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Mission Statement

With God's guidance, Jefferson Christian Academy will cultivate and maintain an environment where the student is nurtured and challenged to realize his/her potential in spiritual maturity, academic attainment, athletic achievement and social and emotional development.



A Record \$16,000 in “Enjoy the City” Coupon Book Sales!



Thank you students, parents, and staff for all of your hard work in making the 2014 Coupon Book Sale a great success! This was our biggest year ever and it is all thanks to you!

The “Enjoy the City” Coupon Book Sale is one of four major fundraisers at JCA. Your support of the Coupon Book Sale, Magazine Sale, Heritage Festival and Golf Tournament all help keep the tuition at JCA at an affordable price. None of these fundraising events would succeed without our JCA families’ support in making them a success.

Thank you again for your continued support of JCA!

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JCA Students Compete at 2014 Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad is a once-a-year competition for 3rd through 6th grade students. There are 24 science events in the competition. Every year it is held at Jacksonville High School in Jacksonville, AL. This year JCA took 18 of our 4th-6th grade students. They were: Cayden Bishop, Jaryd Burrows, Rob Safi, Henry Mann, Jerah Murphree, Jillian Borch, Grace Borch, JR Culwell, Logan Eason, Vanessa Njuguna, Kameryn Ryce, Alan Summerville, Caitlin VanHorn, Micah Thrower, Mitchell Etheridge, Seth Jordan, Arielle Hardwick and Morgan Wormely. Our team represented our school well. We won 1 medal this year. JR Culwell and Kameryn Ryce won 6th place in Which Way North. I am very proud of our boys and girls this year. They worked very hard since October and did a great job at competition.



Mrs. Parker

March 2014

- 5th – Senior Cap & Gown Pictures
- 5th – Spring Pictures
- 7th – End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- 10th - 21st – SAT Testing
- 21st – Elementary Field Day
- 21st – Rumble in The Nest
- 24th- 28th – Spring Break- Day Camp Available

2013 Career Day at JCA

On Tuesday, February 25th, the JCA students participated in our 5th Annual Career Day. This year we had 14 professionals on campus to speak with our students about their careers. We were honored to have the following people speak to our high school students: Erin Hollis (Interior Designer), Mike Dickinson (Human Resources Manager), Delan Davis (Public Works Director for the city of Irondale), and Richard Smith (Logistics Manager).

We were also privileged to have the following individuals come to talk with our middle school and elementary students: Chip Arrington (Irondale Police Officer), Chris Stewart (Computer Programmer), Tom Hanrahan ("Major Tom" from The Bull Radio Station), Rebecca Smith (Nurse), Marcia Posey (Teacher), Christina Kallaher (Realtor), DeAndre Singleton (Landscape/Business Owner), Drew Kizer (Minister for the Ashville Road Church of Christ), Calvert Bibb (Professional Tennis Player), and Shawn Maglothlin (Fireman for Irondale Fire Department).

We are so thankful to all of our guest speakers for taking time out of their busy schedules to share information about their jobs with our students.



4th Grade Visits The U.S. Space & Rocket Center

On Friday, February 21st, the fourth grade class visited the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville. The day was filled with numerous learning experiences. Students explored the museum, learning about the U.S.'s early space missions. They also enjoyed amazing images of our universe in the IMAX movie *Hidden Universe*. In the afternoon, students participated in a hands-on lab to test different soil samples for iron, carbonate and pH levels. This lab helped students to understand the importance of studying the moon's rocks and soil.

For many students, the highlight of the day was riding the G-Force Accelerator which simulates the feeling that astronauts experience during liftoff. It was an exciting, educational day!

JCA
18TH ANNUAL
JEFFERSON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Castle Pines Country Club
1600 Quail Ridge Dr. | Gardendale, Alabama

Thursday, April 24, 2014
8:00 AM Shotgun Start
(check-in by 7:30)

Four Man Scramble Format with
lunch served upon tournament completion

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Registration
deadline:
April 17, 2014

The JCA 18th Annual Invitational Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, April 24, 2014 at the Castle Pines Country Club. Please contact Wendy Burrows, Director of Development at wburrows@jcaweb.net or 205-956-9111 for more information.

"... and they shall
mount up on wings
like Eagles..."
Isaiah 40:31



Eagle*i* at JCA

Technology is a daily part of the school day at JCA. As part of the school's *Eaglei* Interactive Classroom Initiative, all 7-12th grade students have an iPad for their own use and K-6th grade use the cart program.

Mrs. Neal, who teaches fourth and fifth grade Language Arts, coaches Cross-Country and directs the Kids Are Authors contest, says her students love to use the iPads. Her fourth graders use them twice a week and fifth graders use them each day. "We use it mostly for research projects with the novels we read in class," she said. "For example, we are reading 'The Liberation of Gabriel King', researching Watergate and the Civil Rights movement as well as the bicentennial of our country, because all of that is relevant to the story." Her students also use iPads for grammar practice and cursive writing practice.

