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Grace King High School Newsletter

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## GRACE KING HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of our school community is to foster democratic values, to prepare students for everyday life, and to promote an intellectual, moral, social, safe, nurturing environment which is conducive to educational success for all students.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

We would like to welcome back all returning students and our new students coming from various schools, especially our incoming freshmen. Please note the attached letter concerning attendance to receive credit and the Parent/Student Compact. Please return the compact to your student's homeroom teacher.

If you have any questions at any time during the school year regarding teacher/curriculum concerns, please contact our Asst. Principal, Mrs. Pamela Pritchard, at 888-7334; for questions regarding discipline, please call Asst. Principal, Mr. Bob Collins in the Discipline Office (30D) at 455-1151. Also, you can contact our Assistant Principal, Ronald Burchardt, about Special Population questions at 888-7334. You can speak to your child's Counselor at 888-7334. The Counselors are: Hilda Hughes, Joyce Lauto, Art Scudari, Brenda Wilson, Mary D'Anna, and Walt Hammerli.

We look forward to a great school year! Please visit Grace King's website, [www.graceking.org](http://www.graceking.org) often during the school year for current school information. It is as important to be involved with your child's high school days as it was when he/she was in elementary school. Your input and participation in your child's high school years is vital to success. Please become active in the Grace King's Parent Teacher Group (PTG). We need and encourage parent volunteers.

We would like to welcome the newest members of our Grace King family: Mr. R. Burchardt, Asst. Principal; Ms. L. Esteen, Dean; Mr. R. Delecia, English; Ms. C. Thomas, Business; Ms. E. Bourgeois, Gifted English; Ms. D. Finnegan; Gifted Art; M. K. Torrado, English; Ms. K. Ellis, Math; Ms. E. Croft, Social Studies; Ms. M. Leaper, Science. Come meet with all of our staff members at OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. See attached letter and class information form.

### CLASS SUPPLIES/ACADEMIC FEES/PARKING PERMITS

During the first week of school your child's teachers will let him/her know what supplies and class fees are required for each class (we do not provide a general School Supply List). Students must pay an academic fee of \$40.00 within ten days after school begins. This fee covers the school newspaper, technology, classroom supplies, etc. We will notify your child when school begins of any changes. Any student who owns a vehicle and drives to school must purchase a parking decal for \$5 from the Discipline Office (455-1151) within 10 days of school opening. To purchase a

decal, the student must have a valid Louisiana driver's license and proof of insurance.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT AND SIGN-OUT INFORMATION

Grace King's Attendance office is located in Room 30D. Please pay special attention to student Sign-Out Procedures in the Student Handbook. For the safety of our students, only the parent/guardian or designated person named in the computer or on the emergency card will be contacted using the phone numbers listed in the computer or on the emergency card to "check-out" the student. Please be advised, if you must send another adult

to pick up your child, the office must be notified as to whom will be sent.

**If any student's parent/guardian information changes (i.e., address and/or home, work, or cell phone numbers) during the school year, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the office, IN WRITING, of the change. Again, for student safety, only the phone numbers listed in the computer or on the emergency card will be used for parent/guardian contact.**

### **STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Each student will be issued a copy of the Grace King Student Handbook. They will also receive a copy of the JPPSS Procedures and Policies for Parents and Students booklet. Please take the time to go over these handbooks of rules and regulations with your child, so problems can be avoided. The Acknowledgment page requiring both student and parent/guardian signatures needs to be signed and returned to the student's homeroom teacher.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Please check the Jefferson Parish Public School System's website at [www.jppss.k12.la.us](http://www.jppss.k12.la.us) for the 2009 - 2010 school calendar.

### **FREE/REDUCED MEALS**

Students will be receiving a mailing from the JPPSS Child Nutrition Department which includes

and Free/Reduced Price Meal Application. Please fill in all of the blanks and sign the application and return the form to the Cafeteria Manager. Students who received free or reduced price meals at the close of school in May are eligible to continue to receive those meals until a new application is processed for the 2009- 2010 school year or until September 28, 2009. The Jefferson Parish Public School System has established a **NO CHARGE** policy for meals and other food items purchased in the cafeteria. Cafeteria Managers will no longer serve students (full or reduced price) who cannot pay for their meal.

### **PARENT TEACHER GROUP (PTG) NEWS**

The Parent Teacher Group would like to welcome Grace King's newcomers and welcome back those who have already been at Grace King. The 2009-2010 PTG President is Judy Schindler. We hope you will consider joining the PTG this year. It's only \$10.00 and the money goes towards the students at Grace King. Just fill out the membership form found in this newsletter and send a check made out to Grace King PTG, put it in an envelope marked PTG and send it with your child to school. Have them give it to their homeroom teacher and they will get it to us. There is also a place on the membership form to sign up for volunteering. We don't ask a lot during the year, but if you could spare a little time it would help out a great deal. Thanks and have a great year!

