

# THE BOWEN ARR



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## Volleyball Conference Champions 2013 2nd Year in a Row!

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12/12 Corliss @ Bowen	

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11/30 Bowen @ Illiana Tour	
12/3 Lindblom @ Bowen	
12/7 Bowen @ Mt Carmel	
12/11 Bowen @ Brooks/Corliss	
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12/19 Bowen @ Acg/Kenwood	
01/3 Mor/Pk/ St Fran @ Bowen	
01/4 Rookie Tour @ Bowen	

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#### 2013 Varsity Volleyball Champs

Nafeesa Bean, Ariana Sanchez, Stefanie Bermea, Asianna Swanigan, Coach Wilson, Destiny Bickham, Tyiana Smith, Lakeila Cooper, Alexis Garcia

By Ariana Sanchez

This season the girls' varsity volleyball team gave it their all to make it to the conference finals once again and become the conference champs for the second year in a row.

The game landed on senior day. Bowen's girls had the feeling they'd win the game against Bogan. Because they lost to them before, the varsity girls knew that when they faced Bogan in the conference game, they would be prepared and ready

to beat them this time.

The varsity team knew what Bogan had to give and knew their weaknesses. Boilermaker girls tried their best and they did it. They became the conference champions.

Coach Wilson said, "The girls worked hard this year and held a great record."

After winning the conference, the girls went to compete in the regionals. After beating the first

two teams they went up against, the girls met their challenge when they played Morgan Park Academy. "Those girls were really good and had a technique," said a teammate.

Even though the girls lost the third game at regionals, they weren't disappointed because they had come this far and almost went undefeated. The girls worked as a team, never gave up, and finished the year with a great season.

### Bowen Arrow's Very Own Interviews Dwyane Wade



Chanel and Dwyane pose for a quick pic

By Tytianna Temple

"If you want to become a journalist you have to be dedicated and passionate, or it'll be boring," said Chanel McGee, who has written not only for the *Bowen Arrow* newspaper, but *Columbia Links and Say What* magazine.

Now she's teamed up with

*The Mash*, a weekly newspaper and web-site that is here to serve you, the Chicago-area teenager. The paper is distributed for free each Thursday at Chicago-area high schools and is written largely by high school students.

She heard about *The Mash* through Ms. Flowers, journalism teacher, and said it was easy to apply online. Once Chanel was told to come in for the interview, she had to bring two samples of her writing. But this was no ordinary interview. She and several other people were asked questions focused on getting to know them, rather than questions regarding journalism.

"All you had to do was be yourself and relax," said Chanel.

Once she got the job, Chanel had the opportunity to interview shooting guard for the Miami Heat, Dwyane Wade, for the summer Youth Festival; which was to encourage young people to hold on to their dreams. The event provided a day of free entertainment, sign-ups for after-school programs, and

job opportunities for young adults.

Even though this wasn't her first interview, she considered it to be the most difficult.

"I was speaking with confidence, but my body was trembling," said Chanel, who was nervous interviewing the basketball player. She assumed that he would be cocky and arrogant; however she found out he was down to earth.

Ms. Flowers said, "I'm so proud of Chanel. She's a talented journalist and photographer with a bright future ahead of her."

Chanel finds journalism exciting and challenging and said it was her mom who has always inspired her to follow her dreams.

Her advice to others who want to pursue journalism is to, "choose questions wisely and stay dedicated to your goals. This shows that if you're consistent with something you believe in, it will pay off in the end."

see p. 10 to read Chanel's published article *D-Wade gets into some Mindless Behavior at youth festival*

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Dear Boilermakers,

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year and this year's first *Bowen Arrow*! We have a lot to be excited about as I embark on my first year as the Principal of Bowen High School. Last year ended on a high note as we improved our attendance more than 4 percentage points. We also set a school record for the

## A Message from Principal Abdullah

percentage of freshmen students on-track to graduate, smashing the previous number by more than 13% points. All this success is a testament to the continuous hard work of our students, staff, and parents. Collectively, we have built a solid foundation for school improvement.

Entering my first year as your principal I know there is still A LOT of work left to do, and I want to reiterate my commitment to the students and parents of Bowen High School. With hard work, Bowen has established a balanced environment that allows students to grow academically and socially.

Nia Abdullah

## What is New @ Bowen ?

By Monique Washington

Bowen never fails to surprise with us with changes each new school year. First, summer vacation was cut short, with school starting a week earlier than normal.

We also have a new start time- 8:00 instead of 8:30, and we leave early at 3:15 instead of 4:00.

We got a/c in every classroom, a new dress code policy, new schedule, and most importantly, we have new teachers that are willing to teach us what we need to learn, a new principal and vice principal.

