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ENGLISH

Plenty of Bearcats favor literature, writing, and the life of an English class and the impact it will have



The PRHS English Department serves over 2100 students with only 13 teachers for grades 9 through 12. But why is there such a need for English courses? English teacher **Haley Talbert** knows that English paves the way to a successful future. "While we do read, we also focus on important skills for college and career. These include the ability to clearly say what you believe, defend your reasoning with accurate evidence, and communicate these ideas in writing or verbally to others," Talbert said. Talbert believes these are the key to success. While it can seem daunting to have to take four years of English, some believe it helps embrace and strengthen many skills.

Senior **Brooke Taylor** said, "I think English classes matter a lot because they build skills that are used in the real world. Even studying themes I think helps in the real world because you're able to better interpret not only works of fiction but more easily form your own perceptions of real-life events and people," Taylor said.

Class Fun

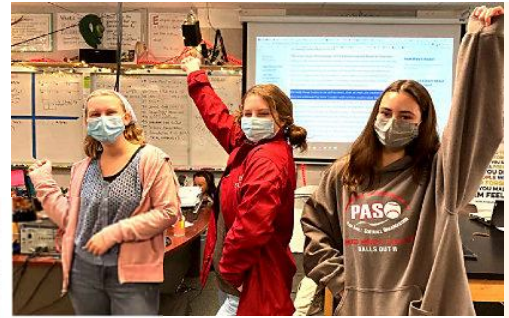
Students in Aaron Cantrell's AP LIT mix fun into the challenges of AP



Faith Gaudi (12) and **Emma Phillips** (12)



Ella Mitchell (12) and her service dog **Sage**



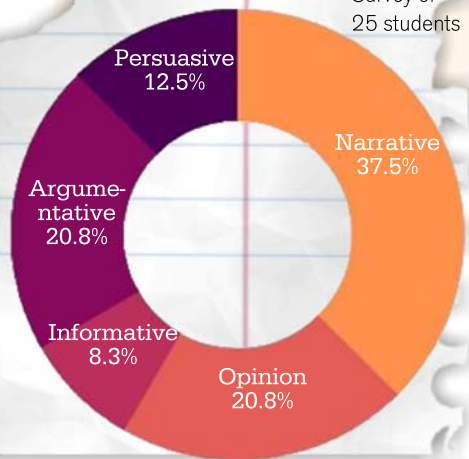
SURROUNDED BY STORIES (left): **Leah Schwartzenger** (12), **Isabella Saconi** (12), **John Seden-Hansen** (12), **Rylee McLenithan** (11), & **Dallin Anderson** (12) have enjoyed PRHS English consistently, they said.

SING YOUR HEART OUT (above right): **Mackenzie Chreene** (09) **Skylar Collins** (09), **Phoebe Leonard** (09) singing songs from the musical **Hamilton** for their English 1H Class.

STUFFING MY NOSE IN A GOOD BOOK (bottom right): **Leah Schwartzenger** (12) showing off her favorite book **The Book Thief** by Markus Zusak.

Favorite Essay Style?

Survey of 25 students



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PROJECTS

Students in Robyn Barringer's English classes share their shelter projects from The Lord Of The Flies Unit.



The Vintu

Sofia Cortes (10), Julia Sanchez (10), Vanessa Moreno (10), and Paco Guerrero (10) showing off their shelter project titled "THE VINTU."



Moss Mansion

Sebastian Radojevic (10) and Logan Carr (10) showing off their shelter project titled "Moss Mansion."



Monkey Kingdom

Sophomores Nicholas Ruben Mota-Osipov, Hayden McKanna, Kacie Callahan, Ashley BenAmi, Joshua Cantrell, Marlie Thompson, and Elie Chavez show off their project "Monkey Kingdom."

Class Collaboration

Honors English freshmen game up vocabulary in Quizlet Live.



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Why English?

Every student has to take four years of English, so why is it important? As English teacher Kevin LeClair put it, "We use literature to reflect on our own experiences, to help us gain a better understanding of the world around us, and to develop the necessary communication skills we need to be successful in today's society."



"I love how English is so subjective. Everyone can read the same paragraph or the same poem and develop completely different perspectives based off of it." - Charlize Kee (12)



"English is interesting because it tells us a lot about how we think and communicate as a culture." Mick Barnett (11)

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Students share their all-time favorite books



Dallin Anderson (12) East Of Eden



Ava Lovelace (11) The Silent Patient



Destiny Massey (10) Warrior Cats



Zoey Manninger (12) The Bell Jar

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