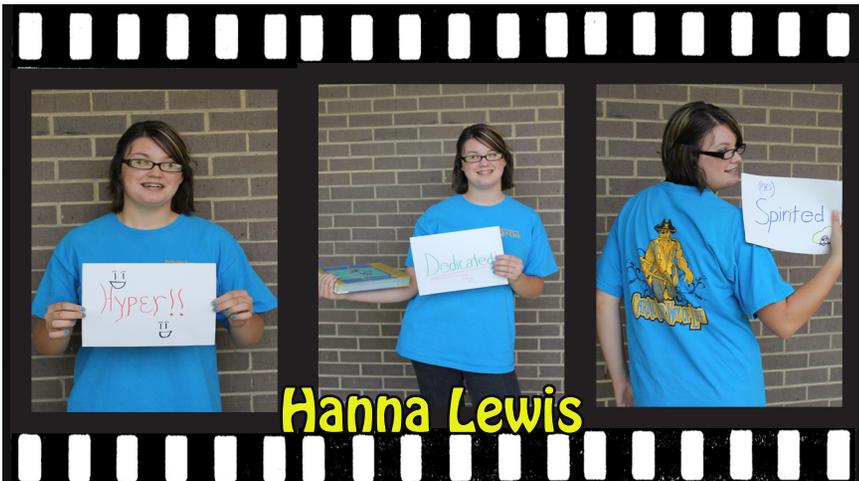
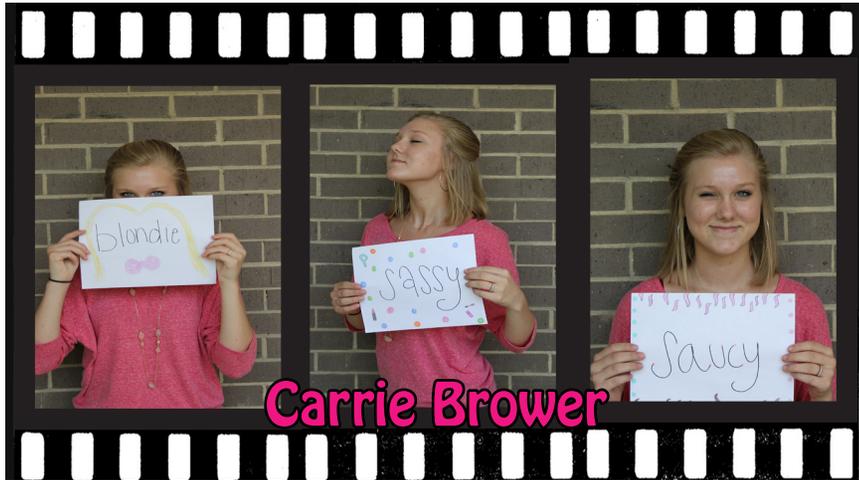




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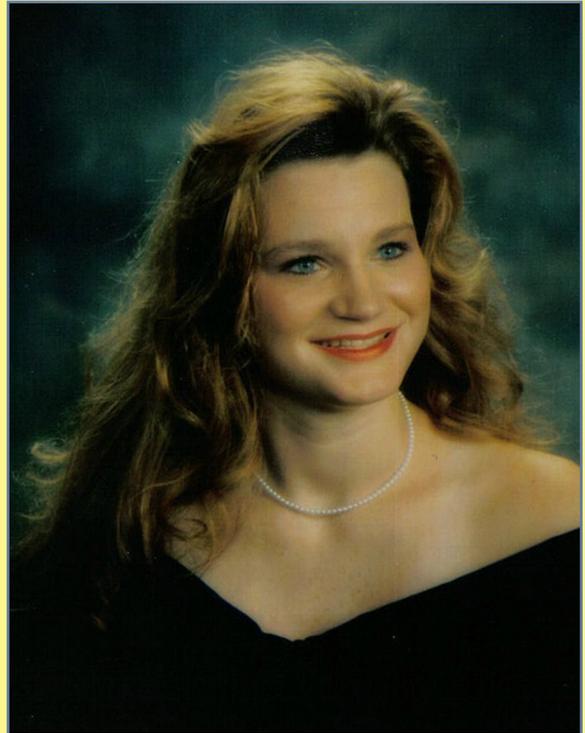
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Getting to Know Dr. Brantley

By: **Emily Waters**

The Pirate Speaks sat down with our new principal, Dr. Lundy Brantley, in order to get to know him.

