



EAGLE NEWSLETTER



Physics Class Project

Hands-On Physics Project

The 12th grade Physics class completed the first semester by putting their learning into practice. The students were asked to design and build a trebuchet/catapult at home. On Friday, December 10th, the students brought their projects to school to showcase their designs. Middle and high school students watched on the football field as the Physics students shot heads of lettuce.

Ms. Hunter, the high school Science teacher, says "This is the first year I have done a project like this and I think it went really well. I enjoyed seeing all the different designs the students came up with and how they worked. I also enjoyed how much the students seemed to get into the project. I learned a lot about how I want to do the project next year and I expect even better designs next year."

Preschool Christmas Program

On Thursday, December 16th, the Preschool classes from the Early Learning Center performed their annual Christmas program. The Toddlers, Two-Year-Olds and Three-Year-Olds sang Christmas songs and recited memory verses from the Bible. It is always amazing to see what these young minds are able to learn. We are so blessed to have a wonderful group of teachers who are willing to invest their time and energy to help shape these children.

After the performance, families and friends enjoyed cookies and cocoa and were able to visit and have their picture made with Santa.



January Calendar

- 3rd – Teacher Workday (No School)
- 4th – 1st Day of Second Semester
- 6th – Home Basketball vs. American Christian
- 7th – Away Basketball at Thorsby
- 7th – ACT Registration Deadline for February Test Date
- 11th – Home Basketball vs. Parrish
- 13th – Away Basketball at Shades Mt. Christian
- 14th – Away Basketball at Holy Spirit
- 17th – MLK Day (No School)
- 18th – Away Basketball at Parkway
- 20th – Home Basketball vs. Ragland
- 25th – Home Basketball vs. Faith Christian
- 27th – Home Basketball vs. Fayetteville
- 31st – Away Basketball vs. Ragland

Elementary Christmas Program – “The Polar Express”

On Thursday, December 9th, the elementary school put on their annual Christmas program for family and friends. This year’s program was based on the popular children’s book, *The Polar Express*. After the program students, family, and friends enjoyed cookies and pictures with Santa.

We want to say a special thank you to Mrs. Stephanie Sims, our Fine Arts Teacher, for all the hours and hours of hard work and dedication she puts into our elementary programs.



David Lowery Honored

The Birmingham News recently named JCA's David Lowery as one of the top five high school girls basketball coaches in the North/East region of Alabama. In eight seasons at JCA, Coach Lowery has an astonishing record of 103 wins and 45 losses. Coach Lowery's record ranks third among active coaches in the region.

We are proud of Coach Lowery's on-the-court accomplishments, but even more proud of the difference he has made in the lives of our female athletes. Coach Lowery has helped instill a strong sense of self discipline and work ethic in his players.

We are very thankful to have a Christian man like Coach Lowery working with our young ladies!



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

Highlighted Teachers of the Month



Pat Parker

Mrs. Parker has been teaching at JCA for the past five years, prior to that she taught in Indiana and Texas. She is originally from Mishawaka, IN. Mrs. Parker and her husband, Bryan, currently live in Oak Mountain with their two children Bryan Lee (JCA class of 2010), and Bethany (10th grade). She is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University in Tennessee.

Mrs. Parker's favorite thing about JCA is working with other people who are trying to show Christ in their life and helping her with the Christian walk. Her favorite scripture is II John 4, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

Ruth Brooks

Mrs. Ruth Brooks has been teaching for 21 years, this is her 15th year at JCA. She grew up in Double Springs, Alabama. Mrs. Brooks and her husband, Ray, currently reside in Brookside, Alabama with their two sons, Luke (JCA class of 2007), and James (12th grade). She is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where she played in the "Million Dollar Band."

Mrs. Brooks says her favorite thing about JCA is the relationship she forms with the students, especially in extracurricular activities and aftercare. Her favorite scripture comes from Psalms 84:10, "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."



Elementary Service Project

The Key Club sponsored a holiday placemat project for the Jimmie Hale Mission. The Jimmie Hale Mission's annual placemat project is a great way for young people to get involved in their community. Key Club members assisted the elementary students with coloring placemats for the homeless men, women, and children. The placemats will bring joy to those that are served during this Holiday season.



Key Club Service Project

On Thursday, December 2, Key Club members J. Hall, James Brooks, Shelby Smith and Courtney Oliver participated in the "Lunch is Served" program at the Jimmie Hale Mission in downtown Birmingham. "Lunch is Served" is a great team-building opportunity that provides a chance to make a difference in a small amount of time. The students, along with Mrs. Hurst and Mr. Edwards, served 150 meals to homeless men and those in recovery programs at the Mission.



JCA Ambassadors Visit Fairhaven Nursing Home

On Thursday, December 16th the Ambassadors visited Fairhaven nursing home in Irondale, AL. The group, led by Mrs. Julie Kizer and Mr. Tony Edwards, visited the residents at the nursing home and sang Christmas carols to help brighten their day.

This is just one of the many service projects that our Ambassadors participate in during the school year. The group also does many things around JCA to help make us a better school.

We are very proud of the Ambassadors and the job Mrs. Kizer has done in her first year as their sponsor.



Standing (L to R): James Brooks, Mr. Edwards, Tiffany Ridgeway, Kennard Craig, Ariel Duke, Becca Sparks, Kayla Mann, Mrs. Kizer, Caitlyn Schultz, Rebekah Schultz; Sitting (L to R): Mya Campbell, Taylor Smith, Jennie Monosky and Taylor Taggart

National Honor Society



Members of the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society at the Ronald McDonald House

Each semester the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society participate in a group service project. This semester the students spent the morning of December 20th at the Ronald McDonald House in downtown Birmingham. The Ronald McDonald house provides free housing for families of hospitalized children.

The students helped the workers at the house prepare for their annual fundraiser "Red Nose Run", take out trash and various other chores. This was a great experience for our students to help those in our community in need during the Holiday Season.

Jennie Monosky Honored

Junior Volleyball player Jennie Monosky was honored by the *Birmingham News* this month by being named to the 2010 All-North/East Volleyball Team. Jennie was one of 11 girls in the area selected for this honor. Congratulations to Jennie, Coach Michelle Williams and Coach Suzanne Monosky for this great honor.

