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NHS Induction

By: K. Ryan

This year the National Honor Society induction ceremony will be held on Monday January, 26th at 7 p.m. in the new auditorium. The Honor Society induction ceremony honors students who are enrolled in two or more honor classes, have little to no discipline issues, and are all around exemplary students.

Once a student receives an invitation to be in the Honor Society (underclassmen receive invites to Junior Honor Society and upperclassmen receive invites to National Honor Society), the student fills out a form that answers questions about leadership, citizenship, and character. If a student gets accepted, then the student has a choice to attend the ceremony.

"The Honor Society ceremony is completely student lead," Honor Society sponsor Mrs. Langley said. "First, we start off by saying the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Next, a senior from the National Honor Society welcomes the audience and remarks are made from the Junior Society. Then, seniors are recognized and the candles are lit. The candles represent scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service. Finally, new members are installed and the ceremony ends."

Since being inducted is one of the highest honors a student can earn, students who become members have wonderful opportunities to look forward to.

"Being inducted into the NHS or NJHS looks wonderful on a college resume," Mrs. Langley said. "It shows colleges and universities that the student has all of the characteristics that makes a good scholar."

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Basketball boys win first district home game

By: R. Harris

The boy's basketball won their first home district game against New Diana on January twenty-third against New Diana. Basketball season started in early January.

"I think the boys have had a great season. I love cheering them on from the bleachers," junior cheerleader Claire McIntosh said.

They have an 8-9 record for the season and are going into this game with great confidence. They have a good game plan. This game will be the boys third district game this season, and they have grown as a team since the early preseason games.

"We are like biscuits," junior Jonathan Morris said. "When you open the package, it's just dough that no one wants. As it heats, it begins to rise, and it becomes a yummy biscuit. We just needed to heat up and rise to the occasion."

The Jackets play at home tomorrow, January 27th, against White Oak.

Girls District Basketball

By: K. Draper

The girls began their district play last week. Waskom was their first home district game, and they won 76-17. The girls have many district games they have to play, and everyone will be a good challenge for them.

The girls' basketball team is on a roll this year, and after their win against Waskom, the girls have their hearts set on keeping the roll going.

"Playing New Diana will be the game I'm looking forward to playing most.... I want to prove to everyone we are the best," sophomore Shay Lucas said.

The varsity players are excited about starting in district.

"Winning as a team and knowing that our hard work has paid off is one thing I love about district" sophomore Chloe White said.

The team has a common goal: to win all their district games, make playoffs, and win the state championship.

Let's go out and support our Lady Jackets in district in their hope to make it to the state championship.



Lady Jackets Dominating the District

By: L. Aaron

With the varsity girls' basketball team having a 14-4 preseason record, the team had a promising outlook on their upcoming district schedule. With ten district games soon approaching, there was no time to waste for the team of state hopefuls.

"I try to lead by example and pick everyone up during games and practices and encourage every one of them to do their very best no matter what the situation may be," team captain, Madison Spears said.

District started for the girls on the 9th with a team that was predicted by a counsel of local coaches to dominate in district- White Oak. But, the Lady Jackets took that as a challenge and finished the game strong with a 25 point lead.

"We just had to play our game and not worry about them. We played with intensity and the rest [of the game] took care of itself," Coach Carl Reed said when asked about how he strategically coached the girls into their first district win.

After their exciting first district win of the season, the Lady Jackets have continued their winning streak by defeating Waskom here and Sabine in their own territory.

The girls hope to continue their winning streak tomorrow at home in a district game against White Oak.

Lady jackets send wildcats home

By: L. Deramee

The Lady Jackets dominated the Waskom Wildcats last Tuesday. They practiced everyday in preparation for the big game.

"We ran for forty five minutes every practice," freshman Sarah Pardue said.

The game was physically demanding for the players but fun for the fans to watch.

"I was very tired when the game was over," freshmen Sarah Pardue said.

The Lady Jackets came out of the game with a win of 76-17.

Don't Forget Your Cleats!

By: A. Gay and M. Farmer

Softball practice started last Friday. The players are now staying after school and working extra hard to prove themselves. The JV and Varsity softball teams are excited to kick off the new season with new players!

"I think we have a lot of talent, and I'm looking forward to seeing them play," JV coach, Mr. De La Fuente, said.

