



EAGLE NEWSLETTER



December Calendar

- 2nd – 10th Grade takes the PLAN Test (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- 2nd – 4th & 5th Grade Field Trip to the McWane Center
- 8th, 9th, & 10th – ACT Prep Course
- 9th – Elementary Christmas Program – 6:30 p.m.,
- 10th – K4 to Children's Theater
- 14th – K5 & 1st to Children's Theater
- 14th, 15th, 16th, & 17th – Semester Exams
- 16th – Preschool Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m.
- 17th – Last Day of the First Semester
- 20th – January 3rd (School Closed)
- 27th – 31st – Day Camp Offered

Thanksgiving Feast 2010

On Friday, November 19th the JCA Elementary School had their annual Thanksgiving Feast. K-4 – 1st grade performed before parents, grandparents, and friends. The elementary chorus, led by Mrs. Turner, also performed.

After the performances the elementary students ate a Thanksgiving Feast with their families and friends.

We want to say a special thank you to all those that joined us and especially to the ladies in the cafeteria for all their hard work in fixing this special meal.

Middle & High School Clubs

We are proud to introduce a new program for our middle and high school students at JCA. Each Wednesday students will have a club/activity time during the day to help enhance their educational experience and build their college resumes.

This year's clubs include: Key Club, Athletes for Christ, Student Government, Pep Club, Drama Club, Wildlife Unlimited, Science Club, Book Club, Chess Club, Christ-Formation, Habitat for Humanity, Science Olympiad, National Honor Society and Scholars Bowl.

For more information about how you can get involved, please contact Mr. Hudelson.

January Calendar

- 3rd – Teacher Workday (No School)
- 4th – 1st Day of Second Semester
- 17th – MLK Day (No School)



December Basketball Schedule

12/2	vs. Holy Spirit	4:30	VG, VB
12/3	at Fayetteville	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
12/6	vs. Fayetteville	4:30	JVG, JVB
12/7	vs. Shades Mt.	4:30	JVB, VG, VB
12/9	at Westminster	3:30	JVG, JVB, VB
12/10	vs. Odenville	4:30	JVG, JVB
12/13	vs. Thorsby	4:00	JVG, VG, VB
12/14	at Ragland	3:30	JVG
12/17	Am. Chr. Tourn	TBA	VG, VB
12/18	Am. Chr. Tourn	TBA	VG, VB

Basketball Cheerleaders

The 2010 Eagle Cheerleaders are ready to help support and encourage our basketball teams this winter. The squad is led by captain, Rachel Cabil. This year's squad includes Juniors, Caitlyn Schultz, Haley Johnson, and Sarah Muncher, Sophomores, Ari McKeehan and Rachel Cabil, Freshmen, Rebekah Schultz and Brandi Reed, and 8th Grader, Missy Thompson.

We are very proud of the hard work that these girls have put in this year. They are a great example to our student body on and off the court. Thank you to Mrs. Avelon Ridgeway for her sponsorship of the football and basketball cheerleading squads.



Christmas Programs

On Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., the Elementary classes will present their annual Christmas program. This year they will be presenting the play, "The Polar Express". All of the classes have been hard at work to prepare for this program under the direction of our wonderful music teacher, Mrs. Sims. We hope you will all make plans to join us that evening. Following the program, there will be cookies and cocoa in the lunchroom and children will have the opportunity to have their picture made with Santa Claus.

The following Thursday, December 16, 2010, the Early Learning Center will present their Christmas program at 6:30 p.m. The Toddler class, the Two's and Three's will each sing Christmas songs



Highlighted Teachers of the Month

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.

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



Suzanne Monosky

Mrs. Suzanne Monosky has been teaching for 28 years, 14 years at JCA. She is originally from Lewisburg, Tennessee. Mrs. Monosky and her husband, Alan, currently reside in Gardendale with their five daughters, Jill (JCA Class of 06), Jan (JCA class of 08), Jamie (JCA class of 09), Jennie (11th Grade), and Jodie (7th Grade). She is a graduate of Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN.

Mrs. Monosky says her favorite thing about JCA is the students; "They are like my kids." Her favorite scripture comes from I Peter 5:7, "Casting all your cares on him, for he cares for you."

