin Maish, and Wesley Hatala for earning a 3rd-place finish in the Boys 400 Free Relay. Congratulations as well to Abby Found for an impressive 2nd-place finish in the Girls 100 Fly. We are incredibly proud of all these athletes for representing Richmond Hill High School with excellence at the state level.



Bryan County High School softball players are being recognized for earning 2025 All-Greater Savannah Softball Team honors! This prestigious recognition highlights the dedication, determination, and outstanding performances these student-athletes demonstrated on the field throughout the season. The All-Greater Savannah Softball Team recognizes top players from across the Coastal Georgia area who have distinguished themselves statistically and competitively during the season. Congratulations to each of the players honored, as well as the coaches and the entire Bryan County High School Softball program for this remarkable achievement.

FINE ARTS

Congratulations to the **Bryan County High School** Band students who recently auditioned for All-State Band and District Honor Band! Representing Bryan County High School were Brooklyn Cason, Nolan Pickett, and Tripp Pincince in the 9–10 grade division, along with Kaitlyn VonWaldner and Ayden Parker in the 11–12 grade division. Auditioning for these ensembles requires students to perform prepared pieces, scales, and sight-reading selections in front of judges. A special congratulations goes to Tripp Pincince and Ayden Parker for advancing to the second round of the Georgia Music Educators Association All-State Band auditions.



Congratulations to **Richmond Hill High School** students Ahin Shin and Peyton Duncan for earning a spot in the Georgia All-State Orchestra! After successfully advancing through multiple rounds of competitive auditions, they have achieved one of the highest honors in student musicianship. This marks the fifth year Richmond Hill High School has been represented in the All-State Orchestra. Congratulations to Ahin and Peyton on this outstanding accomplishment and for representing Richmond Hill High School at the state level!



SOPRANO	ALTO	TENOR	BASS
Stacy Armour	April Aping	Antonio Cryer	Connor Avery
Kaylee Baclayon	Teagan Bowes	Gabe Edin	Ethan Blendowski
Halle Crump	Kileigh Duffy	Wynn Fegel	Landon Gooden
Ella Lake	Olivia Huff	Brycen Miller	Xavier Harden
Jada Mason	Gabrielle Kirkland		Landon Marietta
Chloe Peltier	Evelynn Kurczak		Noah Mattison
Alexa Shewmake	Diana Mack		Nathaniel Pietron
Madison Smoyer	Hailey Pinatiello		Matthew Somers
Sarah Stohl	Lily Ross		
Lillian Thompson	Halyn Scott		
Sarah Thompson	Kathryn Somers		
Stella Wilson	Isabella Vaughn		
Allie Witham			

Congratulations to the **Richmond Hill High School** Chorus students who were selected to participate in All-State Chorus. This year, more than 30 Richmond Hill High School students earned this title. Students successfully competed in a rigorous audition process, which includes performing selected pieces and demonstrating strong sight-reading skills. Those who are chosen have the opportunity to rehearse and perform alongside the best student vocalists in Georgia.

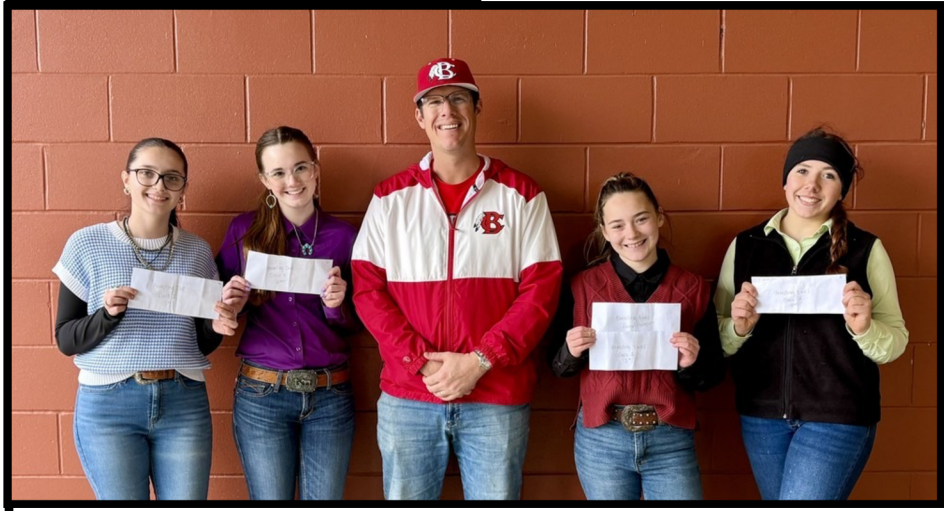
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The **Bryan County High School** F24 EV Car Team earned 1st place out of 14 cars, competing against teams from three states. Congratulations to drivers Smit Mahant, Izaeh Keifer, and Alex Ferron, along with pit crew members Ryder White, Bryce Ferron, Jaxson Ladd, and Ethan Wheeler, led by crew chief Reid White. The team secured 1st place in the Experimental Stock Division at the STEMfest 4.0 Greenpower USA Rally.



