

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

MARCH 4, 2024

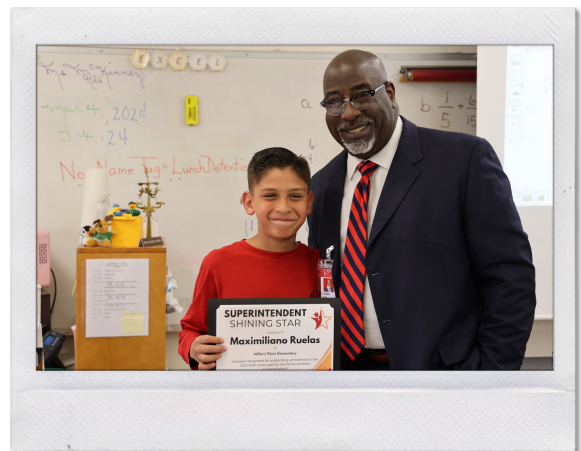
DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

What a great time to be in Judson ISD! If you've been watching our social media channels, you have seen so many student success stories. The VMHS Patriot Men's Basketball team is playing in the UIL State Basketball Tournament on Thursday at the Alamodome. Our JISD Unified Basketball team recently brought home its second consecutive State title and the TBirds Bowling team is in the hunt for their first State title! We have a State Champion Powerlifter, and Agriculture students bringing home ribbons and more from stock shows across Texas. We have outstanding results from Academic Decathlon teams, Robotics teams, Skills USA teams, Fine Arts students, CTE students, and the list continues.

What do all of these successes have in common? They all have teachers, coaches, and sponsors who teach, care for, and motivate students to do their very best. I am proud of the work JISD staff members do to actively participate in the success of every student at JISD, no matter where their interests may lie. Thank you for believing in students and setting high expectations that encourage our students to dream big and achieve those dreams.

One more week until a well-deserved break.
Make it a great one!

Dr. Rob Fields



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SURVEY FOR NAMING OF JUDSON ISD MIDDLE SCHOOL #6

Judson ISD values your input. We invite you to complete this [Google form](#) to share your thoughts on the [naming of the new JISD middle school!](#) Middle School #6 is being constructed in the northern portion of the district, adjacent to Wortham Oaks Elementary School.

The deadline to submit is Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 11:59 PM.

The JISD School Board will make the final decision regarding the naming of the school. Judson ISD Board Policy CW (Local) states that schools must be named after the residential community, geographic area or feature of the neighborhood, the local municipality, or to honor an outstanding person who has attained educational prominence in the District. The Board's decision will not be based on the number of submissions; therefore, there is no need to submit your suggestion for the school name more than once. Thank you for being a part of the legacy of JISD's sixth middle school!

ESCONDIDO RECEIVED A VISIT FROM LEADERSHIP SAISD

Last week, Escondido Elementary received a visit from Leadership SAISD (LSAISD). LSAISD is an independent non-profit that facilitates a 9-month leadership development program for community leaders to learn the ins and outs of public schools and ways to engage/champion public education.

Thank for visiting and seeing all the great things we are doing in Judson ISD!



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MARCH SUPERINTENDENT'S SHINING STAR!

We are excited to celebrate 5th grader Max Ruelas, the Miller's Point Superintendent's Shining Star!

Max is a positive example to the entire Miller's Point student body both in his commitment to excellence in academics and behavior. He has an exceptional work ethic, always treats others well and can be counted on to do the right thing.

Max is a well-rounded student, participating in the Miller's Point Art Club, Cooking Club, and Marimba club. He also plays soccer.

Congratulations to Max for being a great example of the Judson ISD Leadership Definition, inspiring his fellow Jets.



MAMMOGRAMS THAT COME TO U

Judson ISD will be visited by the University Health System's very own healthyUexpress! The University Health System healthyUexpress is a mobile mammography vehicle that offers screenings by appointment at various locations in Bexar County. Each exam takes approximately 30 minutes, requiring little time away from your busy day.

Please note that they will be offered at three separate locations around JISD on three different dates. **All location times are 7:30 am-2:30pm**

- Wednesday, March 20, 2024 – Wagner HS
- Thursday, March 28, 2024 – Judson HS
- Friday, April 5, 2024 – Veterans Memorial HS

See more details and how to sign up for a time slot convenient for you. Please contact Leesa Roberts at (210) 945-5610 should you have any questions.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

STATE BOWLING

Congratulations to the Wagner Thunderbird Bowling Team for rolling their way to STATE!

Great job to both the girls and boys team for an outstanding finish at the Regional Tournament. Let's go Thunderbirds!



DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

The Park Village Blended Learning Academy hosted a Sock Hop dance for students.

Students and teachers spent their Friday night movin' and groovin' to the beat of the music. They enjoyed spending time together with friends for this special event!