Melanie Baird

Mrs. Melanie Baird has been teaching for 15 years, this is her 5th year at JCA. She is originally from Mario, AL. Mrs. Baird and her husband, John, currently live in Leeds with their daughter Meagan (student at Auburn), and their son, Braxton, (6th grade). She is a graduate of the University of Montevallo.

Mr. Baird's favorite things about JCA are being able to talk about the Lord, the family atmosphere, and the closeness of the students and faculty. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to the Lord."



Elementary Chorus

We are very proud of our elementary chorus program at JCA. They perform at many school events such as Open House, Grandparent's Day, and the Thanksgiving Feast. The past two years they have also performed the National Anthem and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" at the Barons game. Last year the elementary chorus was invited to sing for a Ladies Lunch at Palisades Church of Christ.

This year's elementary chorus is under the direction of Mrs. Sandra Turner.



JCA Band

The JCA Band is comprised of 4th, 5th and 6th Graders. The JCA Band was started in 2008 by Mrs. Stephanie Sims; she continues to direct the program. The band performs at several school functions including, the Christmas Program, Grandparent's Day, pep rallies, football and basketball games.

Mrs. Sims has done an incredible job teaching mostly beginning band members how to play different instruments. We are very proud of Mrs. Sims and our band members

Operation Christmas Child

Mrs. Hurst and the 8th grade class organized a shoebox drive for their class service project. The shoeboxes, full of Christmas presents, will be shipped overseas to children in third world countries.

The 8th graders collected about 121 shoeboxes from the JCA family and delivered them to a distribution center, where they stayed for the day helping to package and ship shoeboxes from all over Birmingham. Mrs. Hurst says, "This project was a blessing. It was a great lesson to teach the students how to serve others and help those who are less fortunate."

Thank you to all those who sent shoeboxes or money and a big thank you to Mrs. Hurst and the 8th grade class for helping to organize a great event.



Caitlyn Schultz



Recently, one of our students, Miss Caitlyn Schultz, was selected as an Alabama Student Against Tobacco Ambassador (ASAT). Caitlyn will be looking for opportunities within her school, church, civic groups, etc. that can help young

people keep from becoming involved with tobacco use. We are very proud of Caitlyn and this honor bestowed on her.

Exam Schedule

This year's exams for Middle and High School will be given Tuesday, December 14th through Friday, December 17th. Monday (13th) and Tuesday (14th) are full days of school. Wednesday – Friday (15th-17th) school will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. for 6th – 12th grade only. Students will need to be picked up no later than 12:30 p.m. There will be no after school care on those half days for 6th – 12th grades. The Elementary school will observe a regular week of school and after school care will be available each day.

Exam Schedule:

Tuesday (14 th)	1 st Period Exam(8:00 a.m.–9:42 a.m.)
Wednesday (15 th)	2 nd Period Exam(8:00 a.m.–9:42 a.m.) Chapel/Break (9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m.) 5 th Period Exam(10:18 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)
Thursday (16 th)	3 rd Period Exam(8:00 a.m.–9:42 a.m.) Chapel/Break (9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m.) 6 th Period Exam(10:18 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)
Friday (17 th)	4 th Period Exam(8:00 a.m.–9:42 a.m.) Chapel/Break (9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m.) 7 th Period Exam(10:18 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)

Q & U Wedding

On November 10, 2010, the wedding of the year took place in the Four-Year-Old Kindergarten classroom as Miss "Q" and Mr. "U" were joined in marriage. This is an annual event that the four-year-olds look forward to with much anticipation. The wedding was officiated by Mr. Drew Kizer and a special song (the "Q & U Song" written for the occasion by Mr. Ashley Kizer) was dedicated to the couple. Mrs. Jamie and Mrs. Alicia started this tradition several years ago to help their students understand that Q and U go together. Each student brings a gift for the couple that begins with "qu". This year's gifts included quilts, quiches, quarters, Quaker Oats, and question marks. We are very thankful for Mrs. Jamie and Mrs. Alicia's creativity in teaching our students.



Day Camp

Don't forget that Day Camp will be available the week after Christmas, December 27th – 31st. Forms will be sent home with the Elementary next week. Be sure to sign up if you need childcare this week.