

Prep Parents Power Lunch
September 8, 2011
Noon

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II. Student Life Laura Lindell

III. Capital Campaign Crisler Boone



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Lee Ozier

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Renee Flynt

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Cathy Joyner

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GLI

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WebSite

Tay Morgan

IV. Jackson Prep Update Susan Lindsay

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 12 – 21	Place orders for Homecoming Corsages and Boutonnieres
September 13	Moms In Touch
September 13	GLI Parents of SH Forum
September 13	College Fair
September 15	12 th grade Brown Bag
September 19	9 th grade Brown Bag
September 21	8 th grade Brown Bag
September 23	Homecoming
September 27	Prep Preview Day
September 27	Moms In Touch
September 27	Meet the Arts
October 4	7 th grade Brown Bag
October 6	Picture Re-Takes
October 10	FALL HOLIDAY
October 11	Moms In Touch
October 12	PSAT 12:30 Dismissal
October 14	Prep Preview Night
October 22 & 24	GREASE
October 25	Moms In Touch
October 29	Senior Service Project
November 8	Prep Preview Day
November 8	Moms In Touch
November 9	Patriot Club's LEGACY Luncheon
November 10	PREP PARENTS POWER LUNCH

THANK YOU:

Tay Morgan and Laura Bishop worked tirelessly getting the PAT volunteer info on the website. Mary Ellison and Finney Moore and the grade level coordinators have worked through the summer coordinating activities for each grade.

Amy McGowan and Stacy Stovall dreamed, schemed and made our new Prep merchandise a reality. Special thanks to Polly Kellum for pitching in.

Kellie Cook and volunteers served a beautiful back-to-school lunch for faculty and staff.

Peggy Goldstein and Becky Ivison and the Heart of the Home team are making plans for another fabulous fundraiser.

Tay Morgan worked with Crisler Boone, Vicki King and officials with the State of MS to design and publicize our JP car tag.

Sapna Michael, Dana Sasser and Andre Kincaid orchestrated a very successful SWAP SHOP sale AND reorganized the PAT closet.

Senior Celebration Committee, Senior Service Project Committee and Grad Night Committee are working on a great year for our graduates.

Heather Wise and parent volunteers provided desserts & beverages and set up our meeting today.

PREP PARENTS POWER LUNCH

(formerly PAT Brown Bag Lunch)

MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2011

12:00 noon

PAT President Cathy Joyner opened the meeting by introducing Libby Kendall.

DEVOTION

PAT Advisor Libby Kendall read passages from a devotion blog by Marita Walton on the importance of sharing words of affirmation with our children: "Mothers, parents, teachers and others who are in positions to convey this powerful gift of the blessing, cannot imagine the extent of the ripples of their words. Our words have the power to cripple and have the power to heal." She continued by quoting the movie *The Help*. The character Aibileen tells young Mae Mobley over and over "You are smart, you are kind, and you are important" - words addressing the child's character as opposed to her appearance.

WELCOME

Cathy welcomed the parents and administration to the first of four Prep Parents Power Lunches (formerly the PAT Brown Bag Lunch) and asked Finney Moore to help her draw names for 2 door prizes, and door prizes were drawn through the entire meeting. She asked all new parents attending their first PAT meeting to raise their hands and be recognized.

STUDENT LIFE

PAT Faculty Liaison Laura Lindell gave us a rundown of all things at Jackson Prep: **Athletics** - The softball team lead by Coach Cory Caton holds a 9-11 record with the season ending early October. The volleyball team lead by Coach Lauren Felker is a new sport to Prep, and while off to a slow start the JV team has won its first game. Cross Country has started strong coming in 1st (girls) and 3rd (boys) in their opening meet. Swim team is getting ready to compete for their 38th consecutive victory. Varsity football record is 3-0, JV is 2-0, and 6th/7th grade 1-0-1. The games are broadcast on 1400 AM and updated on our website and twitter.

Academics - ACT workshop this Saturday. Early dismissal October 12 at 12:30pm for the PSAT.

Arts - Dianne Holbert is putting on a high school version of *Grease* on October 22 and 24. The cast list is posted on the website. Any 6th or 7th grader wanting to perform can still volunteer a the large musical number. See Mrs. Holbert to sign up and get schedule

of the two required practices. Former Prep art teacher Carol King has pieces on display in the gallery.

