

JACKSON COUNTY School District

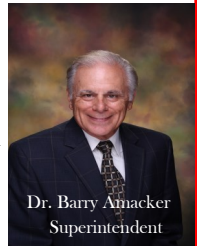
April 12, 2019



Raising the Standard

Greetings JACO Nation,

SMH band rated Superior in concert, ECH rated superior in sight reading and VHS rated Superior in concert and sight reading at the State Contest. All three middle school bands rated Superior in concert and sight reading at the PRCC Southern Band Festival. Great job ECMS, SMMS and VMS.



Dr. Barry Amacker
Superintendent

Congrats to VMS Student, Devin Gray, who won 1st Place in Regional Science Fair, 3rd in State and won the Naval Award. VMS Student, Aidan Allison, won 4th place in the Engineering Category. Wow!

Congrats to JCTC for having 17 out of 27 students place at the Skills USA competition this week. Please click [here](#) to review the individual results. Great job by our students and instructors.

VMS students supported a great community service project by collecting a total of 2,549.75 pounds of Mardi Gras beads to donate to the Dream Program. What a great way to have our students participate in a worthy cause.

ECAC has had a great baseball/softball season with ECHS baseball having 14-7 overall record and 9-1 in district. ECMS baseball finished with 15-3 record. ECHS softball finished at 13-7 overall and 6-1 in district. ECMS softball ended their regular season with a 7-3 record.

The SMHS Yellow Jackets are Back-to-Back District 7-6A Baseball Champions! SMH girls softball finished 2nd in District and will be continuing in the playoffs. Congratulations, players and coaches.

Vanleave High softball girls brought home a big win last night over ECH, making them District Champs! Good Luck to all the teams headed into the playoff.

Congratulations to the SMHS Yellow Jacket Tennis Team! They are District 7-6A Runners-Up. Jaden Parker & Gian Porrata are mixed doubles' District Champions! Emrik Allen is the boys' singles runner-up. This is a feisty bunch of tennis players who will continue to work during the off-season to improve their game. Great job, players and Coach Ryan Mason.

In golf, VHS finished as the runner-up at the 5th Annual Bank of Wiggins Invitational, with Trenton and Trace Sommier posting the two lowest scores for the Bulldogs. ECH student, Jantzen Hilbun, shot 79, a personal best and finished 13th on the coast.

The Jackson County School Board (Board) is seeking input from all interested stakeholders concerning attributes and characteristics the school board should consider as it seeks a school superintendent. To this end, the Board has employed the Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA) to conduct stakeholder meetings giving all interested parties the opportunity to voice their opinion.

MSBA will hold a community stakeholder meeting on April 30, 2019 at 6:30 P.M., at the VHS Gym. Dr. Mike Waldrop, Executive Director of MSBA, will lead the stakeholder meetings. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend. Stakeholders can also offer input through online surveys. To complete an online survey, go to the Jackson County School District's website and click on the survey link or click here if you are viewing this letter online. The Jackson County School District superintendent will assume duties on January 1, 2020.

Please be reminded that the JCSD will be closed April 15-19 for Spring Break. I hope you enjoy your time off. Thanks for all you do! Dr. A.

To view photos of activities within the district, click [here](#).

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