



# EAGLE NEWSLETTER



Spiritual Emphasis Day 2011

## Where Do the Footsteps of Jesus Lead?

Each year students at JCA have the opportunity to participate in Spiritual Emphasis Day. This day is set aside for JCA students, faculty, staff, and friends to worship together and learn more about God's word.

Tony Edwards, our Campus Minister, works all year with a group of students to plan the events of Spiritual Emphasis Day. These students help decide the theme for the year, guest speakers, and afternoon activities.

Mr. Edwards and his students did an excellent job this year choosing the theme "Where Do the Footsteps of Jesus Lead?" Guest speakers gave practical lessons on how students could follow the footsteps of Jesus and explained where those footsteps would lead. JCA is blessed to have many local ministers and youth ministers who are always willing to

help by presenting lessons during group break-out sessions. 2011 guest speakers included Drew Kizer, Paul Spurlin, Neil Hillis, Daniel Courington, and Brandon Edwards.

This year, the afternoon activity was a musical performance by Cornerstone from Faulkner University. Although the performance was cut short due to severe weather, the students really enjoyed the afternoon.

We want to say a special thank you to Faulkner University for providing pizza for our entire student body and staff. Thank you to all the guest speakers who took time out of their busy schedules to teach classes.

Thank you to Mr. Edwards and his group of students who helped plan this special day at JCA.

### May Calendar

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Muffins with the President (High School Parents)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Athletic Banquet 6:00 p.m. (Middle and High School)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – AP Exam
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Jr/Sr Banquet 7:00 p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Grandparent's Day (1/2 day)
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Muffins with the President (Elementary Parents)
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Muffins with the President (Pre-school Parents)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Career Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – Senior Exams
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Desoto Caverns (K5 -3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
- 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – Spring Musical "Annie Get Your Gun" 7:00 p.m.
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tea
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Senior Trip
- 19<sup>th</sup> – K4 Graduation and Pre-school Program 6:30 p.m.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Exams
- 24<sup>th</sup> – K4 End of Year Party
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School (1/2 day)
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Senior Graduation 7:00 p.m.
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Workday

### Join us on



## Key Club Visits Miracle Field



On Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, members of the JCA Key Club volunteered at Miracle Field in Moody. Miracle League is an organization that provides an opportunity for children with mental or physical challenges to play baseball on an organized team. Miracle League uses community volunteers to serve as "buddies" for each child.

Mrs. Hurst and Key Club members James Brooks, J. Hall, Courtney Oliver, Kayla Mann, Tim Warrington, Kaytie Aycok, Sara Muncher, Caitlin Collins and Ari McKeehan, participated in the buddy volunteer program. The students made new friendships and had an experience that they will never forget. It was a blessing to be a part of a great organization that is focused on helping those in need to be able to participate in a sport.

## Cans, Cans, and More Cans!!



We are very proud of our Kindergarten and 1st grade classes for organizing a canned food drive at JCA. They were able to collect 1011 cans. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the students delivered the cans to Roebuck Parkway Church of Christ to help restock their food pantry.

We believe that it is important for our students to help those in our community that are less fortunate. By doing so, students are following Christ's example of being a servant. In the parable of "The Sheep and Goats", Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Thank you to all those who brought in cans.

## Three-Peat

The Lady Eagles softball team has done it again, finishing the 2011 regular season as Area Champions. This is the third straight year the Lady Eagles have accomplished this goal. JCA will host the area tournament on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Come support your Lady Eagles!



## Elementary Chorus

On Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Turner and the Elementary Chorus went to St. Martins in the Pines Nursing Home to sing to the residents. The residents enjoyed spending time with the students and hearing the 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade group sing.

Students were rewarded with a trip to Pizza Hut for lunch.

## 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



### Peggy Baxter

This is Mrs. Baxter's fifth year teaching at JCA. She currently resides in Pinson with her husband, Frank. She is originally from Georgia. She has two grown children, Jeff and Angie. She attended the University of Alabama. Her favorite thing about JCA is the Christian atmosphere. Her favorite scripture is Jeremiah 29:11, "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

### Amanda Baker

This is Mrs. Baker's sixth year to be at JCA. She lives in Pell City with her husband, Brandon, and her two-year-old daughter, Alaina. Mrs. Baker is expecting another daughter this July. She is originally from Ripley, West Virginia. Mrs. Baker attended Jeff State and Ashworth University. Her favorite thing about JCA is the Christian family environment. Her favorite scripture is James 1:19-21, "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."



## 8th Grade Car Project

Mrs. Hurst's 8th grade Science class designed cars for a safety project. The students were challenged to answer the following question, "Can you protect the passengers from stops caused by sudden head-on impacts?." Students were asked to design a car to quickly and safely protect an egg in a crash test.



## Grandparent's Day Reminders

- Grandparent's Day will be this Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the auditorium. It is a half-day of school and no aftercare is available that day.
- Videos will be available to order for Grandparent's Day.
- Mr. Brown will host "Muffins with the President" for the Elementary school parents and grandparents the morning of May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Please join us in the foyer for this event.
- Pictures will also be made of your child and their grandparents after the show. Packages will be available for purchase.

# JCA Golf Tournament

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Jefferson Christian Academy Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at Eagle Point Golf Club. The Golf Tournament helps raise money for student scholarships to JCA.

We want to thank our sponsors for helping make the 2011 golf tournament a great success. Silver level sponsors included Bryan L. Parker, CPA LLC and Faulkner University. Bronze level sponsors included Leed's Family Eye Care, Noland Health Services, INC., North Alabama Fabricating Company, Mrs. Margaret Parrish, First Educators Credit Union and Wells Fargo. Hole sponsors included Dr. Optical, Merrill Lynch, Cash Monster, and Credit Services. Invitation sponsors included Wiginton & Wiginton and Lo-Tech. TSI Sports 800 sponsored this year's Hole-In-One competition.

We also want to thank all our individual golfers who made a special effort to come out and participate this year.



## Dr. Seuss Field Day

The Elementary School hosted their annual field day on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year was "Dr. Seuss" and we were all "JCA Things"! The kids had a great time participating in events like the "Hop on Pop" Sack Race, the "Green Eggs and Ham" on a Spoon Race, the Grinch Tricycle Race, "O the Places You'll Go" Obstacle Course and many more. They also enjoyed getting to spend time in the bounce house. Thanks to all the parents who came out and volunteered their time to make this day a success. A special thanks to Mrs. Alicia and Mrs. Jamie who did a fantastic job coordinating this event!

