

It's hard to believe, but 2022 already is coming to an end. This has been an awesome year in Birmingham City Schools. Once again, our educators and our scholars have shown how success really looks.

I'm pleased with the gains in student achievement, and I am confident that our students will continue to grow and learn in the New Year. In three years, we've seen a 35 percent decrease in the number of Birmingham schools on the state's failing schools list.

We also have seen a reduction in the number of CSI (Comprehensive Support and Improvement) schools in our district. This success happens because of the hard work of our educators, students and families who are focused on success for every scholar in Birmingham City Schools.

As we closeout 2022 and enter the holiday season, I want to thank everyone who contributes to the success of Birmingham City Schools.

The gains experienced in classrooms would not be possible without the commitment and hard work of our transportation team, buildings and maintenance, nursing staff, child nutrition, office support, counselors, and therapists, in addition to our educators.

Birmingham City Schools is home to champions in

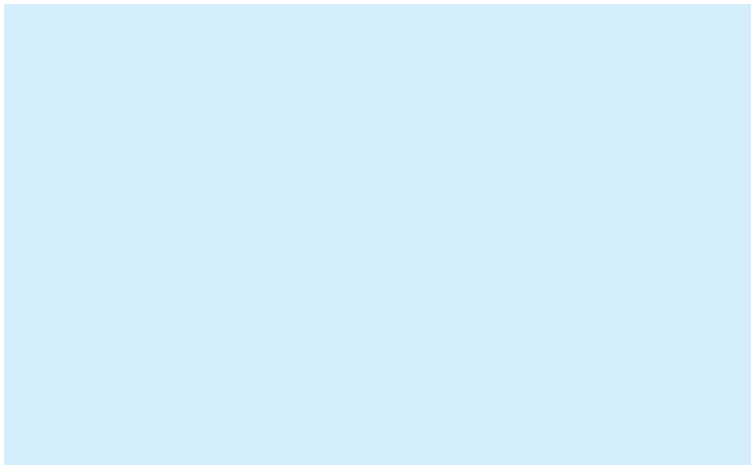
the classroom and in sports. Congratulations to the Martha Gaskins robotics team. These young scholars captured first place in the Fall CoderZ League Robotics Competition.

The Ramsay Rams Football Team also brought home a big trophy. They are the Alabama High School Athletic Association 5A Champions. Ashton Ashford, a junior tied a state playoff record – scoring five touchdowns in the team's win on Dec. 1, 2022.

Congratulations to our Ramsay student-athletes, their principal and the coaches who guide and prepare them for the challenge every day.

Winter Intersession starts on Jan. 3, 2022. This is an opportunity for all students to get additional support and enrichment. It is our hope that all students who have not registered will go online and sign up right away. About 5,000 scholars participated in Fall Intersession. We are looking to surpass that number this winter, because intersession plays a key role in the overall academic success of our students.

As you travel and enjoy family and friends over the holidays, please make your health and safety a priority. Across the country, there are reports of increases in respiratory illness,



The City of Birmingham continued its investment in area youths in November by approving funds for a conflict resolution curriculum to be used in Birmingham City Schools (BCS).

The City Council unanimously approved the Common Ground strategy that will provide the Habilitation, Empowerment, and Accountability Therapy (H.E.A.T) curriculum in high schools, middle schools, K-8 and alternative schools within the BCS district. The program uses an evidence-based, culturally relevant, holistic approach to handling anger management and conflict resolution.

