

# BRISTOL TENNESSEE CITY SCHOOLS

December 17, 2021

## HOLIDAY HOOPS & ARBY'S CLASSIC

**25th Annual Ladies Arby's Holiday Hoops for Doc**  
December 16-18, 2021

The Holiday Hoops, hosted by the Tennessee High Lady Vikings basketball program, features eight teams from Tennessee and Virginia. Click [here](#) for more information about the 2021 teams and schedule.

**38th Annual Arby's Classic**  
December 27-31, 2021

The Arby's Classic is one of the premier basketball tournaments in the country. This year's 38th annual tournament promises to be an exciting week full of talented student-athletes representing the finest high school basketball programs in our nation. Click [here](#) for more about the 2021 teams and schedule.

## SPEEDWAY CHILDREN'S CHARITIES GRANT

Thank you to Speedway Children's Charities-Bristol Motor Speedway for awarding Reading Buddies Bristol TN/VA a grant of \$7,500 to support our literacy efforts in kindergarten through second grade students!

## JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED HER

Just in case you missed her visit, check out this special delivery to first graders in October. Students stepped back-in-time to a unique era when building young readers took a bit more effort. After reading the book, "That Book Woman," students received a very special delivery on horseback from two of our very own BTCS "pack horse librarians." [Read more.](#)

## CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TMS

If you have driven by the site of the old Vance Middle School lately, the landscape is changing. The new Tennessee Middle School building is now clearly visible as much of the former building is gone. The remainder of the demolition is expected to take through mid-January. After that, crews will continue work at the site of the former building constructing a large parking area, sidewalks, and the new school sign. This work is expected to be complete in late spring to early summer.

## ATHLETIC SPOTLIGHT

### Youth Sports Program



BTCS kicked off its new elementary youth sports program this fall with more than 650 students participating in basketball and cheerleading in grades K through 5. The program currently includes 40 basketball teams and 14 cheerleading teams with 55 volunteer coaches. Games will begin in January. K-1 games will be at Fairmount on Saturdays; 2-3 will be at Fairmount and Avoca on Tuesday and Thursday nights; 4-5 games will be at Anderson and Haynesfield on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The youth sports program will offer soccer and track to students in the spring.

"I am extremely excited about the start of this program," said Jennifer Testa, BTCS youth sports coordinator. "I think the overall numbers for a new program show just how important this is for our community, and I hope each and every year we can build on this excitement and make it the best experience possible for our kids. Coach Dale Burns, who passed away earlier this year, worked hard to get this program started and was passionate about providing this opportunity for kids in our community. His love and desire to serve our youth continues to inspire me through this program as it has throughout my coaching career."

## 2021 BTCS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Congratulations to the below students whose designs were selected for the covers of this year's BTCS Christmas cards! Click [here](#) to view all the card designs.

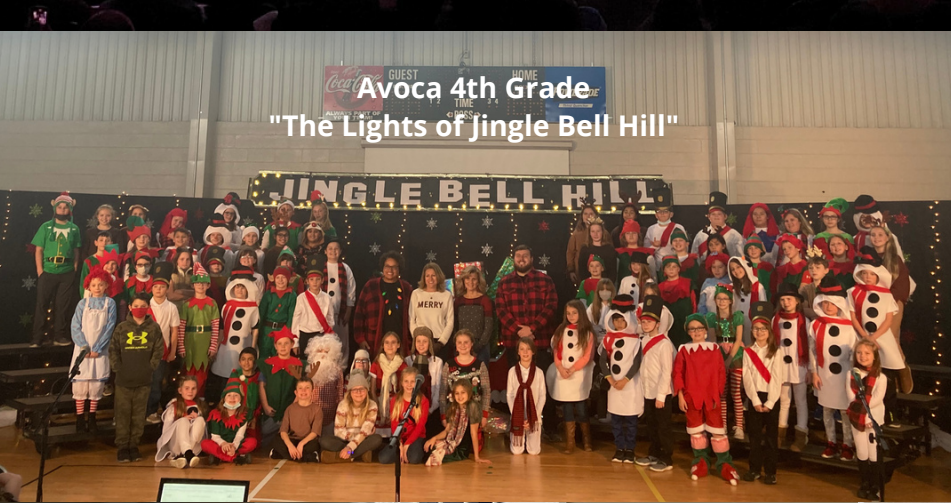
Tray Milhorn, Anderson  
Kensley Owens, Avoca  
Brooklyn Madison, Fairmount  
McKinley Buchanan, Haynesfield

Rhealyn Proffitt Holston View  
Jaylin Wright, TMS  
Eliza Rowe, THS  
Amanda Dutile, TOPS

## Holiday Happenings



TMS & THS Winter Band Concert  
(6th Grade Band)



Avoca 4th Grade  
"The Lights of Jingle Bell Hill"



Johnia Berry Memorial Toy Drive  
THS Civinettes



Anderson  
"Festival of Trees"



Haynesfield K-1 "Deck the Halls"  
Musical Performance & Art Show



TOPS Staff Christmas Party



THS Madrigal Dinner



Enjoy these **HOLIDAY VIDEOS** from our talented BTCS musicians!



Season's Greetings from the BTCS Children's Choir



Holiday Wishes from the BTCS Viking Bands

Thanks for sharing your holiday traditions with us!  
#BTCSBetterTogether

## School Schedule Changes

Click [here](#) to view schedule change procedures due to inclement weather.



## COVID-19 Testing Holiday Schedule

There will be no COVID-19 testing during holiday break.

Testing will resume Tuesday, January 4.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Students return on a regular schedule Tuesday, January 4.



**Report Cards** for the second nine weeks will be available through the PowerSchool Parent Portal on Wednesday, January 5.