The Lady Jackets are looking to starting the season off right.

"Hopefully everyone will step-up because it's going to take the whole

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team to accomplish our goals," senior Kaycee Bailey said.

With a team full of high school girls, there is always a potential for drama.

"It's going to be a tough season, but we have to put our differences aside and come together as a team," sophomore Callie McReynolds said.

Since it's a new year and new season, the girls are going to work hard and give 100% on and off the field.



Line Drive into Baseball

By: R. Johnson and K. Owens

Baseball season is to start with a first practice on January 30th. They are starting the new year with old and new faces.

Seniors Phillip Harkins, Colton McCracken, Colby Ramsey, Kyle Bryan, Tristen Moore, Ryley Golladay, and John Sinclair will return to the field for their final high school season.

District play is right around the corner, and the team is preparing for a great season.

"We will ensure a successful season by making sure we have a successful offseason because preparation will lead to success and confidence in your abilities to perform in high pressure situations," head coach Sean Struwe said.

Senior Phillip Harkins believes that all the seniors will play an important role this season.

"Since most of the team is seniors, we all should step up. Next year, Haden Simmons should step up since we're leaving, and the underclassmen should all step up," Phillip said.

It will take the whole team to face their biggest challenge in District.

"Jefferson will be our biggest competition because they have a lot of returning seniors," senior Colton McCracken said.

The baseball team's first scrimmage will be February 10 against Southwood and the first district game is against Sabine on April 14.



On The Road To Recovery

By: K. Braden and A. Gooch

The Lady Jacket basketball girls run up and down the court. One player makes a perfect pass to another who makes a flawless lay-up shot. All the girls on the court celebrate, and teammate Caitlyn Martin celebrates from the bench. Sophomore Caitlyn Martin sits the bench not because she is not needed but because of her ACL injury.

Caitlyn Martin received her injury during a basketball practice the first week in November.

"I injured my knee falling after fighting for a loose ball in basketball practice." Caitlyn said.

Caitlyn was informed that she had torn her ACL and would be undergoing her first ever surgery.

"I was definitely very nervous going into surgery because, even though you trust the people doing the surgery, you still think something might happen" Caitlyn said.

Following her surgery, she has started physical therapy and is continuing to recover.

"She's my friend and I'm glad that she is recovering fast and she is happy" sophomore Christy Braden said.

Caitlyn keeps a positive attitude and cheers on her Lady Jackets. She hopes to be back in sports for her junior year.

"I will hopefully be fully cleared for sports in June" Caitlyn said.

The Jacket Spotlight

New Band Director

By: A. Giddens and M. Fitzgerald

A new face in the hallway. Is he a student, teacher, or is he visiting? That new face actually belongs to Mr. Carpenter (or "Mr. C"), the new middle school band director.

While he likes his new position, Mr. C did not always know directing was what he wanted to do.

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"Honestly, I never knew exactly what I wanted to do. All of my friends were being accepted into colleges, and they all knew what they wanted to do. One day, my director told me that I should go to school to be a director. So I did, and I'm very glad I did." Mr. C said.

Some people hear 'band director' and assume it's a boring teacher, but Mr. C is anything but boring.

"I actually have been an extra in a movie before, and I have worked in the Louisiana Army National Guard. I was also tasked to work with the Government's Office of Homeland and Emergency Preparedness through the National Guard, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana," Mr. C said.

He loves teaching music, and he loves his EF letterman jacket because it "keeps him warm and is very comfy." The middle school students seem to really enjoy him as their director.

"I have a lot of Jacket Pride, and as they say in LSU, GEAUX JACKETS!! That means "Go Jackets," Mr. C said.

The One and Only Cassie Crooks

By S. Pardue and M. Sternod



As she checks the school's Facebook page, her heart is racing and her palms are all sweaty. Even though all her friends have assured her that she was "totally going to win," she still has her doubts. Finally the page loads and she sees her name. The screen reads "Cassie Crooks junior class president"

Not only is junior Cassie Crooks class president, she is also a pro wrestler for NWA Main Event, rides horses and has a job.

"Hard work beats talent, when talent doesn't work hard," Cassie says, quoting Michel Jordan, as her favorite quote.

Indeed, Cassie does work hard. Cassie takes four honors classes, and she broke a zebra because she's

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super amazing. She has some interesting plans for her future too.