Bryan County High School's Drill Team had a great season as they ended the season heading to state! They placed 3rd in the region, which qualified them for the state competition. Congratulations to all students for this well deserved accomplishment!



Congratulations to the **Bryan County Middle High School** Livestock Team on their outstanding performances at the Portal Livestock Show. McKinleigh Futch earned 2nd place in Showmanship, 1st in her weight class, and was named Grand Champion overall in the Breeding Ewe division. Abby Robider placed 3rd in showmanship and 2nd in her weight class. Caroline Zachary earned 3rd in Showmanship and 2nd in her weight class with her Breeding Doe, while Hayden Howard placed 2nd in Showmanship, 1st in his weight class, and 3rd overall in the Breeding Doe division. Congratulations to these amazing students for their hard work, dedication, and success!



Approximately 300 eighth-grade students from Bryan County Schools took part in Industry Day, a hands-on career exploration experience hosted by the Development Authority of Bryan County. Students toured local industries across the county, seeing firsthand how classroom learning connects to real-world careers in manufacturing, healthcare, finance, and skilled trades.

ATHLETICS



Congratulations to the **Bryan County High School** Girls Track Team on finishing as State Runner-Up. What an amazing accomplishment and season for these incredible athletes! A huge shoutout to Braelynn Shuman for placing 2nd in pole vault once again at state.



Congratulations to the **Bryan County High School** Women's Golf Team on an outstanding season and a Top 10 finish at the State Finals.
The Lady Redskins finished 7th in the state, representing Bryan County with pride and determination all season long. These students and coaches worked hard to show their dedication and hard work throughout the season.



The **Richmond Hill Middle School** Girls and Boys Soccer teams both had an outstanding season securing a spot in the championships. The girls won the championship game earning them the title of Coastal Region Champions.



The **Richmond Hill Middle School** Boys Varsity and JV teams both pulled out a win as they both won regionals and became region champs! Congratulations to all the boys for their hard work out on the field and for wrapping up the season with a great win.

ACADEMICS

Richmond Hill High School's Literary Team has once again claimed the Region Championship title. The team earned first place in six categories, marking their eighth consecutive region championship. Students who placed first will advance to compete at the State Literary competition. We are incredibly proud of all the first-place winners and the entire team for continuing this tradition of excellence as Region Champions.



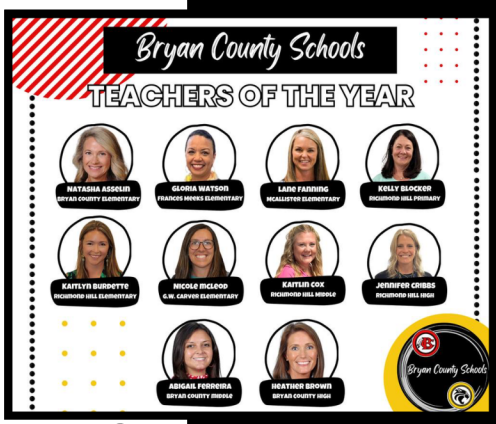
Congratulations to Opeyemi Adeniji from **Richmond Hill Middle School** for winning the Bryan County School District Spelling Bee. He competed in the District 8 Spelling Bee on February 28 at the Yamacraw Center for the Performing Arts in Savannah. Great job, Opeyemi!



Bryan County High School and **Richmond Hill High School** celebrated seniors who are pursuing careers in education and working toward becoming future educators. From Bryan County High School, we recognize Madison Aldridge, Madelyn Walraven, Sierra Wiggins, McKinley Walker, and Madison Hudgins. From Richmond Hill High School, we recognize Faith George, Tessa Mulvey, Kellie Linnderman, Audrey Hutchins, Adia Forster, Alyssa Bednarski, Kenzie Clark, Peyton Sanders, Anderson Hawkins, Cleyburn Bullock, Taylor Wilkinson, Audrey Overturn, and Loudon Shilling. Congratulations to these outstanding students as they take the next steps toward shaping the future through education.



