

# THE VIKING VIEW



NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK — DR. ANN JACKSON

Superintendent News

Summer 2018

## THE VIKING WAY

*It has been a successful year for the Jasper City Schools with many scholastic, fine arts, and athletic accomplishments that families, staff and community members can be proud of as we close out the year. All of our schools are working toward one goal—with one mission in mind. Every decision is focused on what is best for children—every time. That is the Viking Way! - Ann Jackson*



**The Jasper City Schools' teachers and staff are the absolute best!**

**Everyone.**

**Committed.**

**Everyday.**

## MISSION

**Inspire students to achieve academic excellence and make positive contributions to our interconnected community and world.**

## MOTTO

**Future Focused—Tradition Rich**

**The Viking Way!**



**Simmons at Sunset—Fun for ALL!**

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2018 Seniors of Jasper High School

## JHS—Proud Of Our Seniors!

**Congratulations to the Senior Class of 2018! We are proud of this class and what they have been able to accomplish in their time at Jasper High School.**

- ⇒ Total # of graduates including mid-year graduates in December is 182 (11 in December)
- ⇒ 68% have stated they plan to enter and graduate from a 4-year college
- ⇒ After graduating—30 plan to enter a 2-year program, 16 plan to work immediately after graduation & 11 plan to enlist in the military
- ⇒ 29 students graduated with a 4.0 GPA or above
- ⇒ 92 received an academic scholarship (58%)
- ⇒ 10 received an athletic scholarship
- ⇒ Total Scholarships funded accounted for \$3,122,946
- ⇒ One student scored a perfect 36 on his ACT
- ⇒ Two students were given the Eagle Scout Distinction
- ⇒ 91% of graduates received at least one indicator stating they are college/career ready
- ⇒ 45 received the President's Award with a 3.5 GPS and at least a 25 on the ACT

**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018!**

## Jonathan Allen Named JHS Principal

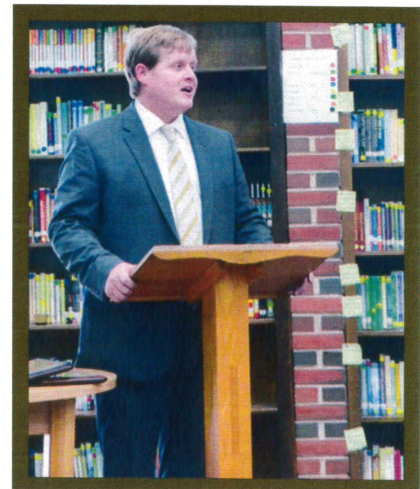
"I'm proud to say I'm a product of Jasper City Schools," Allen said as he addressed board members and those in attendance of at a recent board of education meeting.

"Ironically, it was almost 20 years ago since I graduated from Walker High School. It is my honor and privilege to now serve our system as principal of Jasper High School."

Allen has been principal of T.R. Simmons Elementary since 2014. He is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in science. He earned his teaching credentials from the University of Alabama and received his administrator certificate from Samford University.

He taught 10 years at Minor High School and became assistant principal there before becoming principal at T.R. Simmons. "It's been my honor to serve our teachers at T.R. Simmons, and the biggest thing that I can say about my life experience is that every step of the way, God has put someone in my life to help me to the next step," Allen said. "The greatest thing I can do for our students is to be that for them, be that for our teachers, so we all grow together and we all connect with one another to be more effective in impacting students and their learning."

Jonathan Allen—New JHS Principal



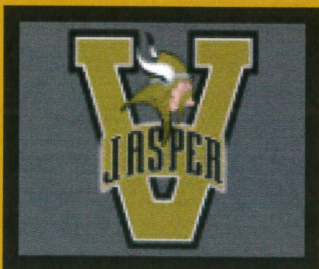


## Viking Athletics

Jasper High School's 539 student athletes made headlines in the 2017-18 school year. The volleyball team was the 6A state runners up, and several members of the All-State volleyball team were recognized for their accomplishments. Five members of the high school's wrestling team qualified as outside participants in the State Wrestling Championships, and the men's tennis team was named 6A state tennis champions. The women's tennis team finished fifth in the 6A championship. Jasper High golf team member Patrick Minor played in the State Golf Championships as an individual qualifier. Zac Durham (baseball) and Morgan McClendon (volleyball) were Alabama High School North/South All-Star Game Selections, and Bob White was named the Alabama Athletic Trainers Association Athletic Trainer of the Year.