T.P.S.: What are some of your hobbies?

Dr. B.: I enjoy golf, following Alabama football and softball, Mississippi State baseball, and watching movies.

T.P.S.: Where are other schools that you have worked?

Dr. B.: Meridian, New Hope High School, Neshoba County, Eupora, and now Pearl High School.

T.P.S.: When you were a child, what job did you want?

Dr. B.: I wanted to be a football coach; and I was before I moved into administration.

T.P.S.: What would you say is one of your special talents?

Dr. B.: Working with people.

T.P.S.: What are you enjoying about being a Pearl Pirate so far?

Dr. B.: Everything! The students, staff, community, and all the activities. It's just a lot of fun!

T.P.S.: What is something you're looking forward to this year?

Dr. B.: State testing.

T.P.S.: When is your birthday?

Dr. B.: It is August 27.

T.P.S.: What are some of your Pirate Goals?

Dr. B.: 1.) Be the top school in the state. 2.) Increase attendance. 3.) Decrease dropout rate. 4.) Everyone graduate, and be successful.

T.P.S.: What is your favorite food?

Dr. B.: Steak. I love steak!

T.P.S.: If you were stranded on a desert island what 3 things would you bring with you?

Dr. B.: 1. Bible, 2. A small T.V. with satellite to watch football, 3. A lot of water.

T.P.S.: What 3 words would you use to describe yourself?

Dr. B.: Enthusiastic, intense, and motivated.

T.P.S.: If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

Dr. B.: Cure cancer. My family and everyone else's have been affected by it.

T.P.S.: Complete the following sentence, "Pirate Pride is ____."

Dr. B.: Pirate Pride is always striving to set new standards.

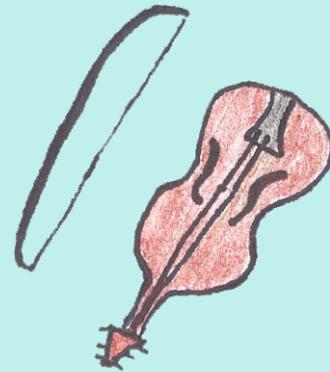


THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR CLASSMATES

By: *Madison Byrd* and **Carrie Brewer**

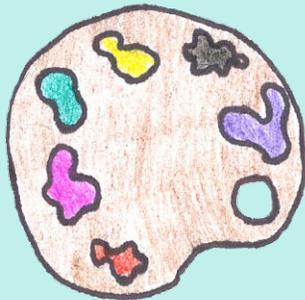


"I jam-skate."
-Brandon King, 10th



"I play the violin."
-Tevin McGuire, 9th

"I can do a backflip on a bike."
-Jordan Hales, 9th



"I am artistic. I went to state championship for a Google competition, and I won 4th place in the school art show."

-Allison Cotten, 10th

"I can walk on my toes."
-Noah Hardin, 12th

"I can sing."
-Tanner Stewart, 11th



"Too many to name!"
-Mackenzie Bell, 10th

"I can hip-hop dance and sing."
-Holly Bishop, 12th

"I can drive stick-shift."
-Will Watts, 12th

"I can do a front flip."
-Judd Morrow, 9th

My 3 Words

By: KATIE SIMS



It's Pirate Country

From left to right:
DeVaughn Wilson, Nic Malone, and
Phillip Smith

Star School Status

Assistant Principals left to right:
Mr. John Craven, Mr. Richard Smithhart, and
Mr. Dale Shepherd



Go Pirates Go

Back row left to right:
Ky'Tiana Curtis, Victoria Harper,
and Morgan Smithhart
Bottom:
Grace Berry

Not Just Your Average Freshman

By: *Madison Byrd*

Grace Berry walked into the deserted commons on the first day of school, not a single person was to be seen. Grace looked around, terrified, and immediately thought, “I’m going to get so lost!”