Mrs. Monosky, who teaches 8th through 12th grade Math, from Pre-Algebra to Calculus, says the iPad is helpful when projecting problems on the whiteboard. "We have built-in math software and graphing that we can use to be precise with solving problems," she says. "The students have their math textbooks on their iPad and we use a website called Khan Academy that helps teach a different perspective on math concepts."



From the President's Desk

At this time last year, we were busy preparing for our five-year accreditation evaluation visit. Many of you, our parents, were involved in preparation for the team visit and the actual evaluation process. Some of you filled out surveys, others worked on committees and several of you were interviewed by the accreditation evaluation team. As a result of the hard work and diligence of many, the evaluation team granted our accreditation for an additional five years.

One of the many special things about JCA is that, while most schools are accredited by one agency, we are accredited by two, AdvancED/SACS and NCSA. What this means for you, the parent/guardian, is that your child's school has two groups checking and verifying that nationally accepted education standards are being met.

Why Does Accreditation Matter? Accreditation is designed to help educational institutions boost their ongoing performance efforts for the benefit of their students. AdvancED/SACS, as well as NCSA, insists on the relentless pursuit of excellence for accredited schools. This ethic of excellence ensures that JCA students will find rich benefits from accreditation and that parents can confidently make informed decisions about their children's education, knowing their child's school is accredited. Accreditation matters because our students deserve the highest level of educational excellence possible.

Schools that are accredited:

- Unite with a global network committed to standards of educational excellence.
- Earn the distinction of quality through the recognized seal of AdvancED/SACS and NCSA accreditation.
- Experience a unified, clear and powerful accreditation process with a scalable and sustainable evaluation of education quality.
- Receive external and objective validation of the areas in which they are doing well, and the areas for continuous improvement.
- Benefit from AdvancED research that shapes educational policy and improves learning practices.
- Hear the best available ideas and thinking on education practices and trends through innovative products, educational technologies and the collective knowledge of peers.

Our students and their parents will:

- Benefit from a global network committed to standards of educational excellence.
- Experience a unified, clear and powerful education process which provides a scalable and sustainable evaluation of the education provided.
- Know their school benefits from shared expertise and powerful professional learning through local and national workshops, training conferences and personalized service.
- Have the assurance that their school receives external and objective validation of the areas in which they are doing well and the areas in need of improvement.
- Experience ease in transferring credits from one school to another.
- Gain greater access to federal loans, scholarships, post-secondary education and military programs that require students attend an accredited institution.
- Benefit from their school's commitment to raising student performance and accountability.

Source: AdvancED and NCSA

Bill Brown
President

Eagles Baseball Schedule for March

Come out and support our teams!

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| March 1 st | @ Spring Garden | 5:00 p.m. (VB) |
| March 4 th | @ Southeastern | 3:00 p.m. (VB) |
| March 6 th | @ Sumiton Christian | 4:00 p.m. (JVB) |
| March 10 th | @ Southeastern | 3:00 p.m. (VB) |
| March 11 th | @ Appalachian | 4:00 p.m. (JVB, VB) |
| March 14 th | @ Shades Mountain | 4:00 p.m. (JVB) |
| March 17 th | @ Appalachian | 3:30 p.m. JVB) |
| March 20 th | @ Victory Christian | 3:30 p.m. (VB) |
| March 31 st | @ Skyline | 4:30 p.m. (JVB, VB) |



2014 Lady Eagles Softball Season Begins

We are excited for the beginning of the 2014 softball season. This year is special for the Lady Eagles. For years they have played on different borrowed fields off campus, but this year we are proud to say that work is underway to construct our own home field located conveniently on campus behind the school. We have hoped for years that we could have our own field for the girls to play and now it is becoming a reality. It is not only a big step for the softball team and JCA's athletic program, but also for the entire school. We take great pride in knowing that our school is improving for its students and that we are able to make JCA the best it can be. Come out and support our Lady Eagles!



March Lady Eagles Softball Schedule

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| March 3 rd | @ Southeastern | 3:00 p.m. (Area Game) |
| March 6 th | @ Coosa Christian | 3:00 p.m. |
| March 7 th | @ Holy Spirit | 4:00 p.m. |
| March 10 th | vs. Southeastern | 4:00 p.m. (Area Game) |
| March 11 th | vs. Faith Christian | 4:00 p.m. |
| March 13 th | vs. Victory Christian | 4:00 p.m. |
| March 14 th | vs. John Carroll | 4:00 p.m. |
| March 17 th | vs. St. Bernard | 4:30 p.m. |
| March 18 th | vs. Fultondale | 4:30 p.m. |
| March 20 th | @ John Carroll | 5:00 p.m. |

A visit from the Tooth Fairy

The Tooth Fairy made a special visit to the JCA Early Learning Center to talk to all our preschool classes about the importance of proper tooth care. Our children were very excited to listen to all she had to share. At the end, they were able to touch her magic wings and her magic toothbrush wand! We want to thank the Tooth Fairy for taking time out of her busy schedule to let us all know how to take care of our teeth.



Baby Class



Crawler Class



Toddler Class



K2



K3

Preschool Happenings



February in Pictures