I asked students how they felt about waking up earlier for school, "I don't like waking up earlier. Last year when school started

at 8:30, I could sleep a little longer." Another student said "It's not a big deal because I'm used to getting up at that time."

Another major change is the a/c. One student said, "I think a/c in school is great because when it turns hot, I won't be sweaty."

A senior student said, "I don't like the air because it makes me sick and it's not even that hot."

Some still don't like the dress code policy. One student said,

"I don't like that if you wear shorts or skirts not even tight or short, they

make you wear graduation gowns, and then you get laughed at by your peers."

Finally, we welcome former Vice Principal, Mrs. Abdullah, as our new principal and new Vice Principal Ms. Whitfield.

It seems like Bowen is always full of surprises each new year. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store.

## New Staff for Journalism Class "Keeping the Tradition Alive"

By Tevin Glenn



Ms. Flowers' Journalism Class of 2013-2014 *Bowen Arrow* Staff

Ester Cherisme, Marvell Clifton, LaTavia Davis, Marcus Eades, Tevin Glenn, Dashonay Harris, Donisha Jackson, Jermain Johnson, Miranda Martin, Hasanil Milner, Curtis Moore, Corteris Parks, Keith Roberts, Ariana Sanchez, Marquisha Smith, Tytianna Temple, Montiana Thomas, Elisa Torres, Darrion Vann, Monique Washington, Brianna Williams, Genia Wright.

"There should be a journalism class in every school because it helps students with their vocal and writing skills," said a former journalism student. The student also said it can help brighten their future, and it would drive them to be a poet or writer.

The students in Ms. Flowers' class enjoy the time they have in her class because it is filled with life and her students get to be creative with their words. Ms. Flowers said, "I wanted to continue publishing the school newspaper because I think it is important for us to leave behind a legacy. It's the perfect way to celebrate all of the accomplishments of our talented students and staff."

The Bowen Alumni Association also realizes the importance of preserving historical artifacts and leaving behind a legacy. The alumni are currently working to restore copies of the *Bowen Arrow* newspaper that were damaged due to a pipe leak. With new technology, our class is able to preserve the newspaper digitally. Visit [www.bhs.org](http://www.bhs.org) to view on-line editions of past issues.

If you have breaking news, announcements, or would like to have your writing published in the *Bowen Arrow*, stop by room 402, or e-mail [mfowers1@cps.edu](mailto:mfowers1@cps.edu).

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The block schedule last year was ninety-seven minutes- too long, but that too has changed. Thanks to Bowen for learning that was too much. "This year is better in that area," a student said. "With fifty minutes for each class, we are able to do all of our work, leave and go to our next class."

## Who's New at Bowen?

This is part one of a two part series. The *Bowen Arrow* staff would like to give a warm welcome to all new teachers and staff and would like to thank you for your hard work and commitment to our school.

## It's Always Sunny in California

By Tytianna Temple

Meet Ms. Fletcher- born and raised in Berkeley, California. She attended Monterey High School and later graduated from Loyola, and Mary Mount College, majoring in Elementary Education and Spanish.

"I decided to major in Elementary Ed. because I love teaching," said Ms. Fletcher, one of Bowen's newest English teachers.

She comes from a big, loud family who loves to eat. When she's not teaching, she's chowing down on cheeseburgers or watching her favorite movie *Tommy Boy*. She also enjoys running track and reading.

Looking back at her accomplishments, Ms. Fletcher said what motivated her through high school and college were, "good teachers, counselors, and loving her major," and sites Michelle Obama as one of her biggest inspirations, "healthy body, healthy mind."

With zero tolerance for tardiness, Ms. Fletcher's main goal is to encourage all students to stay on track and become stronger readers and writers. Students think, "She's so energetic" and "loves her job."



Ms. Fletcher describes her experience at Bowen thus far,

"I love everything about Bowen from the teachers to the students."

## Science, Robots, and Music, Oh My

By LaTavia Davis

"I expect my students to aspire to reach their dreams," said Mrs. Reardon, one of the new science and robotics teachers. Her robotics students are currently making video games, but they'll eventually move on to circuits, and Lego "mind-storms."

Born and raised in Evergreen Park, Mrs. Reardon earned her bachelor's degree from St. Norbert University in Greenbay with a double major in ethnomusicology and German.

When asked why she chose to work at Bowen she stated, "I met Mrs. Abdullah at a professional development meeting and I fell in love with Bowen."

She loves teaching here because she's able to make a connection with her students that she wasn't able to with the students at her previous school. She also



likes the student involvement - so much that she wants to produce the musical *Once on This Island* here at Bowen. She'll be holding auditions in the spring.

Some of her students believe that she's a cool teacher that makes her classes interesting. I asked Mrs. Reardon what she thinks she will contribute to this school, "I'll contribute a new way of teaching and a new way of learning."

