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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:

The first nine weeks grading period has just ended and half of the coursework for most classes have been completed. We end the first semester prior to Winter Holiday, so now is the time to check frequently on your student's progress toward earning 4 credits this semester. You can check weekly by using the **FREE Parent Portal**. (See additional info in this newsletter.) You can sign-up for this free account on our Family Night on Tuesday, October 19th. You can visit the campus from 6:30pm till 8:00pm to sign-up and to pick-up your child's report card for this first grading period. See attached flyer about other short informational sessions you can attend with your son/daughter on that night and get some answers to frequently asked questions.

We will begin collecting the forty dollar (\$40) 2010 Academic Fee during homeroom this month. Also some students may need to pay specialty fees for certain classes which require special supplies. (A list is included.) You may pay with cash, money order, or check. Make check payable to "GK High School". A receipt will be issued for all fees paid. This fee pays for paper, ink, classroom supplies, projector bulbs, computer repairs, etc. Please send this as soon as possible.

In addition and new this year, October has been declared "Technology Awareness Month in JPPSS." (See the letter included.) The school system is requesting a voluntary \$20 per student fee to help defray costs of technology initiatives in our school. If you wish to volunteer any amount, please submit a separate cash, money order, or check made payable to "GK Technology Fund" as this fund can only be used for technology purchases which will be identified separately from the Academic Fee expenditures.

We had a wonderful visit from 26 International Educators last week. Grace King was selected as the only school in JPPSS that they visited. They wanted to see American education in action. They came from all over the globe: Afghanistan, Armenia, Burkina Fasco, Croatia, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Greece, Guinea, Montenegro, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Peoples Republic of China, Peru, Poland, Serbia, Taiwan, Ukraine, Uruguay and Zambia. They came with representatives for the US Dept of State and they were very impressed with our school and our programs. They were especially impressed with our students and the interactions with the teachers as they made various classroom visits. You should be very proud of your young adults. They were wonderful examples of international diplomacy. Grace King High School will be highly touted throughout the countries and schools represented during the visit. We are so proud of them and their interactions with the many visitors.

In closing, we hope to see each of you at **Family Night on Tuesday beginning at 6:30 pm**. If we can be of any assistance to you and your family, feel free to contact us, as we are here to support your young adult in pursuit of his/her high school diploma, and preparations for their future.

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.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

National Merit Students

More than 50,000 students are offered the opportunity to participate in the National Merit Program, about 16,000 will be named National Merit Program Semifinalists, representing the top scorers in each state, and approximately 34,000 other high scorers will be commended for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT.

Stavros Stratis has been named a Semi-Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. He will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for about 8,200 National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2011.

Jingwei Deng and Senthil Rajasekaran have been named as Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

These students are being recognized for the exceptional academic promise by placing among the top five percent of students who entered the 2011 competition. Congratulations to Stavros, Jingwei and Senthil, their parents, and their teachers.

Grace King AP Scholar Awards September 23, 2010

Thirteen students at Grace King High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams. The College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams. Three students qualified for the **AP Scholar with Distinction** Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Omar Abdel-Rahman, Senthil Rajasekaran, and Stavros Stratis.

Three students also qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these

exams. Jingwei Deng, Bridget Rogers, and SeJeong Yoon are King's AP Scholars with Honor.

Seven students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Binayak Acharya, Alexandra Foerstner, Brian Lam, Jonathan Lam, Paul Le, Nicole Lee, and Tianxing Wang.

Of this year's award recipients at Grace King High School, Senthil Rajasekaran, Stavros Stratis, Binayak Acharya, and Jingwei Deng are current seniors. These students have this year to earn an even higher level AP Scholar Award.

Mu Alpha Theta

Grace King participated in the St. Paul School competition where Stavros Stratis won 3rd in Potpourri Individual. The advanced math team consisting of Shreya Kashyap, Chanakya Vatticutti, Danielle Raslan and Jessica Randazzo won 3rd place in the team event; Grace King High School was honorably mentioned in the overall school competition.

