



IT’S ALL GRAVY, BABY

Salmen Spartans in the playoffs, plus delicious food and relaxing times ahead

GOOD NEWS

- ★ Tyrone Johnson was awarded the National African American Recognition Award (NAARA). The first time one of Salmen High's students has ever received this award!
- ★ Rhett Adam is a FINALIST for QuestBridge, a National Nonprofit that connects the most expectational students with leading colleges and opportunities, receiving a full ride scholarship to the college that he will soon match with.
- ★ Damon Narcisse, Mason Fuqua, and Jake Nguyen received ACT scores of 27 or higher.
- ★ Jacobi Jefferson is leading the parish in rushing yards, and was chosen as .
- ★ Ikea Williams was accepted into Mississippi State University.
- ★ Damon Narcisse received a full athletic scholarship to Southern Missouri State University.
- ★ Jacobi Jefferson received a scholarship to play football for East Texas Baptist University.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ **November 5:**
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- ★ **November 9:**
Talented Theater Improv Performance - 6:00 pm
- ★ **November 10:**
Football Playoffs Begin
- ★ **November 15:**
Future Focus at Salmen
- ★ **November 16:**
CTE Showcase at Salmen
- ★ **November 20-24:**
Thanksgiving Holidays
- ★ **December 14:**
Blood Drive - Juniors and Seniors
If you donate twice during your senior year, you will receive a red cord to wear at graduation. We will have a second blood drive in the spring
- ★ **December 15:**
Choir and Jazz Concert - 6:00 pm
- ★ **December 22:**
Half Day - End of 1st Semester
- ★ **December 25 - January 5:**
Winter Holiday Break

Salmen History

BY JAMAL MCDONALD

Salmen High School is a great school, and a lot started before and after Hurricane Katrina. Salmen was first founded in 1965 Slidell, Louisiana. Named after the illustrious Salmen family of Slidell, our school honors Fred Salmen and his many contributions to the children of St. Tammany Parish.

Did you know that right here at Salmen High School during Katrina, there lived an alligator on campus? That’s right! Legend has it that storm waters relocated him to the very ground where our new school stands. Salmen High School wasn’t always this high up off the ground, or big, all that all changed when Katrina hit. Salmen sat low on the ground, and



after Katrina they decided to build Salmen High School high off the ground, because when it rains, it pours, and when it pours, it floods. Hurricane Katrina (2005), the massive storm compared to Hurricane Andrew (1992), with both storms being in Category 5 with wind speeds 174 mph, together both of these storms can tear down just 1,500,000 homes, vehicles, and buildings. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina destroyed and flooded all of Salmen High School’s buildings, but somehow by some miracle the new Science Wing Building that was previously built survived the storm. After the storm, Salmen was closed for over a month. So Salmen student’s had to attend Northshore High School in the afternoon’s, and Northshore students had to attend school in morning, because this school was untouched by the storm. It took Salmen 3 months to rebuild after Katrina, and as the school was under construction, former Superintendent Trey Folse III stated “These days, though, we are thinking about the future, it will be a rebirth of sorts”. One thing that the Superintendent would remember is “All that muck and fish and dead fish and dead animals, an alligator through the gym floor is still visible to our minds, that we will never forget”. The workers finished building Salmen High School on June 4, 2010.

How can our current Spartans honor our



tumultuous past? I know the students of Salmen’s past remember how natural disasters destroyed their school. The students of Salmen’s present and future can honor

their past by letting go of all of that pain that our school has endured, because if you lose something that big that is a part of your life, you can get past it by remembering and experiencing good times.

A lot has changed since Salmen was founded in 1965, but a few things will always stay the same. We are tough. We are resilient. We are United. We fall, and we get back up. We are Spartans.

Weather

BY NATHAN MEUNIER

Welcome back to our Weather corner of the Spartan Chariot! We will be going over the weather activities for November this time around so let's get started with the temperatures and overall weather. In October, we had some chilly days but most of the month was quite warm but there's still hope for November. This month, the temperatures will be in

the mid-low 70s with some days dipping into the mid-high 60s. This month is definitely gonna be cooler and more comfortable than October!

