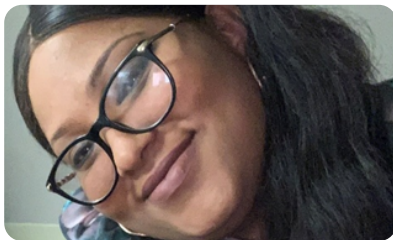


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TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Ms. Crawford is known for transforming her classroom into a space of freedom of expression. Whether guiding students through classic literature or mentoring future journalists in the Eagle Pride Journalism Club, she empowers students to find their voices and share their stories with confidence.

Inspiring students empowers her to see the relevance of reading and writing in their everyday lives. Beyond academics, Ms. Crawford fosters a welcoming environment where every student feels valued and capable of success.

' This month, we are proud to shine the spotlight on Ms. Lauren Crawford, an enthusiastic and dynamic educator who brings energy, creativity, and heart to education.

Please join us in celebrating Ms. Crawford for her unwavering commitment to excellence and her incredible impact on the Eagle family. Thank you, Ms. Crawford, for helping our Golden Eagles soar! And Congratulations on being

TEACHER of THE MONTH!!!



Edgar Blake, Laila Lamb, Aniyah Robertson

Bringing the Spirit Home: An inside Look at Homecoming week

Happy homecoming Eagles! Last week, our halls were filled with school spirit as we celebrated our 60th Homecoming! Our school came alive with festivities, including an amazing spirit week that had our students and teachers showing off their creativity. The excitement culminated in a super fun pep rally, where Eagle pride was on full display. We talked to some of the teachers, students, and members of the Homecoming Court to get their favorite highlights from the unforgettable week.

Huff's favorite part of homecoming is the tailgating. She has an opportunity to see her old classmates and friends that she probably hasn't seen in years." Her most memorable moment from homecoming week was "watching Ms. Patterson run through the hallway on Dress for the Wrong Occasion Day." For Ms. Huff, Josey High School means "PRIDE." She fondly remembers a time

when "we had true pride... just because we were JOSEY EAGLES!" She believes that "coming together for homecoming is what EAGLE PRIDE looks like," especially when everyone is "in our green and gold, representing our individual classes and coming together as one Eagle." Looking ahead, Ms. Huff suggested, "She would like us to have a homecoming dance for the students to enjoy." She summarized that Ms. Harris also expressed her enthusiasm, saying, "My favorite part is to see all the students participate and dress up for homecoming week." Her most memorable moment was "watching the classes prepare a dance for the Coronation." For her, school is "a place where learning and discovery happens". It is a place where she gets to mold teenagers into young adults. It is also her home away from home."

Teacher Feature

Bringing the Spirit Home: An inside Look at Homecoming week (cont.)

Ms. Harris would love to see "the alumni coming back to help teach a class" as a homecoming activity. She believes that "unity, positive attitudes, and organization make a great homecoming." She appreciates "the acknowledgement and respect from people who went there" and the importance of belonging to education. Adding to the celebratory spirit, Ms. White highlighted "Spirit week" as a favorite activity. Her memorable moments included "Hispanic Heritage Day the food and culture & The Dance Battle on Way Back Wednesday." Ms. White views her school as being about "community and the relationships being built as well as a place students can learn and grow. Homecoming is a celebration of that community. Reminds of the pride we have in our school." She suggested "Students vs. Teachers (reverse attire day)" as a fun activity. The highlight for her is "Seeing current students and alumni enjoy themselves through fellowship and school wide activities." Ms. White appreciates "how it brings everyone together. Homecoming is a cherished tradition that fosters community, pride, and lasting memories for students and alumni alike

What makes a great homecoming? ZaMaj Jenkins, a 10th grader running for Mr. Sophomore, said that "food, respect, and love make a great homecoming". He decided to run for Mr. Sophomore because he felt no one else was running, so he decided to take the win. Being on the homecoming court means "not just trying to win but also having fun." Personally, homecoming means to ZaMaj is having "Kings and Queens of clubs and sports getting together and having fun." He is also looking forward to throwing candy from the car and just having fun, this homecoming!