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## *OPEN HOUSE*

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have set aside this night so that you and the faculty can become acquainted. Everyone is asked to meet in the gym for 6:30 p.m. After a few brief welcoming remarks, you will follow your child's schedule. The purpose of this program is to give you an overview of the courses your child is taking. This program is not intended to solve individual problems. If a parent/teacher conference is needed, talk to your child's teacher about making an appointment that will be set for a later date.

If you wish to speak to any of the administrators, we may be found in the Front Office.

Listed below is a timeline for the night. Please ask your child to fill in his/her schedule at the bottom of this page. We have allowed five minutes movement between classes. For your convenience, students will be posted throughout the campus area and in the building to assist you in finding your child's classes.

Thank you for your presence and cooperation.

Sincerely,

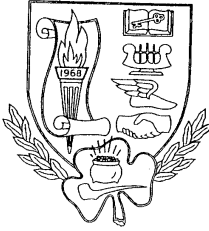
*Alfred J. Johnson, Jr.*

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Principal

6:30- 6:55 Meet in the gym for welcoming comments.

	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>ROOM #</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
7:00-7:15	HOMEROOM _____	_____	_____
Block 1 7:20 – 7:35	_____	_____	_____
Block 2 7:40 – 7:55	_____	_____	_____
Block 3 8:00 – 8:15	_____	_____	_____
Block 4 8:20 – 8:35	_____	_____	_____

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**Lamica Esteen, Dean**

August 7, 2009

Our school philosophy is that families, students, and school staff should work in partnership to help each student reach his/her potential. As partners, we agree to the following:

## **AS A STUDENT I WILL:**

- Believe that I can learn and will learn.
- Read for at least 30 minutes, five days a week.
- Come to class on time, ready to learn, and with assignments completed.
- Set aside time every day to complete my homework.
- Know and follow the school and class rules.
- Follow the school's uniform dress code.
- Regularly talk to my parents and my teachers about my progress in school and toward graduation.
- Respect my school, classmates, staff, and family.
- Be safe, be responsible, and be respectful.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

## **AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN OR FAMILY MEMBER I WILL:**

- Talk to my student regularly about the value of education.
- Make sure that my student attends school every day, on time, and with homework completed.
- Support the school's uniform dress code and discipline policies.
- Monitor my student's progress in school and toward graduation.
- Make every effort to attend school events such as parent-teacher conferences, Open House, Family nights and other school activities.
- Participate in shared decision making with school staff and other families for the benefit of students.
- Respect the school, staff, students, and families.

Family member signature \_\_\_\_\_

## **AS A TEACHER I WILL:**

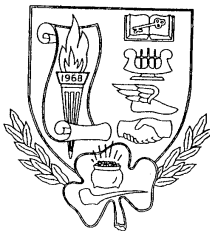
- Communicate high expectations for every student.
- Endeavor to motivate my students to learn.
- Teach and involve students in class activities that are interesting and challenging.
- Participate in professional development opportunities that improve teaching and learning and support the formation of partnerships with families and the community.
- Enforce rules equitably and involve students in creating a warm/caring learning environment in the class.
- Communicate regularly with families about the student's progress in school.
- Provide assistance to families on what they can do to support their student's learning.
- Participate in shared decision making with other school staff and families for the benefits of students.
- Respect the school, staff, students, and families.

Teacher signature \_\_\_\_\_

We make a commitment to work together to carry out this agreement.

Signed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

All high schools in our parish use a 4 by 4 block scheduling approach. For attendance and grading purposes in high school, the school year is divided into two semesters. (A semester is made up of two marking periods. The first semester contains the first and second nine weeks; the second semester involves the third and fourth nine weeks.) Students may earn four (4) Carnegie credits each semester and a total of eight (8) per school year. A full unit course lasts two nine weeks (one semester); a half unit course lasts only one nine weeks.

According to state guidelines and our school system calendar, in order to be eligible to receive grades and earn credit in a full unit course taken in either semester, a student **is not allowed more than seven (7) unexcused absences throughout the entire semester in which that full unit course is taken.**

**If a high school student is taking a half unit course during first nine weeks, he/she is not allowed more four (4) unexcused absences in order to be eligible for grades and credit. If a high school student is taking a half unit course during second nine weeks, he/she is not allowed more than three (3) unexcused absences in order to be eligible for grades and credit. During third nine weeks, a high school student is not allowed more than four (4) unexcused absences in a half unit course and no more than three (3) unexcused absences fourth nine weeks in a half unit course.**

Our school system recognizes the following reasons that would result in an absence to be classified as an **excused** absence which do not count toward the total number of absences allowed during a nine weeks or semester.