Now for the special weather events, of which there are some of note. The biggest event that could happen is a hurricane, dubbed El Nino, could touch down and cause some havoc. Other than the hurricane, there aren't any other events of note in November but you should all still be monitoring the weather so you know what to expect in the coming

weeks and so there's no surprises!

Finally, Let's talk about holidays and special days/events. The major holiday for this month is the holiday of giving thanks, Thanksgiving!

The temps for Thanksgiving at the time of writing this, is a high of 70 and a low of 53. The coldest day in November will be the first, with a high of 64 and a low of 40 degrees. With that, we are done with this month's weather forecast, this is your Weather Writer, signing off.

Sports
BY KALEILAH DAVIS

Hey Spartans! Welcome Back to the Salmen Sports Corner. I hope everyone enjoyed their Spirit Week and their Homecoming. Speaking of Homecoming, let's give congratulations to this year's homecoming court winners. Starting with the ladies, congratulations to our Miss Freshman, Madison Jackson, both of Our Miss Sophomores, Julie Nguyen and Alivia Ward. Also to Our three Miss Juniors, my lovely bestie Reniyah Jackson, along with Kelsey Lee, and Alexis Brower. And finally, to our four Miss Seniors, Janiya Miles, Hanna O'Quin, Lilly Ross, and QUEEN Yasmine Samuels! A big Congratulations to our runner up queen, Miss Lily Ross. In addition, a round of applause for the young men of our homecoming court, Joseph Riley, Damon Narcisse, Javier Colon-Haslam and KING Leif Peters.

Now let's talk about the Game which was Last Friday, October 27, we had an AMAZING game vs Pear River. We took a Wonderful W that night. We won 49-7! And had some awesome plays. When asked about our strengths during the game, Assistant Coach Chausse explained, "Our strengths during the Homecoming Game against Pearl River were the ability of the offense to execute their plays and the defense keeping Pearl River from getting anything going." Which players really shined? According to Chausse, "Jacobi Jefferson had another great game at running back with over two hundred yards rushing. Kaileb Rayford shined on all 3 sides of the ball with two touchdown catches, a kickoff return, and an interception. Ja'kel Hogan was making tackles all over the field leading the defense with 20 tackles. We even got to see some of our JV players such as Chris Newman and Reggie Bouie get in at the end of the game and keep dominating Pearl River's offense." Our players were on fire! Can you believe that Jacobi Jefferson pulled 2 touchdowns in the first 2 MINUTES of the game back to back. Incredible right?! The last regular season game will be November 3rd 7pm, vs Loranger at Loranger High. Then, on to the playoffs, beginning November 10th. Looking forward to the playoffs, Coach Chausse said, "This game and then Loranger, one set us up well for playoffs giving us a chance for a home playoff game. If we can keep

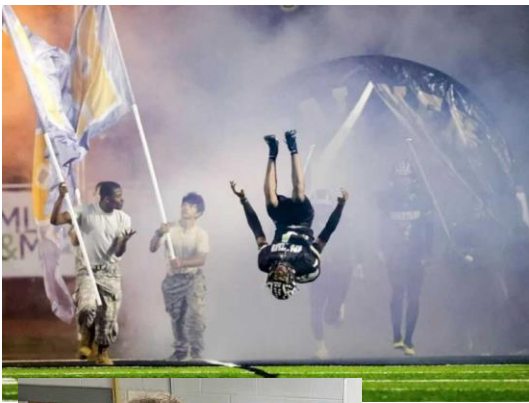


executing as we have the last few games the sky is the limit in the playoffs."

Speaking of Playoffs, our Girls Volleyball Team made it to the playoffs, which is Nov 1st. So Congratulations to us! Well, that concludes our Spartan News of October!