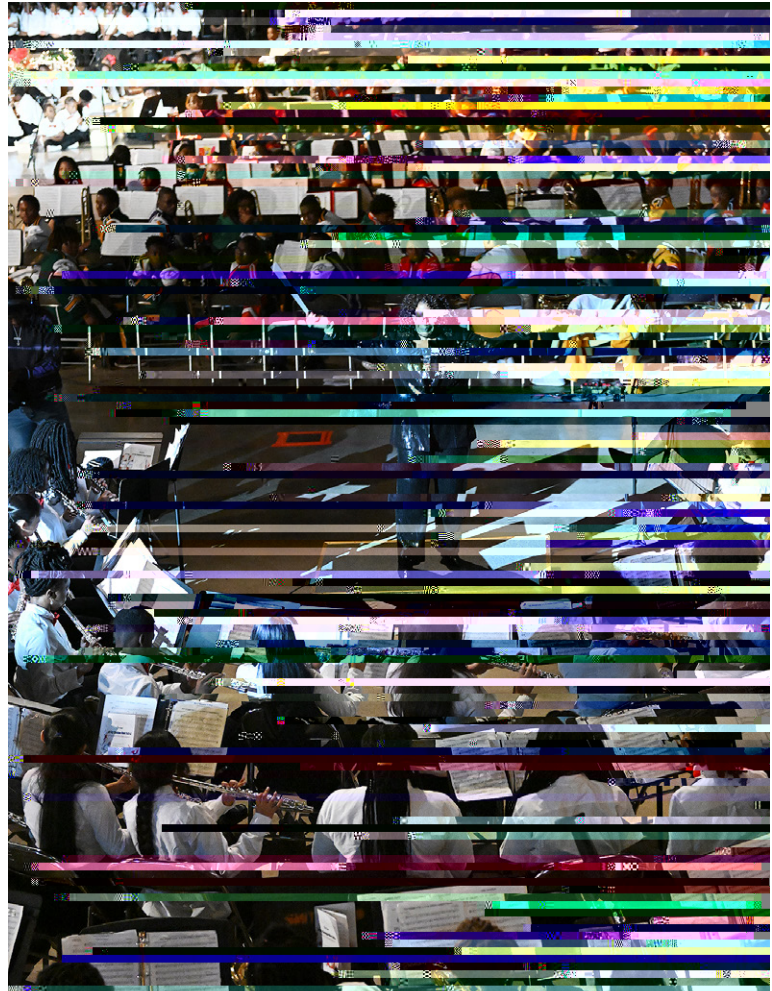
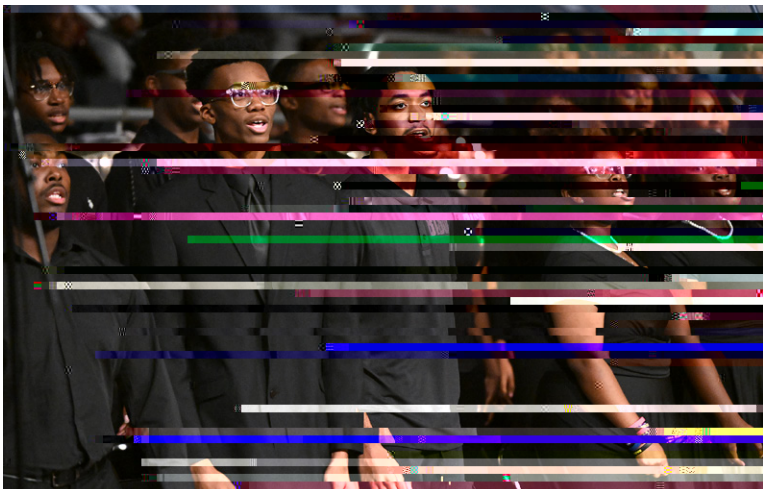
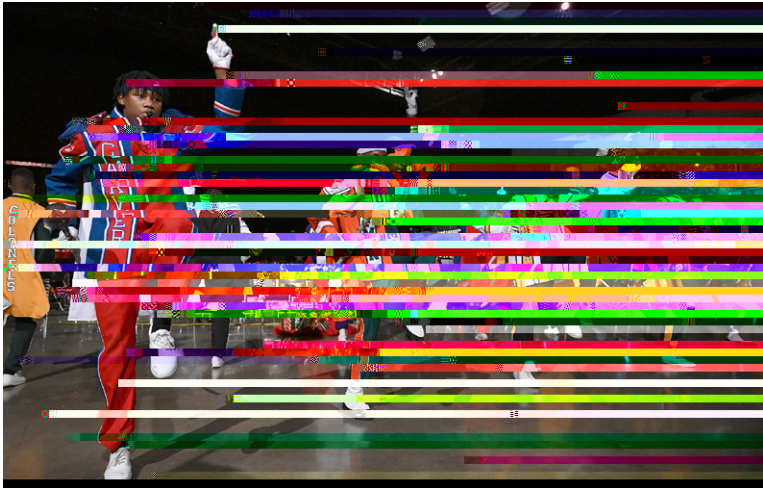
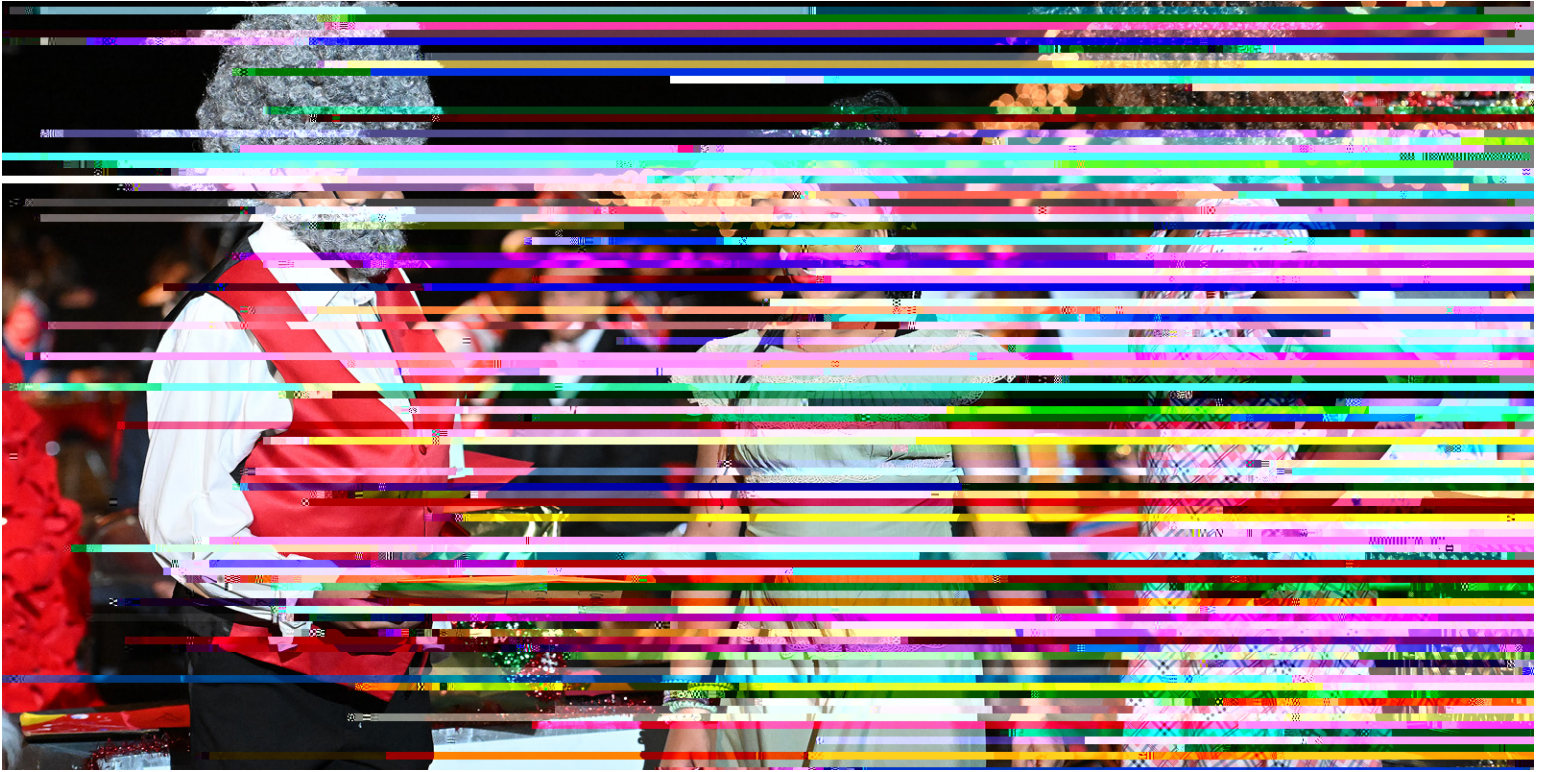
The first group of students to experience H.E.A.T. celebrated their completion of the program with a ceremony on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at Carver High School.

