



Rosa Scott

PTO Newsletter

January 2012

MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

601.605.0054

www.rosascottjags.com

REAL WORLD @ ROSA SCOTT ***Reality Fair 2012***

Parents mark your calendars for the 2012 Reality Fair known as the Real World @ Rosa Scott on February 8, 9, & 10. This is an excellent program that Student Services has developed to teach the students the importance of keeping up their grades and how their grades correlate to their future jobs. Based on their 1st semester GPA, they will be issued a checkbook provided by BankPlus and given the opportunity to go to 8 stations set up with community vendors where they will make payments for housing, automobiles, insurances for both, utilities, phone, and food. They will write checks for each payment based on the expense of their choices. Their checkbooks will be balanced and based on their ending balance they will receive a 'Payday' or 'Zero' candy bar.

This cannot be successful without your help. We are asking for volunteers who will help with leading a group through each station to the final check out where they will receive their candy bar.

February 9&10 (Thursday and Friday) Shifts 8:30-11:30 and 11:45-3:15

Please contact one of the following:

Sandra Dahmash at sdahmash@bellsouth.net or text at 601-951-2320

Jayne Sullivan at jasullivan@madison-schools.com

Rosa Scott School Office at 601-605-0054

We would love to see you for a shift or two, even all day! As a motivator we are providing lunch both days, courtesy of two of our Madison businesses, McAlister's Deli and Chick-fil-A. Please be sure to thank them for their support when you visit them.

Please sign up as soon as possible! Without such wonderful parent support, such activities would not be possible at Rosa Scott. We would love to hear from you by January 11.... THANK YOU!!

Continued information see page 2

Dear Parents,

It is so hard to believe that a semester has already passed by this year! Let me start by saying thanks to all of you who support the efforts of the staff and your children as we strive to provide a first class education. It is truly an honor and great responsibility to be your child's principal. Let me encourage you to continue your involvement with your child's education on a daily basis. Our efforts here will only be successful with your support at home. Remember that the greatest teachers children will ever have are their parents.

In order to help you be aware of your child's status, be sure to check active parent often and sign up for email alerts from our teachers. The sign up link can be found on the Rosa Scott home page. Second semester will go by just as fast as the first, so check our calendar and webpage for updates on upcoming events. I would also state that it is VERY important that your child be in class as much as possible. Because there is no substitution for that direct classroom instruction, please limit absences and check outs as much as possible. If a scheduled absence is necessary, please try to avoid missing a major subject and certainly a state tested class.

Sincerely,

Sean Brewer, Principal

University Bound?

COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE FRESHMAN YEAR

Choose Challenging High School Courses: The courses that you take in high school shows colleges what kind of goals you have set for yourself. Sign up for as many accelerated or challenging courses as you can.

- Choose electives that stretch your mind and help you develop new abilities. You may also use your elective courses to explore your interests and possible career choices.
- Review the Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) requirements and make sure that you are enrolled in the appropriate courses for college admission requirements.
- Plan a four-year schedule of classes that increases your eligibility to attend the college of your choice.
- Get off to a good start with your grades. The grades you earn this year will be a part of your final grade point average and high school class rank. College may seem a long way off now, but your grades really will have an impact on college admission and scholarships.
- Develop good study skills.
- Build a flexible schedule allowing for study time, extracurricular activities, and your other interests. Use a daily planner to help you get and stay **organized**.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities at school and in the community. Be sure to involve yourself in only those activities in which you have a genuine interest and those to which you are willing to make the necessary time commitment.
- Look into volunteer opportunities that will expand your experience and skills.
- Begin researching colleges of interest. Talk with the college recruiters that visit our campus and use the Internet to check out college websites.
- Talk with your parents about planning for college expenses. Continue or begin a savings plan for college. You might want to check into the Mississippi **MPACT** program.
- Begin familiarizing yourself with the types of questions you will encounter on the two college entrance tests (**ACT** and **SAT**) and take practice tests.
- Begin investigating career choices.
- Talk with your parents and school counselor about your interests, post-secondary possibilities, and career information.
- Start developing a student resume by keeping a scrapbook of your accomplishments including articles about yourself, awards that you have won, and activities in which you have participated. Find out about summer jobs and how to gain the skills necessary to obtain one.
- Investigate summer enrichment program opportunities.
- Visit the following websites for additional information:

www.mississippi.edu
collegeplanning@esfweb.com
www.act.org
www.collegeboard.com
www.fastweb.com