#GoVikes

#VikingStrong



School	Grade	Date	Time	Place/Location
Jasper High School	12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, July 24, 2018	10.00 – 11.30 am	JHS Gym
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, July 24, 2018	2.00 – 3.30 pm	
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, July 25, 2018	10.00 – 11.30 am	
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, July 25, 2018	2.00 – 3.30 pm	
Jr. High	8 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, August 6, 2018	5.00 pm	JHS Theater
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	5.00 pm	
Maddox Intermediate School	6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, August 9, 2018	1.00 pm	MIS Auditorium
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, August 9, 2018	10.00 am	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, August 9, 2018	8.00 am	
Memorial Park School	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	2.00 pm	MPS Gym
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	12.00 noon	
T.R. Simmons School	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	10.00 am	TRS Gym
	K	Tuesday, August 7, 2018	8.00 am	

### The Viking Way

## Meagan Fields Named Principal at T.R. Simmons School

Meagan Fields, the current assistant principal at Jasper Junior High School and former longtime first-grade teacher, has been named the principal at T.R. Simmons School.

“This is a dream come true for me,” Fields said. “Early childhood education is my passion, and I am excited for this opportunity.”

Fields is a National Board Certified teacher. Before joining Jasper Junior High, she was the secondary instructional partner for the city schools, working with middle school and high school teachers on literacy design. She has also made literacy presentations at several state and national conferences. Fields also taught first-grade for 12 years.

Dr. Jackson commented, “T.R. Simmons is a great school with a lot of wonderful practices in place and wonderful teachers that are student centered. Mrs. Fields will continue to foster a warm, welcoming learning environment in which children excel.”





## MADDOX INTERMEDIATE

We are so proud of our Drama Department. This group put in countless hours and hard work to make our first play at Maddox Intermediate a huge success! A special thanks to Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Phillips for all their guidance, love, and support during the whole process.

We appreciate the hard work of our students and teachers on the recent State Assessments. In Math, 93% of all our 4<sup>th</sup> graders showed growth or improvement, 93% of 5<sup>th</sup> graders showed growth or improvement, and 99% of 6<sup>th</sup> graders showed growth or improvement. In Reading, 83% of all our 4<sup>th</sup> graders showed growth or improvement, 82% of 5<sup>th</sup> graders showed growth or improvement, and 81% of 6<sup>th</sup> graders showed growth or improvement. This was a great accomplishment and we look forward to exceeding these scores next year. #goodtogreat

## Park School Erupting With High Student Achievement!

MPS ended the year in style!!!! Following our state testing, MPS students were able to experience a variety of activities that kept them engaged. On April 27, MPS had the pleasure of hosting James Spann from ABC 33/40. Mr. Spann spoke with our students about the different weather events that occur in our area and around Alabama. In May, the Walker County Soil and Water Conservation along with Alabama Power, were able to set up an outdoor exhibit for our second grade students. This gave our students the opportunity to experience and hear about many of the natural resources in our area.

Along with these activities, MPS hosted two of our annual events in the month of May. First was our annual second grade butterfly release. Second grade students were able to study the life cycle of a butterfly and raise their own. After spending several weeks in the classroom with their butterflies, students were able to set them free with the help of their friends and family. A second MPS event was the annual third grade volcano eruption. Third grade students were able to study these land forms and the effects they can have on the environment. After building a model and reporting to their classmates, students were able to erupt their own volcano with the help of their family members.

## The Viking Way

### T.R. Simmons Students Accomplished A LOT This Year!

Below are a few statistical achievements the T.R. Simmons students and faculty would like to share. We invite parents to view all of our end of the year data posted on our school Facebook page.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> grade BOY math assessment average was 39% but we grew to 91% by the end of the year. For the same assessment type, kindergarten grew from 56% to 94%.
- Our 1<sup>st</sup> grade STAR score improved from kindergarten seventh month at the start of the year to second grade sixth month by the end of the year. That's an improvement in our grade level average of just under two years' worth of growth in one year.
- Due to our 1<sup>st</sup> graders participating in the accelerated reader program throughout the year, we saw dramatic impact in student scores. Specifically in DIBELS, we saw Whole Words Read improve from 60% benchmark at the start of the school year to 95% benchmark by years' end.
- We are also proud of the accomplishments of our kindergarten English Learners where we had 23 of 30 students meet the DIBELS composite benchmark by the end of the year.

