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Members of the Journalism Club pictured from left to right: Asia Williams, Donovan Ellis, Aquilla Triggs, Patricia Briscoe, Whitney Thomas, Obra Pickens, Lenora Burton, Kearney Butler, Devin Scott. Not Pictured: Ver Lumod

WEST JEFF WELCOMES A NEW EDITION

Harvey, LA. The Journalism Club is West Jefferson High School's new student-run club that publishes its school newspaper, "WEST JEFF WEEKLY". This newspaper is printed once a month during the school year. The team has also developed a weekly video series, with various staff and student interviews on school-related topics. The purpose of these publications is to keep students and staff members informed about relevant events happening in our world, our community, and on our campus. All articles are brainstormed, researched and written by students. Student-photographers provide pictures for our newspaper as well.

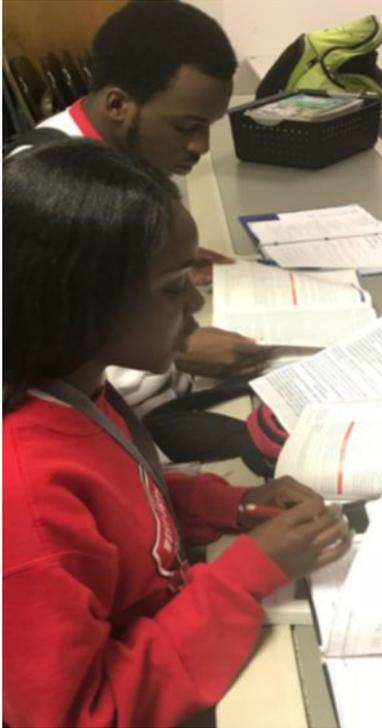
In the West Jeff Journalism Club, students write a variety of articles that can be found in print and

can be picked up in the Main hallway and in the cafeteria, or online on the West Jefferson High School website: westjefferson.jpsschools.org

The West Jeff Weekly staff invites anyone to submit articles, art, or stories. Campus activities and athletics are encouraged to share articles as well. Meetings/staffing are Monday and Friday in Room P-10 during second lunch.

Enjoy this edition!!

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Ashdaell and Ric help each other study for an upcoming test.

PSYCHE ADVICE

By Patricia Briscoe

How to: Study

It's no secret that there are many methods of studying. But something that may be very interesting to learn is that not everyone knows exactly how to study.

This is not something to be ashamed of. In fact, it's something to learn from because in life you need to be accepting of the fact that there's always room for improvement.

So, here to help you on your

academic journey, I've listed a few methods of studying that you may use to your benefit. These methods, of course, won't work for everyone, but don't let that discourage you, keep trying until you find the studying method that's best for you.

- When you're reading material from a textbook or even reading those notes you wrote from your last course you shouldn't silently read the material. Instead, read aloud to yourself. Hearing yourself speak the material out loud instead of reading it silently may help your brain to remember it.

“Keep trying until you find the studying method that's best for you,” says Patricia, in her tips on studying.



Heaven is reviewing the chapter while waiting to take a test.

- This may sound a little silly but attempt to teach what you've learned. This is the perfect time to annoy your siblings/friends/parents about something academic. Try explaining what you've learned to them. If you're capable of explaining something you'll have a better understanding of it, and you'll most definitely increase your odds of remembering it.

- Do **not** stay up late the night before the test/exam/quiz cramming your brain with all of the material you need. This

is something that many people do, that actually isn't very helpful. You should study this information over the course of a few days, not all at once. You'll have better luck remembering more if you start Monday, reviewing all of the material for a few hours a day each day of the week, rather than just staying up Thursday night and putting your brain through a crash course.

BUCCANEER SPORTS

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BY LENORA BURTON

Player: Kency Hernandez **Sport(s):** Soccer
Position(s): Forward **How long have you been playing?** 2-3 years
With which college do you plan on playing? LSU
Which professional soccer player do you idol? Lionel Messi
What do you like to do when you're not playing soccer? Being at home



Player: Daniel White **Sport(s):** Soccer
Position(s): Center Back **How long have you been playing?** 8 years
With which college do you plan on playing? Springhill or LSU
Which professional soccer player do you idol? Cristiano Ronaldo
What do you like to do when you're not playing soccer? Watch soccer



Player: Deshaun Houston **Sport(s):** Basketball
Position(s): Point Guard **How long have you been playing?** 4 years
With which college do you plan on playing? Undecided
Who do you idol in the NBA? Kyrie Irving
What do you like to do when you're not playing basketball? Chill and watch basketball games on my phone



Player: Warren Jones **Sport(s):** Basketball
Position(s): Shooting Guard
How long have you been playing? 5 years
With which college do you plan on playing? LSU or MS State Univ.
Who do you idol in the NBA? Damian Lillard
What do you like to do when you're not playing football? Play 2K





West Jefferson boys varsity team plays at Xavier University's Convocation Center.