## Mrs. Hayes Only Accepts A's



She graduated from Northwestern University with a major in English, worked in advertising for a few years, and then went to DePaul for her teaching certificate.

In the teaching industry for sixteen years, Mrs. Hayes has taught at Harper, Hyde Park Academy, Mother McCauley, and Kenwood Academy. Mrs. Hayes decided to work here because she wanted to be close to home and she likes what's going on here.

She chose to be an English teacher because she loves literature and writing and wanted to share that with other people.

The person who inspired her to become a teacher was a really good high school English teacher, Ms. Forst. "She made class fun and interesting," said Mrs. Hayes.

She spends her spare time with her three wonderful children coaching their soccer team, playing tennis, and reading. Mrs. Hayes said, "Teaching here at Bowen is wonderful

Even though she moved to Chicago with her husband, she spends most of her time in Elgin where her family still lives.

Outside of school, she likes to spend time babysitting her nieces and nephews. She also has a love for dancing. As a matter of fact, she is teaching the 8th period hip hop dance class. Mrs. Robertson plans to get her master's degree.

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She graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she majored in physics. She is not finished though, as she plans to get her master's degree.

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Even though she moved to Chicago



By Corteris Parks

Mrs. Holloway and a few of her students decided to help celebrate the special Mexican holiday "Dia de Los Muertos" by creating a display of art to help recognize this three day long celebration.

Pedro Torres, Alfonso Ward, Marvel Clifton, and Asiana Swanigan were among the students who helped decorate and set up the big "ofrenda" art project.

The word ofrenda means offering in Spanish. They are also called altars, but they are not for worshiping. Ofrendas are set up to honor the memory of ancestors and to celebrate the lives that people lived.

The display, or ofrenda, was set up October 7th, in a store front on Commercial Ave., as well as in the main entrance of the school. The art consists of pictures and decorated skeletons.

When asked about how she felt about the project and its purpose Mrs. Holloway said, "I think it was a great way for the community to see Bowen and the things we can do. Our students are very talented and can do many great things if they put their mind to it."

The Day of the Dead is celebrated Oct. 31, through Nov. 2, falling on Halloween. Bowen students and staff celebrated the day by dressing in some creative costumes.



Bowen staff join in the masquerade fun



Happy Halloween!



Hey Super Mario Brothers



"You're under arrest," says Officer Holloway



Good Witch



Trick or Treat

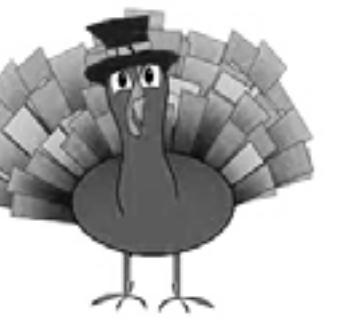


A mixed bunch of minions, kitty, and Mexican culture



Spooky Kids in the hall

# Give Thanks This Thanksgiving



The *Bowen Arrow* asks readers: What are you thankful for?



"I am thankful for living another day to see my mama and my sister. I am thankful for having a house to live in, food to eat, and clothes to wear. I am thankful that the Lord has given me life and made me in his image." Emonja Williams, junior



Jasmine Rodriguez, sophomore

"I'm thankful for my mom who gave me life and is always there to support me in everything and I'm thankful for my boyfriend who is always there for me when I need him and for my brother who can be a pain, but loves me and is always on my side and protects me from everything and everyone. I am thankful for God who made me the way I am." Jasmine Rodriguez

"I'm thankful for life because some of my closet people are dead and gone." Joseph Hill, junior

"I'm thankful for living a new life each and every day. I'm also thankful for having a mother and father and being a senior." Montiana Thomas, senior

"I'm thankful for life, my parents and sister, and how they brought me up. I'm thankful for the people caring for me." Genia Wright, senior

"I am thankful for my family because without them I wouldn't have a life. I'm thankful for all my teachers because without them I wouldn't be smart. And most importantly, I'm thankful for my boyfriend Robert Hawkins. Without him I wouldn't be who I am today." Brittany Henry, junior

"I am thankful for God waking me every morning. I'm also thankful for my mom and family encouraging me to go and do my best always." Kayla Bishop, freshman

"I am thankful for my family without them I would not be here. And I'm thankful for my boyfriend Eli." Deja Smith, junior

"I am thankful for having a loving and caring family and a place to live also just to be on this earth." Alexis Warr, junior



Sean Pegues, sophomore

"I'm thankful for my life due to the fact that I have a heart problem with unexpected chest pain almost every day. I just thank God for my life and family and everything I have. I'm blessed!" Esther Cherisme, senior

"I'm thankful for my life that I'm still here at 18. It's hard for most males to make it to this age and I thank God that I breathe every day." Marvell Clifton, senior

"I'm thankful for my friends and family who are always there whenever I need them." Tytianna Temple, senior

