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# BIG BLUE

## GREETINGS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Advent is a time for preparation – and it seems so easy to become lost in the preparations of the holidays that we forget the real reason for the season, the preparation of the birth of Jesus.

It is also a season of waiting, something we aren't accustomed to doing, as teachers busily prepare for the next lesson, as staff prepare for the next school event, as students prepare for their next project or test. We often fail to pause and reflect upon our purpose at BSH and the hope our students bring.

Nothing warms my heart more than our Big Sibbs program and the love of our BSH family which I think you'll get a feel

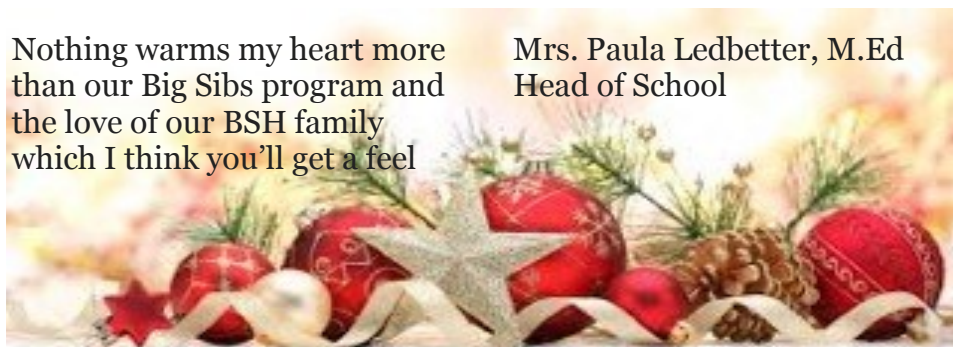
for in this issue of Big Blue. Speaking of family...our Knights family expanded by 3 this fall as Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Bussman, and I each welcomed sweet baby girls!



I wish you peace and joy this Christmas season and look forward to what 2019 will bring to BSH!

Mrs. Paula Ledbetter, M.Ed  
Head of School

## Knights Return to Glory



## GRADUATION & BOOK AWARDS

### Senior Awards -2018

The following awards and scholarships were presented to the selected seniors during the graduation ceremony in June 2018.

#### Valedictorian Award

The Valedictorian Award was established to honor the senior with the highest GPA in his/her class. This \$1000 scholarship was given to Zachary Dickerson.

#### Salutatorian Award

The Salutatorian Award is given to the senior with the second highest GPA in his/her class. This \$500 scholarship was given to Molly Morgan.

#### Walter Gannon Scholarship

The Walter Gannon Diocesan Scholarship is a one-time scholarship

to help defray academic costs for the first year of college. The criteria for this award include high level of scholarship and concern for others. The recipient of this \$1,500 scholarship was Kathryn Long.



#### Knight's Honor Scholarship

The Knight's Honor Scholarship is dedicated to recognizing a deserving Blessed Sacrament Huguenot Catholic School senior with a proven record of helping others within their community. The re-

cipient must demonstrate outstanding leadership skills, distinguished moral principles and have a strong academic standing. uKnighthed will fund a one-time \$2,500 scholarship as evidence of their commitment to cultivating lifelong learning and to encouraging our young people's service to God and Humanity. The recipient of this scholarship was Colby Johnson.

#### Principal's Award

The Principal's Award is a one-time scholarship given to a senior chosen by the Head of School. This \$250 award was given to Catherine Ruskan.

#### Faculty Award

The Faculty Award is a one-time \$250 award given to a senior who has positively contributed to the community culture of Blessed Sacrament Huguenot. This award is voted on by the entire staff and faculty. This scholarship was given to Erin Claud.

### Junior Book Awards-2018

**The Jefferson Book Award** is presented to a junior who best represents the Jeffersonian ideals of scholarship, leadership and citizenship. The award consists of a book titled "Quotable Jefferson" and a personalized certificate signed by President Teresa Sullivan. The 2018 recipient of the Jefferson Book Award was Cameron Hipps.

#### The John Merchant Book Award

recognizes the high school junior who best exemplifies a dedication to increasing and improving diversity in his or her school community. Award recipients are selected on the basis of their contributions to promoting harmony and equality among persons of all races, religions, creeds and cultures and are given John Merchant's autobiography titled, "A Journey Worth Taking: An Unpredictable Adventure." The 2018 recipient of the John Merchant Book Award was Caroline Murphy.

***Congratulations to  
all the recipients!***

**The Randolph-Macon College Leadership Award** is given to a junior who is an excellent student academically and enrolled in a solid college preparatory program. The recipient should be a well-rounded individual who excels in the classroom and is also an active participant in extracurricular activities, especially in leadership roles. The student recipient will be automatically eligible to receive a merit scholarship of at least \$15,000 per year. The 2018 Randolph-Macon College Leadership Award was given to Kemper Roudabush.

