

A Look Back at 2009:

- In January, Teresa Cowherd, a teacher at Parker-Bennett-Curry, was inducted to the **Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame**.
- Kevin Briley was named the **2009 High School Music Teacher of the Year**.
- The first **LEGO Robotics** Team at Potter Gray competed in the state robotics tournament at WKU.
- In February, the first-ever **District Technology Showcase** was held at Bowling Green Junior High.
- Bowling Green Independent Schools converted the student data software from STI to **Infinite Campus**, including Parent Portal for Bowling Green High School and Bowling Green Junior High.
- Spring Musicals: BGHS presented *The Pajama Game* and BGJHS, *The Wizard of Oz*.
- Clayton Crocker and Richard Korte were named **2009 National Merit Finalists**.
- Bowling Green Independent Schools achieved **District Accreditation** by AdvancED & SACS-CASI.
- The BGHS Purples basketball team advanced to the **Sweet 16** for the first time in 18 years.
- In April, over 26% of BGHS students participated in **Advanced Placement** exams. Approximately 62% of those exams resulted in a score of 3 or higher, earning college credit.
- Sixteen BGJHS 7th graders were recognized by the **Duke Talent Identification Program** for their scores on the ACT.
- Nine BGHS alumni were inducted to the Alumni Association's **Hall of Honor**:
 - Charles C. Garvin (1930), Entrepreneur
 - Nancy Hill Cron (1964), Musician
 - Paula Smith Dermody (1972), Philanthropist
 - David A. Bradford (1974), Entrepreneur
 - Paul Eric Turner (1975), Harvard Coach
 - Bill Caudill (1982), VP, Fox Interactive Media
 - James N. Johnson (1985), Sports Medicine
 - Daniel Hill (1988), Architect
 - Claci Miller Juday (1993), Actress
- On May 31, 245 Purples graduated as part of the **Class of 2009**. Graduates were offered over \$8.55 million in scholarships from 48 different colleges and universities.
- During the summer of 2009, 8 BGHS students attended the **Governor's Scholars Program** and 2 attended the **Governor's School for the Arts**.
- *Newsweek* ranked Bowling Green High School #554 among the top 1,500 public high schools nationwide.
- The new T. C. Cherry Elementary School opened in August, completing over **\$18 million in construction and renovation** projects across the district.
- The BGJHS Girls Cross Country and 8th Grade Football Teams won **2009 State Championships**.
- Potter Gray was recognized as a **2009 National Blue Ribbon School**.
- Tara Coomes (BGHS) and Reneta Dieme (PBC) earned **National Board Certification**, and Ann Pollard (BGJHS) was recertified as a National Board Certified Teacher. Currently, 19 teachers in Bowling Green Schools hold the NBCT distinction.
- The Bowling Green Independent Schools **Goals & Expectations** were published in an educational leadership book, *It's Not Us Against Them* by Raymond McNulty.
- In December, *US News & World Report* awarded a third consecutive Silver Medal to Bowling Green High School, recognizing the school among the top public high schools in America.
- And finally, Parker-Bennett-Curry Elementary was recognized in December 2009 as an **ENERGY Star** school by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Throughout the year, the Bowling Green Board of Education awarded 23 **Beyond the Call** certificates to employees going above and beyond.
- Also in 2009, over 170 community members and employees served as **mentors** to students of Bowling Green Schools.

*Happy
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Year!*