A huge congratulations to the newest Teachers of the Year for **Bryan County Schools**. We recognize Natasha Asselin from Bryan County Elementary, Gloria Watson from Frances Meeks Elementary, Lane Fanning from McAllister Elementary, Kelly Blocker from Richmond Hill Primary, Kaitlyn Burdette from Richmond Hill Elementary, Nicole McLeod from Carver Elementary, Kailtyn Cox from Richmond Hill Middle, Jennifer Cribbs from Richmond Hill High, Abigail Ferreira from Bryan County Middle, and Heather Brown from Bryan County High. Each school-level Teacher of the Year is selected by their peers in recognition of their outstanding dedication, performance, and impact on students and staff. We are proud to celebrate these exceptional educators and thank them for all they do for our schools and community!



ATHLETICS

Congratulations to **Richmond Hill High School** Junior Alexa Mohler on winning 72-70, just 2-under par to win the Girls 16-18 age group at the NB3 Junior Masters. Her two stroke victory earned her not only a framed green jacket but also a spot in the Notah Begay III Junior Golf National Championship regional final being played June 30 and July 1 at Bartram Trail Golf Club. At the Regional final, Mohler will compete for a chance to advance to the National Championship tournament being played November 1-3 at Koasati Pines at Coushatta in Kinder, Louisiana. Way to go Alexa and congratulations again.



The **Richmond Hill High School** Lady's Soccer Team had an amazing season. They won Regionals, being crowned the undefeated Regional Champions, and went on to the Elite 8 at State. Congratulations to all the ladies who were a part of the team that was able to make this achievement happen. You hard work and team dedication showed throughout the season! Go Wildcats.





Congratulations to the **Richmond Hill High School** E-Sports Team! The Splatoon team Calamari (Joseph Alvarez, Joshua Alvarez, Jeremiah Light, and Grant Leyden) competed at the Bartow County eSports Arena for the first time. They have often made it to the Final 8, but this is the first time they made it to the Semi-Finals on the season that Splatoon Travels. In the Fall, this team remained undefeated until the Playoffs where they got knocked out in the Semi-Finals, but still had a great turnout!

FINE ARTS



Congratulations to the **Bryan County Middle School** Band students who recently auditioned for All-State Band and District Honor Band! Representing Bryan County Middle School were Isaac VonWaldner-6th chair Trombone, Hunter McLaughlin-3rd chair French Horn, and Finn Parker-2nd chair Alto Saxophone and advancing to the 2nd round of All-State. Auditioning for these ensembles requires students to perform prepared musical pieces, scales, and sight-reading exercises before a panel of judges, demonstrating their musical skill and commitment to excellence. We are proud of these three students for their hard work and commitment to excellence!



Seven **Richmond Hill High School** students earned an impressive 14 awards at the 2026 Scholastic Art Awards. Congratulations to Nicole Canale, Greta Hewitt, Ellis Jean, Zoe Lee, Hannah Rudy, Suejin Kang, and Zoey Wadsworth. This highly competitive program features thousands of artists across Georgia, with only a few hundred selected as winners. All Gold Key artworks will advance to the National Scholastic Art Awards to compete against top student artists from across the country. Great job to all who participated and earned recognition.

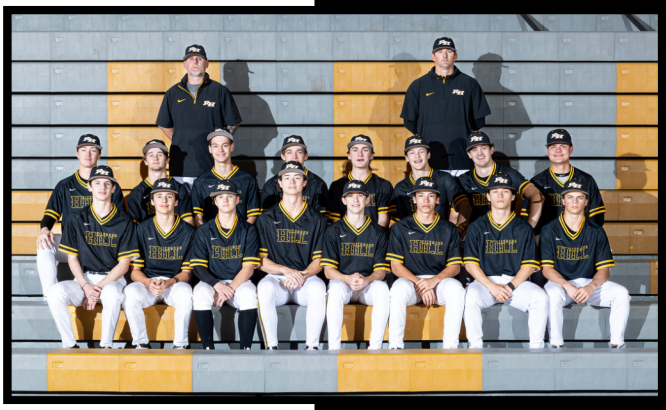
ATHLETICS



The Bryan County High School Boys Tennis Team headed to state playoffs this season after placing 3rd in the region and advancing to the Sweet 16. Congratulations to all boys who were a part of this accomplishment and for having an outstanding season.