Irish Eyes Newspaper

The *Irish Eyes* was awarded first place by the National Scholastic Press Association in its annual newspaper critique. It has been about twenty years since the paper has received this award. Also, several students from the *Irish Eyes* were featured on the NBC Nightly News on August 30. Ten students from the newspaper were given the opportunity to work with some of the top photojournalists from around the country in a project sponsored by the Ogden Museum of Southern art called *Telling Their Stories: The Soul of New Orleans*. Their photos were presented in the form of a slideshow during the opening of an exhibit marking the five year anniversary of hurricane Katrina. The curator of the museum is in the process of selecting student photos that will be added to the exhibit.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Ms. Melanie Rieger for being selected to receive the Louisiana Council for Social Studies Outstanding Social Studies Teacher Award. She will be representing Jefferson Parish in Shreveport at the annual LCSS Conference.

TESTING DATES

The PSAT will be administered to those 10th and 11th grade students who have registered for the

test on Wednesday, October 13th. It will be given in the school Library.

The Fall GEE Retest Week begins October 18th and continues through the week until October 22. Those students who have not been successful in passing the GEE are eligible to take their retests. Interval Assessment testing week will be the week of October 18-22. We are currently waiting for information regarding administration of the Plan Test to be given to 10th grade students. All students in 10th grade are required to take this test.

SENIOR DUES

Make your senior year memorable. This year's yearbook will be 100% in color. Don't miss out on the first full color Grace King Yearbook.

You may pay your senior dues in October and January. You have the option of paying the full amount of your dues in October or January or you can pay half in October and the other half in January. Dues will be collected as follows in Room 330 during the first half of lunch.

Monday, October 4	G - L
Monday, January 24	M - R
Tuesday, October 5	M - R
Tuesday, January 25	S - Z
Wednesday, October 6	S - Z
Wednesday, January 26	A - F
Thursday, October 7	A - F
Thursday, January 27	G - L

	Irish Card	Celtic Card
Laminated Card	x	x
T-shirt	x	x
Prom (admits one)	x	x
Prom Favor	x	x
Senior Breakfast (during testing)	x	x
Senior Breakfast favor	x	x
Graduation	x	x
Yearbook	x	
Cost	\$110	\$60

*Sweatshirts and the Senior Luncheon are not included with the class card. You will have to purchase them separately. Date, time, and place of the Senior Luncheon have not yet been decided.

The prom is *Friday, May 13, 2011* at the *Jefferson Orleans North, 9-12 midnight*.

Graduation will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2011, at the Pontchartrain Center.

YEARBOOK NEWS

Seniors: We would love to see all of you in the ALL COLOR 2011 Yearbook, but you can't be in without taking the picture. Please schedule your appointment today with Romaguera by calling 828-3064 or visiting

<http://www.romaguera photography.org/>.

DEADLINE for Senior pictures is Mardi Gras. So call today and schedule your appointment. SUPPORT YOUR YEARBOOK!!

Want to be King or Queen of the Column? It's really easy and spots are going fast. For only \$5 you can purchase a picture and represent the letter of your choice in the index. See a yearbook staffer or come to room 404 for availability. There are only 26 spots available and they are going quickly, get yours today!! Questions:

heather.lampo@jppss.k12.la.us

Where are you? You can be among the few that will be on the Where's Lucky? page of the yearbook. We are currently selling \$2 spots on the Where's Lucky page in the yearbook. Get your picture taken and then be hidden in the very last page of the 2011 yearbook. It's only \$2. See a yearbook staffer or visit room 404 during lunch. Questions: heather.lampo@jppss.k12.la.us

BUY YOUR YEARBOOK ONLINE:

You can order your yearbooks online from www.graceking.org for your convenience.

Hurry - Get yours today! On sale now for \$50. Sales end Oct 31st.

PARENTS: You know your high school student rocks, and you are so proud of their accomplishments. Tell them how great they are by purchasing a personal ad in the Grace King yearbook.

Use an ad to congratulate your graduating senior or even acknowledge a special academic or athletic achievement during the school year. A personal ad in the yearbook allows you to recognize your fighting Irish with photos and words. While the yearbook lets your student remember all the

special people and events from the school year, the personal touch of an ad will make the book that much more special for them.

Personal ads are available in a variety of sizes and prices. Ads are easy to order.