The Junior High Community Service Partner this year is Bethany Christian Services. There are currently 3 faculty members adopting through Bethany. Contact Cindy Townsend for more information. The Senior High Community Service Partner is Peyton's House at Neighborhood Christian Center. This facility benefits Kindergarten through 8th graders and is named in memory of Prep graduate Peyton Houchins.

Homecoming is September 23rd, and the theme is "Blast from the Past: the 90's". Homecoming t-shirts are \$10 and on sale for the next two days. The Senior High Homecoming dance is at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum and is \$10/person at the door. This is a safe, once entrance location, and all students will do a breathalyzer at the door. Any 9th grade students must have a parents' permission form if asked to the dance, and Horrell's photography will be taking pictures. The Junior High will have a holiday dance at the end of the semester as opposed to a Homecoming dance. Other Senior High themes for the season include: the 80's, music appreciation, nerd day, camo, doubles day, cowboy, Halloween, and superhero.

Other news: we are working with ROAR: Reach Out And Read. Paul Fryant is engaged. Cindy Townsend slipped and broke her pelvis. Laura thanked everyone for prayers and encouragement for her sister Stephanie who will receive her last chemo on Friday.

Ann Pringle said the Senior Class is selling Corsages and Boutonnieres for Homecoming (see handout).

Cathy noted the many thank you's listed on the back of today's agenda as well as important dates to note.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Crisler Boone gave an overview of the Capital Campaign: About a year ago, Prep looked at how to complete our long-range goals, and as a result we came up with 16 items. We are embarking on the biggest and best thing for our school since its founding, and the campaign will be led by chairmen Dudley Wooley and Mollie VanDevander.

This is not an arts campaign - this is a campaign for Jackson Prep. This investment in Prep makes the student's degree more valuable and supports the foundation that makes a child successful. The 3 legs to our "stool": arts, academics, and athletics, with global leadership being the seat. This campaign completes the master plan from 2001.

Currently they are recruiting campaign leadership, major gifts in the fall, and presented fully to parents and alums in the Spring.

The centerpiece of the plan is the Centre for Arts and Leadership attached to/behind the current (30 year old) auditorium. This facility will house a 1000 seat auditorium, art gallery, school store, concessions, storage, and office. Our current auditorium will be reduced in size for more intimate classes and smaller groups. Additional improvements include technology upgrades, renovations, etc. Crisler presented preliminary slides of what the buildings and layout would look like.

GET PLUGGED IN

Student Opportunities

Lee Ozier said the school is updating the website with current contact information on clubs and organizations and their purposes so students can get involved with other students and faculty members. This enhances college applications and makes school about more than just attending class. Updates on club and organization meetings are provided on the daily announcements. Lee provided a list of Senior High clubs and their sponsors, and a list of all current clubs and organizations can be found on our website: www.jacksonprep.net/schoollife/clubs.html (see handout).

Parent Opportunities

Applause - Renee Flynt complimented Dianne Holbert on her outstanding leadership in the Arts Department at Prep, and she distributed a brochure describing the Applause: Friends of the Arts. Applause supports all four areas of the arts (visual arts, choir, drama, and band) and encouraged all families to join even if you do not have a student currently involved in the arts. Upcoming events include MEET THE ARTS on September 27 (introducing fine arts students and programs to the community), GREASE (the high school version of the musical) on October 22 and 24, FAME featuring Revillion and Broadway star Tim Shew in November, and North Mississippi Once Act Drama Competition in December - just to name a few! (see brochure on our website: <http://www.jacksonprep.net/arts/applause.html>)

Moms in Touch - Mary Ellison invited moms to attend this Christian prayer group that meets twice a month at Trinity Presbyterian Church. They pray through the school calendar and for all students and administration. Mary provided a handout with meeting dates and contact information (see handout).

Booster Club - Cathy Joyner said that Booster Club really needs concession stand workers, and you can sign up for only one half of the game.

Global Leadership Institute - Cathy said we should have received GLI information in the mail, and there is a fabulous lineup of speakers for this year.

