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“Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow”

By Kylar Burley & Anais Chavez

What’s a school without proper authorities to make the school run smoothly? The administrators at Destrehan High are here to help the one thousand plus kids on campus have a successful year. But, not everyone knows all the administrators or how many there are. In total, there are six administrators on campus. Let me introduce you:



First, is Mr. Jason Madere, the principal as we all may know. Mr. Madere is a proud product of St. Charles Parish Public Schools who graduated from Destrehan High in 1994. He is a former science teacher, coach, and assistant principal. He is very excited to lead the upcoming school year, with the motto, “Tradition Never Graduates.” His goal as principal is to assure all students get the highest quality of education in the possible. Mr. Madere wants all students to join in the 2019-2020 Destrehan High theme to “Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow.”



Assistant Principal Ms. Laura Abby started her career 25 years ago at Ouachita Parish High-School, teaching all levels of English, as well as sponsoring cheer and student government. Sixteen years ago, she came to St. Charles Parish Public Schools, and has held the role of teacher, sponsor, administrator, and district Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction. Along with being the twelfth-grade administrator, she oversees the ELA Department and the custodial staff, plus being the Liaison for DHS cheerleading.

Student section celebrates another Fighting Wildcat victory!



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Next, we meet Mrs. Elaine Fitzgerald, a 1984 graduate of St. Charles Catholic School. She began her career as a middle school teacher, serving at Albert Cammon, J.B. Martin, and R.K. Smith. She has also served as a Teacher Facilitator of Technology and then Tech Site coordinator at Hahnville for four years. She then became Administrative Monitor. Mrs. Fitzgerald has been with the St. Charles Parish school system for 24 years, and this is her second year serving as an assistant principal at Destrehan. Mrs. Fitzgerald is a part of the eleventh grade team and handles eleventh grade discipline.



Mr. Frank Harding, a 1993 graduate of Destrehan High, is serving in his 6th year as Assistant Principal, at Destrehan. Before this, he served as a Social Studies, Administrative Monitor, Athletic Director, and an assistant principal at Hahnville High. He also was a Louisiana Studies Teacher at which is now R.K. Smith; back then it was known as Landry Middle School. He has been in the education system for 19.5

years, along with coaching multiple sports teams in those years.



Ms. Tracy Logan, also a 1993 graduate of Destrehan High, taught French and Spanish here for five years before the year of Hurricane Katrina, when she was promoted to Administrative Monitor. She has served as assistant principal at DHS for the past 14 years. She supervises secretaries, observes and evaluates teachers, oversees the ACT, and supervises the special ed programs and 504 instructional programs.



Last, but certainly not least, Mr. Kurt Menyweather, a 1985 graduate of Carroll Senior High School, is the Administrative Monitor. He first started in the school system at Hahnville High School in 1993. For the last 19 years, he has been on faculty at DHS serving as a CTED teacher, department chair, and now admin monitor. Mr. Menyweather is in charge of freshmen discipline and the issuing of parking permits, serving as the transportation liaison for our school.

Faculty Focus of the Month

By Mrs. Stefanie Ward



Meet Mr. Jason Powell, selected from among his peers as the stand-out teacher of October! Mr. Powell is a native of Hickory, North Carolina and graduated from Hickory High School in 1995. He began his teaching career here in the fall of 2013, and in that time has taught a variety of math classes. Currently, he teaches Calculus and Algebra II.

On a personal note, Mr. Powell has been married to his wife Ginny for 10 years, and is the proud pop of son Nicholas. When not completing tasks related to the magic that is 'the art of teaching,' he enjoys reading, playing video games, and Frisbee golf. When asked for his teaching philosophy or motto, Mr. Powell replied, "I don't have a motto, but the box of *Sun Maid* raisins in my lunch kit has little messages on the flap when you open it. I like the one that says *Use patience. It helps kids learn.*"

Congrats to Mr. Powell! You are truly an inspiration and asset to our faculty.

Celebrate Star Students!

Beginning this month, students who best exemplify the ROARS expectations will be nominated by teachers for consideration as a Star Student of the Month. The selection process begins with teacher nominations and concludes with grade-level administration selection. Congratulations to our *October Star Students of the Month*:

9th - Kenyatta Payne



10th - Kailie Carrigee



11th - Madison Griffin



12th - Ki Finch



Looking for something to do? Join a DHS Club!

By Kyleigh Graves & Ashley Quintero

In all clubs, you can find kids from all different "clicks" of the school. You can meet see kids from different grades and backgrounds. Joining clubs here at Destrehan isn't only fun, but beneficial. According to the website *Understood*, extracurricular activities, such as clubs, can really help with self-esteem! We all know when we are good at something and , we love to do it. Feel good and get involved!

FCA- Their mission is to create fellowship in the school. FCA works to build faith in the school community. You don't have to be an athlete either, anyone is welcome to join.

Wildcat Robotics-The Wildcat Robotics Team competes in numerous competitions during the year. The team focuses on building and coding robots. They work to teach others about the importance of STEM.

