

head of school



It is so good to have students back in school! Despite the insufferable heat of August, there was much excitement on campus as students returned to classes. Those of us who were extremely busy this summer preparing for a new school year are reminded of how important our work is for the students and families we serve.

Each summer I plan to have more time for reading, but after this summer my stack of unread books is still quite high. However, one book that I found time to read talked about the “things that never come back: time, words and opportunity.” In reflecting on this, I want to share a few thoughts with you:

- **Time never comes back.** As it is our desire to have the very best school year ever, I encourage each of you to be involved in school life by sharing your special talents, skills and gifts.
- **Words never come back.** The Prep experience is built on relationships and communication. Therefore, when sharing information and ideas, I believe it is important to ensure that we are honest in our conversations—investigation of facts always leads to better understanding and the truth.
- **Opportunities never come back.** During the summer, many improvements were made throughout the school, and all of them focused on student physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development. Let us be very deliberate in continuing to find opportunities for our students so that they become contributing members and leaders in our society.

As a lifelong educator, I am asking you to join me in committing to work together for the future of Prep. This is a special place—let’s make it even better!

Susan Lindsay

special features technology

by Kam Russell

New technology has been implemented in the classrooms of Prep this year. Thirty-seven classrooms have been upgraded with totally new technology, and for the first time, every classroom at Prep holds a new crop of interactive tools. Director of Technology Laura Bishop said that they have become multi-media classrooms.

Some classrooms have been equipped with an interactive whiteboard called a SMARTBoard, and others a digital presenter called an Elmo (pictured). An NEC data projector has also been installed in each classroom.

Bishop said, “This bold move completes a major portion of our technology plan to transform each room at Prep into an interactive learning environment. In addition, two new mobile technology carts equipped with classroom sets of wirelessly connected laptops and networked printers have been purchased. These carts enable teachers to turn any instructional area into a fully integrated, one-to-one computing environment for student use. Excellence is certainly within reach at Jackson Prep!”



Laura Lindell, mathematics instructor in the senior high

construction

Through funds raised by the capital campaign, *Investing in Excellence*, many changes are going to be made on Prep’s campus this year. The goal of this campaign is to transform the entire Jackson Prep campus, according to Crisler Boone, Prep’s Head of External Affairs. The first phase of the capital campaign is underway, with designs currently being finalized. Construction on the Dining Commons will begin in the early fall of this year. In late fall, the floor of the Manning Center practice facility will be resurfaced. When construction is complete on the Dining Commons, a new multi-functional building will be created. It will feature a spacious student and faculty dining area, a private dining and meeting room and an expanded kitchen and serving facility. It will be used to host banquets for various events such as those with athletic teams, alumni gatherings, and prospective student events. Another feature to the building will be an outdoor plaza where students can enjoy events and entertainment such as the Earthwinds Coffee House, where student bands and other student groups have the opportunity to perform. According to Boone, the design for the Dining Commons brings the campus focus to the center of student activity. She said, “The plan for this transformation was designed to incorporate elements that naturally achieve this, thereby creating a welcoming atmosphere for student fellowship.”

mhsaa football games

Football season is here, and it will be one to remember. Two of the Patriots’ five scheduled home games will be played against teams in the Mississippi High School Athletic Association. The first will take place on September 7, when Newton County High School will travel to Prep for the sure to be thrilling game. Athletic Director Will Crosby said that Newton County High School is a 3A school almost the exact same size as Prep. The next week, on September 14, another home game will be played against Pearl High School. Pearl High School is a large 4A school. Large crowds are expected to attend both games to support their respective teams and witness this event. Crosby said, “The option for MHSAA and MPSA schools to play each other is needed in this state. It is an opportunity to form healthy competitive relationships, and I believe both associations will benefit from this.”

junior high news

TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (TIP)

Seventh graders who qualify for the 2007-2008 Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) will be notified by mail of their eligibility. Selection to the program is based on test scores at the 95th percentile or above on a grade level standardized achievement, aptitude, or mental ability test battery. Those who qualify will have the opportunity to take either the SAT I: Reasoning Test or the ACT Assessment college entrance examination.

WELCOME NEW JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Prep is happy to welcome 13 new students into the eighth and ninth grades this fall! New eighth graders are Sarah Abusaa, Jay Coleman, Pritesh Patel, Zach Watson, Nico Juncos and Scarlett Salter. New ninth graders at Prep are Jacob Campbell, William Green, Taylor Jones, Joseph Martin, Will May, Jordan Spring and Erin Whitney. Welcome, Patriots!

A NOTE ABOUT JUNIOR HIGH COUNSELING

This year Maret Watson will serve as the primary academic counselor for all seventh grade students, and Lee Ozier will serve as the primary academic counselor for all eighth and ninth grade students in the junior high school. Their responsibility is to work as a liaison between parents, students and teachers to help address and find solutions to school-related problems and to encourage and counsel students as they make their way through the junior high years. Both counselors can be contacted by phone through the junior high office (601-939-9796) or by email at mwatson@jacksonprep.skytel.com or lozier@jacksonprep.net.