- Buy online at yearbookforever.com and enter the school name.
- Send email requests to heather.lampo@jppss.k12.la.us
- For phone orders, call 504-780-3324 and ask for Shelbie, Yearbook Business Manager.
- Bring photos and text with order form and payment to the front office or yearbook room.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please feel free to contact the yearbook staff at 504-780-3324 weekdays between 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

FOOTBALL UPDATE

I would like to thank everyone for your enormous support this football season. We have had larger crowds than normal and the school spirit is really evident. As we approach the midpoint in the season I just wanted to highlight some player achievements. Curtis Sibley leads the team in passing with 211 yards and he also leads the team in rushing with 299 yards. Clinton Guisti is the next leading rusher with 224 yards. Terry Johnson is the leading receiver with 85 yards. The top five tacklers on defense are Zaid Caviness-Bey, Alex Perry, Sidney Pertuit, Alonzo Proyer and Terry Johnson. Please continue to show your support and attend the rest of our games.

Go Irish, Head football Coach, Stephen Ruckman

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Each student has been issued a copy of the Grace King Student Handbook and 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

- Oct 8 Homecoming football game
- Oct 9 Homecoming Dance
- Oct 13 PSAT/NMQT testing
- Oct 18-22 GEE retest and Interval Assessment testing
- Oct 19 Family Night - 6:30 GK Library
- Oct 20 Report Cards issued
- Oct 23 ACT testing
- Nov 1 Staff Development-no school for students
- Nov 2 HOLIDAY - Election Day
- Nov 9 Shakespeare Festival
- Nov 15 Ochsner Blood Drive
- Nov 18 School Play
- Nov 22-26 HOLIDAY - Thanksgiving

Please check the Jefferson Parish Public School System's website at www.jppss.k12.la.us for the 2010 - 2011 school system calendar.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING November 22 - 26



Helpful Hints from the East Bank Advisory Council

Parents, do you wonder what it takes to help your kids do their very best at school? Good Housekeeping went into classrooms at schools around the country and talked to the teachers who spend their days with your children. Here's what they said about how you can help them help your kids:

Don't be a stranger!

Talk to your child's teacher early and often. Back-to-school night shouldn't be the only time you connect, but it's a great time to introduce yourself and find out the best way to contact her in the future. Then stay in touch with updates on how things are going at home, questions about your child and his work, or to schedule conferences to head off trouble (should you worry about that string of C's?). Most teachers have e-mail at school, which is a great way to check in.

PLEASE JOIN US! EPAC MEETINGS ARE HELD THE, 2ND. MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:00P.M. AT T.H. HARRIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

BALLADE EN FRANCE

9 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

TRAVEL DATES : SUMMER 2011

- see Claude Monet's home in Giverny
- visit Trouville-sur-Mer, a fishing town on coast of Normandy
- inspect the Bayeux tapestry masterpiece from the 11th Century
- tour the D-Day landing beaches
- enjoy St-Malo, a town famed for its seafood specialties
- marvel at the 1000 year-old Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel
- have an biking tour of the old city, St. Malo
- visit the Isigny Sainte-Mère Cheese Factory
- tour the Château d'Ussé, the castle that inspired the tale of *Sleeping Beauty*
- dine at the Abbaye Royale de Fontevraud, listed as a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO
- stop at Château de Azay-le-Rideau, built in the 16th century
- Visit the Cathédrale Notre-Dame of Chartres
- enjoy a demonstration of stained glass being made
- in Paris, at the Bakery Richelieu, learn how croissants and pastries are made
- see the Cimetière du Père Lachaise where Victor Hugo, Sartre, Chopin, Oscar Wilde and Jim Morrison were all laid to rest
- visit the underground resting place of several million skeletons, the Catacombs of Paris
- climb the Eiffel Tower, stop at a street market on Rue Cler, and shop in Paris
- tour the flamboyant Opéra Garnier & the gothic Cathédrale Notre-Dame



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see Madame Kerr immediately in room 224 for info or email her at:

kay.kerr@jppss.k12.la.us

There is a parent meeting Oct 12th from 3-4 p.m. in room 224 for the first down payment

**Grace King High School
Fee Collections
2010-2011**

Fees at Grace King for the 2010-2011 school year will be as follows:

GENERAL ACADEMIC FEE.....\$40.00

All departments will get a portion of the \$40 fee for general classroom supplies, paper, ink cartridges, computer and AV equipment and repair, etc.

