



# The Rebel Reader

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## Points of Interest

- 9/22/14  
FFA Meeting at 6:00pm
- 9/25/14  
PTO meeting in the cafeteria at 3:45
- 10/3/14  
End of the First Six Week's period
- 10/10/14  
Fall Break ( No School)
- 10/20/14  
District Cross Country Meet
- 10/24/14  
Elementary Fall Festival 6:00-8:00pm

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## Saying Goodbye

Since the last issue, Sam Rayburn ISD has graduated a class of Seniors, 8th Graders, and Kindergartners. Although growing up is a part of our academic progress, we are always sad to see those we have grown to know and love move on, and often move away.

In addition to student changes, we have also had some notable faculty changes as well.

Veteran teachers, Mrs. Ginny Baker (4th Grade), Terri Davis, (JH/HS Special Education), and Mrs. Rhonda Lyles (6th Grade), retired from the profession at the end of the school year.

These teachers will be sorely missed but we are very fortunate as a district to have had such wonderful teachers on staff for so long. We wish all those who have moved on much luck in their future endeavors.



Parents or guardians who wish to provide input into the District's Wellness Policy are invited to contact our school nurse, Kim Bockman.

Mrs. Bockman co-chairs the Student Health Advisory Committee

which provides guidance concerning the development of the District Wellness Policy. Parents may contact Mrs. Bockman by phone at 903-664-2005 ext. 205.

(Wellness includes nutrition and physical ac-

tivity. "District" refers to all campuses at Sam Rayburn ISD – Elementary, Junior High and High School).





## Superintendent's Message

Welcome to the fall edition of the Sam Rayburn District Newsletter, known as the Rebel Reader. We are pleased to publish this newsletter on a quarterly basis. Using this publication and the district website, we hope to keep the public informed of pertinent information concerning Sam Rayburn ISD.

Over the summer, the high school gym floor was replaced and the elementary gym floor was repaired to make the surfaces safer for students. Other facility projects included the building of a new greenhouse to replace the one destroyed by wind, allowing students in FFA and CTE classes to get hands-on experience in growing and marketing flowers and other garden plants.

The district has contracted with an architect to draw plans for an addition to the upper elementary wing. The new addition will include three classrooms and restrooms to accommodate student growth. Currently, there are no extra classrooms to house a class should the elementary continue to grow.

Additional facilities that need remodeling or replacing include the cafeteria kitchen and the Ag shop and classrooms. There is the possibility that a bond election will be called in the spring to ask voters to pass a school bond to fund the remodeling of the kitchen and the building of a new Agriculture shop with classrooms. More information will be forthcoming in the months ahead concerning a school bond to update facilities.

## New Gymnasium Floors

The gym flooring in both the High School and Elementary are extensively used on a daily basis by student athletes, P.E. students, the Youth Sports Association, One-Act play members, after school day care and for various ceremonies and assemblies. Sam Rayburn has not updated the floors in over ten years and it was apparent they were in dire need of repair. Over the summer both gymnasiums received new floors: wood for the High School Gym and rubber for the Elementary. A snapshot of each floor is pictured right.



# From the Library

During the last school year there were **2,012 new books added** to our library collection! The value of these books is \$38,228. From the allotted budget and Scholastic Bookfair dollars, the library purchased 722 books from Follett, Scholastic, and Amazon for \$10,489.21. That means 1,290 books were free with an approximate value of \$27,738.79. We spend approximately \$7,500 each year for technology renewal, hosting, and support (for Accelerated Reader, Alexandria library database, BrainPOP, and Discovery Streaming).

There were **29,987 items circulated** last school year. That is an average of about 59 books per student! Many of these books are read for our Accelerated Reader program. The following students were the top Accelerated Readers (AR) for the year (those highlighted in red will have their picture placed on the AR Stars wall):

## Lower Elementary Points (K-2)

**Hunter Kissinger 130.9 pts**

Gavin Graham 123.7 pts

McKayla Idell 110.7 pts

Beau Bromley 105.0 pts

Abbigail Keeton 105.0 pts

## Lower Elementary Highest % Correct (K-2)

**Deacon Nichols 100%**

**McKenzie Richardson 100%**

Colby Pearson 99.4%

James Wetzel 99.3%

Emily Riemer 98.6%

Sarahi Medina 98.6%

## High School Points (9-12)

**Dominic Schwartz 210.9 pts**

Marcie Harris 186.1 pts.

