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In Loving Memory of Mrs. Bridget Ody

In loving memory of Mrs. Bridget Ody, whose passion for teaching was evident to all who entered her classroom. Mrs. Ody's freshmen biology students will always remember her dedication to their success. Her legendary enthusiasm for organization helped hundreds of students make an easier transition from middle school to high school. She will also be remembered for her kindness. "Anybody that took her class knew they were loved and cared for," said Mr. Michael Taylor, Mrs. Ody's co-teacher for ten years. Mr. Taylor says she could be strict, but "then she would be the one going behind and hugging on the kids, and people didn't see that side of her. Then there were times where she was straight serious, and I would play off that and be the silly one and crack the jokes." They fed off each other, and he said they were always there for each other. Another co-worker, Mr. Craig Dean, says Mrs. Ody demonstrated a mastery of her craft. He was honored to be in the yearbook alongside her as Allatoona's other "Most Organized Teacher." Dean said, "It was quite a privilege to be considered in her company. For several years I'd heard students compliment her abilities to package information in a relatable way." Buccaneer teachers and students alike will always remember Mrs. Ody's love for our school. She made sure all students knew she had their best interests at heart. Our hearts go out to her family at this time.

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Commemorating Comments:

"She was not only a colleague but a friend. Collaboration was easy and her contributions were vast. She was caring, poised, and loved her students and colleagues very much." - **Mrs. Dau**

"I had her my freshman year and she was one of the best science teachers I ever had. My heart is broken" - **Zachery Paul**

"Simply one of the best! She will be miss by all who were lucky enough to have crossed paths with her. I'll bet my paycheck that she stepped into the gates of Heaven and said 'okay, let's get this place organized and color-coded!" - **Mr. Taylor**

"Such a fantastic lady. Love you Ms. Ody" - **Aden Godwin**

"Ms. Ody sparked my love for science! One of my favorite teachers ever" - **Josh Parker**

"My daughter had her for science last year & she absolutely loved her." - **Karen Claybrooks**

"So sad! My boys loved her and she was an amazing teacher!! There have not been many teachers my boys have talked about but she definitely was! She will be missed!!" - **Sandi Christian**

"Rest easy Ms. Ody. You will be missed greatly. Thanks for making science enjoyable" - **Madison Edwards**

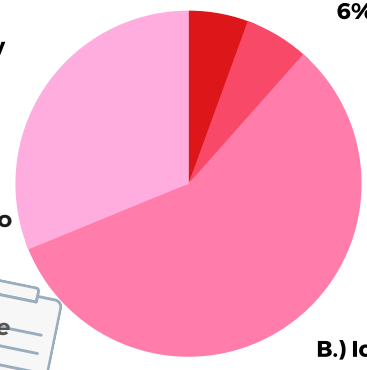


Weekly Question

What is your favorite type of dessert?

- A.) Baked Item/Pastry
- B.) Ice Cream/Milkshake
- C.) Candy
- D.) Other

A.) Baked Item/Pastry
31.2%



"B because it's cold but tasty and their are so many different flavors to pick, plus you can add a bunch of different stuff to it like toppings" - Brecklyn Claybrooks *Sophomore*

"Definitely B. Milkshakes are my favorite dessert, they always taste so good!" - Drew Davis *Senior*

What Our Students Have to Say:

Congratulations to all of the Senior Superlative winners!