A special thanks to the community stakeholders for supporting our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Simmons at Sunset, presented this year by Carl Cannon. Due to the efforts of many and the running feet of our Little Vikes, we raised over \$15,000 in profit for our school. The best part of this great event is that we connected with our community in a very special way. Thank you to all of the great sponsors and supporters of our school.





## Jasper Junior High School

WE are so PROUD of our Jasper Junior High School students! Congratulations to all deserving students on receiving recognition for your efforts on awards day! We'd also like to recognize our teachers and students who participate in choir and band for putting on an amazing performance!!! We have a strong fine arts department and it really shows!

Snap! That's how quickly the school year has seemed to pass! It's amazing to see how much our students have grown over the course of a school year. We have many great things occurring within our school system, and we're seeking to get better and better! Our school leadership team is constantly thinking of ways to improve instruction and make great memories for our students. One of many changes involves a shift to our culture and climate with our very own House System. The idea of the House System comes from a recent visit by system teachers and administrators to the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia. Every student will join a house (faction) within the school. Each house will be able to receive points based on displays leadership, scholarship, and citizenship. During periods throughout the year, students will be rewarded based on the number of points accumulated at the time. Because of the house system, we are expecting to witness decreases in truancy, tardies, and also discipline; furthermore, we're expecting to witness increases academic achievement and growth.

Don't forget to keep up with Jasper Junior High School's events and activities by liking our Facebook Page @ Jasper Junior High School, and our school website@ Jasper.k12.al.us (Click on the schools button and scroll down to Jasper Junior High School).

AAA Strong... A—Arts A— Academics A— Athletics

## Up Next News:

### School Orientations

\*See page 3 for details

### August 6th

\*Teachers Return

### August 13th

\*1st Day of School

### September 3

\*Schools Closed for  
Labor Day Holiday

### September 14

\*1st Varsity Football  
Game @ Home

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The Jasper City School System is offering a Kindergarten Summer Camp to ENERGIZE our incoming kindergarten students!

Students must be 5 years old on or before September 2, 2018.

**DATES:** July 16-19 & July 23-26 (8 days)

**TIME:** 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

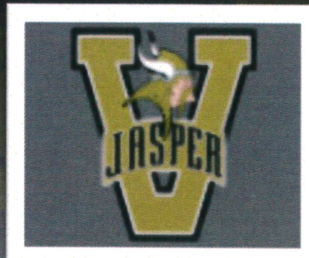
School bus transportation is available for our campers!

If interested in transportation, complete a bus transportation form at the JCS Central Office. (205)384-6880



# The Arts

## "Something Special"



### **Jasper High Centerstage**

This year, the Centerstage students performed a One Act for the first time ever at The Annual Walter Trumbauer Theatre Festival. It was a wonderful experience and we plan to participate in the event every year. Three students, Sofia Patey, Hope Bates, and Christian Goodman, qualified to go on and compete in the State Festival.

### **Jasper High Band**

Here is a list of the 2018 Spring Semester Band accomplishments and awards.

**All State Band Members** - 2 students (Kaylor Hodges- Red Band, Patrick Dutton- Blue Band)

**All District Band Members** - 6 students (Kaylor Hodges, Patrick Dutton, Dawson Meadows, Kylon Morman, Lukas Wisener, and Wrenn Ramsay)

**University of Alabama Honor Band** - 11 students (Ivey-Elise Ivey, Jessie King, Pressley Madison, Lakelyn Turnbow, Luc Ragsdale, Kaylor Hodges, Tavia Johnson, Kylon Morman, Tanner Dickson, Patrick Dutton, Wrenn Ramsay)

**Columbia University Honor Band** (New York) - 2 students (Ivey-Elise Ivey, Jessie King)

**University of North Alabama Honor Band** - 22 students (Anna Lee Palmer, Brooke Elder, Clara Ann Brown, Anna Kate Azbell, Spencer King, AJ Kell, Zoe Smothers, Hannah Owens, Ben Waid, Rhea Quillen, Dawson Meadows, Pressley Madison, Christian Goodman, Luc Ragsdale, Kaylor Hodges, Tavia Johnson, Kylon Morman, Lukas Wisener, Tanner Dickson, Joseph Keeton, Braydon Allred, Cole Meadows)

**Alabama State Music Performance Assessment (MPA)** – Florence, AL  
Jasper Symphonic Band- All "Superior" Ratings (Highest Rating Possible) with A's in every caption.