Richmond Hill Middle School's boys and girls golf teams closed out the season by winning the Coastal Empire Middle School Golf Region Championship finishing a year built on consistency and steady play. The boys and girls won their eighth consecutive middle school golf league championship. Great job to both boys and girls golf teams on their season.



The **Richmond Hill High School** JV Baseball Team went on their way to Regionals to then move on to the 1st round of state playoffs, to then win the Coastal Georgia League Championship. Congratulations to all the boys for their accomplishments this season and all their hard work.



The **Richmond Hill High School** boys and girls track teams had outstanding performances at the state meet, with both teams finishing in the Top 10 in the state. Congratulations to Kendrick Joshua, TreShaun Grant, Sam Awe, and Jayden Taylor for setting a new school record in the boys 4x400 relay; Chloe Miller for setting a new record in the 1600m; Jaleal Barnard for setting a new Shot Put record; and Kinley Gibson, Maleaha Pritchitt, Chloe Miller, and Trinity Perine for setting a new girls 4x400 relay record. Special congratulations to Kendrick Joshua and Timothy Alston for being named state champions in the 300m hurdles and 100m hurdles. Great job to all Richmond Hill High School boys and girls track.

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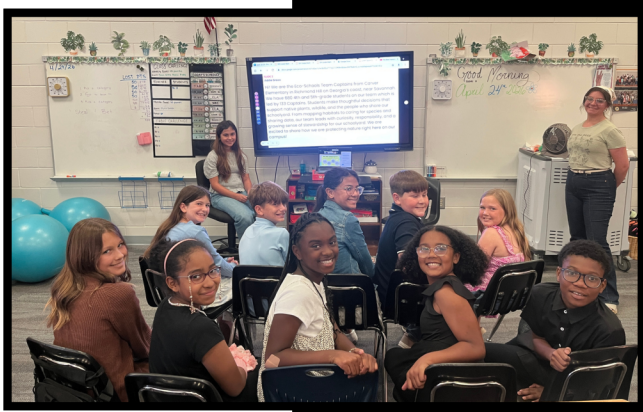
Bryan County Middle High School students competed at District Project Achievement. Project Achievement is an opportunity through 4H, to enhance a variety of skills that are beneficial to college and work environments. Some of these students went on to be top competitors including, Braelynn Gravino, Lauren Howard, Lily Walraven, and Savannah Simms. Congratulations to these students and also Aubrianna Stewart and Lacey Howell for advancing to state congress to compete for the Master 4-H status in their project!



Congratulations to Whitney Gale from **Frances Meeks Elementary School** for being recognized as an Exemplary ESOL Teacher by the Georgia Department of Education! This award represents the outstanding work Whitney portrays for her students every day in and out of the classroom.



Bryan County Middle High School hosted the Annual H2GP Race and showcased an outstanding performance on the track. BCMHS had nine team compete, and all nine teams earned placements in the top 10. Over the past several months, these students dedicated countless hours to designing, testing, and improving their hydrogen-powered vehicles. Their hard work and innovation have earned them the opportunity to compete in the World Finals in Switzerland. Congratulations to all BCMHS students on their incredible achievements and dedication.



Carver Elementary School proudly represented Bryan County Schools at Green Spark 2026, a national showcase celebrating students creating real-world solutions for people and the planet. Students presented Carver's National Wildlife Federation Eco-Schools Green Flag project, Seeds of Stewardship, highlighting their work in habitat restoration, invasive species removal, native seed collection, and wildlife stewardship on campus. Mrs. Reece's fifth-grade students did an outstanding job representing their school and community. Outdoor recreation was also awarded the Georgia GOLD Grant, receiving $5,000 to support continued conservation, field science, and ecological monitoring efforts across Carver's 50-acre campus.



Congratulations to **Bryan County Middle High School** for earning the Global STEM Opportunity with Industry Support from Hyundai Motor Groups. With a generous $10,000 contribution, Hyundai is helping Bryan County Middle High School student teams make their way to the tracks at the H2GP World Finals in Switzerland this June. This opportunity will help these students show off the amazing creations they have made come to life.