SPORTS NEWS

BY LENORA BURTON

Bucs get ready for the 2017 basketball season against rival L.W. Higgins.

On Friday, Nov. 17th we will face one of our biggest rivals, L.W. Higgins, in our first basketball game. Higgins ended their 2016-17 season with an overall record of 5-21, being 8th in the district. But our mighty Buccaneer basketball team ended their 2016-17 season with an overall record of 15-19, being 3rd in the district.

“One ball, one team!” That is

the motto Coach Kevin Hunt teaches his players. He also says, “The maturity of the team, and man-to-man defense are some of the things the team needs to work on. This is one of the toughest schedules we’ve had in a long time. The season can go either way!”

The game starts at 6pm for JV, with the Varsity game following.

Tickets: Adults \$7, Students w/ID \$5 , Without ID \$7

“This is one of the toughest schedules we’ve had in a long time. The season can go either way!” says boys basketball coach, Kevin Hunt.



Boys and girls soccer coaches Sergio Zelaya and Mauri Zelaya



Get your kicks with the Bucs boys soccer team!

A match-up like no other! The boy’s soccer team will go up against Hahnville on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 2017. Hahnville ended their last season with a record of 3-12-15, 5th in their district. But our team ended 4th in our district, with an overall record of 6-7-3.

“The team needs to work on having chemistry because we are pulling players from many different places, and every single player is

talented!” Coach Sergio Zelaya says. “The schedule is packed with high quality opponents for this upcoming season. The boys are pushing to win district and state championships and trying to be the first public school to win state.”

West Jeff will go up against Hahnville at Hahnville High School in Boutte at 10am.

ASK WHITNEY ???

BY WHITNEY THOMAS

TOO YOUNG TO DATE

DEAR WHITNEY,

I feel that I am ready to start dating. I'm only a freshman but I have a huge crush on this boy in my class. How do I ask my parents for permission to date?

@Too Young,

Its your freshman year so having your first crush is normal, but it isn't something you need to quickly react on. You still have a lot of maturing to do. Relax and take your time growing up. Enjoy your freshman year. When that time comes, be open and honest with your parents about your feelings so that they will begin to trust that you are responsible. Continue talking to your crush until your parents allow you to date.

PEER PRESSURE

DEAR WHITNEY,

I've been talking to this boy for 2 years now, and he keeps asking about sex. I don't want to, but he really insist on it . How do I handle this ?

@Peer Pressure

As a female I've been in your shoes so I 100% understand how you feel. You have to set standards for yourself, and you have to make people respect them. If he can't respect your mind then he doesn't need to be with you. Continue talking to him but let him know how you feel about it. If he really likes you he's going to respect you and understand you.

BULLIED

DEAR WHITNEY,

Help!! I'm being bullied . I'm only a sophomore and my classmates keep picking on me and calling me all type of names. What do I do?

@bullied

I've never been bullied so I can only imagine how you feel. You should report those people immediately: bring it to the teachers attention, talk to your parents, and let it be known what's going on. Stand up for yourself but not in a violent way. Keep your head up and get the situation handled

Good luck to all of you

-Whit

If you would like to submit questions to Whitney, please email them to Whitneythas0981@gmail.com

JOKES OF THE WEEK

"Siri, why am I still single?"

(Siri activates front camera)

Q: What did one wall say to the other wall?

A: Let's meet at the corner

Q: What's brown and sticky...?

A: A stick.

How many 3 or more letter words can you make using the following letters? (each letter may only be used once)

BUCCANEERS

Trending Topics

By Kearney Butler

Crazy Week: Praying for Thanksgiving Break

This week was genuinely all over the place, with thanksgiving break coming up, Meek Mills going back to jail, and just school life in general weighing us all down, I figured that my topic for this week would beam in positivity. So, here's what you need to know this week.