Community Service - Cathy noted that these have been described earlier:

The Junior High Community Service Partner this year is Bethany Christian Services. The Senior High Community Service Partner is Peyton's House at Neighborhood Christian Center.

Heart of the Home - Cathy thanked Peggy Goldstein and Becky Ivison for their hard work leading this event, and it is scheduled for April 12-13. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

Website - Tay Morgan thanked everyone for the huge signup for PAT volunteers. The website is continuing to be updated and weekly eblasts are sent out every Tuesday in an effort to keep parents better informed. Tay demonstrated how you can download Prep's calendar to your calendar either on the website calendar page or by clicking the This Week at Jackson Prep on the left side of your eblast email. Junior and Senior High bulletins are updated daily online (after 2nd period). There is a brand new website in the works that will be even more user-friendly as well. The Patriot Shop will soon be online (currently you can download an order form on the website under Student Life, Forms and Lists: <http://www.jacksonprep.net/schoollife/forms.html>). Tay reminded parents about pre-ordering a Jackson Prep car tag, and 75% of the proceeds from the tag sales comes back to the school. Information on how to purchase a Jackson Prep car tag was provided (see our website: <http://www.jacksonprep.net/schoollife/forms.html>). Be sure and follow/friend us on Facebook and Twitter @jpsports and @jacksonprep.

JACKSON PREP UPDATE

Head of School Susan Lindsay explained the process of random drug testing at Prep using the hair test. Five students in each grade are randomly selected and taken out of class for the test. They have used the urine test, but generally do the hair test: 150 strands are pulled from all areas of the child's head (no they will not go bald, it is less than will fit in a standard straw!) and sent to an out-of-state lab. If there is a positive test, a medical review officer will contact the parent and give them time to fax over prescription information, etc. that may be needed, and Mrs. Lindsay will follow up a few days later. The point is that random testing helps students say no just as breathalyzers at games help them say no to drinking. Children make mistakes and make bad choices, but they can learn from these and be better for it. We are trying to help them during these years they are at home with their parents so they can make good choices when they go off to college and live on their own.

Cathy thanked Mrs. Lindsay and everyone for coming. The meeting was then adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Missy Wyatt

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FLOWER ORDER FORM INFORMATION:

Purchaser's Name:

Purchaser's Cell Number:

Purchaser's Grade: _____

Paid by check or cash (circle)

Corsages: \$25 (all will be made with a white rose and a pearl bracelet)

QUANTITY: _____

Boutonnieres: \$15 (all will be white roses)

QUANTITY: _____

All checks payable to Neighborhood Christian Center, with Peyton's House in the memo line.

2011-12 Senior High Clubs

Club	Sponsor
Asian Club	Jane Khu
Broadcasting Club	Bobby Gross
Chess Club	Paul Smith
Comm Service Club	Cindy Townsend
Debate	Stephanie Baker
Drama Club	Ken McDade
FCA	David Horner
	Chris Moore
	Amanda Hatch
French	Cory Caton
Harry Potter	Lisa Whitney
Junior Classical League	David Hogue
Mock Trial	Laura Flint
Model Security Council	Lou Ann McKibben
	Hunter Upchurch
Patriot League	Leslie Morton
Quiz Bowl	Nathan Divine
Spanish	Elizabeth Franklin
	Hunter Upchurch
	Lucia Lalor
The Committee	Lain Hughes
Youth Leg	Lain Hughes
	Hunter Upchurch

1. A good way to explore interests and make friends.
2. Enhances a college application.
3. Check daily announcements: "Clubs & Organizations"
4. Coming: Prep Home Page (descriptions, mtg info)

Moms In Touch 2011/2012

MIT begins Tuesday, September 13th

1-2 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5000 Old Canton Road

Be a part of this vital ministry to our school and your children.

Questions? Contact: Mary Ellison, mvellison@comcast.net, 601-942-3507 or Ginger Arledge, gingerarledge@gmail.com, 601-260-1770

Schedule:

September 13

September 27

October 11

October 25

November 8

December 6 (*this is the first Tuesday of the month*)

January 10

January 24

February 14

February 28

March 27

April 10

April 24

May 8