"I'm thankful for my family and my friends and knowing that I can count on them because they have my back no matter what." Brianna Williams, senior

"I'm thankful for my family and thankful for God giving me a chance to live." Olusade Oni, freshman

"I'm thankful for waking up every day and having a helpful family. I'm thankful to be able to go to school." Dashonay Harris, senior

"I am thankful for the good things in life: my family, friends, and food." Naja Oshibano, freshman

"I am thankful for my family and thankful for being able to see a new day and friends." Marquisha Smith, senior

## Poetry Corner



### Your Life is What You Make It

By Cavon Lee

My future looks brighter than morning sky or better yet like  
A piece of glass gleaming off the beautiful hot sun in the sky  
I work really hard because at the end it would pay off  
Hopefully when I graduate I can just take off

The school year flew by oh so quickly  
I gave up on myself but my teachers and staff stuck with me

They told me don't give up cause you're way too good  
Without an education all you got is the hood

Or maybe a box that would make you rot  
Cause being in jail is not fit for you boy

My life is really what I make it  
I stay on task cause I don't have time for hating

School is cool and we can turn that into a big deliberation  
Education is everything. Bowen is my home school

Without my teachers or counselors I'd be a really big fool  
To not do what I have to do

It starts with me just like it starts with you  
We all are people let's get it done while we got the chance

I'm a big boy on the outside but on the in I'm a man  
just let God do the math,



### What Kind of Future...

By Darrion Vann

What and when,  
Is the main thing I ask,  
I'm getting closer to my future,  
Can't keep living in da past,  
In my hood nothing giving,  
Gotta go n get some cash,  
First place I feel alive,  
I can't end up dead last,  
Ah movie I see tha scene,  
Do my future, look like my dream,  
Or is darkness upon my path,  
Will my goods out weigh my bads,  
just let God do the math,

# BOILERMAKER SPIRIT WEEK & PEP RALLY



Ariana and Pedro at the pep rally



Donisha, LaTavia, and Dashonay jammin' in their jammies



Where's my teddy bear? (above)  
Super nerd day (right) Desiree,  
Zierra, Jasmine, Donisha, Clydale



Princess Brittany Henry and Prince Quentin Hart

By Tytiana Temple & Donisha Jackson

Students arrived to school dressed in their cozy pajamas, ready to start off spirit week. The majority of the school participated including teachers and staff. So many people were excited for pajama day; there were onesies, fuzzy slippers, and even home-made pajamas. Tuesday was College Day where students wore clothes with the logo of their future college. Wednesday was Sports Day where the guys argued which sports team was the best.

"My favorite day of spirit week was Sports Day because I was able to wear my Bulls' apparel," said Marvell Clifton.

On Thursday, Nerd Day, the hallways were cluttered with voices saying, "excuse me, excuse me, I have to get to class. "If those are not the words of a true geek, I don't know what is," said Elisa Torres. To end spirit week, we showed our school spirit by wearing purple and gold.

Students gathered in the

big gym to support the football team, waiting to see who would be crowned for homecoming court. Everyone was anticipating on who they thought would win.

Senior Ariana Sanchez said, "It was exciting to watch them reveal the homecoming court." There were also performances by the cheerleaders and a student dance-off for \$20

The Homecoming dance held Friday was the talk of the school.

Everyone was excited for the dance. *City Lights* was held in Bowen's big gym from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Overall, the dance was a great success with most of the students in attendance. Senior LaTavia Davis, said, "Some students decided to turn their savage up, which ruined it for everyone."

Tevin Glen, senior added, "The dance was cracking and everyone was having fun, until I was kicked out for no reason!"



Pedro and Asianna in their onesies



Mr. Raya sporting his nerd attire



Where's my teddy bear? (above)  
Super nerd day (right) Desiree,  
Zierra, Jasmine, Donisha, Clydale

# HOMECOMING 2013



Presenting your 2013 Bowen High School Homecoming King Pedro Torres and Queen Desiree Rhodes!