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CLASS FEES

Academy of Informational Technology (AOIT)	\$20.00
AFJROTC	\$15.00
AP Biology	\$15.00
Art I, Art II and Art III	\$25.00
Gifted Dept. (any student taking an AP course)	\$10.00
ProStart (Culinary Academy)	\$20.00
Teaching Academy	\$10.00

Approved: Alfred J. Johnson, Jr.
Principal

*****Note: Fees can be paid by cash or check made payable to
Grace King High School**



Grace King Boys Basketball

2010-2011

November

Mon.-Wed.	22-24	Fisher Tourny	V	TBA
Tuesday	30	Rummel	Jv/V	6:00pm

December

Wed.- Sat.	1-4	E.D. White Tourny	V	TBA
Thur.- Sat.	9-11	De La Salle Tourny	V	TBA
Tuesday	14	East Jefferson	Jv/V	6:00pm
Friday	17	@ Shaw	Jv/V	6:00pm
Tuesday	21	@ Holy Rosary	Jv/V	6:00pm
Mon.- Wed.	27-29	Grace King Tourny	V	TBA

January

Tuesday	3	Crescent City	Jv/V	6:00pm
Friday	7	@Riverdale	Jv/V	6:00pm
Tuesday	11	St. Charles Catholic	Jv/V	6:00pm
Friday	14	Newman	Jv/V	6:00pm

District

Tuesday	18	Ehret	Jv/V	6:00pm
Friday	21	@West Jefferson	Jv/V	6:00pm
Tuesday	25	@Bonnabel	Jv/V	6:00pm
Friday	28	Chalmette	Jv/V	6:00pm

February

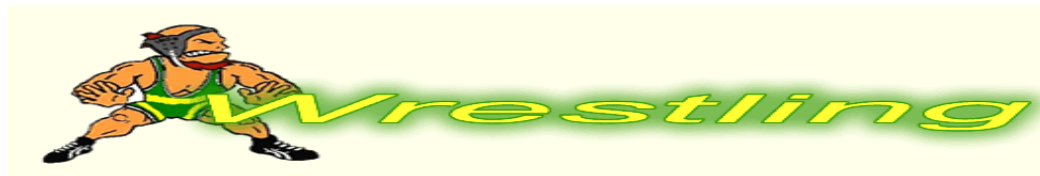
Tuesday	1	Higgins	Jv/V	6:00pm
Friday	4	@Ehret	Jv/V	5:00pm
Tuesday	8	West Jefferson	Jv/V	6:00pm
Friday	11	Bonnabel(senior night)	Jv/V	6:00pm
Tuesday	15	@Chalmette	Jv/V	6:00pm
Friday	18	@Higgins	Jv/V	6:00pm



Girls Basketball

2010-2011

Nov. 20	Northshore Jamboree	TBA	Varsity
Nov. 22	@ Riverdale	1pm	Varsity
Nov. 23	@ Cohen	1pm	Varsity
Nov.29	East Jefferson	5pm	Varsity
Dec. 2-4	Ben Franklin Tourny	TBA	Varsity
Dec. 6	@ De La Salle	6pm	Varsity
Dec. 8-11	GRACE KING Tourny	TBA	Varsity
Dec. 13	De La Salle	5pm	Varsity
Dec. 15-18	Haynes Tourny	TBA	Varsity
Dec. 20	@ Karr	5pm	JV/Varsity
Dec. 27	Belle Chase	4pm	Varsity
Jan. 4	Cohen	5pm	Varsity
Jan. 6	WEST JEFFERSON	6pm	Varsity
Jan.10	BONNABEL	5pm	Varsity
Jan. 13	@ CHALMETTE	5pm	Varsity
Jan. 17	@ HIGGINS	5pm	Varsity
Jan. 20	@ JOHN EHRET	6pm	Varsity
Jan. 24	@ WEST JEFFERSON	5pm	Varsity
Jan. 27	@ BONNABEL	5pm	Varsity
Jan. 31	CHALMETTE	5pm	Varsity
Feb. 3	Higgins	5pm	Varsity
Feb. 8	JOHN EHRET	5pm	Varsity
Feb.10	OPEN		
Feb. 12-22	PLAYOFFS	TBA	Varsity