She continued on with the day though, shaking off her fears and convincing herself that she could handle this. But her fears came to life as she was misled to the wrong hallway in a desperate search for her math teacher’s room, Mrs. Carol Lee. When she asked other students for directions, she failed to tell them she wanted the math teacher Mrs. Lee, not the completely different teacher for art, Mrs. Felicia Lee.

She was extremely glad, however, that this was the only time she found herself lost. She made sure to be specific when asking teachers and upperclassmen for instructions on where to go. She never felt intimidated to ask upperclassmen for help, despite the difference in height.

“I just felt very short, since I’m only like 5’1! I guess I wasn’t afraid because I already knew some seniors and juniors from cheerleading and band.” Grace laughed.



Grace is involved in several extracurricular activities, including band (flute player), cheerleading (Flyer), and choir (First Soprano). During football games, Grace spends the majority of the time with the cheerleaders. But when half time rolls around, she is out on the field marching with the Pearl Pirate Band. She is easy to spot, thanks to the fact that she is the only person marching wearing a cheer uniform. “I’m the first person ever to be a cheerleader and in the band,” Grace is proud to say.

During an average school week, she alternates on between band and cheer. On Mondays and Wednesdays, she goes to cheer. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, she goes to band. If there is a football game Friday, she leaves with the cheerleaders. She hopes to continue doing this weekly routine of bouncing around between band and cheer, but she is sad to say that this might be her last year in choir due to the several required courses for graduation.

“I’m the first person ever to be a cheerleader in the band!”

This year she is taking three out of four honor classes: Algebra 1, Honors Mississippi Studies, and Honors Biology. Although, of all the many activities and classes she has chosen to take, she has faith that she can do it. She plans to organize a study group with friends, and spend most her free time studying.

Grace points out some of the differences between the junior high and the high school; such as the sudden increase in students, therefore making the hallways much too overcrowded and nearly impossible to weave through to each class. But she also notes how nice and organized the location of each class room is, since there is a separate hall for each subject. She enjoys how many people with whom she has to socialize, and all the dances and pep rallies. Grace’s goals this year are to make all A’s in school and not get hurt in cheer. She plans to spare lots of time for studying, and making sure that she performs each of her stunts accurately.

“Pirates are my team, I bleed blue and gold. Pearl Pirates are the best!” Grace exclaims proudly.



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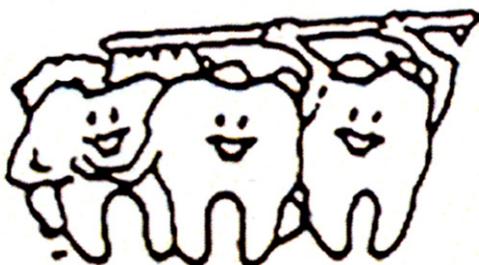
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Focused Football

By: **Hanna Lewis**

When not busy with school and football, Cody Grice, a PHS senior, can be found outside. He enjoys hunting and fishing along with being with friends. Even though football season will not be quite over once deer season starts, he said he will be hunting every chance he gets.

But at school, Grice is a student football player who looks forward to learning, demanding excellence, experiencing the aggression of football and planning his future after high school.

“A person told me to find something I love and I won’t work a day in my life. Well, I love working outside and building things.”

“I started playing high school football because it is so aggressive,” said Grice. Grice has played sports all his life, but football is something new. It is a sport where he can fight people without consequences because that fighting has purpose, to score a touchdown or field goal.

“We couldn’t execute during the Brandon game,” he said. From the Brandon vs. Pearl game, Grice developed a goal: to play better as both an individual and part of a team.

As for college, Grice is trying to obtain scholarship offers. He likes the SEC league and hopes that he will be offered a scholarship from one of those schools where he can major in either biology or engineering.