From Student Services...

Freshmen: You have completed a semester of high school, and your academic record contains its first group of high school grades. Hopefully, it is a record of pride and accomplishment.

Stay focused study hard in your classes so that your second semester has a positive outcome. Remember, you must pass six credits, including English I and a math, to be promoted to the 10th grade. We will also be involved in the state mandated Subject Area Testing Program. These tests are extremely important and are required for graduation. Work with your teachers and be prepared for these tests.

Good luck in your classes and the subject area tests!!

Reality Fair

On February 8, 2012 we will kick off our seventh annual Reality Fair named the *Real World @ Rosa Scott*. The goal is to foster through simulation the connection between high school performance, career potential, and lifestyle expectations.

Rosa Scott students will be assigned one of three average GPA-dependent monthly salaries. They will then be instructed in budgeting and checkbook management. Their employability strengths will also be explored through a career assessment, and lifestyle expectations will be determined through a survey. Students will conduct research and write about careers.

Also, parents should receive a letter concerning our annual B.I.T.E Program (Career Field Trips) that will take place on February 8. On February 9-10 students will participate in a 60-minute rotation consisting of eight centers each representing a different facet of "real life."

They will spend their GPA-dependent monthly salaries at various business booths. Students will choose the living expense at each booth that fits their lifestyles and hopefully is within their budgets. They will write a check at each booth and be required to maintain a checkbook ledger. Booths will include representatives from businesses such as insurance, utilities and housing.

Parents willing to assist with Reality Fair, **please email Sandra Dahmash at sdahmash@bellsouth.net or text at 601-951-2320 or call the school at 601-605-0054.**

Exam Exemption Policy

Just a thought...remain motivated to attend school and continue to study as we enter the second semester of this school year.

Exemption from second semester cumulative exams is an earned privilege. A student will be considered for exemption in each course if he or she has no office referrals in that class, and meets specific requirements regarding total days of attendance and grades. All absences (including medical) count against exemption. Only school-related absences do not harm exemption status. See page 28 in your Student Handbook for more details.

Tutoring

Remember, those of you who need extra help can see your teachers during JAG on Wednesdays and Thursdays, as well as from 7:50-8:15a.m. Also, don't forget to visit your teachers' websites at www.rosascottjags.com.

Awards & News...

Veterans' Day Program

Rosa Scott School held its annual Veterans' Day Program on November 10, 2011. The Rosa Scott AFJROTC, SGA, Band, and Choir participated in this program to honor the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

Lieutenant Colonel Aundra L. Moore, USAF Retired, was the guest speaker. At the conclusion of the program, honored guests enjoyed a reception sponsored by the Rosa Scott PTO.

AFJROTC

We have come to the end of another successful first semester with cadets who are motivated and ready to learn. When we return from the Christmas break, we will be conducting our Cadet Oath Ceremony, where Mr. Brewer will lead each cadet in reciting the AFJROTC Cadet Oath. Our first trip is in the planning stages to the World War II Museum in New Orleans, LA, on February 3, 2012. Our annual Academy Day held at the Madison Central Auditorium on March 24, 2012, is an opportunity for all students to talk to representatives from each of the military academies if they have an interest in attending after graduation. Our last event of the school year will be the Awards Ceremony, which will be held on April 21, 2012, in the Madison Central Cafeteria.