"I either want to be a lawyer or a WWE Diva," Cassie said.

Even with her high hopes for the future and stellar grades, Cassie still does not know what college she wants to attend or if she wants to go at all.

"Cassie is a great girl and I'm sure whatever decision she makes will be the right one." Mrs. Ware said.

Plus she's an amazing friend.

"She's the kind of person that you can rely on for anything," Lexie Aaron said.

Coach Reed: Teacher, Coach, and Friend

By: S. Pearson & L. Aaron

Coach Carl Reed is adored by many. He has worked hard coaching various sports and teaching kids all over the state of Texas.

Coach Reed started teaching world history 22 years ago. Since then, he has been a role model for not only his students, but also his for his players. Coach Reed coaches for the middle school volleyball team and is the head coach for the varsity girls' basketball team- his personal favorite.

"My favorite thing is watching kids succeed at something when they have sacrificed their time and energy to achieve it. Sometimes as teachers and coaches we see "the light come on" when a student or athlete realizes that true success is preceded by hard work and determination," Coach Reed said when asked what he enjoyed most about his job.

Although Coach Reed has a passion for his students and athletes, he loves to spend his free time at home baking for his friends and family and watching old western shows with his wife, Gail.

"If I wasn't a teacher, I would probably spend a lot of time in my recliner watching "Gunsmoke"," Coach Reed said. "That's just about my favorite thing to do for relaxation."

Even through a life of crazy early morning weekend practices and late nights grading papers for his clas-

ses, Coach Reed still manages to inspire the people around him. With mentors like him, his students' futures are looking brighter than ever.

The Jackets Speak Out

Teenage Relationships

By: R. Brewster

She ran out of the room as he broke his promise. He said goodbye, and he smiled as if he didn't care.

Sadly, most teenage relationships end up like this, with someone being hurt. But it is both sexes that get hurt, cheated on, or lied to.

But why do teenagers do this to their relationships? Is it just to have fun, just to feel as much as one can, or is it simply just part of growing up? No matter what the reason, it is part of almost everyone's teenage years. There are very few teenagers who don't go through at least one heartbreak.

Some feel that having your heart broken is helpful, for it makes you stronger. But some have different views; they feel that dating as many people as they can just to test how far they can go and feel as much as they can is a great way to spend their teenage years.

Whatever the reason, teenage relationship drama will most likely never change, and the only thing one can do is stand tall and fight through it.

EF Fashion

By: L. Broussard and H. Torbor

Walking down the hallway, Sarah Findley walks up behind a student and is asked, "What do you have on?" She replies, "You know what we call these shoes? They're called granny chic," referring to her brown, pink, and white shoes.

While Sarah pulls off her granny chic, some people think they can come up with something, but then are left looking like a fool.

"I guess I could try something new if I like it enough, but I've never really started any trends. Halley Torbor's hair is awesome though!" Mr. De La Fuente aka Coach D said.

Nowadays there are several different trends. From pants all the way to hair styles. Even though the newest trend going around the school is joggers, it's not the only place they're around.

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"Yeah I've seen some at target." Mrs. Ware said.

Many people catch on to the new trends but some like to stay as far away from them as possible, some even try to get their own style going.

"Oh yeah girl, I always do me", Mrs. Golladay said about her fashion.

The 'new trends' aren't necessarily "new." Most are styles from way back when but, are just a lot more stylish nowadays.

"I like the patterns and styles because it reminds me of the 80s fashion." Mrs. Ware said, on joggers.

Although styles seem to come back, they don't seem to last that long either.



Cosmetology for EF

By: K. Moseley and A. Guarisma

If you like working with hair, nails, make-up, or anything to do with beauty, then cosmetology is for you. "Kosmo" is from the word "worldly, and if you think about it, cosmetology makes the world go round. Women back in the day used to pinch their cheeks to blush before blush was invented. Now you can buy blush from practically any store.

Cosmetology is booming. The school needs cosmetology classes. Cosmetology classes are a great start for teaching responsibility. They teach people how to communicate in a professional setting.

The class would also teach teenagers how to do hair, makeup, and nails and set them up for a future career.

Work Hard – Play Hard

By: R. Bass & S. Simmons

Mrs. Nancy Cimino only wanted to be a Spanish teacher when she grew up. Mrs. Cimino has been the Spanish 2 and 3 teacher here for two years now, and students love her and her class.