Earth Club-Earth Club focuses on creating a healthy environment and decreasing plastic use. They collect the school's recycling bins weekly.

Interact Club- The Interact Club is an international service club. They work with the St. Charles Parish Rotary Club. They build leadership skills through community volunteer work.

Beta Club- Beta is an academic organization that attends the Beta convention every year and competes in different competitions showcasing their academic and leadership abilities.

Culture Club/Step Team- They celebrate the diversity of cultures and host the Black History Month Program every year in February.

Student Council- The student council organizes and helps work

school events. Homecoming, Pep Rallies, Spirit Weeks, and Dances are some of the school events they host.

Newsletter Club-They create and write the school's newsletter each month.

Anime Club- Anime club is a group of people who have an appreciation for the art of Anime.

National Honors Society- NHS is a group of individuals that gain leadership skills through volunteering their time in the community and are striving to complete the Academic Honors Diploma.

National English Honors Society- NEHS is an academic organization of achieving students focused on building interest in the English Language Arts.

String Theory-They crochet and knit for the community. They donate their creations to hospitals and people in need.

Mu Alpha Theta-The Mu Alpha Theta Mathletes compete in math competitions year round testing their math abilities.

Literary Rally- The Literary Rally is held every year for students who want to compete with other students in the state by completing a variety of English Language Arts tests.

Spanish Honors Society- Spanish Honors Society is a new organization to DHS. It will be for students who have completed Spanish I, II, and III with a 3.5 GPA. Invitations will be sent out soon to applicable students.

French Exchange Program- A program that allows students from both French high schools and American high schools to exchange living situations for a semester.

Earn College Credits While Still in High School!

AP - The College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) offers college-level study in a wide range of subjects and allows you to earn college credit if you earn a 3, 4 or 5 on the AP Exam.

- Classes available sophomore year
- Awarded as a credit on college transcript without a grade
- Earns high school grade
- Accepted by wide variety of colleges across the United States. Check with individual college for acceptance
- Earn 3-12 hours depending on score/subject and college.
- Taught by certified teacher
- Part of advanced studies program
- Requirement for top-tier scholarships such as Quest Bridge, POSSEE, and Jack Kent Cooke

CLEP - The College Board's College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), accepted by over 2,900 colleges and universities, lets you earn college credit for the knowledge that you have already acquired.

- 33 CLEP exams
- Earn 3 to 12 credits depending on score/exam subject and college.
- Awarded as a credit on college transcript without a grade

Try the ACT Again

By Tyler Savaski

The ACT is dreaded by all high school students, but it is something that we all must take seriously. Those who are planning to go to college should always try to do their best and to make the best score possible. Some will say that they just want the bare minimum of what their college is accepting, but they miss a lot of opportunities in the process.

The ACT can be taken many times throughout the year and all students should take advantage of that. Just getting the minimum score is important, but everyone can strive for more. The higher the score, the more likely students are to be accepted and to be eligible for scholarships. If a student is worried about money, a good score on the ACT will help to mitigate the problem. Everyone at Destrehan High School is capable of making a good score on the ACT if they strive for it. Destrehan provides ACT tutoring in Math, Reading, and English because they believe their students are capable of excellence. However, these tutoring sessions are only beneficial if the student wants to be better.

One score does not define anyone. It is a fact that most students improve their scores upon the second time taking the ACT. The ACT is a hard test and, just like most things, requires practice. Taking the test multiple times and getting with a tutor is crucial to being able to succeed. Everything on the ACT can be brought up higher with practice. The math section on the ACT, the hardest section for most people, is among the easiest to improve because it is the same general information on each test. Students must take this information and use it to their advantage. Destrehan provides resources that can help their students improve and it can't hurt to use them.

- Check with individual college for acceptance
- Modern States offers free online classes to prepare you for the CLEP.

Dual Enrollment - Dual Enrollment courses are college level classes taught at Destrehan High School. Students earn high school credit and college credit simultaneously.

- English, math, science, social studies and electives
- Earn 3 college hours per class
- Counts as high school grade and grade on college transcript
- Taught by certified teacher with support from high school teacher Accepted by state universities in Louisiana.
- Not always accepted at out of state schools. Check with colleges for acceptance (transfer credits may be accepted).
- ACT Composite 19 - Math- 19, English 18 and 2.5 GPA
- Juniors and Seniors only
- 5QP Courses are part of the advanced studies program
- Community College technical courses no qualifying GPA/ACT Score

Meet with your counselor today to learn how early college credits can help you get a head start on a post-secondary degree!

SATELLITE CENTER NEWS:

- Students enrolled in *Quest for Success* will tour the Satellite Center and the Lafon Performing Arts Center this month!
- Upcoming Recruiting Event: P-TEC & Instrumentation Tech on November 12, 2019. Sign up in the School-to-Career office before November 6th.

School-Wide Arts Performances & Concerts

By Madison Neighbors

November 6th, 7th, 9th, and 10th: Show Choir

November 9th: Band Showcase

November 22nd through the 24th: Disney's The Little Mermaid put on by our school's Theatre Department at the Lafon Performing Arts Center

Destrehan Band Earns Honors

The Pride of Destrehan Marching Band competed in the Central Lafourche Fete du Musique on October 5. The band took 5th place in its class with its performance "Song of the Sirens" and earned a Superior rating.