Another student, Alaina Langford, also a 10th grader, said that "seeing people who graduated from T.W. Josey coming to the tailgate, homecoming game, and parade, sharing their stories when they were in school", makes a great homecoming. She also said that her favorite part of homecoming is "the food and being able to dress up." Alaina would like to see more food choices and for the theme to be Princess and the Frog!

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Destiny Whitehead

T.W. Josey Lady Eagles: Pride, Power, and Flag Football

At T.W. Josey High School, everyone knows the Eagles have heart, but the Lady Eagles flag football team is turning heads. We might not always get the spotlight like basketball or track, but if you have ever seen us play, you know we bring the heat with energy, teamwork, and a whole lot of pride to every single game. We are not just a team; we are girls stepping up and showing that football is not just a boy's thing. Every practice is a grind, running drills, learning plays, and pushing each other to level up. It takes serious discipline because flag football is all about speed, focus, and being smart. You cannot just be fast; you must think football team makes Josey proud. last, too. What I love most about our team is how we have each other's backs.

Even when we face tough losses, we pick each other up and keep our heads high. That sisterhood is what sets us apart. And when we step onto that field in our green and gold, the Josey pride is real. Flag football is blowing up in Georgia, with schools statewide building programs, and Josey is right in the mix. It is good because girls now have another sport to kill it in, and some of us can even get scholarships. What we are doing now could open doors later. At the end of the day, we show you what it means to fight for your school, your team, and yourself. We are proof that sports are about commitment, confidence, and building something bigger. Whether we are grinding after school or shining under the lights, the Lady Eagles flag fo

Maliyah Bush and Tikura Scurry

What Is the History of Cheerleading

Cheerleading became an emotionally recognized and legitimate competitive sport in the 1980's and 1990's with the rise of national competitions, television coverage, and the establishment of governing bodies. Cheerleading offers numerous benefits, encompassing physical fitness, mental resilience, and social development. It enhances coordination, flexibility, and strength through rigorous training and routines; furthermore, it fosters teamwork, leadership skills, and confidence, while also promoting a positive mindset and adaptability. Cheerleading is a physically demanding sport that improves cardiovascular health, builds muscle, and incorporates lifting and tossing teammates, which can improve upper body strength, as well as core strength through and other exercises. Cheer encourages individuals to step outside their comfort zone and perform in front of others, building self-esteem and confidence. Cheer is a sport and spirit activity combining gymnastic, dance, and students to support sports teams, entertain audiences, or compete against other squads. Originating in the U.S. to energize crowds at football games in the late 1800's.

Cheerleading has evolved into an international activity with both school-based and all-star competitive programs.



The first cheerleader was Johny Campbell, who took the field in 1898. Initially only men were allowed to cheer. Most girls find that exciting because they have never known that. Women began joining squads in the 1920's. The trend of women in cheerleading intensified during World War II as men went off to fight in the war. This gender shift became permanent, as women took over and remain the cornerstone of the sport. In 1948, Lawrence "Herky" Hermer founded the national regulations, and new techniques like the Herky jump, which helped standardize the sport and led to its resurgence.



The journey of cheerleading reveals a rich and often misunderstood history. While modern perceptions may still cling to stereotypes of pom-poms, sideline chanting, the truth is a story of intense athleticism, pioneering ambition, and persistence, evolving from the "yell leaders" of the 19th century to the highly skilled All-star competition of today. Cheerleading history shows a continuous push toward greater legitimacy and skill.

"It's not just about cheerleading- Its about supporting our school and showing off our pride."

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Narrissa Williams

Josey's Homecoming Coronation Tradition

For the past 16 years, Josey has proudly upheld the tradition of wearing the school colors—gold, Kelly green, and white—during the Homecoming coronation. These colors hold deep symbolic meaning: Kelly green represents power, gold symbolizes knowledge, and white stands for purity. During the coronation ceremony, students running for freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior positions typically wear gold and Kelly green to reflect their school spirit and unity. Candidates for Ms. Josey traditionally wear white, emphasizing the theme of purity, while escorts are dressed in classic black tailored suits. Mr. Eagle complements the occasion with a distinguished mix of white and black in his tailored suit. These color choices are a visual representation of our unity and pride—showing parents, students, and supporters that we stand together as one under Josey's national colors.