**The Richmond Alumnae Panhellenic Book Award** is presented to a female in the junior class with community involvement, philanthropic service, positive attitude, scholarship achievement and strong leadership skills. The 2018 recipient of this award was Bevan Fichter.

**The Randolph College Book Award** is given to a high school junior who is academically strong and who is a leader outside of the classroom. Any student who receives the Randolph College Book Award is automatically considered for a merit scholarship of at least \$5,000 per year if he/she applies and is accepted for admission to the College. The 2018 recipient of this award was Mark Tosch.

**The William and Mary Leadership Award** is presented to one outstanding member of the junior class. This award is intended to recognize young leaders in their community. The recipient receives a certificate as well as a copy of the book, "A Passion for Leadership." The leadership award is given to a student who exemplifies school spirit, is highly involved in extracurricular activities, has a strong academic record, is an innovative thinker, and has earned the respect of teachers. The 2018 William and Mary Leadership Award was given to Reilly Dickerson.

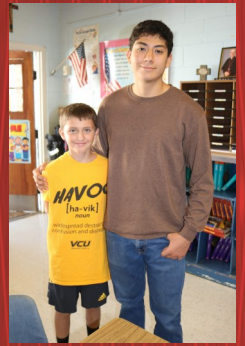
**The DAR Youth Citizenship Medal** is given to a student that exhibits the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. The 2018 recipient of this medal was Michael Kemp.





## Catholic Identity...

At BSH we celebrate the opportunities we have to provide students ages 2-12th grade activities grounded in faith, love, and service to others. One example is our BIG SIBS program whereby students in PK through 5th grade are paired with Upper School students to focus on Prayer and Bible study. We meet once a month to “Walk in the footsteps of Jesus.” These activities may be based on faith oriented craft, game or even trimming the tree and caroling. The bonds made between students across campus strengthens our BSH family.



We walk in the footsteps of Jesus!



## *BSH in the News...*

### BSH Students Loving LATIN!

In November, Mr. Patrick Winterrowd accompanied his Latin students to the annual Virginia Junior Classical League Convention, which was held at the Richmond Convention Center. Every year, the students and teachers work hard to represent our school during two long days full of tests, seminars, and activities. After the hard work is done, students celebrate at a toga party dinner and dance complete with a karaoke contest, where teachers take the utmost pride in embarrassing their kids. Fun was had by all and we look forward to next year's convention! Thank you Mr. Winterrowd for being the amazing and dedicated teacher you are!



Earlier this fall, BSH welcomed home Lieutenant Commander Nathan Rocklein of the U.S. Navy, from his deployment in Africa, in a surprise gathering at school for his two children. Students and teachers from Lower School and Early Childhood classes were in attendance to witness the family's reunion. Happy tears all around as the kids rushed into Daddy's arms and wouldn't let go! Welcome home and thank you for your service!

Check out the article in the Powhatan Today:  
*Returning Powhatan serviceman surprises his children during school day at Blessed Sacrament Huguenot 9/20/2018*

On November 1st and 2nd the Honors College Writing and Shakespeare class completed mock College interviews. Each student prepared a portfolio with their resume and a college essay for their surprise panel of interviewers. Mrs. Lively led the mock interview process and allowed students to share their interest in their chosen school and answer questions accordingly. Students were evaluated on their poise, answers, and ability to think on their feet. This was a fantastic experience for all, but particularly our students who were able to have real feedback on their interviews as they prepare for life beyond BSH!!





# GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY

On September 7, 2018, we welcomed over 150 grandparents and special friends to the BSH campus. Following a social with refreshments in our newly renovated cafeteria, Early Childhood and Lower School guests visited classrooms to work on fun activities together. Upper School students led tours, served as proxy grandparents and also had special time with their family and friends. The final portion of our morning included a performance by students in Pre K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade who sang *The Teddy Bear Song* and *Is There Anything I Can Do For You?* The program concluded with a touching blessing for grandparents and special friends.



~ BSH is Family ~



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**all of the donors to the**  
**2017-2018 Annual Fund.**

### **NOTES about this list:**

Please remember the names listed on the 2017-2018 Honor Roll of Annual Fund Donors gave **direct monetary contributions** to the Annual Fund. This list does not include those who participated by way of donating to or attending individual fundraisers.

Gifts to the Annual Fund at the "club" level (\$100 or more) are given recognition in the Honor Roll of Donors.

Your donation to the 2018-19 Annual Fund will ensure that BSH students continue to have a high quality, faith-based education and small class sizes. Donate at [bshknights.org/givenow](http://bshknights.org/givenow)  
Thank you in advance!