As a career Grice hopes to do work in wildlife biology or in engineering. “A person told me to find something you love and you won’t work a day in your life. Well, I love working outside and building things,” he said in response to why he wanted to work in those career fields.

With a focused game face on, senior Cody Grice (71) walks onto the Pearl Pirate football field in Ray Rogers Stadium before the start of the Brandon vs Pearl game.

Striving to Reach

Pearl High School students are always striving to set new standards and achieve personal goals. The Pirate Speaks asked the students to share their goals for the 2012-2013 school year with us.

“Not go to the principal’s office.”

Josh Manning, 11th

“Pass Mrs. Worrell’s class!”

Malik McNair, 10th

“Win band state again, and for our football team to make it to playoffs.”

Holly Bishop, 12th

“Be the starting goalie for the soccer team.”

Becca Brock, 10th

“Figure out where to go to college.”

Catarina Castiglione, 12th

“Make it to school everyday without crashing my car.”

Samantha King, 11th

Our Pirate Goals

By: **Emily Waters**

“Be on time for all of my classes, and be exempt from all of my classes.”
Sidney Carter, 12th

“Raise my GPA.”
Devin Carter, 12th

“Win cheer state championship!”
Brooklyn Lambert, 10th

“Become a senior!”
Douglas Lagos, 11th

“To qualify as a National Merit Semifinalist”
Michael Spears, 11th

“I want to pass all of my classes. Especially English III!”
Allyson Smith, 11th

“Make all A’s.”
Judd Morrow, 9th



Teacher Academy

By: **Carrie Brower**

Teacher Academy is a two-year program, instructed by Mrs. Sheri Carter, for high school students who are interested in having a career in education while working with children. An approved course in Mississippi since 2008, this is the first year that Pearl High has made the course available. Pearl is the only school in Rankin County that is offering Teacher Academy.

Eleven sophomores and juniors are enrolled in Teacher Academy I. Their interests include elementary, secondary and postsecondary teaching as well as counseling and library science. Sophomore Sam Sarret said, "I took the class because I am interested in being an instructor in the military, and this course will improve my skills and prepare me for this profession."

Students who are interested in taking this course must complete a written application and meet prerequisites such as having good grades, good attendance, and positive teacher recommendations. Students should also love to learn, have high personal standards, and want to make a difference in the world.

The units of study in Teacher Academy are a preview of the education classes students will take in college. Students will study child development, teaching strategies, and communication skills; and they will learn about challenges teachers face. They will also create bulletin boards and plan lessons.

During the class period, students will visit other Pearl schools to observe and assist teachers in the classroom. Regardless of their career choice, the skills and knowledge students learn can help them relate well with others at school, at work, and in their families.

To help students prepare for their future, the class will visit colleges and learn more about their teacher education programs and scholarships.

By taking this course, students will get to see the many different sides of teaching. Students will learn to view the classroom from the teacher's perspective rather than the students' point of view. Emily Waters, sophomore, said, "It's a little odd being on the other side of the desk."

"I am very excited to have this opportunity to teach this class," Mrs. Carter said. To learn more about the course, visit Mrs. Carter's teacher website or the state website at www.rcu.msstate.edu/curriculum.





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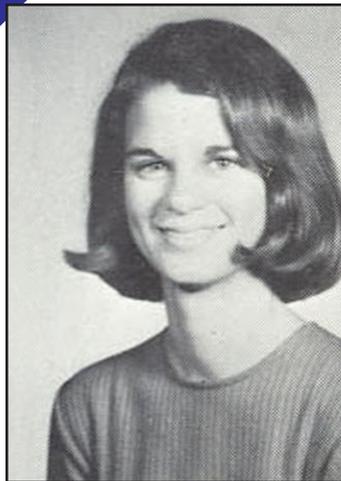
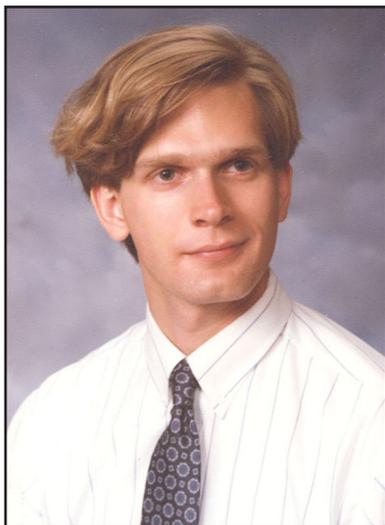
By: KATIE SIMS