MSgt Thompson, Aerospace Science Instructor

"Superior, Superior, Superior!"

Congratulations to the members of the Rosa Scott 9th Grade Marching Band! Our band earned all-superior ratings in every category in December's state marching festival, as follows:

- ❖ **Percussion** – SUPERIOR
- ❖ **Color Guard** - SUPERIOR
- ❖ **Drum Majors** – SUPERIOR
- ❖ **Band** – SUPERIOR, SUPERIOR, SUPERIOR

(Three different judges evaluated the band)

All of your hard work and dedication paid off!



Rosa Scott Choir

The Rosa Scott Choir has had a great year so far and is looking forward to a successful spring. November saw the Rosa Scott Choir receive all superior ratings at the Riverland Choral Festival at the Pearl High School. The singers participated with the Madison Central Choirs in a fall concert, and they continued their tradition of serving for the Madrigal Dinner.

The spring semester will see the choir participation in the District VI choral festival in central Mississippi as well as the Heritage Choral Festival being held in St. Louis, MO. Keep up with performance dates by clicking on the choir section of the Rosa Scott website.

Congratulations to the choir members who made the Delta State University Honor Choir! Great Job!!



HOMECOMING 2011

A big shout-out to the 9th graders who helped put the SMURF float together. Thanks to each and every one of you for all of your time, hard work and your creative ideas. We built an awesome float without any previous knowledge or experience on building a float. We could not have done it without the parents who supplied the trailer, supplies, and food that fed the hungry volunteers as well as the awesome dads who brought all their power tools and cut and nailed the float together in the dark. All in all we built a pretty fine Smurf Village float!

Thank you, **Mrs. Thweatt**, for creating the most "Awesome 80's" dance! Every year, she takes on this huge job and spends many hours after school organizing and supervising kids who draw the posters and decorate the halls and the gym for the dance. **Mr. Thweatt** also supplied all of the cardboard for the float and built the coolest Boom Box in the '80s history!

Thank you to all the teachers who stayed after school to decorate. They stayed close to midnight supervising and cleaning up.

Thank you to the **Beta Club** for supplying all of the desserts.

Thank you to **Mary Jo Pride** for organizing and putting together the food served at the dance and to **Susan Colvin** and **Deanna Backel** for overseeing the building of the float.

Because of all of you who helped, we put together another great event at Rosa Scott!

PTO REPORT

The Rosa Scott PTO would like to thank each of you for your support during the first semester. We have had a busy and successful few months with our Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser, Staff Appreciation, and Homecoming Parade, Pep Rally, and Dance. None of these events would have been possible or successful without your help and support. Your continued support will be needed as we begin this spring semester with our annual Reality Fair on February 9-10, 2012. We need many volunteers for this event! Please let us know where you can help by **contacting Sandra Dahmash at sdahmash@bellsouth.net or text at 601-951-2320, Jayme Sullivan at jasullivan@madison-schools.com, or the Rosa Scott School Office at 601-605-0054.** We look forward to working with you and finishing the year strong!

Drop Everything!

Rosa Scott PTO would like to thank every student, parent, and corporate sponsor who participated in our Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser. Not only was this an exciting event for all spectators, but we raised \$11,000 for our school! These funds allowed us to purchase the remaining Smart Boards needed to cover all core subjects. We would not have had such a successful event without our corporate sponsors: BankPlus; WLBT 3; Mercury Aviation; Acme Printing Company, Inc.; Atlantis Properties, LLC; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi; Educational Materials Specialists, Inc.; Ergon Armor; Hawthorne Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Jay Morgan State Farm Insurance Agency, Inc.; and Stevens Mechanical Systems, Inc. A special thanks goes to our top two ticket sellers **LaVonda Fisher** and **Marion Richmond**.

Thanks, Lunch Moms!

A big thank you to all the moms who have cooked for the Staff Appreciation meals first semester! Your efforts were greatly appreciated and it wouldn't have been possible without your support!