In the week leading up to the coronation, students enthusiastically participate in Spirit Week, highlighting their Eagle pride through themed dress-up days. These include: Hispanic Heritage Month Day –celebrating cultural diversity Dress Like Your Type Day – expressing individuality Decades Day – honoring fashion from different eras Dress for the Wrong Occasion Day – adding humor and creativity Spirit Day – when the entire school comes together to celebrate and build excitement for the upcoming Homecoming game Together, these traditions foster a strong sense of community, pride, and celebration at Josey.



Morgan Frazier

A taste of the world in downtown Augusta

Every September, downtown Augusta comes alive with color, music, and the smell of food from all over the world. The Arts in the Heart Festival has been around since the early 1980s, and it started to bring the community together through art. Over the years, it is grown into one of Augusta's biggest events, pulling in artists, musicians, food vendors, and families from near and far.

Walking through the festival feels like stepping into a new country with every block. Kids laugh while trying new foods, artists proudly show their work, and performers light up the stage. Everyone you talk to has their own story.

One young girl shared her favorite moment "The drummers! They were so loud, and you could feel it in your chest. I wanted to dance." She also tried Thai noodles for the first time and said it is now her favorite food.

Vendors take just as much pride in being there. One food booth owner explained, "I am serving Nigerian jollof rice. It is a dish we make at every celebration back home, so being here wants to share a piece of family with Augusta." Another vendor added their samosas are the most popular item because they are easy to grab and everyone can enjoy them.

The art side of the festival is just as powerful. One local artist said, "the Savannah River inspires My pieces. I wanted to show how the river connects our past, present, and future." People stopping by told the artist that the work reminded them of home, which was exactly the feeling they hoped to create.

Performers also bring their culture to the stage. One dance group shared, "We are doing traditional Indian dance, and it tells a story about love and bravery. Even if people do not know the language, they can feel the emotion in the movements."



For them, Augusta's crowd stands out. "The crowd here is so warm. It is not just watching a show; it feels like everyone is part of the performance."

Behind the scenes, volunteers work hard to keep things running. One of them said the biggest challenge is "coordinating all the moving parts, food vendors, performers, artists, t's like putting together a giant puzzle." But it is worth it when people leave with smiles. "I hope people see Augusta is more diverse than they think. We have so many cultures represented here, and it is something worth celebrating."

From its beginnings decades ago to the huge event it is now, Arts in the Heart has stayed true to its purpose: celebrating culture, creativity, and community.



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A Homecoming for All: The 60th Parade that brought out everyone.

The streets around T.W. Josey High School came alive as students, staff, and community members celebrated the annual Homecoming parade. Bursts of green and gold filled the air as the marching band led the way with powerful drumbeats that echoed through the streets. The air is filled with cheers and excitement. It is the time of the year when hallways are filled with school colors, pep rallies, and students get ready to crown their Homecoming Royalty, and the parade is a highlight of the Homecoming week.

Floats highlight creativity and hard work. The dance team energized the crowd with sharp routines, while the football team waved proudly to their classmates and fans. "It's an amazing thing to experience," said one student.

Parents and alumni lined the sidewalks, waving signs and snapping photos and videos as each group passed. People sold T-shirts on the sidewalks, the shirts representing Josey with their signature colors.

Whether it was the beat of the band, the bright smiles of the performers, or the shared excitement of classmates and neighbors, this year's parade proved once again that Eagle pride is stronger than ever. The homecoming parade represents the school's pride and spirit, bringing together current and former students to show their school's community and tradition. It is a time for unity and excitement, strengthening bonds within the community and marking a moment of pride for the school.

Jade and Jayda Gaillard

Homecoming Music Review

Homecoming week is one of the most anticipated traditions of the school year, bringing together students, alumni, and the community in a spirited celebration. While the spotlight often shines on the football game and crowning of the court, music consistently proves to be the heart of festivities. From the powerful ProFormance of the marching band to the curated playlists that set the mood for the dance, music shapes experiences that linger well beyond the final note. This review examines the musical highlights of this year's homecoming, evaluating the selections, performances, and overall impact they had on the success of the event.