It's that time of the year. The leaves are turning brown and the weather is getting colder. This is the time of the year where we all gather around with loved ones that we cherish to celebrate thanksgiving. These people could be members of your family, friends, coworkers or even pets. Here at Salmen we give thanks to those who make us the best Spartans we can be.



his parent's house and his wife's parent's house. So he's going to be all stuffed and full from the two dinners he'll be having. He's very thankful for his big happy family and his kids. He wants everybody to stay grateful over the holidays and enjoy spending time with your loved ones. Mr. Abney has dealt with a lot of deaths this summer. So, this year for thanksgiving he plans to go to Georgia with his dog to just enjoy the leaves changing this fall. He's excited to go to Cracker Barrel and for the leftover turkey he'll be having from his roommate. He's thankful for being enrolled in the doctrine program, working here at Salmen with all of us, his dog, his best friend and his three children. He wants people to stay thankful and remember things will get better. Mrs. Deidra is spending Thanksgiving in Atlanta with her family. She also plans to go to the Saints football game and root them off to victory. She looks more forward to spending time with her family she hasn't seen in awhile. She's thankful for life and wants future generations to be thankful for their education and stay strong and focused. Mrs. Withdraw is going to be spending time with her family and go bike riding. She's most excited for her turducken. She's thankful for her jobs and the teachers. She is mindful this time of year of giving thanks. She explained what is most important to her in stating, "To be grateful. To always be challenged. If I could leave with a smile on my face it is all worth it". Thank you to our amazing Faculty and staff. We are grateful for you! Now, let's hear what the students have to say about turkey day.



Kelsey Lee here, your Student Life interviewer. Thanksgiving is all about giving thanks to the people you are grateful for. I interviewed three Salmen High Students to see what they're grateful for this Thanksgiving.

The first student I interviewed is 11th grader Kaili Potts. Kaili’s plans for Thanksgiving is to go see her family. Kaili is most excited to eat turkey as would anyone else. Lastly, Kaili is thankful for friends.

The next student I interviewed is Keilon Robertson who is in 10th grade. His plan for Thanksgiving is to go to Atlanta to the Stone Mountains. Keilon is most excited to eat gumbo. This Thanksgiving Keilon is grateful for God, family, and himself.

Then I interviewed 10th grader Anthony Cosey. Anthony’s plans for Thanksgiving is to go to NOLA to see his cousins he hasn’t seen in years, then maybe his girlfriends house to spend the holiday with them as well. Anthony is most excited about eating gumbo, turkey, and banana pudding. Anthony is most grateful for family, God, the challenges he has faced, his own life, and his girlfriend.



Teacher Spotlight - Ms. Bourliea

BY GENEVIEVE DEBARBIERIS

Let’s cut straight to the point just like this teacher’s quick but effective style: Ms. Bourliea is Salmen High’s 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year!

This isn’t the first time she won Teacher of the Year, however. 10 years ago, Ms. Bourliea was Teacher of the Year, and she still expresses that it feels great to be recognized by the administration. After being at Salmen for over 19 years—if you don’t include her high school years—Ms. Bourliea currently teaches Algebra II, Algebra III, and DE Algebra. She also currently coaches cross country and track. She also sponsored the Key Club in the past.

Ms. Bourliea’s Algebra II teacher, Ellen Lamarque, inspired Ms. Bourliea as a high schooler when Ms. Bourliea exclaimed the math “all



makes sense now!” To spread this joy, she chose to become a teacher herself to explain math well to her own students too. Coincidentally, she ended up teaching where she went to school!

Ms. Bourliea’s motivation is her students’ success. She enjoys watching her students happily graduate, but she is overjoyed when her previous students contact her years later and Ms. Bourliea sees her

students being successful with careers that make them happy. The greatest lesson Ms. Bourliea learned from her students is that despite students having personal issues outside of school, she can still try to help and give students patience when they need it.

As for Ms. Bourliea’s hobbies, she loves riding motorcycles and partaking in outdoor activities with and for her two sons. When she was at Salmen, she was in the band, track, and cross country. She claims the best thing about being a Spartan is the school’s pride and community. As her personal motto, she says to “get out there and enjoy life and the people you love.”

Ms. Bourliea is one of Salmen’s treasured teachers, and we must show our appreciation for all her hard work and dedication! If you’re ever passing by Room 303, be sure to congratulate her for being awarded as Salmen’s current Teacher of the Year, and thank her for being a Spartan for life!

Club Spotlight - Student Council

BY MARIAH WALDEN

Salmen High School’s Student Council is the backbone of many of our big school wide events. From planning dances, such as Homecoming and Prom, to our end of the year picnics. Joining us for her first year, Ms. Blanchard is the Student Council Sponsor, along with Mr. Abney.

