

The Devil's Advocate

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Letter From the Editor

Hi. My name is Clay Birchfield. I am the chief editor for Moody High School's student publications program. I am in charge of editing, producing, and releasing the new and returning forms of news and media to you, the student body and community. It is my pleasure to present to you the first edition of the returning weekly newsletter for Moody High School, The Devil's Advocate.

This newsletter is meant to give weekly updates on your school and inform you of calendar events and other information that needs to be transmitted from the teachers and administration to the student body. It is our hope that we can establish an efficient and entertaining system of conveying information to the public.



DEVIL'S CUP

Devil's Cup is a positive behavior system that we started last year. Each student now has a student ID badge that can be scanned to add points for class and individual rewards. The Devil's Cup is a grade level competition based on grades, attendance, participation at extracurricular events, and positive referrals to the office. At the end of each 9 weeks, one grade will receive a class level reward. For example, desert food trucks were brought to the school last year just for that class. If you would like to donate gift cards or anything else, we would be more than happy to have your support. The current standings are as follows:

9th— 225 points

10th— 175 points

11th— 150 points

12th— 200 points

WORDS FROM MR. WALTERS

On behalf of the students, teachers, and staff, we want to welcome you to Moody High School. As the sights and sounds rise for this school year, we are excited for a successful 2018-2019 academic campaign. The tremendous potential that the current population of Moody High School students brings to our school each day will allow us to continue to build on academic, athletic, and character culture that we continue to develop.

Our teachers, coaches, and sponsors at Moody High School are striving to create a learning environment that is engaging while allowing for real-world application of concepts. We are committed to the development of knowledge and skills such as hard-work, diligence, respect, collaboration, critical thinking, and problem solving. Our philosophy will help students prepare to become both college and career ready.

There is much to celebrate academically and athletically from the 2017-2018 school year; however, this is a new year. There is an exciting culture shift as we are committed to the #goldstandard and #oneway, but we have added the endeavors of #expectsuccess and #everydaycounts. It is critical both students and teachers give their best effort each day as we strive towards our goals on the ACT, college and career readiness, graduation rate, daily attendance, athletics, clubs, and competitions.

As principal at Moody High School, I am excited about the opportunities and future we envision. Our students and community have potential that we want to build. This is important as we are striving to create a brand that Moody High School and the Moody community is proud to support as well as a name that is known in the state and nationally. We are excited to see what the school year brings and Go Blue Devils!



Weekly Announcements

- If you are interested in joining FCCLA, please see Mrs. King to get an application. Applications are due by 9-14-18.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its first meeting Tuesday morning at 7:30 in Coach Campbell's room.
- Chick-Fil-A biscuits will be on sale on Thursday morning. The proceeds from the sales help provide students with the opportunity to go to Tremont, a science camp, in the spring.

Biscuit only- \$3.00
Small combo- \$3.50
Medium combo- \$4.50
Lemonade combo-\$5.00

- Thursday— Picture Day and Senior Portrait retakes.
- Friday September 7th— Black out
- September 14th and 28th— FBLA meeting and the 28th voting for officers.
- Homecoming shirt orders— Due September 14th forms available in the office.



*****MHS Open House will be on Monday, September 10th at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria**

****Friday—Home Football against St. Clair County (7:00 pm)**

Theme = Black Out

ADVISORY PERIOD

You will have the same teacher throughout all four years of high school. It's a teacher who you can get closer to and go to for questions. These questions may not be about school, but you can go to them. There will be roughly 12 students per advisor. That makes it easier to keep up with every student in their class. Advisory period is in between 4th and 5th period. It will only meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Fridays. The class starts at 11:28 and ends at 11:53.



Blue Devils' Athletics

Football

1. Sept 7 St. Clair Home
2. Sept 14 Sylacauga Home

Volleyball

1. Sept. 20 Home Match



WORDS FROM MRS. GAINES

Greetings,

I am Mrs. Ganae Gaines, Assistant Principal at Moody High School. I reside in Pell City, Alabama with my husband, Robbin Gaines and our two daughters. My highest academic ranking is in Instructional Leadership earned from The University of Alabama. I have been coaching and strategically teaching high school and collegiate courses since 2009.

My goal is simply to promote student achievement with firm and fair discipline practices. Therefore, I am proud to provide the guidance needed in order for students to succeed.

Under the leadership of our principal, Mr. Walters, and collaboration of teachers and staff, my purpose is to continue to develop "Confident and Competent" 21st century leaders.

It is a great honor to be a Moody Blue Devil!



Upcoming Band Events

- *Intergalactic Marching Show at halftime on September 31.*
- *Marching Contest in Pinson on September 29 and another on October 20 at TBA*
- *Christmas Concert on December 6*
- *Christmas parade on December 8*
- *Annual ABA Music Performance Assessment at the end of February*
- *Crimson Festival of Winds at The University of Alabama in late April or early May For a panel of clinicians comprised of university faculty from around the country.*



Band And Football Pictures



What's Happening at Moody?