UIL CHAMPIONS

On February 16th, Judson ISD Elementary campuses from all across the district joined together at JECA to compete in the District A+ Academic UIL Elementary Meet.

At the end of the event, JISD administration tallied up the scores and declared the Chess Puzzle from Hartman Elementary School the District Champion!



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FURTHER YOUR EDUCATION WITH TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO

Judson ISD is partnering with Texas A&M University-San Antonio to offer you support towards attaining a graduate degree.

Features of the partnership:

Texas A&M University-San Antonio is providing the **First Course Free** for up to twenty participants from Judson ISD during the first semester when students enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours of graduate study

Judson ISD is providing Pre-arranged/Pre-approved Substitute Coverage for up to 20 current employees selected for participation. This substitute coverage will be awarded for two days each semester in which the student completes graduate coursework at the University for up to 4 semesters.

Participants can select from their choice of graduate degrees at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. Degree options include:

- MS in Bilingual Education
- MA in School Counseling
- MEd in Early Childhood Education
- MA in Curriculum & Instruction
- MS in Reading
- MEd in Special Education
- MS in Kinesiology
- MA in Educational Administration
- MEd in Instructional Leadership - English Track or Water Science Track
- MS in Applied Behavioral Analysis
- Superintendent Certification

Next step: If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please join us for the upcoming information session.

March 5, 2024

Time: 5:00-5:30pm

Location: Online via Zoom

RSVP for the information session at:

https://tamusa.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4ITNuA6PBV1o0qa

Here are some of the topics that will be covered during the information session:

- Overview of benefits of graduate degrees
- Overview of University and District support
- Overview of degree options
- Time to completion/course sequence information
- Application timelines and requirements

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Destiny Barrera, Director of Leadership Development, at dbarrera@judsonisd.org.

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REGIONAL CHAMPIONS! NEXT STOP, STATE

Our Varsity Veterans Memorial Men's Basketball team has made it to STATE Final Four playoffs. Their next game will be at the Alamodome on Thursday, March 7, at 7:00 PM.

Join us in supporting our students and coaches as they take the next step to State!

Check all the details for the game below.

Use code 1HOME for \$5 off tickets (Sunday 12 PM - Tuesday 5 PM).

Ticket link: [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com)

\$15 parking & clear bag policy in effect.



MARCH 7 TOWN HALL POSTPONED

The March 7 Town Hall on Discipline will be postponed.

Our Veterans Memorial Patriot Men's Basketball team begins the UIL State Tournament that evening in the Alamodome. We want to make sure our families are able to support the Patriots and also participate in the Town Hall on Discipline.

We will share a new date for the Town Hall on Discipline soon. Until then, Go Patriot Nation!



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CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

Over the weekend, the JISD middle schools came together for the STAC Basketball tournament.

Congratulations to the 2024 7th and 8th Grade STAC Boys Basketball Champions from Judson Middle School! Way to go Jags!



COOKING CLUB!

Culinary magic is in the air at Wortham Oaks Cooking Club!

February was a feast of creativity with sweet treats from rice crisps to heart-shaped pizza crafted by our talented future chefs.



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Students across Judson ISD celebrated Read Across America Day! Woodlake Elementary School hosted special guest readers in classrooms to remind students about the importance of reading.

Guest readers got the chance to read their favorite books and engage with students about reading!



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JUDSON ISD 2024 ELEMENTARY HONORS CHOIR

Over the weekend, the Judson ISD 2024 Elementary Honors Choir delivered a captivating performance! Over one hundred Judson ISD students from 4th and 5th grade were selected through a try-out process for this special performance at Veterans Memorial HS.

They were led under the direction of special guest, Dr. Carolyn Cruse. These young voices showcased their exceptional musical talent.



RETIREMENT MEMO FROM OUR JISD HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Please see the linked memo regarding retirement and any unused state personal, state sick leave and local leave earned in the District.

For all contract employees that plan to retire at the end of this school year, the 90-day notice deadline to be eligible for the leave reimbursement will be March 1, 2024 (Converse Elementary employee deadline is March 2, 2024).

All non-contract employees, will need to give a 2 week notice to be eligible for leave reimbursement.

If you have any questions, please contact Erika Garza at eogarza@judsonisd.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

March: Women's History Month and National Social Work Month

- March 3-9: National School Social Worker Week
- March 7: Town Hall on Discipline at JECA
- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 11-15: Spring Break Holiday
- March 21: World Down Syndrome Day
- March 29: Good Friday Holiday

April: Month of the Military Child, Stress Awareness and Autism Acceptance Month

- April 2: Autism Awareness Day
- April 3: Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
- April 7-13: National Library Week
- April 14-20: National Volunteer Week

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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FIND US ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA!

The communications department would love to share your stories! After all, a picture is worth over a thousand words! **Click on the images below to go to our pages and give us a follow.**



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