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Destrehan Shows Its Dominance

By Tyler Saviski

Every football season there is one game that unites both sides of the river onto one field - The Battle on the River. The Battle on the River is a rivalry game between Destrehan and Hahnville that is over half a century old. The two teams foreshadowed how dominant this rivalry would be when both teams won a state crown in 1949.

Destrehan took home the Class A championship, while Hahnville took home the Class B championship. For the next several decades the teams would compete for superiority on the river. Destrehan supposedly has a 42-25 win/loss ratio over Hahnville, winning their first game in 1946. These games have a history of being extremely entertaining and close; like the 2001 game where Destrehan beat Hahnville 28-27, as well as the 2007 game where Destrehan snagged a 31-24 win in double overtime.

The rivalry resonates with players and fans, creating memories for people of all ages. Rivalry week allows students to create memories with one another by playing pranks on the students from the opposite school and taking part in one of the biggest match-ups in Louisiana. Students are given the opportunity to show off their school pride by participating in dress downs all week and rallying together at the game. People can also participate in the rivalry by donating to Pink Links, which further strengthens the value of The Battle on the River. The history of this game is rich and filled with countless memories of students past and present, each year comes with a new opportunity to further develop the history of the game.

Hahnville Spirit Week Recall



Faculty Focus of the Month

By Mrs. Stefanie Ward



Meet Mrs. Monique Guidry, selected from among her peers as the stand-out teacher of November! Mrs. Guidry is a native of LaPlace and graduated from St. Charles Catholic High School in 2001. She began her teaching career here at DHS in 2006, and stated, "I finished my student teaching on a Friday, and began running a classroom the next Monday." She currently teaches Advanced Math 1 Honors and Advanced Math 2.

On a personal note, Mrs. Guidry is married to her husband Patrick and they have a cat named Mr. Noles. In her time away from school, Mrs. Guidry enjoys attending concerts and music festivals, and loves big family vacations. When asked for her teaching philosophy or motto, Mrs. Guidry replied, "All of my students can learn and excel in math if they try and put forth the effort."

Congrats to Mrs. Guidry! You inspire us to "give math a chance."

Adopt-a-Kid

Destrehan student council, NHS and BETA will be teaming up for a Christmas fundraiser to give gifts to students in need at St. Rose and Norco Elementaries. Members of the clubs will be put into groups of three to get gifts for their specific elementary student. Info sheets on the student will be given with suggested gifts. You need to spend at least \$20. This is due November 21 if interested ,please see Mrs. Luquet.

Interact Week

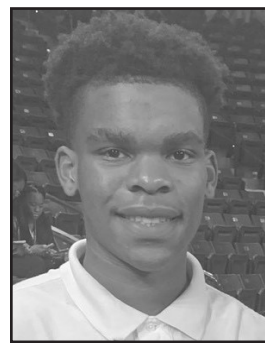
During the week of November 5th, every year people come together to commemorate the founding of the first Interact Club which was established in 1962. The Interact Club here at Destrehan High School has been doing an amazing job of promoting the importance of actively participating around the community. The Interact club is an amazing way for students to develop numerous leadership skills. With the guidance from the Interact sponsors and officers students can learn numerous lifelong skills.

Student Spotlights:



Lilian Cordon, a member of Beta, track, FCA, Mu Alpha Theta, and Earth club is one of Destrehan's exceptional seniors. Ms. Cordon has a passion for helping others and organizing school events as she is the Senior Class Vice-President. Ms.Cordon actually says this year's homecoming dance was one her

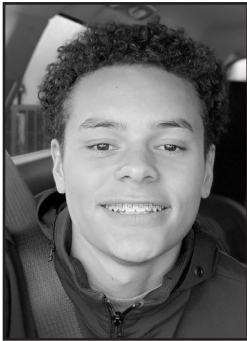
greatest accomplishments. While it was very stressful, she was blown away that it surpassed her original expectations. a humble young lady, Ms.Cordon credits a great portion of the success to her student council team. She places her family, God, and and her future aspirations as the most important things in her life. in the future she plans to go to college, possibly ULL, to become a nurse practitioner. Lilian Cordon says her greatest aspiration is "to help others and get to a point in her life where I feel successful and happy with what i chosen." Ms.Cordon is one example of a wonderful person with a present a future passion for helping others.



Junior Eric Jones feels his greatest accomplishment is being able to represent St. Rose Elementary and Albert Cammon as Student of the Year. At school, I am the Fund-raising Vice-President for Beta, a member of the Interact Club, the Culture Club, and a member of National Honor Society. I am

also a Wildcat Mentor, a Senator for Student Council, and I serve on the Superintendent Advisory Board. In addition, I am the starting safety for the varsity football team. On Sundays, I volunteer at the Ormond Nursing Home. God, family, friends, and academics are the most important things to me. A special talent of mine is that I play the violin. After high school, my ultimate goal is to enroll in college majoring in Biomedical Engineering or Neuroscience. My ambition is to pursue medical school and become a neurosurgeon.