Questions Answered:

- What year did you graduate high school?
- What was a popular band?
- What was a big song?
- What was the movie everyone went to?
- What was the hair like?
- And the clothes?
- What was the "thing" everyone just had to get?
- What is something interesting that happened around that time?

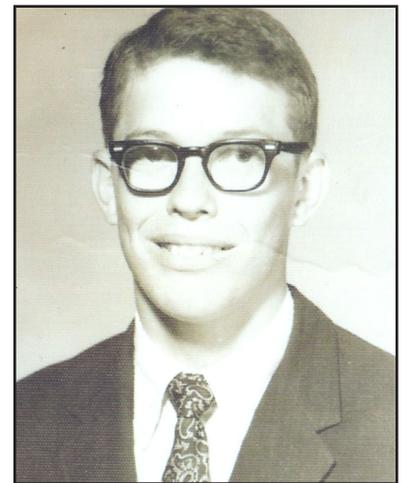
Mr. David Crane

Year: 1988
Band: Beastie Boys
Song: *Need You Tonight*
Movie: *Coming to America*
Hair: Mullets
Clothes: Tight pants & Band T-shirts
"Thing": Parachute pants
Interesting: George H. W. Bush was elected



Ms. Ann DeFoore

Year: 1965
Band: The Beatles
Song: *Twist & Shout*
Movie: *Cat Ballou*
Hair: Bouffant
Clothes: Dresses
"Thing": Mustang
Interesting: Mr. Matt Rowan's grandfather was her band director in college

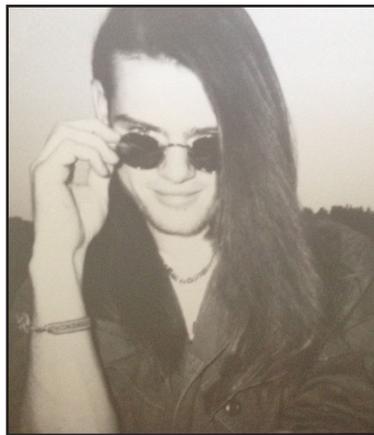


Mr. John Craven

Year: 1968
Band: The Beatles
Song: *Hey Jude*
Movie: *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*
Hair: Long
Clothes: Jeans & Button-down collar shirts
"Thing": Mustang or GTO
Interesting: Dr. Martin Luther King & Robert F. Kennedy were assassinated that year

Mrs. Tiffany Durr

Year: 1996
Band: Nirvana
Song: *Wild One*
Movie: *Forrest Gump*
Hair: Long & Straight
Clothes: Grunge/"Alternative"
"Thing": Beanie Babies
Interesting: Pearl vs Brandon game was played at the end of the season at Memorial Stadium in Jackson



Mr. Eric Neely

Year: 1992
Band: Guns N' Roses
Song: *November Rain*
Movie: *Terminator II*
Hair: Mullets in the back
Clothes: Jeans & T-shirts
"Thing": CDs & CD cases
Interesting: No one had cell phones





Mrs. Linda Self

Year: 1977
Band: KISS
Song: *Bohemian Rhapsody*
Movie: *Smokey and the Bandit*
Hair: Shag & Long layered
Clothes: Corduroy, Overalls, or jeans with knit tops
“Thing”: The latest eight-track tapes
Interesting: Elvis Presley died that summer

