# SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

**JANUARY 8, 2024** 

## **DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:**

I hope you all had a great day with students back on our campuses!

This weekend, I attended the San Antonio Sports All-Star Football game, and I could not have been prouder. Not only did JISD have eight students playing in the All-Star game, our student-athletes from Judson High School, Judson Middle School and Wagner High School were honored at halftime with a Beyond the Game recognition for their service in our community.

Judson HS and MS athletes were recognized for their work repainting the Converse Fire Station and the Wagner athletes were recognized for mentoring students at Candlewood Elementary once a week.

When I think about what I hope for our students after they graduate, one of the most important things is that they feel connected to their communities and know the importance of service to others. I want to thank the many coaches, teachers and mentors who take the time to organize opportunities for our students to be part of something greater than themselves.

Have a great week.

Dr. Rob Fields





#### JUDSON ISD KEY CONTRIBUTOR

Judson ISD individuals and community members are invited to nominate a JISD employee by filling out and submitting the <u>Nomination Form.</u>

Paper forms are available and may be obtained by contacting the Communications Department either by email or by phone at 210-945-5410.

The selection committee members will discuss and review each nomination and evaluate them by a standard rubric. The highest-scoring nominee will be considered for the award. Once a winner is determined, we will verify with the candidate's supervisor that the employee is in good disciplinary standing and therefore, eligible for the award.



NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY!



#### LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY



Tomorrow is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day!

At a time when the Safety and Security of our public schools is under a microscope, our Police Department has been integral in making sure our students and staff are safe at all times. They are critical to the success of Judson ISD! We want to make sure we take time out of our busy day to thank every single one of them for what they do.

If you see any of our Judson ISD Police Officers, please thank them for what they do for our schools and our community.





#### JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Throughout January, we are going to spotlight JISD <u>Board Members</u> for their contribution to the Judson ISD Family.

Ms. Stephanie Faulkner joined the Judson ISD Family in August 2023, but her roots in the district run deep.

"Being a part of Judson ISD family is a great finale to my years in education



after retiring," Faulkner said. "I am giving back to the community I grew up in and supporting the same schools I attended as a student."



Being a former PE teacher and Special Olympics coach, her heart is most filled when she goes to Special Olympics Events. "I am proud to sit on a school board where Unified Sports are supported and successful. This shows the inclusive environment at JISD," Faulkner said.

As a board member, she wants to make Judson is a place where every student wants to attend, where every employee wants to work, and where every family can build a legacy. "Being a school board member has opened my eyes to the constant activities/events/happenings going on every day that impact the entire community. The school district is the pulse of this community," Faulkner said.

## JUDSON ISD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS DATES



#### **New Creation Christian Fellowship**

- JECA: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM
- JLA: Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 7:00 PM

#### Freeman Coliseum

- JHS: Friday, May 31, 2024 at 7:00 PM
- VMHS: Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 2:30 PM
- WHS: Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM

For more details, visit: <u>judsonisd.org/graduation</u>





#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

#### **ALL AMERICAN BOWL GAME**

Over the weekend, James People from Veterans Memorial High School played in the 2024 All-American Bowl! The All-American Bowl is a year-round celebration of high school excellence both on and off the field. As the nation's premier high school sporting event for 20 years, it features the top 100 senior football players from across the country and is played inside the Alamodome.





#### **JUMPING FOR JOY AT PE!**

Our students at Crestview Elementary are juming for joy that they are finally back at school!

They spent their PE time working together as a team to help bounce Ollie Octopus!

#### **BACK TO LEARNING**

Kirby Middle School Falcons are ready to be back to learning! Our Judson ISD students filled the hallways and classrooms of all of our campuses.

We are happy to see of all our students, educators, and staff back! Let's make this new semester a success!

Pictured is 6th grade ELR at Kirby Middle







#### **BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION**

Without question, Judson ISD graduation ceremonies are the favorite event to attend for Jose Macias. Seeing the results of student achievement and teacher investment is what makes this district the place to be.

"I have a profound admiration and love for the Judson ISD community. I am very proud of my affiliation and community connection with the district," Macias said.





Macias has been pivotal in many of the achievements Judson ISD has had in the past 10 years.

"I am proud of being a part of leading and supporting growth in Judson ISD. I participated in JECA's inaugural graduating class (2013) and Veteran Memorial's class (2019), helped create our JSTEM and TSTEM, and created the initiative to fully fund SAT for Judson ISD students in 2012, just to name a few," Macias said.

With all the responsibilities board members have, at the end of the day, it's the academic achievement of our students that guides Macias' decisions.

"My central reason for seeking this position was to help elevate the success of our students within the Judson ISD community. It is a calling that I continue to pursue even now while serving in my 4th term as a School Board Trustee. I appreciate my community's continued support in allowing me to serve them."

Thank you for your commitment to our Judson ISD Family.





### JEF INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING AT MONTE CARLO

Join us for a great cause – and a great time! The Judson Education Foundation provides student scholarships and teacher grants to Judson ISD.

This year we proudly funded over \$94,000 in student scholarships and innovative teacher grants.



#### **EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT AVAILABLE**

1 admission ticket (open seating); 1 drink ticket; \$500 in gaming chips One seat: \$60 instead of \$100

The last day to purchase discounted tickets is January 19th. <u>Purchase your tickets here!</u>

All proceeds benefit students and staff of Judson ISD. Every dollar of donation matters.

Feel free to contact Executive Director Lexie Greathouse at (210) 956-5414 if you have any questions about tickets or sponsorships.







# UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

January: Board Appreciation Month

- January 8: Students return to Judson ISD
- January 9: Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day/ District Holiday
- January 18: Regular Board Meeting

**February:** Career & Technical Education and Black History Month

- February 5-9: National School Counseling Week
- February 12: Teacher Planning/Prep Day/ Student Holiday\*
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 19: President's Day
- February 22: School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

#### DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL STORY?

Is there an event, student, teacher, or community member you want to highlight? The Judson ISD social media platforms and website are a great way to highlight student and district successes!

To request media coverage, please fill out this submission form.

If you have any questions, please contact **Judson ISD's Multimedia Specialist, Briana Estrada**, at **210-945-5411** or **bestrada@judsonisd.org**. Thank you in advance for your participation.



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