GRACE KING HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM 2010-2011

October 4th First day of practice (Season Starts)
October 23RD Hydration & Body Measurements Test @ SROTC TBA
October 24th Team Barbeque TBA
Saturday, Oct. 30th Takedown Tournament @ Grace King HS TBA
Wed., Nov. 3rd Tri-Meet T. Jefferson & Destrehan HS @ Home 6pm
(Fan Appreciation Day Free Admission)
Friday & Saturday, Nov. 5th & 6th Raider Open @ Rummel HS TBA
Wed., Nov. 10th Tri-Meet E. Jefferson & Bonnabel HS @ Home 6pm
Friday & Saturday, Nov. 12th & 13th Mandeville Open (Jesuit) TBA
Saturday, Nov. 13th, Raider JV/Jr. High @ Rummel TBA
Wed., Nov. 17th Tri-Meet John Curtis & Mandeville @ Home 6pm
Friday & Saturday, Nov. 19th & 20th Panther Duals @ North Shore TBA
Tuesday, Nov. 23rd Tri-Meet Riverdale & Fisher @ Home 6pm
Fri. & Sat. Dec. 4th & 5th George Trygg Memorial @ Grace King TBA
Wednesday, Dec. 8th Dual Meet Belle Chasse @ Belle Chasse 6:00 pm
Friday & Saturday, December 10th & 11th Sam Sara @ Rummel 6pm
Wed., Dec., 15th Tri-Meet Rummel & Chalmette @ Home 6pm
Saturday, December 18th John Ehret Invitational @ Ehret TBA
Sat., Dec., 18th Bulldog JV Tournament @ Fontainebleau TBA
Tue., & Wed., Dec., 28th & 29th Evangel Holiday Classic @ Evangel HS
Wed., Jan., 12th Tri-Mt Fontainebleau & Covington @ Fontainebleau 6pm
Fri. & Sat. Jan. 14th & 15th LA Classic @ Exerfit Ct. (Baton Rouge) TBA
Sat., Jan. 15th JH/JV Tournament @ Pearl River TBA
Wed., January 19th Tri-Mt. Chalmette & Ehret @ Chalmette 6pm
Saturday, January 29th District Tournament @ Chalmette TBA
Friday, February 4th Tiger Duals @ Holy Cross TBA
Fri., & Sat., LHSAA State Meet @ Century Tel Center (Bossier City)

GEORGE TRYGG MEMORIAL

Where: Grace King High School
4301 Grace King Place
Metairie, LA. 70002

When: Friday & Saturday, December 3rd & 4th, 2010

Weigh In: Friday, December 3rd @ 4:00p.m. until & Saturday, December 4th @ 8:00 a.m. until (*upstairs Gym area)

Entry Fee: \$100 per team or \$9 per wrestler (make checks payable to Grace King High School Wrestling Team) Entry fees must be paid in full @ Saturday's at the conclusion of weigh-ins.

Entries/
Rosters: All entries must be submitted before 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 2nd. Alpha Master/pre-competition forms & seeding sheets must be included to be considered for entry and seeding into the tournament.

Format: Double elimination tournament - Varsity (only one wrestler per team/class)

Awards: 1st & 2nd Place Team trophies – 1st, 2nd, 3rd place individual trophies – 1st place finishers receive Sweat tops – MVP award

Contact
Info: Grace King – (Office) 504-888-7334
Grace King – (Fax) 504-888-2082
Coach Furtado – (cell) 504-723-3905
E-mail – coachfurtado@earthlink.net

Entry information must be received by Thursday, December 2nd before 8:00 p.m. Fax machine will not be available after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. You may e-mail me your entries @ coachfurtado@earthlink.net after 5:00 p.m. All entries are final after deadline.



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



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

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Teresa Femia, Dean
Michael Pollet, Dean

October 10, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our school, like all others in our school district, has experienced much growth in recent years in terms of the amount of technology that is available to our students and teachers. Use of such technology has had a positive, noticeable impact on student participation in classes and has made learning more enjoyable and much more relevant to students' lives outside the classroom. Our students, teachers, and office staff have witnessed the benefits technology has to offer.