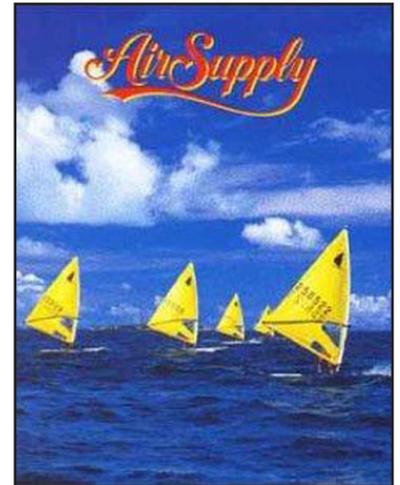
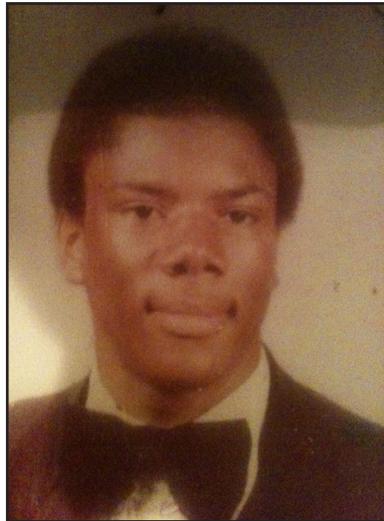


Mrs. Victoria Walker

Year: 2001
Band: Back Street Boys
Song: *Fallen*
Movie: *Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*
Hair: Long & Straight
Clothes: Capris & Berkingstocks
“Thing”: Cell phones
Interesting: Dogwood mall was not here

Mr. Dale Shepherd

Year: 1979
Band: The Manhattans
Song: *Kiss and Say Goodbye*
Movie: *The Godfather*
Hair: “Afro”-high fades
Clothes: Bell-bottoms & Turtlenecks
Interesting: High school football team won state championship



Mrs. Angie Rawls

Year: 1985
Band: Air Supply
Song: *Eye of the Tiger*
Movie: *Footloose*
Hair: Big
Clothes: Leg-warmers & Jelly Shoes
“Thing”: Nikes (white with blue or red swoosh)
Interesting: Michael Jackson did fund raiser for famine in Africa

Mr. Michael Brewer

Year: 2004
Band: Maroon 5
Song: *Sunday Morning*
Movie: *The Bourne Identity*
Hair: The same
Clothes: T-shirts were not very popular
“Thing”: Pogs
Interesting: The *Braves* were not here



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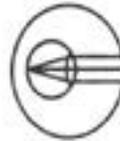
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Getting to know new...

Coach Chris Lyle:
Athletics



What Everyone Wants to Know:

- 1) Why did they decide to become a teacher/administrator/coach?
- 2) What do they do in their free time?
- 3) What are some goals they have set for both their students and themselves?
- 4) What do they like most about PHS?

- 1) "I felt like God was calling me into this profession."
- 2) Working out and watching sports on TV.
- 3) I want to be the best I can be as both a teacher and a coach.
- 4) "I love it! From the schedule to the atmosphere to the culture, I love it."

Coach Justin Gros:
Athletics



- 1) "Because I love baseball."
- 2) Watching baseball and football.
- 3) I want us to improve everyday in both sports and academics.
- 4) "I like the way it's a family."

Mrs. Ann Bentley:
Science



- 1) "I enjoy impacting others and seeing how my students can impact me."
- 2) Working out or playing sports, and spending time with family.
- 3) For my students to reach "Advanced" on the state test.
- 4) "I graduated from here, so blue and gold run through my veins."

Ms. Linda Nobles:
Science



- 1) "Because my first grade teacher took a lot of time with me ... it inspired me."
- 2) Reading because the more we read the more we know.
- 3) To encourage my students to want to learn
- 4) The community involvement. "I've had great parental involvement and I did not get that at my last school."

...Pearl Pirate Staff!

- 1) Coaching football got me interested in teaching.
- 2) Hunting, fishing, golfing, and watching sports.
- 3) “My goals are to improve everyday as a teacher and a coach. I want my students to try and get a little better every day.”
- 4) “I like the way everyone works together and the support we get from our administration.”