Codie Pool 123.0 pts.

Kenneth Allen 105.8 pts.

Katie Skinner 97.3 pts.

## Upper Elementary Points (3-6)

**Colton Ballard 511.7 pts**

Chloe Zoch 360.0 pts

Ethan Kiefer 336.3 pts

Rachel Watson 318.0 pts

Emanuel Hernandez 205.1 pts

## Upper Elementary Highest % Correct (3-6)

**Ciara Clark 99.1%**

Stephen Prock 98.4%

Chloe Zoch 97.4%

Hunter Binford 97.3%

Emanuel Hernandez 97.3%

## High School Highest % Correct (9-12)

Jaci Fulton 100%

Cheyene Pool 100%

Trenton Bledsoe 100%

Taylor Nichols 100%

Shelbi Foreman 100%

Morgan Kuhn 100%

Kelvin Cockrill 100%

Codie Pool 100%

## Junior High Points (7-8)

**Cherokee Pool 544.9 pts**

Abbie Richardson

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**Colton Ballard 511.7 pts**

Chloe Zoch 360.0 pts

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## Junior High Highest % Correct (7-8)

**Hadleigh Keeton 100%**

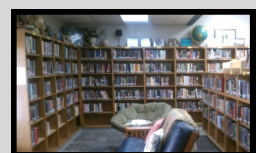
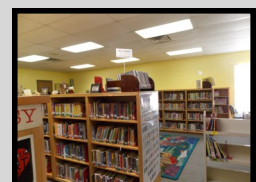
Kimberly Mize 98.7%

Courtney Cirkles 98.2%

Kaylee Powell 97.2%

Coleman McCraw 97.1%

Sara Carpio 97.1%



## Rebel Cross Country —They Run the School (literally)

The students in Cross Country are a unique group because they LIKE to run. This summer, Cross Country Coach, David Guadiano, mowed a path around the school fit just for those who love to run on rough terrain in the heat. Students practice every day after school and recently began competing in meets across the region. Cross Country Team members are:

**Junior High Boys:** Seth Avery, Cody Hulme, Will Shaw, Kade Smith, Michael Thomison

**Junior High Girls:** Kaitlyn Abbott, Kaylee Brinlee, Abbie Richardson

**High School Boys:** Vaden Brownfield, Jaime Gomez, Rylie Hall, Tanner Hammett, Casey Howard, Kent Sanders

**High School Girls:** Hope Avery, Sarah Carpio, Courtney Clark, Brandi Dotson, Jaci Fulton, Morgan Kuhn, Tiffany Prock, Kaitlyn Saulter, Keely Spence, Kaelynn Taft



### REMINDER

Students who are participating in a Junior High or High School sport for the first time are required to have a physical form completed by a physician before they are allowed to participate in any activities. Physicals are kept on file with the coaching staff and are valid for two calendar school years.

## Rebel Baseball



The Rebel baseball team continues to build their program under direction of Coach Bruce Mauppin. The Rebels ended the 2013-2014 season at 7th in the district and are determined to gain higher ranking this year. Many of the players are currently participating in a Fall Baseball League in order to keep their skills intact for the Spring season. With a larger incoming Freshman class, the JV and Varsity line-ups hope to gain some valuable support to replace the athletes who graduated and those who moved out of the district.

## Fall Leagues in Full Swing

The Junior High boys and girls have begun their fall Baseball and Softball seasons. Both teams had a game opener against Bland and continue league play through the month of October. These games typically consist of a double-header each week with girls playing on Mondays and boys playing on Thursdays. With the softball field under construction, all softball games for the season are away games. Visit the district home page at [www.samryaburnisd.com](http://www.samryaburnisd.com) and click "Sports Schedules" from the left-side menu to view the JH Baseball and Softball schedules.



## Lady Rebel Softball - "I Believe"

Another softball season saw our Lady Rebels once again defy the odds and charge through opponents onto a Regional Quarterfinalist appearance. No one gave the Lady Rebels much of a chance after graduating a large class of two-time State Finalist seniors, but as Coach Mathis says, "You have to believe in yourself even when no one else will!" "I Believe" became more than just a motto to rally behind, it became a battle cry for our Lady Rebels!