While tax revenues dedicated solely to technology will continue to flow into our school district and while our district and school administrators will continue to seek grants for technology related purposes, we would like to do more to ensure that our students and teachers continue to keep pace with the ever changing world of technology. **We are asking each family to donate \$20 toward a special "Technology Fund."** PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL MONEY COLLECTED CAN ONLY BE USED FOR TECHNOLOGY RELATED EXPENSES AT OUR SCHOOL AND OUR SCHOOL ONLY. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT YOUR DONATIONS WILL REMAIN AT OUR SCHOOL. Some examples for which your donation will be used include but are not limited to increased access to working computers in the classroom (our goal is to provide at least 4-5 workstations per classroom), computer/laptop repairs, mobile laptop carts that can be shared within the school and grade levels, and a rotational plan to keep computers and labs updated and in working order.

Further, in our monthly newsletter, I pledge to provide you the latest balance in our Technology Fund along with the latest expenditures since the previous newsletter. Finally, I will seek the advice of our teachers and parent organization on the most effective ways of spending these funds. Please assist us in helping your child experience the latest in technological advances. Donations of any amount are welcomed and are deeply appreciated. *We are dedicating the week of October 11, 2010 as "Technology Awareness Week" in our school system.* You may donate at any point during the school year for this specially designated Technology Fund.

One very crucial piece of technology that is not visible to the general public is the amount of wiring and infrastructure required to adequately and efficiently run a system the size of ours. Fortunately, through our partnership with Cisco Systems Inc., and other sources such as grants, this critical "behind the scenes" work has been completed at our school.

Thank you very much for your consideration and assistance. We pledge to do all we can to prepare your child to function effectively in a world now dominated by technology.

Sincerely,

Alfred J. Johnson, Jr.

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Principal



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NCLB

Germain Gilson
Assistant Superintendent of
Federal Programs

Parents' Right to Know

August 12, 2010

Dear Parent,

Your child's school receives Title I funding and is included under the regulations of the "No Child Left Behind Act".

NCLB requires:

- Increased accountability for states and school districts.
- Greater choice for parents, especially those in low performing schools.
- Greater flexibility for state and local education agencies in the use of federal funding.

Under NCLB, parents have a right to request professional qualifications of their children's teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s). This letter is to inform you of your right to ask for the following information about your children's classroom teachers or paraprofessionals:

- Whether the LEA has licensed the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which LEA licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's baccalaureate degree major and whether the teacher has any advance degrees, and if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive specific information about your child's teacher or paraprofessional, please contact your school principal.

Our district is fully committed to the success of your child. We appreciate your partnership in our efforts to provide the best education for your child.

Sincerely,

Germain Gilson
Assistant Superintendent of Federal Programs

GG:bpm

Louisiana Department of Education
Complaint Procedures
For
The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965

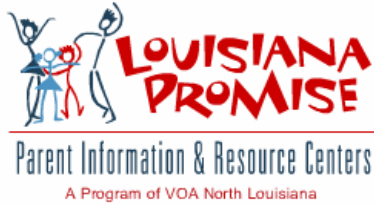
If the GRACE KING HIGH SCHOOL Title I Program is not providing services in accordance with state and federal regulations, a parent may file a complaint in accordance with *The Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, Bulletin 741, Section 349, which is available online at the following website address: <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osr/lac/28v115/28v115.doc>. Parents may also request a copy of this bulletin by calling the Department's toll-free number 1-877-453-2721. This bulletin contains detailed procedures established for resolving complaints filed against the Department of Education or a local education agency pursuant to provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. §6301, et. seq. (ESEA).

Summarized from the above handbook, complaints to the Louisiana Department of Education must (1) be in writing and (2) describe a violation of the law or a violation of federal statutes or regulations.

The written complaint must include:

- A Statement of the violation of a requirement of a pertinent federal statute or regulation;
- The facts on which the statement is based, including the name of the local education agency;
- A proposed solution for the problem;
- The parent's signature and contact information;
- Only violations occurring within the past year.

A parent is notified when a complaint has been received by the Department, and complaints will be resolved within 60 days of receiving the complaint, unless the timeline has been extended. The parent will receive a written decision addressing each violation and will also be informed of the right to request that the Secretary of the United States Department of Education review the decision made by the Louisiana Department of Education.



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