Coach Chase Carmody:
History/Athletics

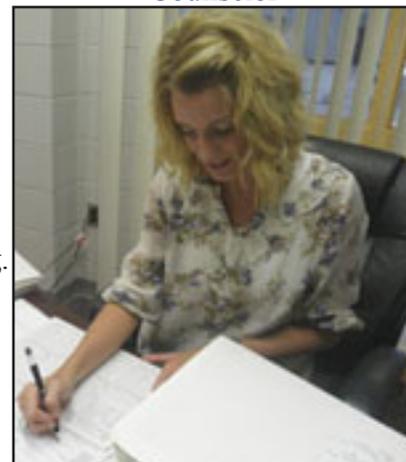


Mrs. Monna Burns:
Library



- 1) “I didn’t know I wanted to be a librarian until after I was a teacher.”
- 2) Playing tennis, spending time with family, and reading.
- 3) To integrate trans literacy into PHS’s library media program and for students to utilize the media center more.
- 4) All the students, principals, and teachers.

Ms. Dana Lancaster:
Counselor



- 1) I always had a heart to help people, this allows me to do that and get paid.
- 2) Mentoring young girls/teens, antique collecting, shopping.
- 3) To find at-risk students and invest time and encourage them to keep going.
- 4) The close knit community.

Mrs. Stephanie Daniel:
English



- 1) I don’t remember a time when I did not want to be a teacher or help someone.
- 2) I love reading, and being with my family, especially little Lucy.
- 3) For my students to not settle for mediocrity, also for me to become more organized and start my National Boards next year.
- 4) “I graduated from here and coming back has been a very positive change.”

Mr. Dennis Philebar:
Math



- 1) “I felt like it was my calling.”
- 2) NFL- love to go outside and throw the football
- 3) “That students come out of here with a vast majority of knowledge.”
- 4) Administrators and teachers. Everbody is really helpful and the community is great.



Pirate/Bulldog Pile Up:The Pearl Pirate and Brandon Bulldog football teams pile one each other during the Pearl vs. Brandon football game on August 24. Brandon took the victory over Pearl 35-0.
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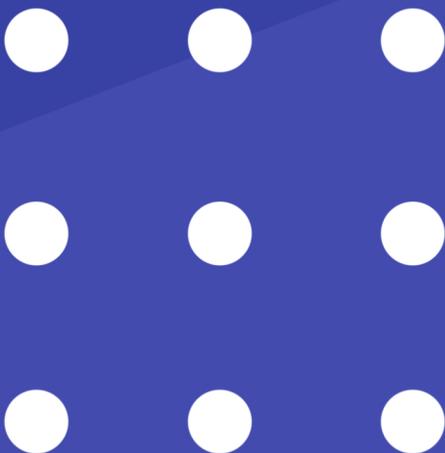
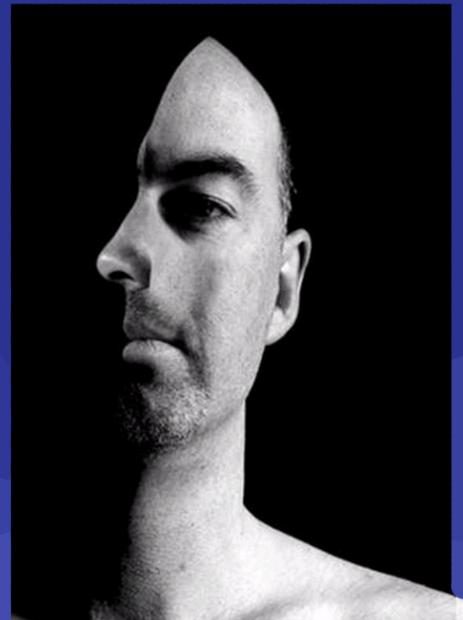
Fun Page

By Daniel Jordan

A bus driver was heading down a street in Colorado. He went right past a stop sign without stopping; he turned left where there was a 'no left turn' sign; and he went the wrong way on a one-way street. Then he went on the left side of the road past a police car. Still, he didn't break any traffic laws.

Why not?

Which way is the face facing?



Connect all the dots without going ~~through~~ a line.