In the first round of the playoffs, we were matched up against a very talented team from Valley View, in which the Lady Rebels swept the best-of-three match-up. The Area Round had us matched up against Sulphur Bluff. Once again the Lady Rebel Pride was in full force as we went on to sweep another best-of-three game match by 10-run rule both games. The Regional Quarterfinal round saw us matched up with district foe, Dodd City. The first game of the match up was the game of the year for the Lady Rebels, as they jumped out to an early 5-0 lead. Injuries to key players left it all but impossible to hang on to the victory as we fell to the Lady Hornets 7-5.

It was a remarkable playoff run for the Lady Rebels who were supposed to be in a rebuilding year. "When you lose as many starters as we did from the State run last year, it's hard not to think about it being a rebuilding year, but we never bought into it," Coach Mathis said. As senior and team captain Carly Park stated, "It was an awesome year that saw us do more that anyone ever expected!" When asked to sum up the year, Coach Mathis simply said, "I Believe!"

### ALL DISTRICT HONORS:

Newcomer of the Year - Hannah Fulmer

2nd Team Infield - Ashli Montgomery

1st Team Infield - Abbie Dow

2nd Team Outfield - Brittanie Whirley

1st Team Outfield - Keely Spence,

2nd Team Utility Player - Carly Park

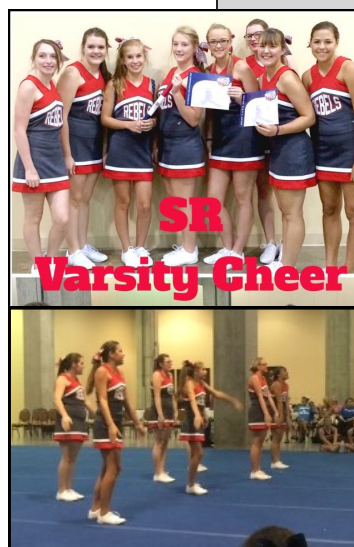
Honorable Mention - Kaylynn Taft, Morgan Kuhn, Hannah Love



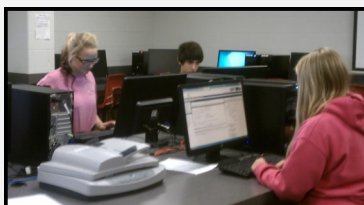
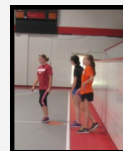
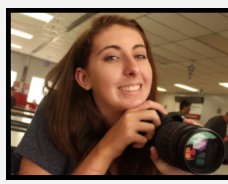
## Varsity Cheer Camp

During the summer of 2014, the Sam Rayburn Varsity Cheerleaders attended

National Cheerleading Association Camp at the Gaylord Texan hotel in Grapevine, Texas. The girls spent four days at camp focusing on team bonding and skill enhancement. Rainey Cockrill and Sara Carpio were All American Nominees at camp. The team was evaluated each night for performance, reaching the highest achieving ribbon on the final evaluation. Sam Rayburn Varsity Cheerleaders were also awarded with a safe stunting award, as well as a team spirit award. The girls are excited to showcase what they have learned!



## High School



# Sam Rayburn FFA Wins Big!

On Monday, September 8th, twenty-three Sam Rayburn FFA members attended a district meeting held in Trenton. At this meeting, the Sam Rayburn FFA received awards for the 2013-2014 Career Development Events (judging teams). Sam Rayburn brought home six event banners: 1<sup>st</sup>-Poultry Judging, 1<sup>st</sup>- Farm Business Management, 1<sup>st</sup>- Entomology, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Floriculture, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Ag Mechanics, and 3<sup>rd</sup>- Land Judging. The most exciting part of the meeting was winning a banner for the 2014 Sweepstakes. This means Sam Rayburn FFA had the most teams place in events from all 22 schools in our district! This was a surprise to all members but they were very proud and excited to earn such an honor.

The Ag teachers, Mrs. Lankford and Mr. Maroney, as well as the FFA members thank the school and community for their continued support of the FFA program!