Thanksgiving Break:
November 25th - 29th



Sophomore Glenn Taylor says his greatest accomplishment is maintaining 4.0 in all honors and AP courses. In addition to taking an all-honors course load, I am involved in are FCA, and am an avid DHS athletics fan. Some things that are important to me are my family, academics, and friends. A secret talent of mine is I can drink an entire box of Capri Suns in 1 hour, and getting homework done an hour before school. My future plan is to attend USC, majoring in business and finance and become a broker.



Just like many other freshman, Sophia Mendez is adjusting to the new highschool lifestyle, but she is really enjoying it. To get started with adjusting, Sophia began to involve herself in some things here at Destrehan. She recently made the 2019-2020 girls junior varsity and varsity soccer teams. Not only that, but she is also involved in talented theatre, the newsletter club, and is also managing to keep up her grades with honor roll. Throughout her highschool career, she is choosing to keep in mind the things that are most important to her which include her family, her friends, and her grades. Once her high school career ends, she plans on not only continuing to keep these things important, but she also plans on attending LSU to study science and eventually enter the medical field. She desires to be either a gastroenterologist or a veterinarian. Lastly, a special talent that Sophia will like to share is that she can quiver her chin and cross one eye at once. Bet you can't do that!

Show Choir Performing

The DHS Show Choir performed their show, "America: The Greatest Show" on November 6th at 7pm, November 7th at 7pm, November 9th at 7pm, and November 10th at 4pm (Matinee) at the Destrehan Highschool Auditorium. The show included a variety of medleys that represented different time periods in the USA, such as *Grease*, *Hairspray*, *Moana*. Show choir students have been working hard this semester to prepare for shows throughout the school year. Come by and support them!

Senior Project Spotlight

By Khairi Appleberry



In late October, Da'Ja Thomas hosted *Shatter the Silence*, a benefit dinner to bring awareness to domestic violence at the Satellite Center. Ms. Thomas presented a heartwarming presentation in front of a 50+ audience about domestic violence along with two domestic violence survivors, a brother of a victim who was killed, Corporal Gwendolyn Jennings of from the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, and Mrs. Sheley Sims and Mrs. Ivy Williams from A Safe Space. On the menu, there was jazz rolls, grilled chicken with BLT pasta, and molten chocolate with coffee ice-cream. With the help of her culinary team to prepare the food and her HRT team to serve the food, Ms. Thomas was able to organize a beautiful dinner that was enlightening, educating, and uplifting for all who attended. Da'Ja Thomas credits her mother for helping her choose the topic and Ms. Tara Thomas for supporting and helping her through all the grueling hours of organizing the dinner.

She was inspired by her aunt's struggle with domestic violence and was deeply affected by seeing her in such a negative place. Because of her aunt's experience, Da'Ja Thomas wanted the community to know they are not alone and should not be ashamed while going through domestic violence. It is important to recognize that isolation from family and wearing baggy clothes are some of the most apparent signs that physical abuse is occurring. Parents should be mindful of their teenage children's whereabouts and all St. Charles citizens should know that they can always contact the sheriff's office and the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233.

Ms. Thomas presented an outstanding presentation, but couldn't have done it without, Chef Pat, the culinary and HRT team, her mother, and guest speakers. Through her senior project, Da'Ja Thomas has inspired and educated numerous members of the community to speak up about domestic violence.

DHS Lives United

by Kailie Carrigee



The mission of United Way of St. Charles is to LEAD and UNITE the community in providing a program of health and human services that is comprehensive, efficient and effective.

You may have heard of the United Way through the popular events that they host including Battle of the Paddle, Bridge Run, and a Holiday Food Drive. Our DHS Lives United campaign began in October. Dress-down tickets were sold to raise money for the United Way. Friday, November 8, is designated as DHS Lives United Night.

Various Destrehan clubs collected donations at the entrance of the Destrehan vs. Hahnville football game. The United Way is a great organization that impacts people across the parish. Please consider supporting our campaign throughout the school year.

Boys Basketball Schedule:

12/2 6pm Grace King Away
12/3 6pm South Terrebonne @ DHS
12/6 6pm Salmen @ DHS
12/9 5:30pm Chelmette @ DHS
12/12-14 HLB Tournament
12/17 5pm John Ehret Away
12/27-30 EDW Tournament
1/10 5:30pm HL Bourgeois Away
1/14 7:30pm Terrebonne Away
1/17 5pm E. St. John @ DHS
1/21 7:30pm Thibodaux Away
1/24 5pm Central Lafourche @ DHS
1/28 7:30pm Hahnville @ DHS
1/31 6pm Newman Away
2/4 7:30pm HL Bourgeois @ DHS
2/7 5pm Terrebonne @ DHS
2/11 7:30pm E. St. John Away
2/14 5pm Thibodaux @ DHS
2/18 7:30pm Central Lafourche Away
2/21 5pm Hahnville Away



