

# BUCCANEER BULLETIN

## WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND SOUTHSIDE JUNIOR HIGH



### SJH Student of the Year Nominations

Each year, Southside Junior High teachers nominate six eighth grade students to compete to be the Student of the Year. This year's nominees are Lyons Zhang, Elle Harris, Isabella Miller, Olivia Slack, Jacob Turner, and Drew Partin. Make sure to read the next issue of the Buccaneer Bulletin to read about Student of the Year Nominees Lyons Zhang and Isabella Miller.

### ELLE HARRIS, STUDENT OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

BY: KAYLIN CANTU AND AIDAN LANDRY

Being nominated for Student of the Year is a huge honor and something to be proud of. Elle Harris is one of the six students nominated for Student of the Year. This school year, she is a member of band, talented music, and Chill Club. She is grateful, honored, and surprised to be nominated.

Harris says, "I am very proud of myself. I've been working super hard to try to get good grades and do well in school." Elle thinks very highly of the other nominees and although she would be thrilled to win, she thinks it is an honor just to be nominated.

Elle does not see herself any different from anyone else; she enjoys helping and supporting others whenever she can. Elle's advice to anyone striving for Student of the Year is "Do well in school, be nice to others because you don't know what other people are going through, and just try to get into extracurricular activities because they are really fun, and they can make you go places."



*Elle Harris, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Year Nominee*



*Olivia Slack, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Year Nominee*

### OLIVIA SLACK, STUDENT OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

BY: ALAYSHIA BEVERLY AND TA'LYA SMITH

Olivia Slack has been a student at Southside Junior High for all three years. She is an amazing student who has maintained a high-grade point average throughout her middle school career.

Olivia enjoys being involved in different organizations on campus. This school year, she is a Fellowship of Christian Athletes leader, basketball player, football water girl, and member of the Robotics Club. She is also a member of the Bucs Honors Club.

During her time at SJH, Olivia has received numerous awards, such as greatest Accelerated Reader points, Accelerated Reading and Math, and Physical Education Student of the Year. Olivia even has Student of the Year experience because she was chosen as Denham Springs Elementary Student of the Year when she was in fifth grade.

This school year, Olivia's goal is to maintain all A's.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT: BUCCANEER BELLES

BY: BAILEY CARLSON AND BREANNE SEGURA

The Buccaneer Belles is SJH’s dance team, which works with the cheerleaders to help promote school spirit. The team is coached by Mrs. Danielle Norris and Mrs. Shelli DuRousseau and is led by this year’s captain Angelina Wallace.

One goal Mrs. Norris has for this school year is to expand the dance team. “We don’t want a big team, but if we had about twelve girls that would be perfect.” Mrs. Norris has coached the team for the past five years.

Angelina Wallace, the team’s captain, has been a member of the team since sixth grade. In addition to dancing with the team, she has also participated in dance camps and DSHS Jackette clinics.

Every year the dance team implements changes in order to improve. “We added Mrs. DuRousseau and she focuses a lot on managing and cleaning aspects of the dances,” agreed Mrs. Norris, and Angelina.

Both coaches and Angelina feel good about this school year’s dance team, and they cannot wait to see what is going to come in the upcoming years.



*Back Row: Coach Mrs. DuRousseau, Angelina Wallace, Breanne Segura, Isabella Miller, and Coach Mrs. Norris. Front Row: Sara Hamilton and Karoline Norris. Pictured with their UDA Summer Camp Mentor, Lulu.*

## SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: Cross Country Team

BY: GABBY MOUTAFIAN AND CHLOE PERKINS

SJH’s cross country team participates in long-distance running competitions in the area and is under the advisement of Coach Kemerer. Cross country is a great sport for students because it does not require a lot of experience. Coach Kemmerer states, “Practicing and having determination will make you an amazing cross country runner.”

SJH’s cross country team runs two-mile races on grass or dirt. Runners are working to beat their individual times, and there is also a team score component. Most races have between 100 to 500 runners.

Last school year, Coach Kemerer reinstated the cross country team. The team has grown from nine runners last year to 21 this school year. The cross country season is from August to October. This school year, the team competed in six races.

At their last meet, each Southside Junior High runner ran a PR or a season’s best. The team was led by Laird May with a 13:48 two mile, and Kalli Deschamps ran with a time of 16:33. “After a great season, I am excited to see what next year will hold,” stated Coach Kemerer.



*2019-2020 Southside Junior High Cross Country Team*



## BUCS OF THE MONTH

September: Trevor Lewis (8<sup>th</sup>), Deaton Leblanc (6<sup>th</sup>), Allison Hamilton (8<sup>th</sup>), Landry Worthington (7<sup>th</sup>), Libny Ayala-Pina (6<sup>th</sup>), Zachary Yang (8<sup>th</sup>), and Mikel Sanchez (7<sup>th</sup>)

October: Wyatt Wells (8<sup>th</sup>), Cooper Colson (7<sup>th</sup>), Ashlyn Dukes (7<sup>th</sup>), Luis Cruz (7<sup>th</sup>), Cole Curtis (6<sup>th</sup>), Madison Munhavong (6<sup>th</sup>), and Addison Reeves (8<sup>th</sup>)



# SOUTHSIDE SNAPSHOTS

## STUDENT ATHLETES VISIT LEWIS VINCENT ELEMENTARY



## SJH HOMECOMING COURT

*Back Row: Dara Fontenot, Madison Munhavg, Kamryn Gibbs, Kenzie Davis, Landry Worthington, Sadie Heil  
Front Row: Makayla Munhavg, Torie Ross, Addison Reeves, Addison Hogan, Rebecca David*



## SJH STUDENTS VISIT THE LIVINGSTON PARISH FAIR



*SJH Homecoming Queen  
Rebecca David*



## SIXTH GRADE SPELLING BEE FINALISTS

*Bri'el Sheffield, Cole Curtis, and Kamryn Gibbs*



## SJH STUDENTS LINE DANCING DURING PE



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## SJH Philosophy

Southside Junior High School has consistently been one of our district's top performing schools. Southside is an inclusive school where children of all races and backgrounds are pushed to succeed and be the best that they can be in order to prepare them for a bright future.

Our school wide expectations:

- Respect Yourself
- Respect Others
- Be Responsible for Your Actions

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