BROWN BAG LUNCHEES FOR PARENTS

All parents of students in junior high are invited to bring a lunch and join other parents in the HMC at noon for a "Brown Bag Lunch" on the following dates:

7th grade parents, September 19

8th grade parents, August 30

9th grade parents, September 5

Drinks and desserts will be provided.

high school news

COLLEGE FAIR

Juniors and seniors and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend the College Fair on Tuesday, September 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Please adhere to the following schedule, if possible: **Juniors:** 6:30 p.m., **Seniors:** 7:30 p.m. Representatives from approximately 65 schools will be attending. A list of participating colleges can be accessed from the college counseling page of the Prep website.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REP VISITS

College admissions representatives visit Prep throughout the year. Visit dates and times are posted on the website and announced weekly on the morning bulletin. Interested juniors and seniors should attend. Parents are also invited.

CONFERENCES WITH COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

Families of seniors who have not scheduled conferences on college planning with Mrs. Peet should call for an appointment as soon as possible.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

An informative program on scholarships and financial aid for college will be presented by Heather Roberts of the Education Services Foundation (ESF) on Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Guyton Lyceum. Parents of juniors and seniors who would like to learn more about obtaining money for college are invited to attend.

WELCOME NEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Prep is happy to welcome eight new students and one returning student in the senior high. New 10th graders are Justin Keys, Lucia Murff, and Rachel Wehr. 11th graders new to Prep are Sarah Drennen, Sarah Flynt, Victoria Mitchell, Nash Randolph, Cody Wilkins and Clint Van Devender, who is returning. Welcome Patriots! We are glad you are here!

BROWN BAG LUNCHEES FOR PARENTS

All parents of juniors are invited to bring a lunch and join other parents for a "Brown Bag Lunch" at noon in the HMC on September 12. Drinks and desserts will be provided. The 10th grade parents attended Welcome to High School on August 21, and the senior parents had their brown bag on August 29.

department spotlight mathematics

The mathematics department must share our 2006-2007 victories with the Prep community. Another year of equal/greater success is anticipated for the 2007-08 school year!

For the eleventh consecutive year, Jackson Prep students won the overall competition trophy at the Mississippi College Mathematics and Science Tournament.

Twelve Prep representatives, competing against 58 schools, scored in the top 1%, 2%, 3%, and 10% of the competition categories. Scholarships to Mississippi College were awarded. Also, the four

member quiz bowl team won first place in quiz bowl competition.

At MSMS, Prep won the overall competition trophy for the eleventh consecutive year. The competition consisted of 25 public and independent schools with 790 students competing. Prep students placed first in the written test division of algebra II and calculus. Algebra I claimed four of the top ten positions; algebra II, three; trig- precalculus, three; and calculus, three. In ciphering which recognizes speed and accuracy, four member teams in geometry and calculus won first place.

Another overall sweepstakes trophy was earned at the state Mu Alpha Theta Convention held in April. Prep took first place

in geometry, algebra II, trig, and calculus. Algebra II captured three of the top ten spots; advanced algebra, three; trigonometry, three; precalculus, one; and calculus, three. Prep also took first place in potpourri, hustle, relay, interschool, chalk talk, and scrapbook.

Finally, in the ABC competition, a competition among Mississippi's independent schools, Prep students placed first and second in the state in seventh grade math, geometry, and calculus; in algebra II, first and third; advanced math, second and fifth.

Congratulations to the students who competed and to their teachers.

board of trustees

by Duane Dewey, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Welcome back to school from the Board of Trustees of Jackson Prep! To the new families, faculty, and coaches, we extend to you a special welcome. We are well aware of the educational choices in the Metro Jackson area and are thrilled you have chosen Jackson Prep. The 2007-08 school year will be another exciting year for all involved.

We accomplished a lot during the 2006-07 school year. We had a successful capital campaign that allowed us to put in motion plans to enhance the school campus. We also launched the inaugural 6th grade class that proved a success in all regards. The school continued its excellence in the classroom, on the athletic fields and in the arts with numerous distinctions and recognition in each area. The excellence achieved across all of the areas this school covers is truly amazing.

It is now time to focus on the upcoming school year and some of the key areas on which the Board will be working. First, you will notice construction beginning in the back area of the school for the Dining Commons. This facility is expected to be available for the 2008-09 school year. A second project currently underway is the addition of an enhanced school security system. This is a proactive effort to provide a safe and secure environment for your children as they come to school each day. Additional areas of focus will include fine-tuning our Mission Statement and long-range plan, and insuring a smooth implementation of the several key new policies added for this year. We will continue to focus on the Capital Campaign and Annual Fund so that Jackson Prep will remain strong and vibrant for many years to come.