Meetings to discuss fun, upcoming events happen every Thursday morning before school at 7:10. There is a wide variety of grades within the Student Council to ensure every class can be heard. Our President



Britney Silva, Vice President Muhammad Abid, Secretary Abrah Abid, and Media Manager Briana Walton conduct and guide every meeting. Upon walking in, there is a sign in sheet to keep track of attendance. We have an agenda that is discussed by the officers and then questions and comments are held after each topic is discussed. If there

is a vote that needs to occur, they are usually held on Google Classroom and we cast them as soon as the meeting starts and results are announced before we leave that meeting. Student Council’s biggest events are both the Prom and Homecoming dances. The members work and plan for months in order to ensure that it can be a great experience for all students and teachers. Student Council President Britney Silva states, “I enjoy having the responsibility of being president. I get to meet new people around the school and even get to know the administrators.”

Being a part of the Student Council is both an honor and a privilege. If you would like to become a member during the 2024-2025 school year, keep an eye out for membership openings at the end of this school year. We would love to have you!

Salmen STEM

BY QADIR ABDULAHAD

Earlier this month you may have heard about a STEM Fest event going on. What is STEM? Glad you asked! STEM refers to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in education. STEM focuses on a number of practical fields in science.

According to Salmen senior and STEM enthusiast, Rhett Adam, “STEM is more than a collection of career fields. It’s an approach to education and experience that focuses on the early development of children and concentration in science and math education.” Not only is Rhett interested in STEM, but he was one of the lucky people to attend STEM Fest.

For those who missed it, on October 14th this year in the glorious Superdome, the New Orleans Pelicans and the Saints hosted a STEM Fest, an event where college oriented students were able to start signing and consider where they wanted to go after highschool. Rhett explained that “introducing children to STEM programs like robotics can effectively spark an early interest that will stick with them for life.”

Making an appearance, executives from Chevron and the Saints. Rhett explained his favorite part, a mock signing, reminiscent of a professional or college athletic signing. Rhett never thought he would get the opportunity, considering he does not view himself as a particularly stellar athlete. He went on to say, “The STEM mock signing was an event where high school seniors, including myself, were able to pick a school for their desired STEM major, and sign a mock agreement for a STEM scholarship.” Overall, Rhett felt honored to be nominated and awarded for his STEM impact and academic achievements.

Spartans can get involved by joining the robotics team. To join Team 1912, go to <http://team1912.org/>. You can also follow that link for more information on upcoming STEM related events, among other STEM-related things. If you need more convincing, Rhett Adam, member of Salmen High School’s robotics team states that after the event, “I walked away with a lot of free stuff.” Free stuff? Count me in!



Homecoming Fashion

BY AMARI OUBRE

HOMECOMING IS OFFICIALLY A WRAP! It’s sad to think how fast homecoming came and went. We were all so excited about the dance, spirit week, pep rallies, etc. The theme for the dance was A Night in Paris. The student council did an amazing job decorating everything and organizing the whole week. It was great seeing everybody dress up for the week and have fun! The vibe was so simplistic but bright. From the cute flower petals on the tables to cute lanterns on the ceilings. People looked very cute all cuddled up with their dates. It was so nice seeing people dance all over. Everybody looked AMAZING at homecoming. People were rocking good designer clothes and shoes. Everyone had very unique attire. We all had a good time and made some good memories. Here at Salmen, we make sure we show up and show out when it comes to dances. Seeing that everyone looked so good I think we should hear about the inspiration behind these outfits.