- Best to Take Home:** Mr. & Miss AHS: Marshall Willingham & Kathleen Cordell
- Most Artistic:** Percy Gordon & Charlotte Greenberg
- Most Athletic:** Brett Blomquist & Lauren Ford
- Most Likely to Succeed:** Luke Towery & Hazel Kim
- Highschool Sweethearts:** Hart Shaw & Sophie Anderson
- Biggest Flirt:** Logan McGuire & Sophia Solimine
- Best Dressed:** Elijah Scott & Chloe Clemenson
- The Main Characters:** Hunter Paulsen & Katie Davis
- Musically Talented:** Brenden Lamarca & Alexis McCone
- Most Changed:** Joshua Bodecker & Marie Mosley
- Worst Case of Senioritis:** Basil Malik & Emma Bailey
- Unexpected Couple:** Rylee Faith Taylor & Andrew Taylor
- Kindest Heart:** Bowie Dupree & Sophia Haag
- Most Spirited:** Sean Bryne & Ella Ramsey
- Attached At The Hip:** Hunter and Fisher Paulen & Maggie Saleeby, Faith Newby, and Kathleen Cordell
- Most Likely to Say a Joke at the Wrong Time:** Aden Godwin & Dakota Kaloustian
- Worst Drivers:** Jack Garger & Jordan Rodgers

The Last DROP/ADD CLASS Date Is... MARCH 5

So, make sure to turn your waiver into the FRONT OFFICE by that date to change your schedule

Q & A with DR. FAKLARIS

1. What is your favorite hobby?
2. How has Covid affected you?
3. How long have you worked in education?
4. What is your favorite activity to do with your family?
5. What is your favorite place you have ever traveled to?
6. As a kid, what did you want to be?
7. What is your favorite aspect of working at Allatoona?

COMING SOON

Caps & Gowns Will Be Available Soon At Allatoona

Also...

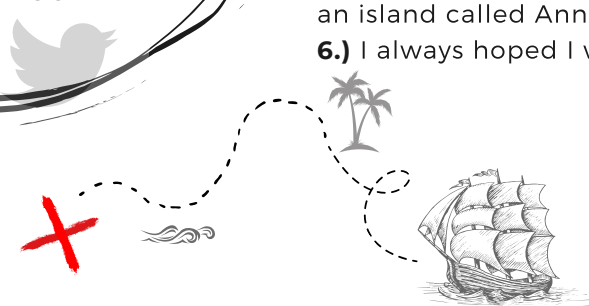
Make sure to get your Senior Class T-Shirt now on the Allatoona Website!

Make Sure To Follow Our School's Social Media!

- Twitter : @allatoona_hs
- Facebook : @allatoonahs
- Instagram : @allatoonahighschool

- 1.) Currently, it is house projects and building furniture.
- 2.) As a family we loved it. The time we were able to spend with our daughters was amazing. We had moved into a new home that summer and made a 4-year plan for all the projects we wanted to complete. During the lockdown, we were able to renovate the kitchen and build a new bathroom. Outside we built an outdoor fireplace/pizza oven, a pool, and a poolside deck. As a family we really made the most of the time hanging out and playing games together. As a world, I know many people lost loved ones to the virus and I am truly sorry for that.
- 3.) I have been in education since 1999. So it is 22 yrs, 1 month, and 25 days to be specific.
- 4.) I love it when our family has game night. At least 1 night per week we get together and play some type of card game as a family. Current favorites are *Exploding Kittens*, *Throw Throw Burrito*, and *5 Kings*.
- 5.) I love going to the beach. My favorite beach area is South of Tampa Bay on an island called Anna Maria. It is very low-key and not very touristy.
- 6.) I always hoped I would do a job where I helped people. My first Major in college was Physical Therapy.
- 7.) The community. I love how it is not just a school it is so much more than that. It is academics, sports, music, and theater. There really is a spot for everyone.