We thank you for your patronage of Jackson Prep and pray for continued success throughout the year.

athletic news

by Will Crosby, Athletic Director

As we start the 2007-2008 school year, we are excited about the potential that this athletic year holds. With junior high and varsity football starting their seasons, there are already teams on campus whose seasons are well underway. Girls' soccer is off to a strong start as well as our fast pitch softball team. Both teams are coming off state championship seasons in 2006 and are hopeful for similar results this year.

As many of you know, we will host two varsity football games with MHSAA schools. On September 7, we will play Newton County High School. The following week on the 14th, we will play Pearl High School at home. Both of these games are at 7:00 p.m.

With these two games we are expecting much larger crowds than we are used to. To help with crowd and parking issues, we will be handling certain things differently for these two games. The athletic department will pre-sell tickets to these games during the week. They will be sold out of the Manning Center offices. I would encourage as many as possible to buy their tickets early to help with crowd flow the night of the game. We will also have parking available in the Ergon Parking lot across Lakeland Drive. Shuttles will be running from this parking lot so no one will have to cross Lakeland. We will also have our ticket booths set up differently. The main ticket booth by the baseball stadium will be solely for visitor entrance. The home side entrance will be through the double gate by the Manning Center.

More detailed information on these events will be on the Jackson Prep website for your convenience and to help these events run as smoothly as possible. If you have any questions please feel free to call my office at 939-8577, ext. 241. I hope to see you on campus supporting our athletes.

pat news

by Lisa Lamb, PAT President

Welcome, new Jackson Prep parents and welcome back to the rest of our Jackson Prep family. If your child attends Jackson Prep, you are automatically a member of the PAT. There are no extra dues or fees.

The PAT (Parents and Teachers) is the supporting arm for all non-academic events that occur several times a year. Thank you for your generous response to the summer mailout. Many of you have already volunteered for committee work, and for those of you who are wondering where you might plug in, please see the PAT web page to obtain more information about our committees and the chairman of each one. Each talent or skill you have to offer, though it may seem small to you, is essential for the operational function as well as the relational aspect of our organization.

I hope you will find, as I have, that involvement in the life of our school not only benefits your child and all our children, but also results in an immeasurable return for you. I have been extremely blessed by the connections and friendships I have made with parents, teachers and staff and certainly hope you can share in this sense of connectedness as well. Having a senior last year, I can recall his years at Jackson Prep with satisfaction regarding what he learned in the classroom and on the athletic field. I can truly say that serving our school while linking arms with other parents was an enjoyable and educational part of the process.

We have a bright, talented group of women leading our PAT this year, and I am humbled to be working alongside them. Prior to August 13, many of them have been planning events for each grade and feeding our teachers and staff to welcome them back to school. A HUGE thank you to all who have responded already and to all who will answer the calls for help!

An important way to keep up with school and PAT events is to attend our PAT meetings, which are held three times each semester. Every parent is encouraged to attend. Each one will be at noon, beginning Thursday, September 6, in the Hederman Media Center. This is a great time to hear from Susan Lindsay, our Head of School. She genuinely enjoys this time to fill us in on the state of affairs at Prep. We will also have a speaker to update us on some aspect of student life along with pertinent committee reports.

Don't forget to check the "Parents" page of the Jackson Prep website for up-to-date information about meetings and events. I am personally excited about this school year, and I look forward to working with each of you.

note on parking

Very soon, all staff and students will have parking permits and assigned spots in the parking lot. Any parent visiting campus before 3:00 p.m., should not park in a numbered parking spot, as this has been assigned to a specific person. PLEASE park in a marked visitor spot or along the sidewalk at the front of campus only.

asbestos notice

As a part of an annual notification, we are informing all persons of their option of reviewing the Asbestos Management Plan, which would include documentation of any asbestos-containing materials at the school. To provide continuing management of the asbestos in our school, all asbestos-containing materials (ACM) are inspected every six months by an engineering firm from Jackson, MS. Any changes in the ACM are being recorded in a surveillance report as part of the Asbestos Management Plan. A copy of the surveillance report, along with a copy of the Asbestos Management Plan, is located in the Business Office. Any interested party should feel free to come to this office and review these reports.

save the date

upcoming events

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN Author Talk and Book Signing

Faith in the Halls of Power
By D. Michael Lindsay
Jackson Prep Class of 1990

Tuesday, September 25
7:00 p.m.
Jackson Preparatory School

*For online reservations, go to
www.jacksonprep.net and Calendars/Events*

Alumni Reunion/ Homecoming Weekend

October 19 -20, 2007

The Jackson Prep Alumni Council invites YOU to join us for a weekend of fun! It will be a reunion weekend for the Classes of 1977, 1987, and 1997. All events on Thursday and Friday are free of charge to all alumni, so plan to attend even if it is not your reunion year.

JP Friday Night Lights!

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