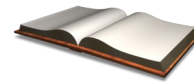


## Achievements

The Graduating Class of 2014 had an incredible scholarship total. Of the 34 graduates, 17 received at least one scholarship to apply towards college courses. The total amount of scholarships earned by these students equaled \$363,650. This is quite an accomplishment! We encourage all students who will be graduating in 2015 to contact the school counselor, Ms. Stephanie Cline, if interested in learning more about how to apply for scholarships.



## Dual-Credit Course Information



Dual Credit courses are college courses taken on-line. High School students who wish to take college courses during the year need to contact the Counselor, Ms. Cline, to ensure the courses will count towards the appropriate course on your graduation plan.

Students taking a course/courses during the school year will have access to the High School Lab during the day, but it is highly recommended that students also have their own technology to access their coursework at home.

The Sam Rayburn School Board approved a vote to pay for any dual credit course that a student takes and passes. However, any student who fails or drops a dual credit course must pay for that course themselves.

For more information about dual credit, you can visit the Sam Rayburn District website at: [www.samrayburn.com](http://www.samrayburn.com), click Administration at the top left, click District Counselor, then click Links.

## New to the Staff

Sam Rayburn High School is pleased to announce the addition of Mrs. Mary Reynolds (pictured left) and Ms. Mahoney (pictured right) to Sam Rayburn ISD. Mrs. Reynolds is our new Special Education teacher for both the High School and Junior High campuses. Ms. Mahoney will be assisting Mrs. Reynolds as a teacher's aid.



## High School UIL

High School students have the opportunity to participate in various academic competitions in the District meet next Spring. Events vary from writing and speaking to math, computer science, and current events.

Any student interested in competing should visit the UIL website at:

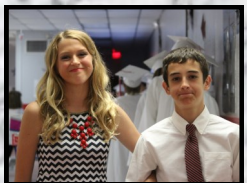
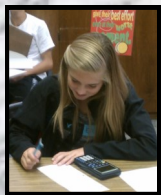
[www.uil-texas.org/academics](http://www.uil-texas.org/academics) to get a complete list of events and learn more information about events of interest.

Students who advance and place in the State UIL competition are eligible for scholarships.



## Sam Rayburn Junior High Welcomes New Faculty

The seventh and eighth grade campuses gained two new faculty members this year. Mrs. Melissa Rich and Mrs. Becky Wilburn. Mrs. Rich is the new Math teacher (replacing Mr. Foreman who moved to 5th/6th Math) and Mrs. Wilburn is the new Science/Computer teacher (replacing Mrs. Farris who moved to 4th Grade Science). Sam Rayburn JH is looking forward to a great year with these new additions. (Pictured left to right: Mrs. Wilburn and Mrs. Rich).



Junior High

## JH Cheer

The 2014-2015 Junior High Cheer members are: Captain Marissa Dobels, Maggie Toth, Chloe Underwood, Natalie Nichols, Amelia Mills, Ellie Mosley, and Megan Samford. The cheerleaders have been extremely busy preparing for the upcoming basketball season. They are working hard to perfect sidelines, cheers, and dances. The cheerleaders performed at Sam Rayburn's first "National School Spirit" pep rally, and they are excited to perform at the official first pep rally for basketball season. They are ready to help the fans cheer on this year's Junior High Rebel teams. The Junior High Rebels' home opener is Monday, November 17. Come out and help the cheerleaders support our Rebel teams!

## Stay Informed

Junior High can often be a difficult change for students leaving elementary school. Students no longer have "weekly folders" in which graded papers are returned and notes are sent home to be signed. However, parents can continue to be informed through the parent portal. The Parent Portal is an on-line resource that allows parents to monitor their child's school progress. Parents can check their child's grades, as well as attendance, schedules, and discipline referrals. The Parent Portal link is located on the District Website ([www.samrayburnisd.com](http://www.samrayburnisd.com)). If you need assistance accessing the portal, contact the JH/HS office at 903-664-2165.

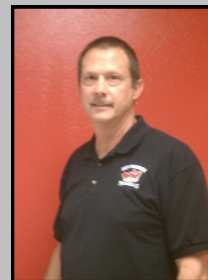


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## New Faces and New Spaces

The elementary student population continues to grow! There are 316 students currently enrolled in PreK-6th grade. Due to increasing class sizes, the third grade classrooms were moved back to the lower elementary hallway and two new teaching positions were added. Two other new teachers were added to the elementary faculty to replace fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Baker, and 6th Grade teacher, Mrs. Lyles, who retired at the end of last year.