ATHLETICS



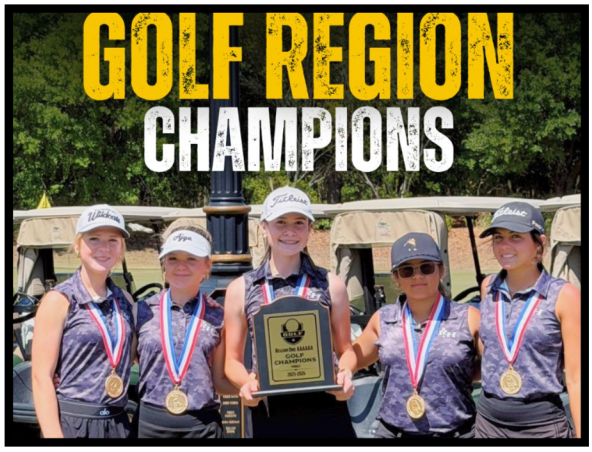
Congratulations to the **Bryan County High School** Varsity Baseball Team on an incredible season and making it to the Sweet 16. Although the season came to an end at the Sweet 16, these student-athletes represented Bryan County with pride, determination, and hard work throughout the year. We are proud of all they accomplished this season.



Congratulations to the **Bryan County Middle School** boys soccer team for an outstanding season. The boys went on to regionals and wrapped up their season there with great team work.

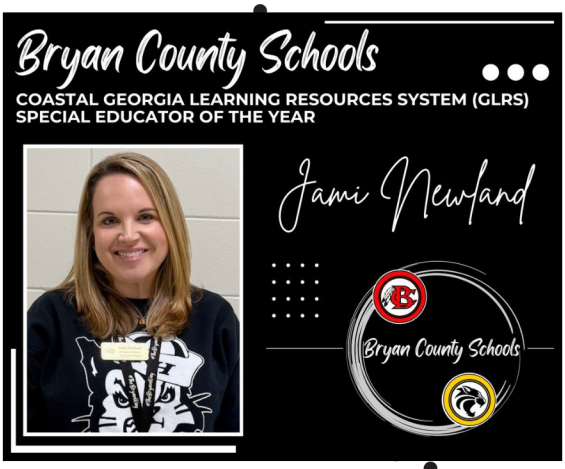


The **Richmond Hill High School** Boys Varsity Soccer Team had an outstanding season earning the Region Champions. They made it to State Playoffs and ended off their season after the first round, but these Wildcats made a great outcome for the season as Region Champs. Congratulations to all the boys for the team work and dedication.



Richmond Hill High School's girls golf team made history by capturing the Region Championship with a record-breaking performance. The Wildcats posted a program-record team score of 224 and secured a dominant 22-shot victory at the 6A Area 1 Tournament. The team's success continued beyond the regional level, as they went on to place 3rd in the GHSA Class 6A State Championship, marking one of the most successful seasons in program history.

ACADEMICS



Congratulations to Jami Newland, Occupational Therapist, on being named the Coastal Georgia Learning Resources System Special Educator of the Year for **Bryan County Schools.** Jami supports students at Richmond Hill Primary, Richmond Hill Elementary, and Carver Elementary, and we are proud to recognize her outstanding dedication and service as our Bryan County Schools Special Educator of the Year. She will be honored at the GLRS/FDRESA award ceremony at Effingham's College and Career Academy.



Congratulations to the **Bryan County Schools** Young Georgia Authors Winners. Three entries receive first place, and nine of the thirteen total entries placed in the competition. Students from **McAllister Elementary**, **Richmond Hill Middle**, and **Richmond Hill High School** were awarded these spots. An impressive accomplishment that reflects the dedication of both our students and the educators who support them.



Congratulations to our **2026 Governor's Honors Program Semifinalists**! These incredible young ladies will go on to compete in the final round of the competition next weekend in front of a panel of judges as they complete a series of interviews and performance-based challenges. These young ladies are Communicative Arts: Catalina O'Connor, Izabelle Jones and Alyssa Graham, Music/Voice: Sarah Stohl, Science/Physics: Sierra Shivar, Social Studies: Sarah Hartley, and Visual Arts: Suejin Kang.



Bryan County High School student Brooklynn Cason has been accepted into the highly competitive Youth LEAD Georgia program! This prestigious leadership experience, supported by Chick-fil-A and the UGA Fanning Institute, includes statewide retreats and a leadership role in the Annual Summit.