Duke and Dutchess  
Nacariel Williams and Alexis Ramirez

# BOILERMAKER FOOTBALL GAME & DANCE



Lord and Lady  
Malik Wright and Zakkiyya Shenault



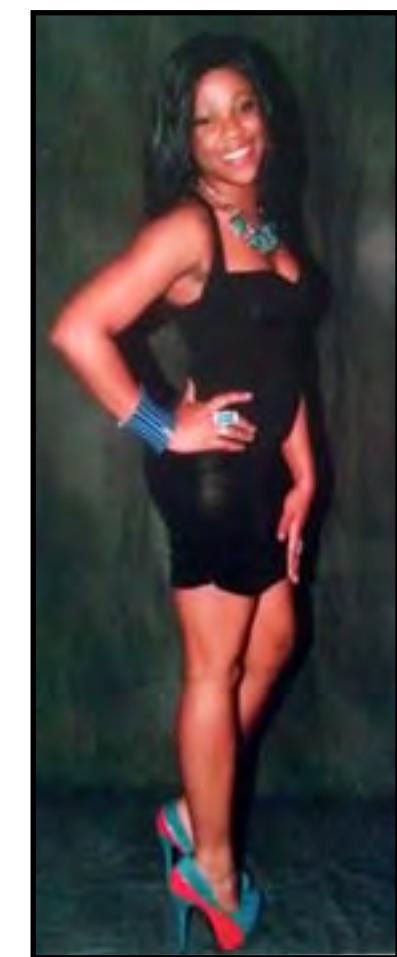
#1 Alex Caldwell carries it home in the homecoming game



Carver and Bowen face off. "Get ready, set, Go Boilermakers!"



“Go Blackhawks! Go Sox!” Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Fazekas are true Chicago fans



Genia poses for the camera



Ester and friends homecoming night

# JROTC NEWS



JROTC march against domestic violence this past October- Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By LaTavia Davis

The object of JROTC is to motivate students to be better citizens, better patriots, and to achieve greatness. They want their cadets to show and represent their family, schools, & the army corps of cadets with respect.

To achieve this goal they have participated in a number of activities that inspire the students to want to do and be better.

On October 4, JROTC participated in a parade against domestic violence. The color guard, drum line, and a few cadets joined in. It wasn't just JROTC that joined in, but a few Bowen students did also.

Lucy Mendino, the BC, said



Boilemakers show their patriotism while representing Bowen in the Veteran's Day Parade

JROTC STAFF 2013  
Battalion Commander: Lucy Mendino  
Battalion Executive Officer: Desire Rhodes  
Battalion Command Sergeant Major: Shantel Johnson  
S1: Chanel McGee  
S2: LaTavia Davis  
S3: Jasmine Bennett  
S4: Erica Wilson  
S5: Aaliyah Figures  
S6: Autumn Coleman

"I felt that the cadets did very well. They listened, followed their orders, and looked and sounded good while doing it."

Sgt. Newton said, "I believe that both of the parades were a success. There was a good turnout from the cadets on both occasions, and the coordinators were very satisfied."

## JROTC Cadet Creed

I am an Army Junior ROTC cadet. I will always conduct myself to bring credit to my family, country, school, and the Corps of Cadets. I am loyal and patriotic. I am the future of the United States of America.

I do not lie, cheat, or steal and will always be accountable for my actions and deeds. I will always practice good citizenship and patriotism.

I will work hard to improve my mind and strengthen my body. I will seek the mantle of leadership and stand prepared to uphold the Constitution and the American way of life.

May God grant me the grace to always live by this creed.

## C/O 2014 Senior News



By Donisha Jackson, Corteris Parks, & Marvell Clifton

- City Colleges of Chicago visited Bowen High School on November 5th & 7th to assist students with completing the CCC admission application and the programs offered

- Forty- five hand elected students will attend an all day trip to Millikin College on November 20, 2013

- Students are REQUIRED to complete 5 college applications (3 BY THANKSGIVING BREAK)

- Students are REQUIRED to complete at least 1 Scholarship application



## Announcements

Attention 10-12th grade students interested in joining Peer Jury see Ms. Shikany or Ms. Ginsburg during lunch 11/19, 11/21, 11/26.

•Monmouth College will meet with a few selected students to discuss admission/college life at Monmouth

•Forty-five seniors will tour Milliken University Thursday 11/21.

•Computer Lab 201 will be open to Seniors on Tuesdays/Thursday during 4th/5th period (SPECIAL PASS NEEDED)

Ms. Young's show choir was selected to perform at The Harold Washington Cultural Center in *Ebony Scrooge: A Modern Musical!*

Are you squinting to read this? OPEN YOUR EYES!  
The Ageless Eye Clinic will be here Friday Dec. 6, to give FREE eye exams and FREE glasses! Students must submit consent form - See Ms. Pitre for details

## Student Enrichment

Funds provided by a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant

3:30- 6:30 in Room 500

Lunch provided

Monday

Homework Help

Young Chicago Authors

Tuesday

Homework Help

Dance

Wednesday

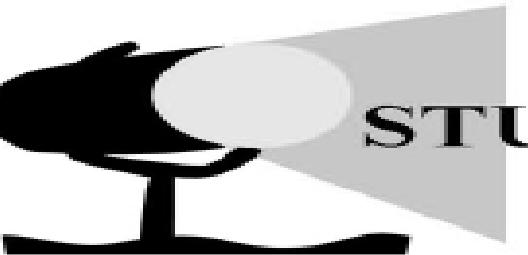
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Hip Hop Yoga