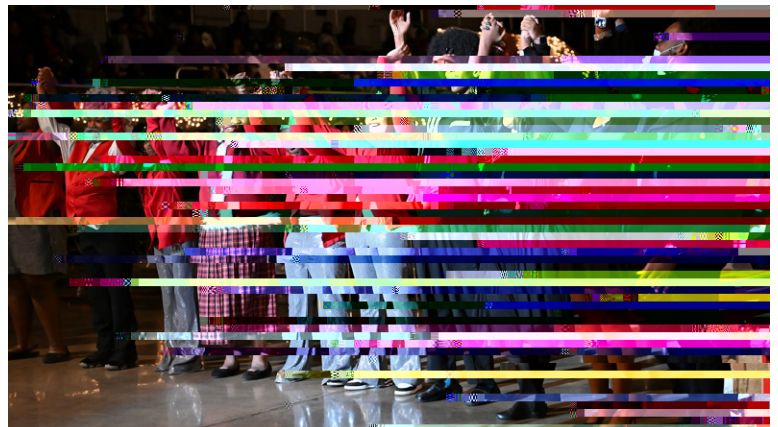
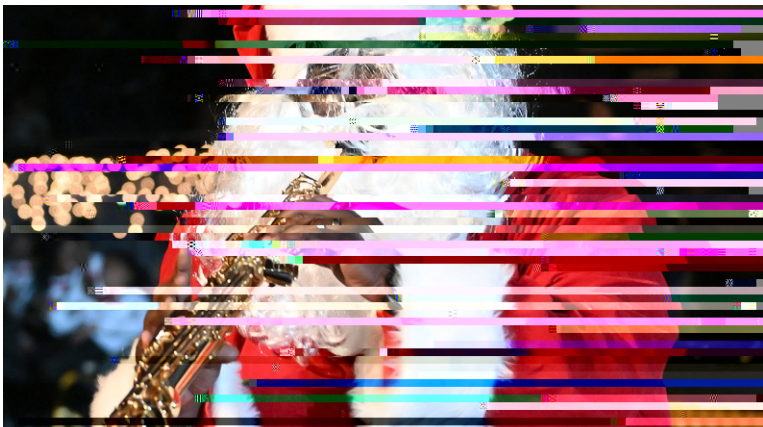
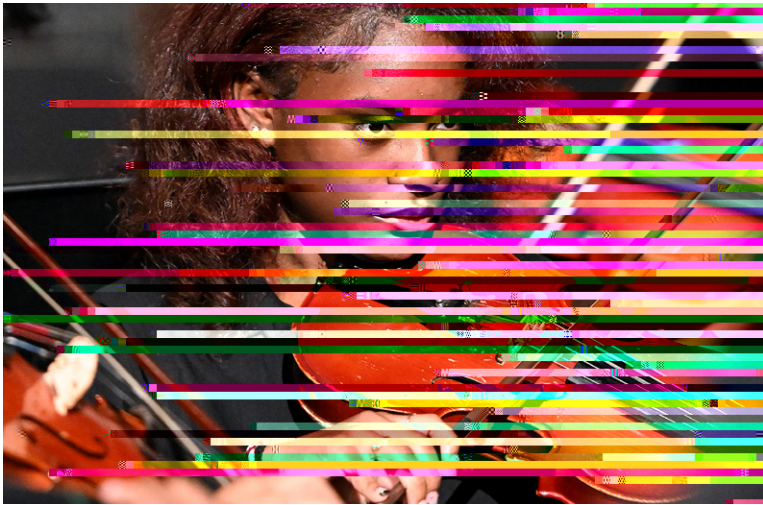
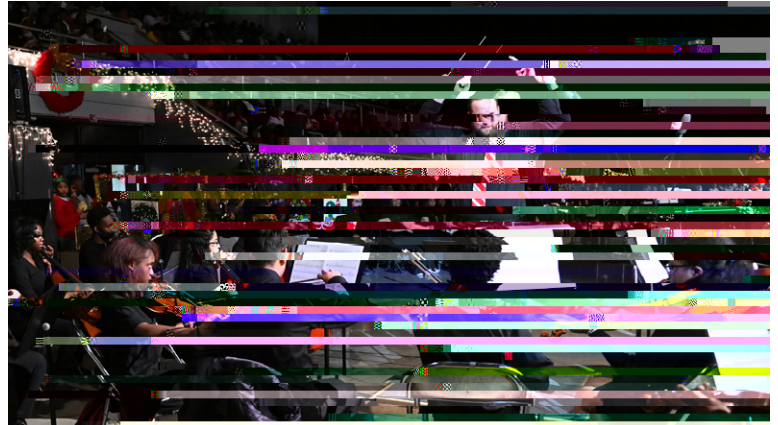
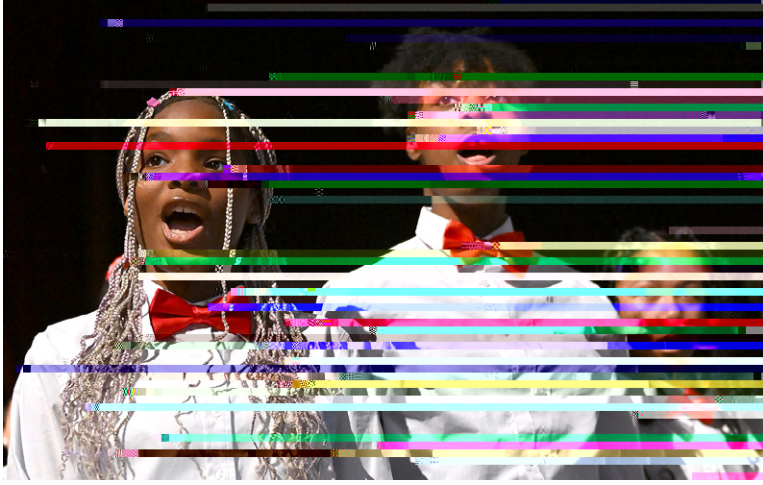
currently used in Birmingham Municipal Court as part of the drug court initiative, expanded to Birmingham City Schools as part of the drug court initiative, expanded to Birmingham City Schools.