- DR. FAKLARIS



Monday

- Air Rifle P (3:30-6:00)
- Basketball Workouts (4:00-6:00)
- Boys Lacrosse P (4:00-6:00)
- Soccer P (4:00-5:30)
- Baseball P (4:00-6:30)
- Boys(V) & Girls Tennis (3:45-5:30)
- Track P (4:00-5:45)
- Golf P (4:00-6:30)
- JV Boys Tennis VS Wheeler (4:30pm-6:30pm)
- JV Boys Lacrosse VS Hillgrove (7:30pm H)
- V Boys Lacrosse VS Christ School (5:30pm H)
- JV & V Boys & Girls Golf VS Kennesaw Mtn. (TBA A)

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Tuesday

- Cheer Tryouts (3:45-6:30)
- Lacrosse P (4:00-6:00)
- V Baseball P (4:00-6:30)
- Gymnastics P (4:30-6:30)
- Track P (4:00-5:45)
- Golf P (4:00-6:30)
- Boys & Girls(JV) Tennis P (3:45-5:30)
- V Girls Tennis VS Hiram (4:30-6:30)
- JV & V Boys Soccer VS Osborne (JV-5:30pm/V-7:30pm A)
- JV & V Girls Soccer VS Osborne (JV-5:30pm/V-7:30pm H)
- JV Baseball VS North Paulding (5:55pm H)

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Wednesday

- Cheer Tryouts (3:45-6:30)
- Air Rifle P (3:30-6:00)
- Boys(JV) & Girls Lacrosse P (4:00-6:00)
- Soccer P (4:00-5:30)
- Baseball P (4:00-6:30)
- Track P (4:00-5:45)
- Golf P (4:00-6:30)
- Tennis P (3:45-5:30)
- V Boys Lacrosse VS Roswell (8:00pm A)
- JV & V Track Allatoona Relay Festival (TBA H)
- Georgia College Virtual College Visit

NO SCHOOL

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Thursday

- Cheer Tryouts (3:45-6:30)
- Boys Lacrosse P (4:00-6:00)
- Boys & Girls(V) Soccer P (4:00-5:30)
- Gymnastics P (4:30-6:30)
- Track P (4:00-5:45)
- Golf P (4:00-6:30)
- Tennis P (3:45-5:30)
- Air Rifle VS McEachern (3:30-7:00)
- V Boys Tennis VS Wheeler (4:30-6:30)
- Girls Lacrosse Pre-Game Meal (3:30-5:30)
- JV & V Girls Lacrosse VS Kennesaw Mtn. (JV-5:30pm/V-7:00pm H)
- JV Girls Soccer VS South Cobb (7:30pm A)
- JV Baseball VS Hillgrove (5:55pm A)
- V Baseball VS Lagrange (7:00pm A)

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Friday

- Boys(V) & Girls Lacrosse P (4:00-6:00)
- Boys & Girls(JV) Soccer P (4:00-5:30)
- JV Baseball P (4:00-6:30)
- Gymnastics P (4:30-6:30)
- Track P (4:00-5:45)
- JV Boys Lacrosse VS Roswell (8:00pm A)
- V Girls Soccer VS South Cobb (7:30pm H *SENIOR NIGHT)
- V Baseball VS Smiths Station (5:30pm A)

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Saturday

- V Girls Lacrosse P (4:00-6:00)
- Soccer P (4:00-5:30)
- Boys Lacrosse Pre-Game Meal (8:00am-10:00am)
- JV Boys Lacrosse VS Johns Creek (2:00pm A)
- V Boys Lacrosse VS Mus (10:00am H)
- JV Girls Lacrosse VS Walton (9:00am A)
- JV Baseball VS Walton (1:00pm H)
- V Baseball VS Mountain View (10:00am A)
- V Baseball VS Lagrange Invitational (TBA A)
- V Boys & Girls Track Rome Invitational (TBA A)

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Sunday

Monday

- Basketball Workouts (4:00-6:00)
- Boys Lacrosse P (4:00-6:00)
- Soccer P (4:00-5:30)
- Baseball P (4:00-6:30)
- Track P (4:00-5:45)
- Golf P (4:00-6:30)
- Tennis P (3:45-5:30)
- Girls Lacrosse Pre-Game Meal (3:00-5:00)
- JV & V Girls Lacrosse VS Dalton (JV-5:30pm/V-7:00pm H)
- JV & V Boys & Girls Golf VS Cobb Divisional Meet (TBA A)