Thursday

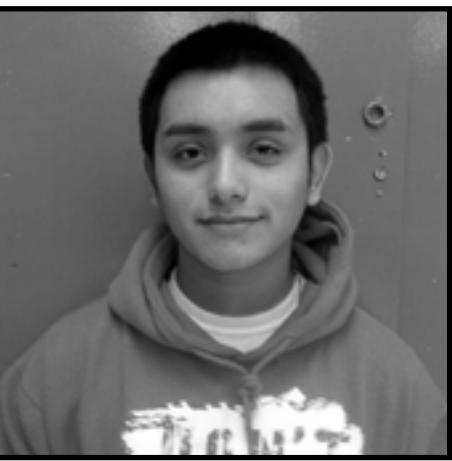
Homework Help

Digital Photography



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Carlos Juarez- Loving soccer & never stopping



By Brianna Williams

Carlos Juarez is the MVP for the boys' soccer team this year. The team's coach, Mr. Vocal, said, "Carlos is a very hard worker who comes to practice every day in uniform, and he makes sure that his team does what they need to do. He's a leader."

Carlos has been playing soccer ever since he was a little kid, and he joined the team because he likes having fun working as a team. "I'm learning the word leadership, what that really means, and being able do what I love," said Carlos.

The people that support Carlos are his girlfriend, and his family. He said, "They have always supported me in whatever I wanted to do."

Carlos challenges himself in many ways. He knows that he has to maintain his grades to stay on the team. He knows that he has to eat right, and get enough sleep, so he will be able to have the right mindset when he plays.

Just by the way Carlos talked to me about soccer, I could see how happy it makes him. Carlos has worked hard to get to the point of being MVP and I know that he will continue to be a great role model for his team. Bowen is very proud of him. Go Carlos!

"If you want it badly enough, try- don't give up," said Destiny.

### Destiny Broaden Cheer MVP



By Ester Cherisme

"She's very active and energetic- a leader of the team," said Coach Fletcher. Destiny is one of the best cheerleaders at Bowen. She is excited and feels proud to be MVP of the cheerleading team.

"She always comes to practice, makes all the cheers, and encourages others. Destiny is very helpful," said her coaches.

Although she is only a sophomore, Destiny has a lot of experience. She has been cheering since seventh grade and plans to continue through her high school years.

With a great spirit, she loves to cheer, enjoys dancing, and moving her body to the beats. She inspired herself and her family supported her.

She said being part of the cheerleading team has challenged her to bring her grades up and have perfect attendance. Her motivation in being part of the team is being in the spotlight and being able to show what she has to offer.

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### Asianna Swanigan Varsity Team MVP



By Genia Wright

"The reason I chose to play this sport is because I started playing in gym class in 5th grade and was really good," said Asianna Swanigan, captain of the girls' volleyball team.

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## Alex the Great



By Keith Roberts and Marvel Clifton

"Go hard or go home." This phrase is what Boilemakers' Football MVP and athlete of the month Alex Caldwell lives by. Alex's domination on the football field gave him these honors.

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## Jasmine Bennett Rocks 70 G's in Scholarships

By Monique Washington

"No matter how unmotivated you may get, try your hardest Persevere, when you think the world is against you, when You get down, look up and know that there is more to life"

-Jasmine Bennett  
C/O 2014



year. As for Jasmine, she said, "It wasn't hard. I had to apply to the schools, have a 3.0 GPA, and at least a 20 ACT score."

Congratulations for such a great accomplishment, Jasmine! We wish you good luck with your future.

Senior Jasmine Bennett, HBCU scholarship recipient

## D-Wade gets into some Mindless Behavior at youth festival



Mindless Behavior wows the crowd at the "Choose to Live, Live to Dream" fest held in September

By Chanel McGee

PHOTOS BY DANIEL BOCZARSKI

"I made some choices in my life that made me lose my dream," said Pastor Jolinda Wade. Wade, the mother of Miami Heat star and NBA champion Dwyane Wade, spoke to the crowd at the "Choose to Live, Live to Dream" festival on Sept. 7 at Douglas Park.

The main focus of the festival, sponsored by the NBA player's Wade's World Foundation and the City Of Chicago, was to encourage young people to hold onto their dreams. The event provided a day of free entertainment, sign-up for after-school programs and job opportunities for young adults.

Ever wonder what type of program Dwyane Wade would join if he were part of today's youth? "I would join my Chicago Has Talent program if I had talent," he said.



## Cheering Up Bowen

By Monique Washington

We got spirit yes we do! We got spirit how about you? Bowen's 2013-2014 cheerleading team is ready to step up their game this year with our new coaches Catherine Fletcher, Clare

McCauley, and Sarah Robertson. We know the team is gonna be great this season cheering on both football and basketball teams. This year the cheer team will be working with stunts and even some professional moves. Meagan, a sophomore, and Clydele



The cheer squad gets ready to perform at the homecoming pep rally



Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade hula- hooping' at Douglas Park

Ooooh, Dwyane Wade can't hula hoop for nothing," said Ebonae Williams, a junior at Bowen.