Girls Basketball Continued

1/10 6:15pm HL Bourgeois Away
1/14 5pm Terrebonne Away
1/17 6:15 E. St. John @ DHS
1/21 5pm Thibodaux Away
1/24 6:15pm Central Lafourche @ DHS
1/28 5pm Hahnville @ DHS
1/30 6pm White Castle @ DHS
2/2 5pm ED White @ DHS
2/4 5pm HL Bourgeois @ DHS
2/7 6:15 Terrebonne @ DHS
2/11 5pm E. St. John Away
2/12 6pm Livingston Academy Away
2/14 6:15 Thibodaux @ DHS

Girls Basketball Schedule:

11/20 5pm East Jefferson Away
11/21 5pm Grace King @ DHS
11/25-27 Ursuline Tournament
12/2 5pm Brusly @ DHS
12/4 5pm South Lafourche Away
12/5-7 E. St. John Tournament
12/9 6pm ED White Away
12/10 5pm Vanderbilt Catholic Away
12/12-14 Hahnville Tournament
12/16 5pm Lutchter Away
12/17 5pm Central Lafourche Away
1/3 5pm Hahnville Away
1/6 5pm St. Mary @ DHS
1/8 5pm Dutchtown @ DHS

Boys Soccer Schedule:

11/12 6pm St. Michael (scrimmage) @ Burbank
11/14 6pm Pope John Paul (scrimmage) @ DHS
11/18 6pm Bonnabel @ Joe Yenni
11/20 5pm Central Lafourche @ DHS
12/3 6pm Newman @ Newman
12/5 TBA Copa Tournament @ Lafayette
12/6 TBA Copa Tournament @ Lafayette
12/7 TBA Copa Tournament @ Lafayette
12/10 4:30/6:30pm Jesuit @ John Ryan
12/17 6pm Riverdale @ DHS
12/21 10am Mandeville @ DHS
12/27 TBA Holiday Cup Baton Rouge
12/28 TBA Holiday Cup Baton Rouge
1/4 11am Lakeshore @ Lakeshore

Very Random Senior Thoughts...

"Watch ya mouf" *Carmen Acosta*
"If not now, then when?" *Zephan Copen*
"My razor just went off" *Dylan Whitehead*
"Body mind soul NEB" *Ben Reynaud*
"My brother is the only reason why I passed" *Dickie Gibbs*
"Would I rather be feared or loved? Easy, both. I want people to be afraid of how much they love me" *Ty Boyne*
"Started from the top, now I'm at the top" *Ryan Walker*
"Take the risk or lose the chance" *Jael LaCava*
"I was just totally clueless" *Layla Hinchman*

"What are you thankful for this season?"

Free education - *Emma Pfiefer*; Supportive family and friends - *Ty Boyne*; Family - *Corrine Marcel*; Family and dogs - *Katie G.*; Being alive - *Jordan Cali Han*; Friends - *Lauren D and Molly V*; Friends and family - *Makenna*; Friends - *Kyligh*; Grandparents - *Mady Millere*; I woke up this morning - *Kerwin Mitchell*; Thankful for making it to my senior year - *Kyle Edwards*; Thankful for my mommy - *Tony Baker*; Life - *Jacaleb Smith*; Thankful for my mom - *Cedric Shorts*; My family - *Matthew Erwin*; Thankful for my friends and for the people who encourage me to be a better version of myself - *Meghan Morales*; Family and friends - *Gabrielle Kimble*; My family, friends, and a roof over my head - *Kailie Carigee*; Friends, family, and God - *Clare Carmouche*; Italian food - *William Montgomery*; The people that helped me become the person I am - *Courtney Gerdes*; Food, my friends and my family - *Rebecca Rodrigue*

Boys Soccer Continued

1/6 5pm Ben Franklin @ DHS
1/10 5pm Hahnville @ DHS
1/13 6pm South Terrebonne @ South Terrebonne
1/18 11am Brother Martin @ Brother Martin
1/21 TBA East Jefferson @ East Jefferson
1/24 6:30pm East St. John @ DHS
1/28 5pm Terrebonne @ Terrebonne
2/1 TBA Rummel @ Rummel

Girls Soccer Schedule:

11/7 6pm Dominican (scrimmage) @ DHS
11/16 3pm Mt. Carmel (scrimmage) @ Pan-Am
11/20 6pm Christ Episcopal @ Christ Episcopal
11/21 6pm John Ehret @ DHS
11/26 6:30pm Newman @ DHS
12/4-7 TBA Dominican Tournament @ TBA
12/10 6pm Lusher @ DHS
12/12 5:30pm Vanderbilt @ TBA
12/14 TBA Country Day @ Country Day
12/16 6pm Haynes Academy @ DHS
12/28-29 TBA Holiday Cup @ Baton Rouge
1/3 5:30 pm Dutchtown @ DHS
1/6 6:30pm Ben Franklin @ DHS
1/10 5pm HLB @ HLB
1/14 5pm Thibodaux @ DHS
1/17 5pm Central Lafourche @ C Lafourche
1/18 3pm Lee Hugh @ Lee High
1/21 5pm Hahnville @ Hahnville
1/24 5pm ESJ @ DHS