In addition to the band's strong performance, seniors Hayden Brass and Zephan Cohen were named the Outstanding Drum Majors of the Festival, displaying exceptional leadership and precision. The band is under the leadership of Christopher Williams and Sharie Mahler.

DHS Celebrates Red Ribbon Week

Counselors are launching our annual prevention campaign to educate students about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and violence. A dress down day is scheduled for Oct. 25th. Listen to announcements for details on how you can participate!

Step Aerobics Night Oct 22 in Gym

By Mrs. Lynette Matthews

The Step Aerobics Night is an outreach that was started seven years ago when three of our Fighting Wildcat family members were diagnosed with breast cancer within months of each other. The focus is to promote healthy activity as a possible defense mechanism for various types of cancers. We aim the night towards breast cancer because studies show that many times it's not the cancer that kills people but the treatment (Chemo) that ultimately has the greatest impact on the body. So, the healthier and stronger the body is, the better the chances are for the individual.

At the event we will hand out informational brochures and flyers on self-exams, risk, screenings, and healthy life choices. We plan to have a guest speaker, usually someone who has fought the fight or currently in the fight, and a physician come and speak to our audience about the risk, treatment, and statistics. Our students will also perform their aerobic routines that they have choreographed. We conclude the night with a pink balloon release in honor of Coach Denise Keller.

In the past we have raised funds through raffles and t-shirt sales and donated funds to the United Way of St. Charles to benefit local individuals who may have a need. This year we are raising funds for one of our very own Wildcat family members, LeAnn Harper, who's been battling breast cancer for about a year now. Our hope is to reach as many people as we can to help spread awareness and promote a healthy lifestyles.

FOR FUN: Your Top Ten Songs and Movies of October

By Madison Neighbors

- #1 Song: "Truth Hurts" by Lizzo
 - #2 Song: "Senorita" by Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello
 - #3 Song: "Bad Guy" by Billie Eilish
 - #4 Song: "Ran\$om" by Lil Tecca
 - #5 Song: "Old Town Road" by Lil Nas X and Billy Ray Cyrus
 - #6 Song: "No Guidance" by Chris Brown ft. Drake
 - #7 Song: "Circles" by Post Malone
 - #8 Song: "I Don't Care" by Justin Bieber and Ed Sheeran
 - #9 Song: "Talk" by Khalid
 - #10 Song: "Goodbyes" by Post Malone ft. Young Thug
- Sources: (songs) <https://www.billboard.com/charts/hot-100>;

- #1 Movie: It: Chapter Two
 - #2 Movie: Angel Has Fallen
 - #3 Movie: Good Boys
 - #4 Movie: The Lion King
 - #5 Movie: Fast and Furious Presents: Hobbs and Shaw
 - #6 Movie: Overcomer
 - #7 Movie: Dora and the Lost City of Gold
 - #8 Movie: Ready or Not
 - #9 Movie: Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark
 - #10 Movie: Once Upon A Time in Hollywood
- (movies) <https://www.imdb.com/chart/boxoffice>

Homecoming Week is Oct. 16-19!

Dress Down Schedule:

Wednesday, 10/16: Fly away with me to Neverland! - Students may dress in their favorite superhero or fairy character costume or wear Superhero shirts with jeans. Masks or any accessories that cover the face are not permitted.

Thursday, 10/17: Be who you want to be in Neverland! - Dress up in your favorite Disney character costume or Disney themed shirt and jeans.

Friday, 10/18: In Neverland, you Never Grow Up! - Wear clothing that a child would wear. Travel back in time and dress from your childhood. Students may wear onesies, elementary/middle school uniforms or past school t-shirts with jeans.

ALL CLOTHING MUST MEET DISTRICT GUIDELINES. On days that jeans can be worn: jeans cannot be cut-off, frayed, or have holes. On the days that t-shirts can be worn, t-shirts cannot have any inappropriate logos or sayings. The t-shirt must pertain to the assigned dress down day.

Motorcade - The Homecoming Motorcade will be held on Thursday, 10/17, in the Fighting Wildcat Stadium, starting at 6:00. Come out to see the 2019 Homecoming Court and cheer for your favorite floats.

Homecoming Game - Come out to Fighting Wildcat Stadium on Friday, 10/18, as we take on the East St. John Wildcats. Game time is 7:00.

Homecoming Dance - Tickets will go on sale for the dance starting Thursday, 10/10, and can be purchased in front of the Auditorium. Student fees must be paid before purchasing tickets. Remember that tickets are non-transferable, and students will need to show their ID to enter the dance.

DHS Lives United!

Don't forget to join our efforts to contribute to the United Way of St. Charles throughout the months of October and early November! Purchase your ticket for a Halloween dress down day October 31st. Tickets can be purchased in the commons in the morning and at lunch, and in the School-to-Career office.

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