Rosa Scott's Academic Team 2011-2012

Rosa Scott's Academic Team has been selected for the season. In order to try out for the team, students were asked to respond quickly and accurately to a series of questions that ranged from historical politics to anatomy. These 12 students were the top performers in the school of 441. **Team members** are Will Artman, Alex Dunmire, Wesley Gerard, John Hawkins, Avery Jordan, Anu Karavadi, Elizabeth Liu, Ann Mashburn, David Nowicki, Sam Peddicord, Pratik Rout, and Wesley Zhang. This team will compete in 2 national web-based contests and a state-wide tournament held on the campus of Madison Central. After a successful year, most of these students hope to become a part of Madison Central's Academic Team or Academic Decathlon team.

Special Dates of Interest

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Jan. 16 | ML King Holiday |
| Feb. 2 | Progress Reports |
| Feb. 8 | Kick-off for Reality Fair and B.I.T.E Career Field Trips |
| Feb. 9-10 | Real World @ Rosa Scott |
| Feb. 20 | Professional Development Student Holiday |
| March 6-9 | 3rd 9 Week Tests |
| March 12-16 | Spring Break |
| March 22 | Report Cards Issued |
| April 6 | Good Friday |
| April 9 | Easter Monday |
| April 19 | Progress Reports Issued |
| May 2 | Algebra I State Test |
| May 4 | Biology I State Test |
| May 21-24 | Semester Exams |
| May 24 | Last Day for Students (60%) |
| May 25 | Last Day for Teachers |

Last Chance

**Purchase your
Rosa Scott Yearbook
by January 26, 2012!**

**The cost is \$40. There will be no sales
after this deadline!**

Rosa T-Shirts Are Just the Right Fit!

**A few Rosa Scott T-shirts are available
for sale for only \$8! Interested students
may bring money to the front office.**

Sports Talk

- ✓ **Congratulations** to the Lady Jaguar Slowpitch Softball Team on winning the 6A State Championship!
- ✓ Rosa Scott Football team finished with a 6-2 record. **Congratulations** on another winning season!
- ✓ Rosa Scott's Girls and Boys Basketball Teams will be competing in the Little Six Conference Tournament hosted by the Madison County School District on January 23-27, 2012.

Way to go, scholars!



Thousands of students throughout the country and in many foreign countries competed December 7th in the 57th Knowledge Master Open. Middle school, junior high, and high school students faced their computers and 200 tough questions to vie for top scores based on the accuracy and speed of their answers. A team of twelve students at Rosa Scott School scored 1,553 of 2,000 possible points. This performance placed Rosa Scott 10th in the nation overall and 1st for school enrollment size. Rosa Scott's 2011-2012 Academic Team members are (from left, back) John Cody Hawkins, Pratik Rout, Wesley Zhang, David Nowicki, Sam Peddicord; (middle) Wesley Gerard, Alex Dunmire, Anu Karavadi, Ann Mashburn; (front) Elizabeth Liu, Avery Jordan, and Will Artman



Rosa Scott Golf Ball Drop

Rosa Scott Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser was held Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011. Pictured are (from left) Principal Sean Brewer, Asst. Principal Fannie Green, Top Ticket Sellers Marion Richmond and LaVonda Fisher, PTO President Sarah Turner, and Head Football Coach Brad Moody

Homecoming 2011



Students elected to serve as Homecoming 2011 Maids and Escorts are (from left) Justin Shlakman, Ashley Thomas, Bryce Given, Sara Hill, Ramone Reed, and Katie Simpson



The Rosa Scott float for the Madison Central Homecoming Parade depicted a Smurf motif in keeping with the Awesome 80's theme. The Colvin family graciously offered their home as the building site. Some of the students who worked hard on the float are (from left) Matt McCoy, Dillan Stoddard, Devin Brown, Caroline Pettus, Sydney Colvin, and Anna Hill.