The ringmaster jokingly offers Wade a job in circus for whenever he gets tired of basketball.

After the circus acts, Pastor Jolinda Wade and Tragil Wade, Dwyane's sister, addressed the children for the "Choose to Live, Live to dream" pledge. Next, Dwyane Wade and Emanuel talked to them.

"Thank you from the City Of Chicago for keeping Chicago families in your heart," Emanuel said, thanking the basketball player for his support. Dwyane Wade added, "I feel that everyone is excited and I love to see them doing things for the community."

Then, the "Choose to Live, Live to Dream" pledge participants

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Don't waste your money on the iPhone 5S

REVIEW: Samsung Galaxy Note 3 a tablet wannabe

Wesley, an alum, are amazing captains helping out to help us cheer up Bowen and show our spirit. Megan said her expectation for this year is "to raise the standards of Bowen's cheer."

By the end of this year, Bowen is sure to have smiles on their faces



Cheerleaders dancing to the beat

## It's Only My Opinion

By Marcus Eades and staff writers

### Who's your favorite teacher and why?

"My favorite teacher is Mrs. Smith because she is very nice and very serious about students being successful in their education and in her class." Genia Wright, senior

Mrs. Gonzales because she keeps me focused and on task in class." Anthony Jackson, senior

"My favorite teachers would have to be from BAM. Those guys are awesome! They taught me integrity and how to relieve anger in a positive way. I really feel like I can be a better man." Christian Segura, freshman

"My favorite teacher is Ms. Young. I love her class, her dedication to her music, her passion for music shines through her class. She works hard for what she wants and she loves what she does." Monique Washington, senior

"My favorite teacher is Mr. Hunter because he helps us understand what he is teaching and he gives us hands-on activities." Victoria Lloyd, freshman

"My favorite teacher is Ms. Flowers because she's one of the teachers that isn't extremely difficult to talk to, and her sarcasm is funny." Elezha Hudson, sophomore

"My favorite teacher is Sgt. Newton because he is the JROTC instructor and I love JROTC. That is my life." Daszon Jordan, junior



Corteris Parks, senior

"My favorite teachers are Mrs. Holloway and Ms. Flowers. They are the nicest teachers to me and I've known them the longest. They are like family to me." C. Parks, senior

## NOVEMBER HOROSCOPES

By Elisa Torres adapted by horoscopedaily.com

**ARIES:** It is important to communicate deep feelings. Holding deep feelings can cause a lot of trouble for you and loved ones. Stay with positive surroundings.

**PISCES:** You need time to think about yourself. You worry about others' thoughts. If you're with someone or not, you still have a lot of love from close friends.

**TAURUS:** Everything is going great in your life. A lot has been accomplished. You're not a quitter. Others have been inspired by everything you have been doing.

**VIRGO:** Everything is on point right now in life. You're at the point that you keep your head up high. Staying positive and focused is the most important thing.

**GEMINI:** You've been acting like a different person. You're sense of sarcastic humor is exactly what's needed to puncture any inflated, superficial egos.

**CANCER:** Take an opportunity to move forward towards the goals you are going to accomplish in your future. Connecting with others is the most important key to do much better.

**CAPRICORN:** This might be a difficult month for you. There is stress built up in you that you need to get rid of. Things at home will be or are challenging at the moment.

**AQUARIUS:** You'll be very defensive when you're dealing with relationships or family. You're more into fashion and art- those are the main things you want to look forward to in future life.

**LEO:** You have a lot on your mind, either in work, social, or family issues. You are worried about the outcome of it. You worry too much- don't let it affect you and your surroundings.

**SCORPIO:** You've made the easiest task appear to be very complicated for yourself. Stop stressing out and just be yourself.

**SAGITARIUS:** You're being pushed in a certain direction. Trust that you are being helped in many ways. As long as you keep everything under control, you are on the right path for your future.