Our basketball team won their first game(girls and boys, YAY BUCS). The long football season is finally over. EOCs are fast approaching and we all know how teachers start scrabbling around this time.

In all honesty, enjoy your break, because as soon as you step back on campus...

It's crunch time!

S3LF H3LP

BY PATRICIA BRISCOE

Handling Peer Pressure.

Three Words.

It's your choice.

I remember this rhetorical question my mother used to ask me when I was younger and I wanted to go chasing after my friends in their delinquent actions, and I'm sure everyone's mother has asked them this at some point throughout their childhood, "If your friend jumps off a bridge, are you going to too?" As strange as this rhetorical question is, we can all read between the lines and see that what our mothers were really trying to instill in us is that we need to follow our own path. Peer pressure is something that's filling the halls of high school, and at some point in every student's life they're going to have to deal with it.

Peer pressure by definition is the influence from members of one's peer group. To be put in simpler terms it's when all of your friends/peers are doing something and by that right you feel that you're obligated to do it, even though you may not want to.

Here's what you need to remember if you ever find yourself in a situation like this:

1. You are your own person. No one can make you do anything you're not comfortable with doing.
2. You should not be afraid of losing friends because of not doing something you don't want to do. Real friends would never pressure you to begin with.

MEET THE JOURNALISM CLUB

Name: Patricia Briscoe **Class:** Senior, Graduates 2018
Favorite Subject: Math **Favorite Food(s):** Nachos
Which college do you plan on attending? University of Lafayette or Monroe
Career choice: Graphic Designer

What do you like to do when you're not at school? Photography and graphic design
Name one exciting & meaningful life experience: Discovering my passion for writing.



Name: Obra Pickens II **Class:** Senior, Graduates 2018
Favorite Subject: American History **Favorite Food(s):** Sesame chicken
Which college do you plan on attending? Southern University or Jackson State
Career choice: Own my own business

What do you like to do when you're not at school? Band
Name one exciting & meaningful life experience: Being born



Name: Whitney Thomas **Class:** Senior, Graduates 2018
Favorite Subject: English **Favorite Food(s):** Red beans
Which college do you plan on attending? North Western State University
Career choice: Mass Communication
What do you like to do when you're not at school? Sleep, and write
Name one exciting & meaningful life experience: Starting the Journalism Club



Name: Aquilla Triggs **Class:** Senior, Graduates 2018
Favorite Subject: Science **Favorite Food(s):** Ooey Gooey Cake
Which college do you plan on attending? University of Louisiana Monroe
Career choice: Neonatal Nurse
What do you like to do when you're not at school? Watch TV
Name one exciting & meaningful life experience: Haven't had one yet



Name: Ver Lumod **Class:** Junior, Graduates 2019
Favorite Subject: English **Favorite Food(s):** Pizza
Which college do you plan on attending? NYU
Career choice: Film Director
What do you like to do when you're not at school? Read books
Name one exciting & meaningful life experience: When I wrote an article for the local newspaper





Name: Jiahna McGee **Class:** Junior, Graduates 2019
Favorite Subject: English **Favorite Food(s):** Macaroni & cheese
Which college do you plan on attending? Jackson State University
Career choice: Acting
What do you like to do when you're not at school? Play video games, watch TV
Name one exciting & meaningful life experience: Starting high school



Name: Asia Williams **Class:** Junior, Graduates 2019
Favorite Subject: Art **Favorite Food(s):** New Orleans seafood
Which college do you plan on attending? Florida State University or Texas A&M
Career choice: Athletic Trainer or Pro basketball
What do you like to do when you're not at school? Listen to music, play sports
Name one exciting & meaningful life experience: Becoming a Flight & Drill Sergeant in ROTC



Name: Lenora Burton **Class:** Sophomore, Graduates 2020
Favorite Subject: Math **Favorite Food(s):** All foods, except cheese
Which college do you plan on attending? UNO or ULL
Career choice: Accountant or Pro basketball
What do you like to do when you're not at school? sports
Name one exciting & meaningful life experience: Playing basketball



Name: Kearney Butler **Class:** Sophomore, Graduates 2020
Favorite Subject: Social Studies **Favorite Food(s):** Macaroni & Cheese
Which college do you plan on attending? ULL
Career choice: Graphic Designer
What do you like to do when you're not at school? Sleep, play games
Name one exciting & meaningful life experience: Joining the Journalism Club

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