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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 of our returning students and their families. A special welcome is extended to students and families coming from various schools, especially our incoming freshmen, Class of 2014. Please make a special note to discuss with your child the attached letter concerning attendance. The Louisiana State Legislature passed new legislation concerning school attendance beginning this year, and it is stricter than in the past.

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

We look forward to a great school year! Please visit Grace King's website, 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 journey. It will be an exciting journey!!! A successful one will culminate at graduation and a diploma. Your input and participation are vital to your child's success. One way to get involved is to become active in the Grace King's Parent Teacher Group (PTG). We encourage and need our parent volunteers.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our Grace King family: Ms. Suzan Serigny, Assistant Principal; Mr. Robert Cutrera, Business Dept.; Ms. Phyllis Jackson, Special Ed.; Ms. Janine Slotwinski, ELA/ESL; and Ms. Rita Gros, In School Suspension Program Coordinator. You can meet with all of our staff members at **OPEN HOUSE** on Thursday, September 2nd. See attached letter and class information form for details. I hope to see each of you soon at one of our many events that we have planned for our community. Please call, if I can be of any assistance to you or your child. **WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!!!!**

PARENT PORTAL

In today's information age, a wide variety of information is available at your fingertips. Jefferson Parish Public School System has a way for you to stay in touch with your child's school activities. It's called **Campus Parent Portal**. The Campus Parent Portal serves as a valuable new tool for information about your child and their academic career. Through the parent portal, you can view your child's school information (attendance and grades) safely and securely, anytime from anyplace... all you need is a computer

with Internet access, a user ID and password. You must come to the Front Office at Grace King to receive your activation key and then you can start accessing thru your computer all of this valuable information.

WELCOME FROM OUR NEW ASST PRINCIPAL

My name is Suzan Serigny. I am the Assistant Principal of Curriculum. I am in constant contact with the students and faculty of this truly wonderful school. I am proud to see our students work as hard and accomplish as much as they do. I

have worked at various schools in Jefferson Parish on both sides of the river. I am excited to be here.

One of my major responsibilities is to oversee all standardized testing. New ninth grade students this year will no longer be taking GEE. They will be taking End of Course (EOC) Tests. In the next four years they will take EOC Tests in the four core subject areas, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

I will be working with Mr. Johnson, and the other members of our administrative team, along with our counselors and staff to help Grace King High School continue to be the outstanding school it is.

PARKING PERMITS

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 for the 2010 - 2011 school calendar.

FREE/REDUCED MEALS

Students were sent 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 2010-2011 school year. Applications need to be approved by Friday, September 24, 2010 to keep the free or reduced meal. If an application is not approved, students will have to pay full price beginning Monday, September 27, 2010. 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.

FOOTBALL NEWS

This is Stephen Ruckman, the new Head Football Coach at Grace King High School. I would like to take a minute to tell you how you and your child can be involved with the football program this year as we move in an exciting new era. The first way to stay in touch and involved is to visit our website, www.gracekingfootball.com. Our website will be filled with schedules, pictures, blogs, and ways for you and your child to stay involved. We are also

currently selling season tickets for our home games. Season tickets are \$20 and get you in to all of our home games (Newman, Riverdale, Bonnabel, Ehret) and they get you 20% off at Wing Zone locations. Please make sure to check our schedule and come to as many games as possible including our first home game on Sept 10th at Joe Yenni Stadium against Newman. This will be a great match up and the game will be televised live on CSTV. I hope to see you soon.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Do Young Yoon who has been accepted for the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts.