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# HOMECOMING & SPIRIT WEEK



## KNIGHTS ON 3, FAMILY ON 6

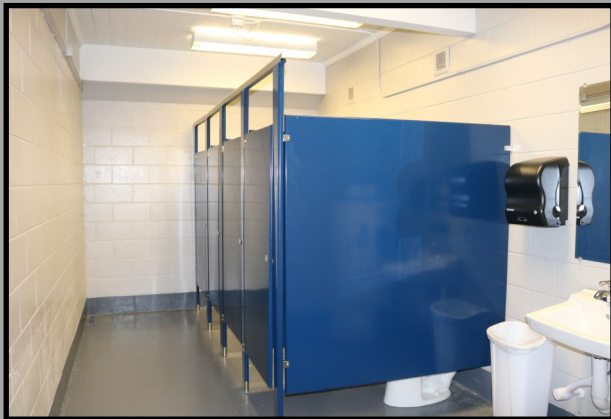
This past season for Knights Football was one of the most defining in recent history. With the commitment and dedication of 14 Seniors, including some who had never stepped on a football field in uniform, BSH football was set back on track. Coach Shawn Pickett led the Knights to finish the season 7-2. We welcomed Coach Gary Brock back to the field, and had record player turn out. Our Knights Football story was picked up by the Richmond Times Dispatch and local news stations. It was truly a season to remember and a great foundation to build on. Thank you to all of the coaches, student-athletes, parents, supporters and spectators!





## BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

At the 2018 Beef & Music Festival auction we rallied together and raised money to help fund a complete overhaul of the BSH bathrooms. Thanks to our many generous donors, and in combination with the Diocesan Capital Matching Grant Program, over the summer we were able to update all of the student bathrooms on campus!



This was a welcomed and much needed project for our facilities, and just the beginning of what's to come!

We would like to acknowledge the following families for their contributions to the bathroom renovations:

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Anderson  
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## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The Facilities Committee, made up of devoted BSH parents and staff, is hard at work putting together a comprehensive plan for the future look of BSH. The curb appeal, and first impression of our school should reflect the inner beauty of our school family. Exciting times are ahead and we encourage all who are willing to join the committee!





## CAFETERIA UPDATES

It was a busy summer on campus, as the Cafeteria received a much-needed facelift as well. Crews worked around the clock to have this freshly painted space ready to go for the beginning of the school year. Now the cafeteria sports our Knights pride with blue and grey!



## WALKWAY ADDITIONS

### RESERVE YOUR BRICKS TODAY



Buy a Brick~Build a Dream~  
Leave a Legacy

Blessed Sacrament Huguenot Catholic School is offering your child the opportunity to leave their legacy on our campus walkways, known as "Follow the BSH Road..." Personalize your child's brick with their name, graduation date, clip art, or a special message. Buy a brick that will become a part of our school forever, and memorialize your support.

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# ALUMNI CLASS NEWS...

## Alumni Relations

Have you been promoted, taken a new job or landed your first job? Do you have good news to share about a recent marriage, birth, honor or award? Let your classmates know! Please submit your news today by going to our website under the "Alumni" tab.



### **Best of luck to BSH alumni Jacob Bonds and Liza Moore as they prepare to study abroad this spring!**

Jacob is a member of the BSH Class of 2017 and is currently a sophomore at the University of Tennessee majoring in Supply Chain Management with a collateral in International Business. He is involved in one of the business college's professional fraternities, Delta Sigma Pi, and continues to do community service and projects within the school community with brothers in the organization. Jacob will be studying abroad in London this spring and will be taking classes and working with a company as an intern.

Liza is a member of the BSH Class of 2016 and is currently in her third year at VCU where she is majoring in Art History and minoring in Italian Studies. She says, "VCU has been a wonderful experience thus far, offering me opportunities I never would have dreamed of. Over the



summer, I was lucky to be able to attend the Università per Stranieri in Perugia, Italy to undertake a 6 credit language and culture course. I had a fantastic time meeting new people, studying the language and interacting with local culture. Next semester, I will be attending Sotheby's Institute of Art in London, UK for art business classes, as well as an internship placement. Afterwards I will return for my final semester at VCU in the fall of 2019. I look forward to the future and the possibilities that it holds!"

## Bethlehem Walk



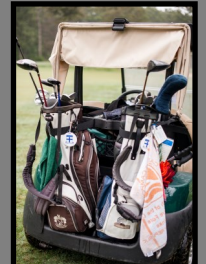
Parents, students, and teachers celebrated the true meaning of Christmas during our annual trip to the Bethlehem Walk. It was a great way to kick off the holiday season and spend time with our school family.





# 25th Annual Tom Connelly Cup Golf Tournament

Thank you to those who participated in our 25th Annual Tom Connelly Memorial Golf Tournament in September! Despite the rainy weather, all 82 players enjoyed a fun day for a good cause at the Foundry Golf Club. Thank you to our participants, sponsors, and those who donated to the tournament. Because of your support, we raised over \$10,000 for BSH!



## BSH TURNS 20!

In the Fall of 1998, the rich traditions of Huguenot Academy and Blessed Sacrament High School at Belmead merged to form Blessed Sacrament Huguenot Catholic School. We celebrated this 20 year anniversary with a Roarin' 20s themed party! Students and teachers from Early Childhood and Lower School dressed up, danced, ate snacks, and had a great time! We are thankful for 20 years!





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