ATHLETICS

The **Richmond Hill High School** Girls Lacrosse Team had an outstanding season heading to the first round of state playoffs with the title of Region Champs. Congratulations to these ladies for the hard work and dedication they put into making those accomplishments happen.





Congratulations to the **Bryan County Middle School** Boys Basketball team on finishing the season as Region Runner-Ups. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and teamwork throughout the season.



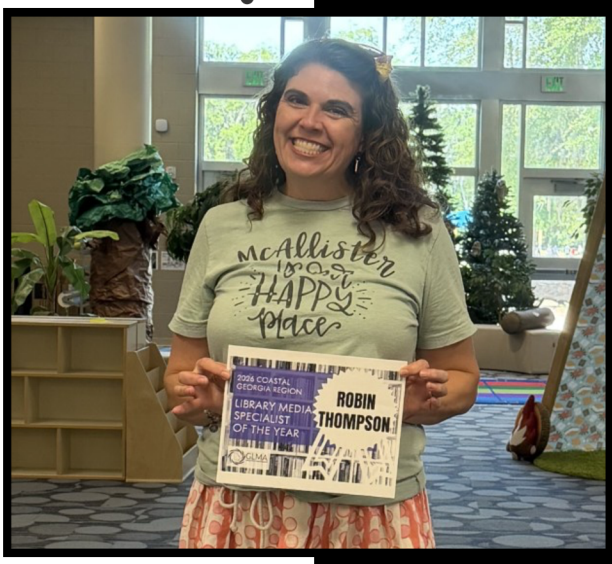


Congratulations to the **Richmond Hill Middle School** Wrestling Team for being Region Champions. It was a three-way tie between Richmond Hill Middle School, Ebenezer, and South Effingham, but Richmond Hill won the head to head by only four points to claim this years title. The following students won 1st place in their weight class: Luca Vitello, Lincoln English, Parker Jones, Barrett Bishop, Cameron MacDonald, Paxton Carter, Kamrynn Sullivan, Cassidy Hensley, Ava Crowley, Teagan Parker, Brianna Tatum, Ellasyn Rush, and Shaianne Bates.

The following students won 2nd place in their weight class: Baylen Kirkland, Nash Broady, Travis Bray, Logan Taylor, Declan Lynch, Olivia Kinnard, Penelope St. Pierre, Tori Steadman, Nicole Gross, Mallika Lester, Aubrey Kaapa, Claire Robinson, Mindy Mercer, Sophie Mulligan, Kendall Lewis, and Zoe Ortega.

The following students won 3rd place in their weight class: Jameson English, Xavier Pritchard, Youhanan Bernier, Blakley Escue, Emalynn Del Alto, Madelyn Condit, and Emilia Leopardi.

ACADEMICS



Congratulations to Robin Thompson, Media Specialist at **McAllister Elementary School**, for being named the 2026 Coastal Georgia Region Library Media Specialist of the Year for the Georgia Library Media Association. Georgia Library Media Association sponsors the Georgia School Library Media Specialist of the Year award to recognize K-12 library media specialists with dynamic, innovative programs and whose instructional collaborations foster student engagement and achievement. As a regional winner, Mrs. Thompson will now compete for the Georgia Library Media Association Media Specialist of the Year.



Frances Meeks Elementary and **McAllister Elementary Schools** were awarded the Governor's Office of Student Achievement. This award recognizes schools for high academic performance and growth through the Single Statewide Accountability System. Frances Meeks Elementary earned Gold in Greatest Gains and Bronze in Highest Performing along with McAllister Elementary who earned Bronze in Highest Performing as well. Congratulations to both schools on winning these awards and for making better efforts for all the students.



McAllister Elementary School was awarded the Georgia Department of Education's Military Flagship School designation. The Georgia Department of Education Military Flagship Award honors schools that go above and beyond to support military-connected students and families by creating an environment that eases transitions and promotes academic success. Congratulations to the teachers, counselors, staff. administrators, and Military Family Life Counselor at McAllister Elementary who consistently go above and beyond to support and serve students every day.

BRYAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL





Bryan County Schools celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Bryan County High School on May 20! This event marked an important step forward for the Pembroke community and for the students and staff of Bryan County Middle High School. The school is planned to open in August 2029, providing new opportunities for students to grow through academics, fine arts, career pathways, and athletics.