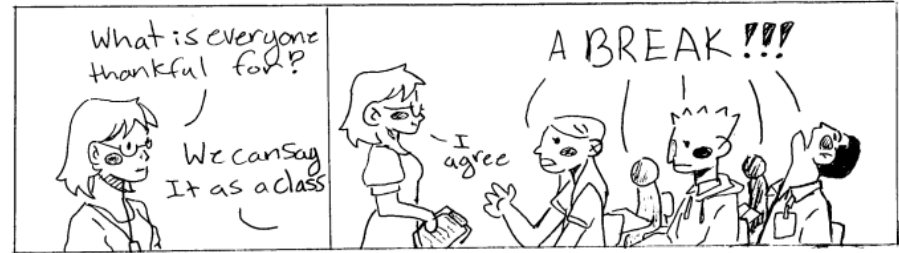
I had the honor of speaking with Salmen High Senior Selena Rodriguez. She wore a cute sparkly black dress from Oh Polly. Selena got her inspiration from Tiktok. She emphasized that getting inspiration from Tiktok is the way to go for any occasion. She was going for a dark but elegant look for homecoming. She chose black and red for her colors because they are her favorite colors. Selena had a great night for her last homecoming! Her favorite part of the dance was dancing with her friends. Selena loved the music that the DJ

played for the homecoming. “I was so excited to see how everyone was gonna dress up tonight”.

SPARTAN FUNNIES

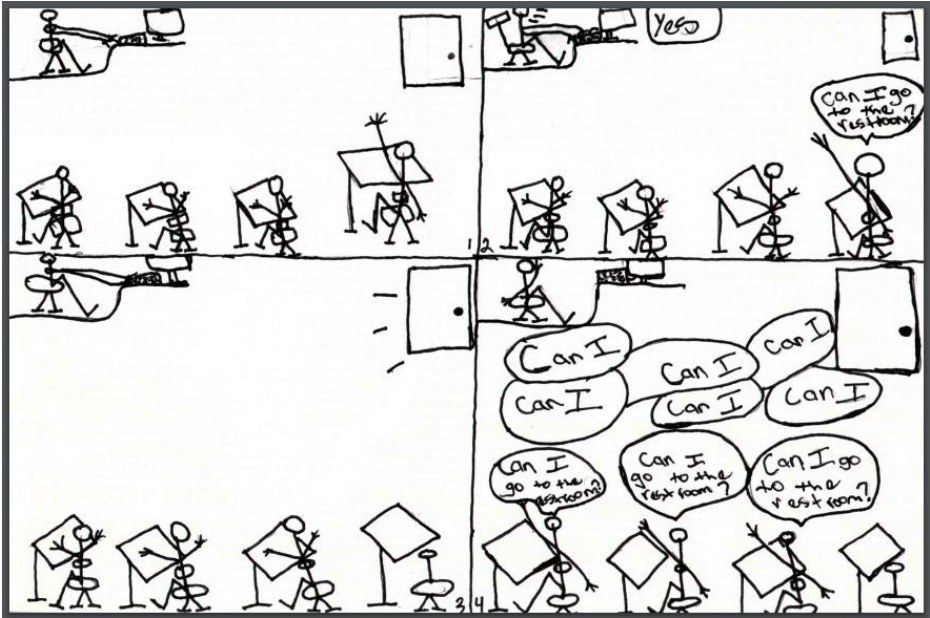
Comic Relief

BY BRADLEY PAGANO



Restroom Revolving Door

BY MARCUS RIOJAS



I Got 99 Problems...

BY MYKAH BRIMMER



Ask Dr. Twixsels - Advice Column

BY HAILEY BARNETT

Dear Dr. Twixsels,

I got two F’s on my report card and now my mom and dad won’t let me go to visit my fam in TX for Thanksgiving. How do you think I can get my parents to change their minds??!

HELP!!!

(Hopefully)Texas-Bound

Dear (Hopefully)Texas-Bound,

It’s understandable that you want to visit your family in Texas for Thanksgiving. To improve your chances of changing your parents’ minds, consider a combination of approaches. First, take responsibility for your grades by discussing with your teachers how you can improve and if there are any extra credit opportunities. Secondly, show your parents that you’re committed to making positive changes by doing extra chores and being helpful around the house. Finally, communicate with your parents, express your desire to spend Thanksgiving with your family in Texas, and reassure them that you are working on improving your grades. Hopefully, with a combination of effort and communication, you can convince them to let you go.

If none of these things are successful, crying, kicking, and screaming are always solid options, too. Hey, it works for babies!

Best of luck,
Dr. Twixsels

If you are in need of some tips and tricks in navigating this crazy thing called life, simply slip your letter under the door of 207!



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SPARTAN SNAPSHOTS

HOMECOMING PEP RALLY 2023



SPIRIT WEEK