The marching band once again demonstrated why it is considered a cornerstone of school spirit. Their halftime performance blended tradition with contemporary hits, creating a balance between nostalgia and modern appeal. Precision in formations, coupled with strong bass and percussion sections, kept the crowd engaged from start to finish. Notably, the band's rendition of popular chart-topping anthems energized both students and alumni, proving that familiar melodies paired with school pride can unite generations. The halftime shows not only served as entertainment but also reinforced the role of music as a unifying force during homecoming.

If the football game set the stage, the homecoming dance solidified the soundtrack of the week. The DJ's playlist was a carefully curated mix of current chart-toppers, classic throwbacks, and upbeat tracks that kept the dance floor full throughout the night. Songs with strong beats and sing-along choruses proved especially popular, drawing students together in moments of collective energy and excitement.

While some attendees noted a few transitions could have been smoother, the celebratory mood of the evening ensured that the music remained one of the most memorable aspects of the event. Overall, the music of this year's homecoming proved to be more than just background noise; it was the driving force that elevated the entire celebration. From the precision and pride of the marching band to the energetic, crowd-pleasing dance playlist, each performance contributed to the week's sense of unity and excitement. While small improvements could become made in areas such as song transitions, the impact of the music was undeniable, leaving students, alumni, and community members with lasting memories. In the end, the soundtrack of homecoming not only reflected school spirit but also highlighted the essential role music plays in bringing people together.



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MR. EAGLE

WE SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON ONE OUTSTANDING SENIOR WHO EMBODIES THE GOLDEN EAGLE SPIRIT. THIS HOMECOMING SEASON, THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEYS OF T.W. JOSEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AS HE REFLECTS ON HIS TIME HERE AND LOOKS TOWARDS THE FUTURE.

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HIS FAVORITE MEMORY FROM SENIOR YEAR WAS BEING CROWNED MR. EAGLE OF T.W. JOSEY. THE MOST CHALLENGING PART OF HIGH SCHOOL FOR HIM WAS BUILDING UP THE COURAGE AND EXCITEMENT OF KNOWING THAT HE WAS GOING TO BE MR. EAGLE, AND HE OVERCAME THAT BY JUST FACING IT.

T.W. JOSEY HAS SHAPED HIM BY HELPING HIM TO BE A LEADER AND NOT A FOLLOWER. HE IS WORKING TOWARDS A CAREER AS A FASHION DESIGNER, A BUSINESS DEGREE, AND TRADE. IF HE COULD HAVE DINNER WITH A HISTORICAL OR FAMOUS FIGURE, IT WOULD BE GOD HIMSELF, AND THE REASON IS THAT HE WANTS TO THANK HIM FOR STAYING WITH HIM ON THE CRAZY JOURNEY.



Narrissa Williams

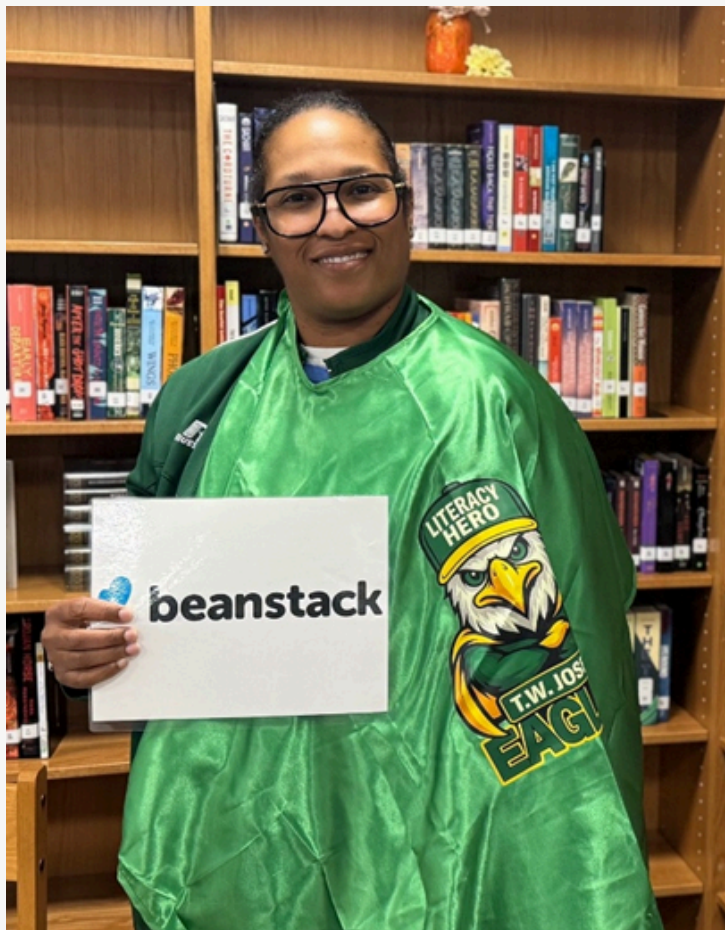
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Teacher Feature

