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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 our incoming freshmen, Class of 2015.

If you have any questions at any time during the school year regarding teacher/curriculum concerns, please contact our Asst. Principal, Ms. Julia Johns, at 888-7334; for questions regarding discipline, please call Asst. Principal, Ms. Sandy Phillips in the Discipline Office at 455-1151; or our Assistant Principal, Ms. Suzan Serigny, concerning Special Population questions/issues at 888-7334.

Our Counselors are:
Ms. Joyce Lauto - grade and Seniors G-O
Ms. Contrina Thomas - grade and Seniors A-F
Ms. Brenda Wilson - grade and Seniors P-Z

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. 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.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 14, 2011. It will begin at 6:30. Everyone is asked to meet in the gym. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. Please see the attached letter with more information.

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.

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 2011 - 2012 school year. Applications need to be approved by Monday, September 26, 2011 to keep the free or reduced meal. If an application is not approved, students will have to pay full price beginning Tuesday, September 27, 2011. 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.

JPPSS/GRACE KING HIGH SCHOOL **2011-12 ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

First Semester/Fall Attendance Rules:

Whole Unit Courses:

5 Unexcused Absences Allowed

Half Unit Courses:

First Nine Weeks----- **3** Unexcused Days

Second Nine Weeks---- **2** Unexcused Day

Second Semester/Spring Attendance Rules:

Whole Unit Courses:

6 Unexcused Absences Allowed

Half Unit Courses:

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.

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 the Counselors' Office. 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 was issued a copy of the Grace King Student Handbook. They also received 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.jpss.k12.la.us for the 2011- 2012 school calendar

GRACE KING HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Fighting Irish



OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, September 14, 2011
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. for introductions, uniform and policy clarifications, and performances by the ROTC, band, Cheerleaders, and dance team. Afterward, student guides will be giving group tours of the campus. In the gym we will have information about our clubs and organizations. Within the hallways you will be able to visit and get information from teachers in each department; and in the Library you will be able to pay your child's fees, sign up for parent portal, and purchase belts and ties.

We are looking forward to meeting with you and are excited for you to experience all of the great academics and extra curricular opportunities Grace King High School has to offer.

Thank you for your presence and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Meg Griffon

Meg Griffon
Principal

Grace King High School Uniform and Dress Code Policy 2011-2012

It is the obligation of the Jefferson Parish School Board to provide an educational atmosphere which shall be conducive to the learning process. Students, teachers, and administrators have the right to be free from distracting influences which hinder the learning process.

It is the policy of the Jefferson Parish Public School System to have a dress policy which is impartial, nondiscriminatory, and mandatory for its students. In keeping with this policy, Grace King uniforms are MANDATORY. They may be purchased from area uniform shops.

Shirts

*The official school shirt is the white or hunter green polo shirt with the Grace King logo available at area uniform shops.

*White short or long-sleeved oxford cloth shirts with the Grace King logo may also be worn.

* ONLY a **plain white shirt or grey shirt** may be worn under the uniform shirt.

*All shirts **MUST** be tucked neatly inside pants/skirt.

Pants

*Only khaki uniform Dickie style pants are allowed. *Pants cannot have cell phone pockets.*

*Pants must be hemmed and may NOT be frayed, rolled up, have cuts, holes or slits. *Pants must not touch the ground!*

*All pants must be the correct waist size and worn at the waist. *Big, baggy pants or skintight pants ARE NOT ALLOWED.*

*No jean, cargo, carpenter, hip hugger, shorts, capris, cropped, spandex, or Lycra pants are allowed.

Belts

*A khaki military style belt with a military buckle is the ONLY acceptable style belt. *Belts may be purchased at school.*

Skirts

*Only the Grace King plaid kilt uniform skirt is allowed.

*The uniform skirt may be no shorter than TWO inches above the crease at the back of the knee.

*Skirts must be worn at the waist and not rolled.

***NO PANTS OF ANY KIND MAY BE WORN UNDERSKIRTS!**

*Black tights with FEET may be worn under skirts.

Shoes *Only white, black, tan, brown, or a combination of these colors may worn.

*Only shoes with LACES may be worn, and shoes must be securely tied.

*Shoes without backs, shoes with rollers, shoes with high heels or platforms, or shoes that by their construction may pose a safety risk are **NOT ALLOWED**.

*Slippers, ballet shoes, high tops, or mid-tops are **NOT ALLOWED**.

Socks

*Must be solid white, solid black, or solid gray and must cover the whole foot.

Outerwear

*Only the current and official Grace King **sweatshirt** is allowed.

*Only the current and official Grace King **v-neck sweater** or **cardigan** is allowed.

*Only the current and official Grace King **wind breaker** is allowed.

*Only a current and official Grace King **team jacket** is allowed.

*In very cold weather, students should layer their clothing—a white undershirt, **Grace King** uniform shirt, **Grace King** sweater, and **Grace King** green windbreaker.

*A **heavy winter coat** (no jackets) when temperature dictates may be worn to school but **must** be removed upon entering the building.

Accessories

*ID's must be worn **on the chest area and be clearly visible** at all times

*Book bags must be see-through (i.e. clear, plastic, or mesh)—school bags only, no tote bags. Students may not write or paint on school bags (name may be written inside the strap).

*Purses may not be larger than 8 ½" x 11" (the size of a piece of loose leaf paper).

*Student's hair must be clean and combed. Hairstyles must not impair vision. Only one natural color or shade is permitted. Highlights of only one naturally occurring color are allowed. No stripes or other outrageous styles that bring attention or cause disruption are allowed.

*Hats shall **not** be brought to school. During extremely cold weather, a knit pull on cap/hat is allowed but must be removed from the head when in the building.

* **No hoop or dangling earrings are allowed.** Only **stud earrings** no larger than a dime are allowed. No other pierced body jewelry is allowed.

*A student may not write on or deface any part of the school uniform, shoes, bodies, IDs, or book bags. Any decoration or accessory must be in good taste and NOT be offensive, insulting, promote hatred, or incite inappropriate behaviors.

*No excessive accessories are allowed.

*Only Grace King P.E. shorts and Grace King P.E. shirts are allowed.

*It is also the obligation of the school to enforce the attributes of personal hygiene, neatness, and safety. Therefore, all students must maintain a physical appearance in keeping with stated policy. Students violating stated dress code policy will be subject to disciplinary action. **Starting August 15, 2011, parents or guardians will be called to either provide a proper uniform for the student or to pick up the student from school until a proper uniform can be attained.***



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