**JASPERVIKINGS**



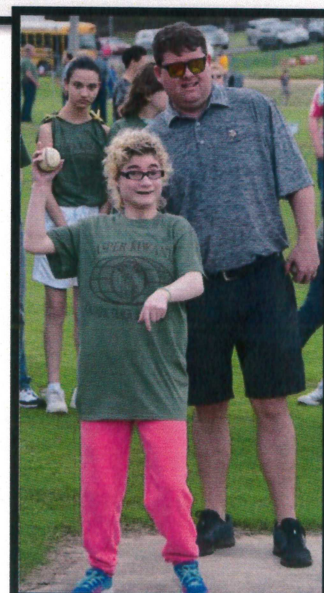
# Olympic Track & Field Day – A BIG Success!



Congratulations to all the student participants! The event featured more than 300 special needs students from Jasper City and Walker County schools. The adults and students had a great time. The Jasper City Schools appreciate the Jasper Kiwanis Club for their dedication to the students in our community!



VERY  
SPECIAL  
**kids**





## JHS TENNIS TEAM - STATE 6-A CHAMPS!



The JHS Boys Tennis Team had 4 Individual State Titles and 1 Doubles Title. The team came out on top over Muscle Shoals (2nd place) and Florence (3rd place). The JHS Girls Tennis Team had a great showing at the tournament, 5th place overall, with several girls playing semi-finalist and finalist matches.



The JHS Girls Tennis Team came in 5th place overall for the year.  
Along with the titles below:  
Runner Up for Girls No. 2 Doubles  
Runner Up for Girls No. 2 Singles





GIRLS volleyball

## **Class 6A volleyball: Pelham knocks off Jasper to win first title since 1997**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Champs!**





## District Leadership Team Competition – Technology (February, 2017)

1st Place - 14

2nd Place - 11

3rd Place - 16

Honorable Mention - 18.



## Project Lead the Way Activities





## SENIOR CLASS STATISTICS 2018

	# students	%
4-Year College	76	43%
2/4 Year College	45	25%
2/Year College Only	30	17%
Technical School	2	1%
Military	11	5.5%
Work	16	8.5%
Undecided / Other	0	0%
	178	

Total # in Class at end of year (including mid-year graduates) 182

# Mid-year graduates / 11

# Retained / 2

# Special needs walking but not exiting / 2

# of students ranked # 1 = 3 (Chase Cross, Calen Stewart, Jakob Wilson)

# of students with a 4.0 or above GPA = **29** (16%)

# Receiving Honors Diploma / 20

# Receiving Advanced Diploma / 70

# Receiving Standard Diploma / 92

National Merit- 0

Academic Scholarships 92 out of 178 (52%)

Athletic Scholarships 10

Scholarship Amounts \$3,122,946

92% of graduates indicating that they will pursue some type of post-secondary education.

91% of students earned one or more College & Career Readiness Indicator as recognized by the Alabama State Department of Education.



## SENIOR CLASS STATISTICS 2017

	# students	%
4-Year College	86	43%
2/4 Year College	51	25%
2/Year College Only	36	18%
Technical School	10	5%
Military	9	4.5%
Work	9	4.5%
Undecided / Other	0	0%
	<u>207</u>	

Total # in Class at end of year 207

# of students ranked # 1 = 4 (Blake Hendrix, Lucas Peacock, Allison Sortino, Holley Beth Spivey)

# of students with a 4.0 or above GPA = **38 (18%)**

# Receiving Honors Diploma / 38

# Receiving Advanced Diploma / 74

# Receiving Standard Diploma / 95

# Retained / 3

National Merit- 0

Academic Scholarships 113 out of 207 (55%)

Athletic Scholarships 7

Scholarship Amounts \$2,924,044

91% of graduates indicating that they will pursue some type of post-secondary education.