 Beanstack Shout-Out!

Big cheers to our August Top Readers – Markel Hawthorne, Clifford Dunbar, and Reginald Rivers! 🎉 The Freshmen Class also showed up strong with awesome reading participation.

RIGHT NOW, 56% OF STUDENTS ARE LOGGING THEIR READING ON BEANSTACK—THAT’S MORE THAN HALF OUR SCHOOL! KEEP IT UP, AND LET’S SEE IF WE CAN GET THAT NUMBER EVEN HIGHER.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LITERACY HEROES DR. CARTER, MS. CASTILLO AND MS. HUFF FOR KEEPING US INSPIRED TO READ. REMEMBER: ANYTHING YOU READ COUNTS ON BEANSTACK—YES, EVEN THAT COMIC OR ARTICLE ON YOUR PHONE!

Pride Staff

Ms. Crawford says... Plan Your Flight—Long-Term Goals Start Now

Hey Golden Eagles! It's Ms. Crawford here, and today I want to talk about something that might not feel urgent but will absolutely shape your future: long-term goal planning. Whether you're a freshman just finding your locker or a senior filling out college applications, the choices you make in high school are the runway for everything that comes next. Why Start Now?

High school might feel like four years of homework, sports, and social drama, but it's also the perfect time to imagine the life you want. Goals give direction—like a GPS for your dreams. Without them, you're just wandering. With them, every decision—what classes you take, clubs you join, even how you spend Friday nights—becomes a step toward something bigger.

Build Your Flight Plan

Think of long-term goals as destinations. Maybe you want to:

- Graduate college debt-free → Short-term steps: Apply for scholarships, keep your GPA high, learn basic budgeting.
- Launch a business → Short-term steps: Take entrepreneurship or journalism electives, start a small side hustle, network with mentors.

- Travel the world → Short-term steps: Learn a new language, research exchange programs, or build a savings plan.

Your goals don't have to be final—they can evolve—but writing them down makes them real. Start with a big vision, then break it into smaller milestones for each year of high school.

Use Your Resources

You don't have to figure this out alone. Talk to teachers, counselors, and coaches. Join clubs that match your interests—newspaper, robotics, dance, or debate. Each experience teaches you skills and builds connections that can open doors later.

Stay Flexible

Life throws turbulence—missed opportunities, changed interests, unexpected challenges. A good plan isn't about sticking to one rigid path; it's about knowing your priorities so you can adjust without losing sight of what matters.

Takeoff Checklist

- Dream big: Don't limit yourself because something feels out of reach.
- Write it down: A goal in your head is a wish. A goal on paper is a plan.



- Take small steps daily: Even ten minutes of effort counts.
- Celebrate wins: Every milestone deserves recognition.

High school is your launchpad. Whether you're heading to college, trade school, the military, or a career, the habits you build now—planning, perseverance, and purpose—will carry you further than any single grade or test score.

So, Golden Eagles, what's your destination? Start charting it today, and remember: your future is built one choice at a time.



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