“This is another tool in our toolbox as we work to support prevention measures to address violent crime in our community,” Mayor Randall L. Woodson said. “I want to thank the Birmingham City Council as well as Birmingham City Schools for this partnership.”

The H.E.A.T. curriculum,

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RAMSAY HIGH SCHOOL RAMS WIN STATE 5A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



The Mighty Rams of Ramsay IB High School are the AHSAA 5A

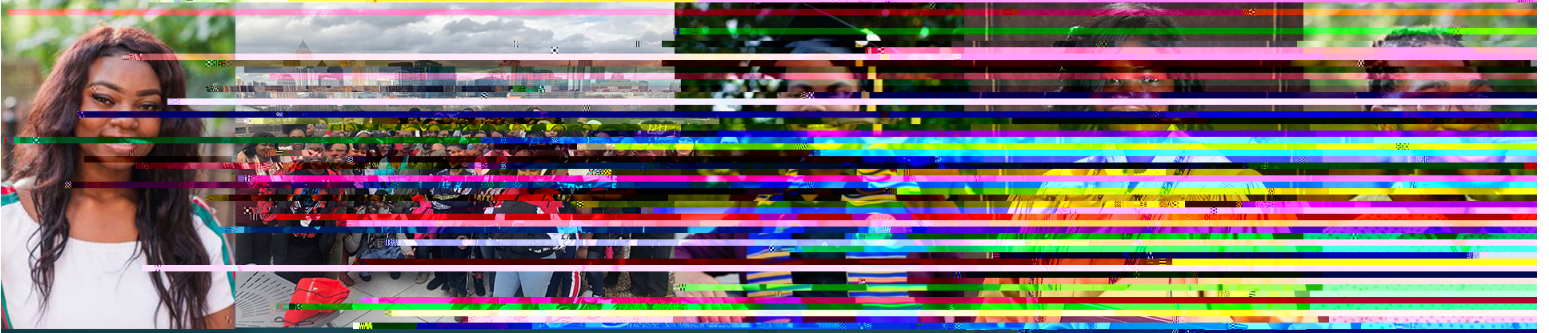
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