GRACE KING HIGH SCHOOL

Alfred J. Johnson, Jr., Principal



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JPPSS/GRACE KING HIGH SCHOOL 2010-11 ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

First Semester/Fall Attendance Rules:

Whole Unit Courses: **5** Unexcused Absences Allowed
Half Unit Courses: First Nine Week----- **3** Unexcused Days
Second Nine Week---- **2** Unexcused Day

Second Semester/Spring Attendance Rules:

Whole Unit Courses: **6** Unexcused Absences Allowed
Half Unit Coursed: Third Nine Weeks---- **3** Unexcused Days
Fourth Nine Weeks-- **3** Unexcused Days

Absences Will Be Excused For the Following Reasons:

1. Absences for 2 or fewer consecutive days incurred due to personal illness or serious illness in the family (Must provide a verifiable parent/guardian note upon the return to school).
2. Absences for 3 or more consecutive days must be verified by a note from a licensed physician, dentist or licensed nurse practitioner (Provided within 5 school days of the student returning to school).
3. Any absences due to religious holidays, death in the immediate family, education travel, natural catastrophes or extenuating circumstances will require a verifiable note from the parent/guardian upon the return to school.
4. In-School Suspensions are excused absences.

NOTE: Out of School Suspensions are **Unexcused absences**.

The Assistant Principal in charge of Attendance will determine the classification of a student absence as per Jefferson Parish School System policy.

Ron Burchardt
Assistant Principal

Grace King High School PTG MEMBERSHIP FORM

2010 - 2011

Membership Dues - \$10.00 per family

The Parent Teacher Group would like to welcome Grace King's newcomers and welcome back those who have already been at Grace King. The 2010-2011 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 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 he/she 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!

Parent's Name _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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

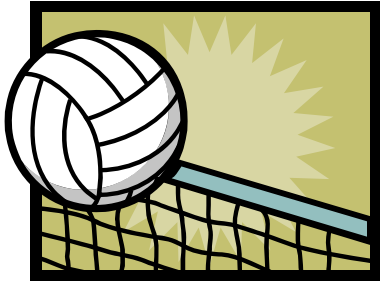
I work full time _____ Part time _____ I don't work _____

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

Cash _____ Check # _____

Parent's Name _____

Student's Name _____



Lady Irish Volleyball 2010

AUG 31	THOMAS JEFFERSON	4:00
SEPT 1	at Lutheran	4:00
2	at Helen Cox	4:00
8	at East Jefferson	4:00
10 & 11	KING TOURNEY	TBA
14	RIVERDALE	4:00
15	ACAD. OF OUR LADY	4:00
16	at Ecole	4:00
21	at Thomas Jefferson	4:00
22	EAST JEFFERSON	4:00
23	PATRICK TAYLOR	4:00
28	* at Higgins	4:00
29	at Acad. Of Our Lady	4:00
30	*at Bonnabel	4:00
OCT 5	*EHRET	4:00
6	SARAH REED	4:00
7	*WEST JEFFERSON	4:00
12	at Riverdale	4:00
13	HELEN COX	4:00
14	* HIGGINS	4:00
19	* BONNABEL	4:00
20	RIDGEWOOD	4:00
21	* at Ehret	4:00
26	* at West Jefferson	4:00
28	district playoffs	tba
NOV 3	Bi-district playoffs	tba

Home games are in BOLD

* denotes district games



Grace King Fighting Irish Football 2010 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
8/26/2010(T)	Jamboree	Joe Yenni	6:30
9/3/2010	Central Lafourche	Central Lafourche	7:00
9/10/2010	Newman (CSTV)	Joe Yenni	7:00
9/17/2010	East Jefferson	Joe Yenni	7:00
9/24/2010	Riverdale	Joe Yenni	7:00
10/2/2010 (S)	Easton	Pan-American	2:30
10/8/2010	Bonnabel * (H)	Joe Yenni	7:00
10/14/2010(T)	West Jefferson *	Memtsas	6:30
10/22/2010	Chalmette *	Chalmette	7:00
10/28/2010(T)	Ehret *	Joe Yenni	6:30
11/4/2010(T)	Higgins *	Memtsas	6:30

(T) denotes Thursday game

(H) denotes Homecoming

(S) denotes Saturday

(*) denotes District game

Bold are Home Games



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