Pictured (left to right) are the new elementary teachers for the 2014-2015 school year: Mrs. Goode (3rd Grade Language Arts), Mrs. Franklin (4th Grade Math), Mrs. Farris (4th Grade Science and Social Studies), and Mr. Foreman (5th/6th Grade Math).



Elementary

## First-Time "Fun Run"

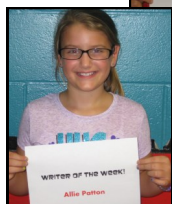
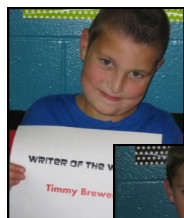
As the Cross Country Coach, David Guadiano, encouraged his elementary P.E. students to participate in a "Fun Run" during a recent JH/HS Cross Country meet. This was the first time elementary students have participated in an event of this nature. The "Fun Run" consisted of approximately 50 participants running a half mile. All Sam Rayburn runners had an outstanding performance. Fifth grader, Adyson Nichols received first place in her age group, while Hannah-Kate Vance, Colton Burkard, and Brianna Baker all finished in the top ten in their groups. All Sam Rayburn participants who ran in this competition earned a medal. (Runners are pictured right).



## Fourth Grade WOW

(Writer of the Week)

Ms. Williams has implemented a writer of the week initiative in her fourth grade classes. Students' writing must be neat, on topic, and must use great word choice in order to be selected as writer of the week. The first writers for this week are: Timmy Brewer, Ian Eaton, and Allie Patton. Great job students!



## Box Tops and Labels for Education

The Sam Rayburn elementary collects Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. These items are found on various food products and can be cut out and sent to the child's teacher, or submitted to Mrs. Brewer, who is in charge of our Accelerated Reading Store. The collection of these items helps fund our student AR store (where students can purchase items with points earned from taking and passing quizzes over books read). We appreciate your support of this program!



The mission of Sam Rayburn ISD is to help our students grow into responsible and productive members of society who are life-long learners. Our school focus is to educate with consistency and kindness while promoting self-responsibility. We work toward an integrated curriculum through engaging activities and technology that challenges students to meet their potential. Students are encouraged to create and sustain an atmosphere of cooperation with respect for individual differences and community values. Encompassed by an environment conducive to success, we hold our students to the highest standards of learning. With a balanced curriculum delivered by a highly qualified staff, we have an uncompromised commitment to excellence.

In addition to student

## Resources

### School Websites

**District: Site:** <http://www.samrayburnisd.com/>

**High School/JH Site:**  
<http://samrayburn-high.tx.srh.schoolinsites.com/>

**Elementary:**

### Library links:

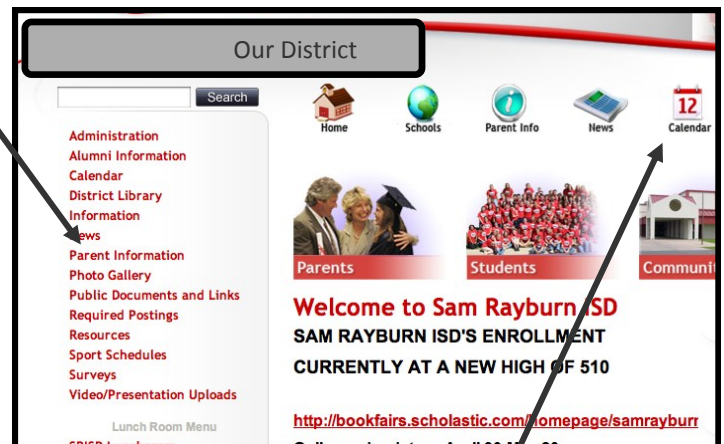
To access and browse our library collection from a home computer, use this URL:

<https://rayburn.goalexandria.com/researcher#> To access and browse the Sam Rayburn library database on your phone or iPad, you may do so at <https://rayburn.goalexandria.com/mobile>.

To request parent access to view your child's AR progress through Renaissance Home Connect visit:

<https://Hosted194.renlearn.com/742704/HomeConnect>. Click the Email Setup link in Renaissance Home Connect and follow the directions.

Click the Parent Information link to get to the Par-



Click the calendar at the top of the District site to see all district events.



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