"I have taken Spanish for 3 years now, and I have had Mrs. Cimino for two out of the three years. I love

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her class. She's honest and not afraid to hurt your feelings, but she is hysterical and down to Earth," junior Raven Bass said.

Mrs. Cimino has effective ways of teaching, but she still plays around with the students every now and then.

Every student is required to take Spanish 1 and 2. She is extremely fun, interactive with her students, and at times, very crazy!

Mrs. Cimino might be the craziest teacher on campus, and we mean "crazy" in the best way possible! She also has an incredibly big heart.

She once let a student wear her jacket the entire day.

"She's like the sour patch kids: first they're sour, then they're sweet," senior Shealynn Simmons said.

If there are students who haven't met Mrs. Cimino, swing by room 202 and visit her sometime. You will not be disappointed!

4 Easy Steps to get rid of procrastination

By: Anna Beth Simmons

Procrastination is something every living human is guilty of at some time. Here are four easy steps to be on time and ready.

The first step is, to write down the assignment as soon as it's given. Writing down the assignment is a way to help you to remember to actually do the assignment.

The second step is, if there is a due date on the project, is to go ahead and do the project early. If you complete the project early, you will get everything out of the way so you do not have to worry about it.

The third step is, when you're sitting down getting ready to do your homework, don't watch TV. Watching TV will be a distraction if you're trying to do your work.

If you're on Instagram or Twitter, you might have run across a few selfies with a caption having to deal with procrastination, for example "#procrastinating." The last step is to stop with those pictures! If you stop to take a selfie, you won't get anything done!

The next time you sit down to do your homework, remember these

things, and you will successfully get rid of procrastination.

Super Sophomores

By: F. Harris and A. Ellis

Sophomores begrudgingly walk the halls thinking, "Ugh, I did this last year. Stupid freshmen."

In the early morning upon arrival, one sophomore thinks, "Um...why is Coach Crisp staring at me? Is there something wrong with my face?"

Throughout the day, sophomores have lively discussions about this lovely establishment.

"I hate when I'm walking in the halls and someone crop dusts me and it smells like eggs," one unfortunate sophomore said.

Other sophomores have different things on their minds.

"The floors don't match the walls," another one said.

Sophomores also discuss what they like about Elysian Fields.

"I like that it's a small school so everyone knows how weird I am, and I don't have to hide that I love cats," the sophomore with a sensitive nose said.

With their brilliant observations and incredible senses, the sophomores are a class all on their own.

Tom Clancy's Rainbow 6

By: C. Marr

Tom Clancy is one of the most well known military novel writers in the world. Many of his books are set during the Cold War, but one is about an anti-terrorist group called Rainbow 6. After the fall of the Soviet Union, ex-Spetsnaz and KGB terrorists try to get back at the NATO and Allied forces. Tom Clancy only wrote one book over Rainbow 6. but the series has continued in the gaming community.

With the first game made in 1998, the same year as the first novel was published, this game has never failed to give what the consumer wants. Fast paced, close quarters action is all Rainbow 6 is about. Whether you want to breach in a building silently or go in loud and fast, always have the advantage of surprise. The current game allows the player to do some much more than ever! If the doors are rigged to blow up, one can find a safe spot somewhere around the building or

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house and blow up a hole big enough to secure the objective.

With today's demand in fast paced games, this series does not fail. As long you are fast, tactical, and precise, you will never fail in completing your objective. If you own an Xbox 360, you should try Rainbow 6: Vegas 2 yourself!



Jack and Jackie

Why do people have to be so judgmental?

-Senior

Jackie: Because sometimes people can't do right and people want to correct them.

Jack: Because we live in a time where everybody has to be perfect, so if you do something that's not "normal" or "perfect" people feel like they need to correct you.

Why do people get in their feelings so easily?

-Sad Junior

Jackie: Because now days most people only care about you if you have some benefit to them, and as soon as you don't they're gone out of your life. People put too much trust into effortless actions.

Jack: Because peoples' parents put them on such a high horse today at such a young age so when other people put them down they don't know how to react and get offended.

What is the meaning of life?

-Freshmen

Jackie: Getting knocked down and happily getting back up.

Jack: Working towards a life goal and if you reach it setting a new one.