



# THE TROJAN VOICE

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JOHN S. BATTLE  
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## Girls' Basketball

**By: Calla Haderer**

The Trojans had a tough season but doubled their win record over the past two years. They lost to Abingdon in the first round of the conference tournament. It was a very emotional night as Sydney Bailey and Callie Haderer were the only seniors to be leaving the program.

## Boys' Basketball

**By: Caleb Goins**

The Trojans had a great season, finishing 16-8. The Trojans turned many heads after being predicted 6th in the conference. They also won the Virginia High tournament after beating the number 2 team in 1A, Honaker. Although the season didn't end as planned, the Trojans are already preparing for the next season. The Trojans were beaten by Graham in the opening round of regions.

## Wrestling

**By: Bryson Sargent**

The wrestling team's season was very well played, and all wrestlers did well, and some progressed to the state meet. Senior, Gabe McReynolds, and freshman, Avery Almany, both went 2-2. A great season by Battle wrestling!

## Athletic Signings

**By: Hannah Messer**

On February 28th, we had five athletes sign to continue their athletic and academic careers. Jarret Pool, Mikey Statti, and Dustin Blevins signed to play football at Emory and Henry. Caleb Goins signed to play football at Carson Newman, and Jake

signed to play baseball at Ferrum.

## All-State Band

**By: Tiffany McCoy**

On February 24th, 17 people from the John Battle band auditioned for the Virginia All-State Band at James Madison University-- breaking a record that has not been achieved yet at Battle. Tiffany McCoy placed 8th chair in the upper band for percussion. Others placed as close alternates. The event will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia on April 5th-7th. Congratulations!

## Spring Break

**By: Whitney Jackson**

Spring Break is actually happening this year for us. We have almost a whole week but have to come on Monday March 5th. Break will start on Tuesday, March 6th, and students will come back to school on Monday, March 12th.

## St. Patrick's Day

**By: Lauren Rhoton**

St. Patrick's Day is a day that honors the late Saint Patrick who was the foremost patron saint of Ireland. By wearing green ribbons and shamrocks, the people of Ireland started the tradition of wearing green on March 17th. Don't forget to wear green!

## Mr. and Ms. JSB Pageant

**By: Hailey Rush**

This was the 2nd annual Mr. and Ms. JSB pageant. The top 11 girls were Kaley Romans, Michaela Monk, Kat Phillips, Makenna Poe, Caroline Hensley, Grace Gillen, KT Freeman, Kelsey Blaylock, Jenna Francisco, Mackenzie Ford, and

were Landon Casteel, Mikey Statti, Wes Bratton, Gabe McReynolds, Parker Smith, Blaine Fleenor, Dakota Worley, Nathan Tiller, Aubrey Sarver, and Bryce Bowman. 3rd runners-up were Jake Mumpower and Grace Gillen. 2nd runners-up were Dakota Worley and Jenna Francisco. 1st runners-up were Parker Smith and Kat Phillips. Finally, Mr. and Ms. JSB were Blaine Fleenor and Kaley Romans.



## Queen of Hearts

**By: Camille Malone**

Five Queen of Hearts candidates were honored Saturday, March 31st at a gala held at the Higher Ed Center. Overall, the candidates raised over \$48,000 to donate to the American Heart Association. Collin White and Jenna Francisco, John Battle's two candidates, raised over \$34,000 together! Collin raised \$28,000 and was crowned the Queen of Hearts. Both of the Battle candidates said that participating was a great experience and that they learned a



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Mumpower	Chelsey Carter. The top 11 boys	lot along the way. Congratulations!
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## February-April 2018



### Easter

**By: Courtney Rogers**

Spring brought flowers, allergies, and, of course, the Easter Bunny. Easter fell on Sunday, April 1st (April Fool's Day) this year. Washington County Public Schools break was shorter than previous years; Students and staff only had Good Friday off, rather than the Monday following Easter.

### April Fools Day

**By: Whitney Jackson**

The day everyone loves, April 1, fell on Easter this year. This day is always filled with laughter and jokes but also had Easter elements.

### March Madness

**By: Hannah Messer**

The month of March was crazy for college basketball, leaving brackets destroyed and teams shocking the nation. UMBC beating Virginia in the first round was one of the biggest upsets of the month, leaving shattered brackets for those who expected UVA to take it all. Loyola was the underdog who made it all the way to the Final

and Villanova competed for the title, with Villanova winning, 69-57.

### Baseball

**By: Bryce Bowman**

With spring comes green grass, blooming flowers, and... the smell of hotdogs? That's right folks, baseball is back on Battle Hill. The Trojans, 2017 State Runner-Ups, took the field for the first time at Lebanon, in which the Trojans opened the season with a 13-0 victory. Finally, the Trojans hosted their home opener on March 31st against perennial Southwest District powerhouse, Tazewell.. The Trojans defeated the Bulldogs 5-4. The following Monday, the Trojans hosted their rivals, Abingdon Falcons. The Trojans and the Falcons were selected in a pre-season coaches poll to battle it out for the Mountain 7 District Championship. The Falcons just edged the Trojans 4-0. The Trojans (2-1) are off to a good start. April presents a tough schedule in the competitive Mountain 7 District.

### Softball

**By: Dani Statti**

The John Battle softball team started the season off with a 1-0 victory over Cherokee. They have also won against Virginia High, Twin Springs, and Abingdon . As of now, their record is 4-2, with their only loss being against Lebanon.

### Boys' Soccer

**By: Olivia Jessee**

The boys continue to battle through a new defensive line and several

then came back to life against Ridgeview where Chase Ratliffe scored a corner kick to win the match. They continued the winning April 9th with a 6-2 win over Lee; Landon Casteel had three goals.

### Girls' Soccer

**By: Kansas Hess**

The Trojans kicked off the season with a killer 2-1 win over Ridgeview. Madison Chappell scored against Lee, and they ended with a 2-2 tie. The 8 new players keep scoring goals for the team, despite having an almost entirely different team from last year. This year's goalie, Callie Haderer, has saved 2 PKs this season, and she's ready for more.

### Track

**Bryson Sargent**

On Tuesday, March 27th, the Battle track team competed in the VHS All-Comers meet at VHS. It was a good way to open the season with 2nd place. Congrats to Reed Samuel who has already qualified for state in high jump and long jump.

### Boys' and Girls' Tennis

**Hailey Rush**

The boys' tennis team is 7-0 so far this season and have played VHS, Lee, Union, Abingdon, Ridgeview, Central, and Gate City.

The girls are 2-4 so far. They have won against Lee and Union, and they have improved this year on wins and the number of players.

### All State Choir

**Trinity Denton**

All state choir was held in Richmond, VA. Battle was



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<p>Four, which consisted of Michigan, Villanova, and Kansas. Michigan</p>	<p>new offensive players. The guys started out with a loss at VHS, but Landon Casteel pulled out a goal,</p>	<p>represented by seniors Hailey Rush and Lori Labbe. They both made SATB choir, which had 257 students.</p>
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