### **Reasons for Excused Absences**

1. A physical or emotional illness as verified by a doctor's note within five (5) days of the absence(s)
2. An extended hospital stay as verified by a doctor's note
3. An extended recuperation from an accident as verified by a doctor's note
4. An extended contagious disease with a family as verified by a doctor's note
5. A prior school system's approval for educational purposes
6. A death in the immediate family (not to exceed five school days)
7. A religious observance of special and recognized holidays of the child's faith
8. A natural catastrophe or disaster

For any other extenuating circumstance(s), parents/legal guardians must make a formal appeal to the Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance at the appropriate region office. **An absence resulting from a suspension will be considered an unexcused absence.**

Parents and guardians, **your child raises his/her chances of earning a diploma tremendously by attending school regularly. Please monitor your child's attendance closely.**

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A new numerical grading scale will go into effect in 08/09. Our School Board approved it in order for our grading scale to be more in line with grading scales of schools and school systems in the surrounding area.

**A = 93 – 100; B = 85 – 92; C = 77 – 84; D = 70 – 76; F = 69 and below.**

In closing, let us work together in making the 08/09 school year the most successful ever for your child.

Sincerely,  
*Alfred J. Johnson, Jr.*

Principal

# Grace King High School PTG MEMBERSHIP FORM

2009 - 2010

**Membership Dues - \$10.00 per family**

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Volunteers Needed

There are a few things throughout the school year that require parent volunteers. Please help us out by checking off things that you could help with.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Compiling the newsletter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Library help
- \_\_\_\_\_ Book Fair
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Fair
- \_\_\_\_\_ College Night
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Luncheons
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baking when needed
- \_\_\_\_\_ ESL translators

I work full time \_\_\_\_\_ Part time \_\_\_\_\_ I don't work \_\_\_\_\_

\*Make checks payable to Grace King PTG, put in an envelope marked PTG Membership and return to your child's homeroom teacher.

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Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

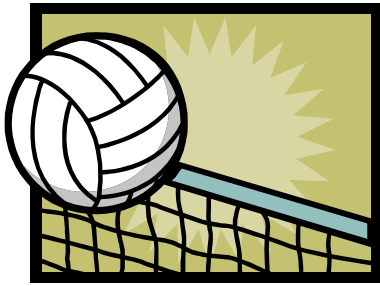
Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_



## 2009 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Fri.	Aug. 21	Fisher (Scrimmage)	Yenni	5:30
Thu.	Aug. 27	Jesuit (Bonnabel Jamb)	Yenni	7:00
Fri.	Sep. 4	Central Lafourche	Cen. Laf.	7:00
Fri.	Sep. 11	Newman	Newman	7:00
Fri.	Sep. 18	<b>East Jefferson</b>	Yenni	7:00
Fri.	Sep. 25	Riverdale	Yenni	7:00
Thu.	Oct. 1	<b>Warren Easton</b>	Yenni	6:30
Fri.	Oct. 9	Bonnabel*	Yenni	7:00
Fri.	Oct. 16	<b>West Jefferson*</b>	Yenni	7:00
Fri.	Oct. 23	<b>Chalmette*</b>	Yenni	7:00
Thu.	Oct. 29	Ehret*	Memtsas	6:30
Thu.	Nov. 5	<b>Higgins*</b>	Yenni	6:30

\* - District 9-5A Game **Bold** – Home



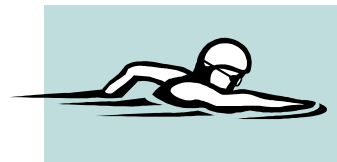
# Lady Irish Volleyball 2009

Aug.	27	scrimmage vs East Jeff	4:00
SEPT	3	at East Jeff	4:00
	9	RIVERDALE	4:00
	11&12	GRACE KING TOURNAMENT	TBA
	15	at Sarah Reed	5:00
	17	HELEN COX	4:00
	18 & 19	at Higgins Tournament	TBA
	22	ACAD. OF OUR LADY	4:00
	24	EHRET *	4:00
	26	at Helen Cox	9:30 am
	29	BONNABEL*	4:00
OCT	1	at West Jeff *	4:00
	6	O.P. WALKER	4:00
	8	HIGGINS*	4:00
	13	at Ehret*	4:00
	15	at Bonnabel*	4:00
	20	WEST JEFF*	4:00
	27	at Higgins*	4:00
	29	district playoffs	tba
NOV	5	Bi-district playoffs	tba

Home games are in BOLD

\* denotes district games

## 2009 GRACE KING SWIM MEET SCHEDULE



Sept 20	Cluster Meet #1	UNO	1:00
Sept 29	West Meet	St Martins	5:15
Oct 3	Cluster Meet #2	UNO	2:00
Oct 10	Cluster Meet #3	UNO	4:00
Oct 22	West District Meet	UNO	6:00

Nov 6-7  
Nov 20-21

Metro Championship  
LHSAA State

UNO  
Sulphur, LA

4:00 Fri / 2:00 Sat  
TBA



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