## What is your goal for the new school year?

"Pass with honors." Damarcus Morrow, junior

"To get better grades, learn more, study harder, pay attention, and lose the attitude towards teachers, adults, staff, and students." Tamia Anderson, freshman

"My goal is to be on the honor roll." Jose Zepeda, freshman

My goal for the new school year is to maintain my GPA at a 3.0 or better, to do all my work, to not worry about the drama, and to not let anyone take my learning away from me." Sheniece Vincent, freshman



Olusade Oni, freshman

"My goal for this year is to focus and work hard. I want to have a high GPA, so I can attend any college I want." Olusade Oni, freshman

## "How do you feel about the new schedule?

"I think it's way better than last year because the periods are shorter and the school day ends at 3:15." Juan Castillo, sophomore

"I don't like it because we learned way more last year. Now this year it's short and we have a lot of homework." Brittany Henry, junior

"I like this year's schedule better than last year. We actually learned more this year." Jasmine Rodriguez, sophomore



I think this year's schedule is great because we've learned more in ten weeks than we learned all year." Brian Pegues, sophomore

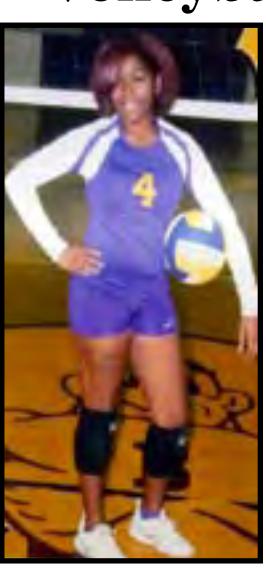
## An Early Wintery Word Search

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BLUSTERY	HARVEST	MERRY	SNOWFLAKE
CANDYCANE	HIBERNATE	ORNAMENTS	SNOWGLOBE
COOKIES	HOLIDAY	SHIVER	SNOWMEN

# Boilermaker Fall Sports

## Volleyball Conference Champs!



By Ariana Sanchez



### 2013 Varsity Volleyball Team

Top row: Ariana Sanchez, Tyiana Smith, Nafeesa Bean, Destiny Bickham, Asianna Swanigan

Bottom row: Lakeila Cooper, Alexis Garcia, Stefanie Bermea, Stephanie Torres



It was a long season for our lady Boilermakers this year. Both j.v. and varsity teams gave it their best to be at the top again with the help of Coach Martin and Coach Wilson.

The first school that the varsity and j.v. went up against was Calumet. The girls didn't know what they were going up against because they had now moved up to a higher level than last year.

When the girls started playing against Calumet, they realized that those girls were going to be competition this year. The girls were really stressed out, which made them make mistakes.

Coach Wilson with captains Asianna Swanigan and Destiny Bickham

There was no communication among the teammates, when the coach called time out to get their heads back in the game.

All the girls had to do was relax and play the game. Because it was their first game of the season, the girls were nervous, but at the end realized Calumet could be beat. The Boilermakers put all their effort into it and won their first game.

That first win was the start of a great season that earned the team a 12-3 record and led them to win the 2013 conference championship.

Coach Wilson said, "Our girls had another great season this year. I'm very proud of them."

## BAD NEWS BOILERMAKERS

By Keith Roberts

All summer the Bowen Boilermakers football team prepared to battle some of the best teams Chicago has to offer. They had a tough time in the beginning of the season, but in the end, they beat a countless number of teams in scrimmage games and even won a third place trophy in a 7-on-7 tournament competing against several other Chicago schools.

What looked to be a promising season started to fall when they faced Uplift High School in their first game. The oh-so confident Bowen team was shocked to face

defeat in their first game and by such a wide margin with the final score of 38-2.

When asked what he thought was the reason for the losses, new Head Coach Underwood said, "I'm a new coach still trying to get to know the players and plus we played some really good teams."

The season wasn't all losses. Bowen won their first game in week 7 when they faced Carver High School in the homecoming game. With Carver scoring on the first drive of the game, Bowen kept their spirits high and scored on the



Boilermakers make their move at the homecoming game and grab a 16-8 victory

next one. Bowen scored eight points in the first half of the game. Then in the second half, Bowen's defense

stepped up making huge plays which included stopping Carver from scoring for the rest of the game. A key interception from Ricky Brown set Bowen up to score again. The highly awaited 16-8 victory wasn't easy, "Carver put up a good fight," said quarterback Cory Wilson, but at the end of the day, Bowen walked out with the hard fought victory.

Although a lot of key players are graduating this year, Bowen still has enough talent to go far especially for the running-back and linebacker positions. Now that the season is over, Coach Underwood and his staff will start recruiting young players for the next season.



### 2013-2014 Boilermaker Football Team

3rd row: Francisco Valencia (72), Pedro Torres (69), Carl Dezir (66), Alfonzo Ward (76), Jermain Johnson (63), Christopher Morrow (59), Brandon Peacock (55), Bobby Fenton (51), Brian Pegues (50), Danzail Johnson (11) 2nd row: Marcus Eades (77), Keith Roberts (60), Jordan Azard (84), Kelly Griffin (81), Quintell Henderson (40), Derion Ward (33), Keyontay Hancock (32), Leo -1st row: Tahjinique Findlater (24), Kendall Gibbs (21), Maurice Paino (20), Quentin Hart (18), Joekwon Phillips (9), Ricky Brown (7), Cory Wilson (3), Alex Caldwell (1)

