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With the first month of school completed, the Bartlesville Public School District is well underway to a terrific school year. Students have adjusted to school changes and new environments and are excelling in our fall sports programs.

I am pleased to announce that four students in the Bartlesville senior class of 2017 are Semifinalists in the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Their names will be released as part of a separate press release in the coming days.

Class of 2016 test results reflect the quality of students and staff we have throughout the Bartlesville Public School District. The ACT is a standardized test frequently used by college admissions offices and focuses on the subject areas of English, mathematics, reading, and science, along with an optional writing portion. We just learned that the BHS class of 2016 ACT score is an impressive 22.4 composite, which surpasses the national average of 21 and state average of 20.7.

We are proud of the thirteen students who were honored on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for earning the equivalent of a high school diploma by passing General Educational Development (GED) exams. Overall, 37 students passed their GED exams between August 2015 and July 2016 thanks to the support of our Adult Education program.

Thanks to all who came to the Open House at Central Middle School on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Those present marveled at the ongoing and massive renovations and refreshed classrooms. We plan to be using all of the renovated spaces in the next few days.

I want to again thank our community for supporting Bartlesville Public Schools by approving by a wide margin the school bond proposals on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the coming weeks, the district will be developing a strategy to document progress on the various bond projects at the bond issues website, [bruinbond.com](http://bruinbond.com), to assure voters that the funding they approved is used appropriately.

Homecoming is next week. The annual Main Street Bartlesville tailgate rally celebration will be combined with the 2016 Homecoming Parade on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The parade will start at the First Baptist Church and run west on 5<sup>th</sup>, north on Keeler, and east on Frank Phillips. The rally will be held at Dewey and Frank Phillips. Bartlesville High School's homecoming game against Muskogee is set for September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. on Lyon Field at Custer Stadium.

Next month will bring Fall Break on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

As I visit the sites around our district, one thing is clear. We have a wonderful group of innovative teachers and leaders. They are working hard to inspire our students to realize their greatest potential and become positive contributors to our community.

I will see you in the schools! GO BRUINS!