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Tuesday

- Basketball Workouts (4:00-6:00)
- Boys & Girls Lacrosse P (4:00-6:00)
- Baseball P (4:00-6:30)
- Gymnastics P (4:30-6:30)
- Track P (4:00-5:45)
- Golf P (4:00-6:30)
- Tennis P (3:45-5:30)
- V Boys Tennis VS Kennesaw Mtn. (4:30-6:30)
- JV Boys & Girls Soccer VS Kell (B-7:30pm/G-6:00pm A)
- V Boys & Girls Soccer VS Kell (B-7:30pm/G-5:30pm H)
- JV & V Boys & Girls Golf VS Cobb Divisional Meet (TBA A)

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Wednesday

- Lacrosse P (4:00-6:00)
- Soccer P (4:00-5:30)
- Track P (4:00-5:45)
- Golf P (4:00-6:30)
- Tennis P (3:45-5:30)
- JV Baseball VS Lassiter (5:55pm A)
- V Baseball VS Lassiter (5:55pm H)
- JV Boys & Girls Track AHS JV Meet (TBA H)

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NO SCHOOL

Thursday

- Basketball Workouts (4:00-6:00)
- Girls Lacrosse P (4:00-6:00)
- Soccer P (4:00-5:30)
- V Baseball P (4:00-6:30)
- Gymnastics P (4:30-6:30)
- Track P (4:00-5:45)
- Golf P (4:00-6:30)
- Tennis P (3:45-5:30)
- V Girls Tennis VS Kell (4:30-6:30)
- Boys Lacrosse Pre-Game Meal (5:00-7:00)
- JV Boys Lacrosse VS Marietta (5:30pm H)
- V Boys Lacrosse VS Kennesaw Mtn. (7:30pm H)
- JV Baseball VS Cartersville (5:55pm A)

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Week of March

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Week of March

8-14

Key:

- (H) - Home
- (A) - Away
- (LP) - LakePoint
- P - Practice

Friday

- Boys Lacrosse P (4:00-6:00)
- JV Boys & Girls Soccer P (4:00-5:30)
- Gymnastics P (4:30-6:30)
- Track P (4:00-5:45)
- JV & V Girls Lacrosse VS Centennial (JV-7:30pm/V-6:00pm A)
- V Boys & Girls Soccer VS Sprayberry (B-8:00pm/G-6:00pm A)
- JV Baseball VS Sprayberry (5:55pm H)
- V Baseball VS Sprayberry (5:55pm A)

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Saturday

- Lacrosse P (4:00-6:00)
- Soccer P (4:00-5:30)
- JV Baseball VS Lumpkin (3:00pm A)
- JV Baseball VS Pickens (5:30pm A)
- V Baseball VS South Cobb (2:00pm H)
- JV & V Boys & Girls Track VS River Ridge (TBA A)

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Sunday

- JV Boys Lacrosse VS Hillgrove (7:30pm H)

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Senior Section

What is your favorite memory from your years at Allatoona?

"My favorite memory from my four years at Allatoona was going to North Carolina to play Apex. It was cool to see the mayor at the game." - Ryan Alexander

"My favorite memory would be watching my friends compete in various sports. Going to volleyball, basketball, football, baseball, or watching my own teammates at swim meets or tennis matches is my favorite thing to do and I will always remember doing it." - Aydan Grossman

"My favorite memory from my four years at Allatoona would be going to football games with all my friends. The excitement that comes with it and being able to dress up in cute ways and dance while cheering on the team was so fun!" - Hannah Lawler

"Favorite memory was the lacrosse trip to North Carolina right before Covid happened." - Sean Bryne

"I would say being a manager, and getting to film & go to football games! I made a lot of friends through it and Coach Anderson was so amazing!" - Elizabeth Cook

