

Thomas Jefferson High School Newsletter



Words from our Principal

Welcome Back!

It's been a great start to our 2016-2017 school year. I am so pleased by the tremendous display of school spirit demonstrated by our students, teachers, and parents. Already we have had our first pep rally, a Back to School Dance, and kicked off our fall sports seasons. There has been a noticeable and encouraging trend in attendance and support for these events, adding to our positive environment and school culture. I was also greatly moved by the outpouring of support shown to the victims of the floods that created catastrophic flooding in 20 parishes. Thousands of durable goods and non-perishable foods were collected for distribution to those in need. Thanks to everyone who supported this Student Government sponsored donation drive by donating.

Homecoming week is just two short weeks away. I am looking forward to even more displays and demonstrations of school pride as we participate in various activities, dress downs, and events. If these first few weeks are any indicator, Jaguar Pride will be on full display. Go Jags!

Sincerely,

Andrew Vincent, M Ed

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FOOTBALL TEAM JAMBOREE

The Thomas Jefferson football team started off their season on August 26th by participating in the West bank Jamboree. Their 1st match was against West Jefferson. The Jaguars did a good job holding West Jeff during the beginning of the game but unfortunately lost 0-7. Their 2nd game was against Higgins. Although the Jaguars fought hard, they still fell short and lost 0-20. Thomas Jefferson will get the chance to re-



PEP RALLY

The Thomas Jefferson Jaguars held their first pep rally on August 19, 2016. The band opened up with a wonderful performance followed by an introduction to fall sports. After an amazing routine from the dance team, the cheerleading squad led us in a cheer. The band performed a wonderful rendition of *Hot Line Bling* and then the games began. Each class participated in a sack race competition and a mass scavenger hunt in which the juniors won both events. After that, each class had 4 representatives for a game of Man Overboard where the freshman obtained their first win. The rally was concluded with the illustrious spirit scream competition where the freshman pulled off a overwhelming victory, obtaining their first spirit point. The pep rally was jam packed and left



VOLLEYBALL TEAM

The TJ Lady Jags volleyball team was jam-packed with games this month. The Lady Jags started off with a home scrimmage against Karr. Despite losing the first 2 sets, the team attempted a rally by winning the 3rd set. Sadly, Karr came out with a win in the 4th and final set. The Lady Jags continued their practice games on August 25th in the Landry Walker Jamboree. The team played three games, each to one set, against 3 different teams. The first game was against Belle Chasse and while it was a close game, the Lady Jags lost 22-25. However, they came back and won the next two games. They played a solid game against Landry Walker, winning 25-18 and returned later to dominate John Ehret, winning 25-11. The Lady Jags had their 1st official home game against AOL on August 29th. The starting rotation included returning players Serena Brown, Chloe Johnson, Symone Killebrew, Witney Kramer, Sydnee Clark, and Alyssa McGuire. Joined by new members Emily Weil, Isabella Landeche, and Hailee Rychurch. Unfortunately, the Lady Jags lost in the 3rd set. However,

FRESHMAN ELECTIONS 2016-2017

This month, the Class of 2020 began their elections for the Freshman officers. The candidates began to promote their election from Thursday 25th until voting day on Monday 29th. Thomas Jefferson would like to thank all those who ran and congratulate the 2016-2017 freshman officers: Vivian Nguyen (president), Harrison Vo (Vice President), Megan Mai



OPEN HOUSE

Thomas Jefferson's Open House is for the parents of the students to interact with the teachers and review what their child is expected to learn over the course of the semester. This year's open house started at 6 pm and ended at 7:30 pm. The night's events kicked off with a warm welcome from our own Principal Vincent. Afterwards, the band performed 2 renditions of Roar by Katy Perry & Treasure by Bruno Mars. After 3 speeches from Principal Vincent, the Jaguar Parent Organization, and our Athletic Director (Emily Cormier), the Jaguar cheerleaders closed the welcoming ceremony with a cheer.



BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE

On August 19, Thomas Jefferson held their first Back to School Dance to kick off the 2016-2017 school year. Themed "A Tropical Paradise," the dance lasted from 8-11 pm, allowing anyone and everyone to come and enjoy the festivities. Tickets were sold for \$5 and we had a great turnout! Although the entertainment had a delayed start, it didn't stop the students and their friends from having a fun time. Overall, the dance was a huge success and a great way to begin the school year.



AROUND THE CAMPUS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Around the School

- September 1st: Vote for Homecoming Court
- September 5th: No school on Labor Day
- September 9th: Vote for Homecoming Queen
- September 12th-17th: Homecoming Week
- September 15th: Homecoming Pep Rally
- September 17th: Homecoming Dance
- September 28th: Late take-in day

Sports Events

- September 14th: Volleyball Patrick Taylor
- *September 14th: Cross Country @ NOLA Motor Sports Park
- September 15th: Football Lusher (Homecoming Game)
- September 22nd: Volleyball Fisher
- September 28th: Volleyball Lusher
- *September 28th: Cross Country @ Hebert (West bank Championship)

Cross country meets are away

