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2017 Baccalaureate

By: Peyton Sturdivant

On Sunday, May 7, 2017, the seniors, teachers, families, and the 8th grade valedictorian and salutatorian will meet at the First Baptist Church in Sweetwater. The church will hold a service in honor of the graduating students.

The 8th grade salutatorian Jamie Harrell and valedictorian Jaidyn Greer will both be giving speeches as they accept the titles. I spoke with Jaidyn about accepting the title of valedictorian, and she said, "I'm honored to be the valedictorian of my class." The majority of the baccalaureate is focused on celebrating the graduation of this year's seniors and the 8th grade class becoming freshmen.

Baccalaureate will start at the church at 7:00 p.m. The seniors will be expected to arrive closer to 6:30 to prepare for the service and dress in their cap and gowns to walk down the pew aisle.

Though it is not mandatory, the school heavily suggests attendance from the seniors and 8th grade valedictorian and salutatorian.

Parents, family, and anyone else who wishes to see their student at the service is allowed to attend. It is open to the entire community, like any other church service.

As we see the seniors off this next week, wish them all well and the best of luck in their lives past high school. Congratulations, seniors! I can't wait to see the rest of you Sunday.



State FFA Convention

By: Cara Grant

On May 2, 2017, thirteen members of the Sweetwater FFA Chapter left for state convention in OKC. At this convention the students got to listen to several speakers including our state FFA officers. In between sessions the students were able to explore Bricktown. Each student was required to meet a set of qualifications and have a satisfactory grade in all classes to participate. The following students participated:

- Devon Davis
- Dalton Harrell
- Jessi Porter
- Colton Reed
- Kinsey Wallace
- Hanna Hill
- Cody Keathley
- Autumn Dyess
- Michael Harrell
- Payton Hill
- Veronica Watson
- Destaney Edwards
- Jamie Harrell

I spoke with Dalton Harrell about the convention, and he said, "We all had a blast, even though the seniors had to be the last ones walking across the stage to accept our state degrees." The whole experience was a lot of fun and a great way for our FFA chapter to get out and involved on the state level!



Sweetwater Soft Seven

By: Peyton Sturdivant

The Soft Seven competition is a competition that allows students who are in elementary to test their quick math skills and compete to be the best. This year Sweetwater Schools are participating in the competition for the first time!

In the competition grades 3-8 compete by doing multiplication problems. 1st and 2nd grade compete with addition problems.

I spoke with Ms. Megli, the elementary math teacher, about the competition, and she said, "I think doing the soft seven competition has been beneficial to my math students. It has pushed them to learn their facts and see how far they can go."

After the regional competition, which took place April 27th, 2017, one student in the elementary school showed his math skills to be phenomenal. Cody Corgison is working his way up the multiplication table. He is now working on multiplying 19's, and has already memorized all the numbers below 19. He will go to a state competition on Friday, May 5th, 2017. Wish him luck, and let's see how far he can go!



Senior Tradition

By: Kinsey Wallace

This year Sweetwater seniors decided that they are actually going to follow and even create some senior traditions. Due to absences of some of the classmates and a very busy schedule, they did not complete senior skip day.

Instead of senior skip day, they created a new tradition which is a senior lock in. The seniors will be staying the night at the school on Sunday, May 7th, 2017. This is also the night of baccalaureate. I asked Devon Bachiochi what he thought, and he said, "I'm excited; I think this will be a great memory of high school. I've always wanted to stay the night at the school." This is kind of odd since he doesn't like being here during the day. The seniors are excited for this experience and hope that the following classes might continue this new tradition.

The seniors are also following the tradition of senior prank. The past two years the pranks have not been very exciting, so the seniors of 2017 wanted to step it up a little. They filled the entry way by Mrs. Joy's office with cups of water. The senior class also did several other mischievous things. It ended up giving the faculty a little anger, but lots of laughs.



- *Kindergarten Graduation- May 10th at 2:00 p.m. This is the pre-k and kinder's last day!!*
- *Senior Graduation- May 12th at 7:00 p.m.*



Regional Track Meet

By: Cara Grant

May 1, 2017, held many wonderful occurrences. It was the first day of May; it marked us one month closer to the freedom of summer, and it was the last track meet before state. The regional track meet at Velma-Alma was also the first track meet in a long time that we've seen the sun! We had five runners at the track meet, and three runners who medaled.

- Colton Reed
- Devon Davis
- Hanna Hill
- Payton Hill
- Veronica Watson
- Cara Grant
- Destaney Edwards

Colton Reed qualified for state in the 800 m, 1600 m, and 3200 m. Payton Hill qualified in the 100 m hurdles and 300 m hurdles. The state track meet is Friday, May 5, 2017, and the entire Sweetwater track team will be going to support Colton and Payton. We will attend the meet on Friday, spend the night in a hotel, and attend the following meet on Saturday. I spoke with Coach Bohannon about the regional meet, and he said, "I thought it went really well." We are very proud of our runners and wish Colton and Payton the best of luck at state!



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Feel Good, Give Blood, Eat Pizza

By: Kinsey Wallace

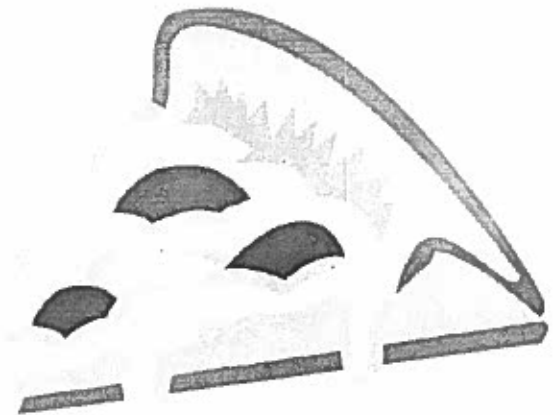
On May 4, 2017, Mrs. Richardson, the English teacher at Sweetwater, held a pizza party. This party was for all the students who either donated blood at the last blood drive or had someone give blood for them.

The pizza party was at lunchtime in Sweetwater's lobby. The students had plenty of pizza and were given money to buy a drink from the drink machine at the school that contains water, Gatorade, and pop.

Here are the students who were at the pizza party:

- Kinsey Wallace
- Dalton Harrell
- Katelyn Kennedy
- Hanna Hill
- Karol Parker
- Autumn Dyess
- Payton Hill
- Jaidyn Greer
- Lauren Sumpter
- Noelia Delgado

The pizza was delicious and a great way to get students involved in the blood drive. I asked Dalton Harrell about it, and he said, "I enjoyed it. The pizza was good, and I found out that I get an honorary cord for graduation thanks to my blood donations." Well that is very wonderful; thank you to everyone who donates blood, and thank you to Mrs. Richardson for keeping everyone so involved.



MENU

Monday
5/8

Breakfast: Potluck

Lunch: Potluck

Tuesday
5/9

Breakfast: Potluck

Lunch: Potluck

Wednesday
5/10

Breakfast: Potluck

Lunch: Potluck

Thursday
5/11

Breakfast: Potluck

Lunch: Potluck

Friday
5/12

Breakfast: Potluck

Lunch: Can you guess it? *drumroll* POTLUCK

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