"My favorite memory from my four years at Allatoona was when we swept at the top seven at a cross country meet near by Atlanta. We had won the overall race and I placed sixth out of a race with more than 100 people in it." - Simon Huaman

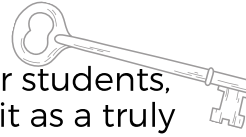
"My favorite memory from my years at Allatoona was when I won Homecoming Queen my senior year." - Lindsey Butts



MORE STORIES

Serving Students

Here at Allatoona High, we have a lot of fantastic clubs for students, one of them being Key Club. Mrs. Tina Stanton describes it as a truly unique club and says how it is “student-led and offers members an opportunity to learn leadership through service.” Key Club members visit and support students with physical and mental disabilities to help with sports and other activities. Mrs. Stanton emphasizes that “the biggest donation a member offers is their time.” For example, members visit senior living homes too and donate their time there as well as other places to enrich our community. Something you may not know is that when Key Club began in the 1950’s, it only allowed boys to join. But soon after, girls were able to join and help this international club promote education and good health around the world. Overall, Key Club is a great experience for students, and the school encourages them to join and be a part of making a difference. - **Gabby Penge**

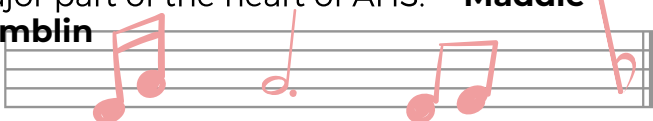


*Key Club
Student Members*

Ms. Cannon & Chorus

Allatoona has welcomed Emily Cannon, the new chorus teacher, onto the staff. She has been teaching for over 14 years at schools all over Georgia and even into Florida. Most recently, she came from McClure Middle School, a feeder school into Allatoona. “Music has been a major part of my life for as long as I can remember.” Her dad began teaching her to play the piano by ear at the age of five, and she began lessons at age seven. She immersed herself in as much music as she could, from church to school band. She was only in Chorus for one year during high school because she was very involved in the band. She even went on to become a drum major. Her favorite part of teaching is her students because she gets to combine her “passion for music with teaching some of the most amazing students in the world.” This year has been very different for the chorus program, with challenges such as singing with a mask on and remote students doing their best to sing along, but the chorus students “have done an outstanding job adapting to both a new chorus teacher and a new way of learning!” She is eager to take the Allatoona Chorus program to the next level of choral musicianship by “building on the foundation of excellence in the arts that are a major part of the heart of AHS.” - **Maddie**

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Marvelous Meal Kits

To begin, we would like to highlight the amazing work our cafeteria staff has been doing this school year. In response to the chaos that COVID-19 has created, they have started providing free meals for students ages 0-18. These meals include breakfast and lunch for students in Cobb and all surrounding areas. There is a two-week rotating schedule to offer some variety. “For breakfast, we serve French toast, chicken biscuits, turkey sausage biscuits, bacon egg, and cheese biscuits, breakfast pizza, cereal, and yogurt with animal crackers. For lunch, we offer chicken tenders, hamburgers, chicken nachos, cheesy garlic twists, breaded chicken leg, chicken sandwich, and cheesy garlic French bread. All of our meals include fresh fruit, juice, and milk,” said Cafeteria Manager Barbary Friedrich. “I have ten ladies that carefully prepare each of the meal kits. They all have their own items they are responsible for preparing. We do a little bit each day and then assemble our frozen bags and cooler bags on Wednesday, the day of distribution.” Our cafeteria staff serves approximately 175 families, but they are always looking to feed more. “For every meal kit we distribute, we are reimbursed by the USDA, which helps pay the people in the cafeteria who prepare the meals. We love to be involved in our community and would love to feed as many people as possible!” If you are interested in receiving a meal kit, just come to Allatoona on Wednesdays from 3-5 pm. We are so thankful for the work that our cafeteria staff has been doing this year for our community. -

Aidan Cathey