



# NEW YEAR, NEW SPARTANS

## Salmen students, teachers, and staff start the 2023-2024 school year off right

### Welcome Back, Spartans

A NOTE FROM THE YEARBOOK STAFF

Welcome back, Spartans! The ink is ready to flow as we embark on a new exciting year, but this time with The Spartan Chariot.

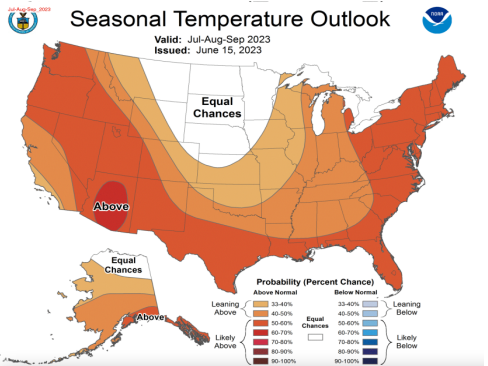


To students and teachers alike, get ready to dive into a collection of news, stories, and voices that make our school thrive. This will be a year of inspiration, curiosity, and compelling storytelling. Whether you're a seasoned upperclassman or a fresh face, let's make this year one to remember. Here's to new friendships, inspiring teachers, and countless opportunities. Let's stand together and conquer the challenges that lie ahead. Wishing everyone a fantastic year! Stay tuned for the latest updates and remember, together, we drive the chariot!

### Weather

BY NATHAN MEUNIER

The Spartans are heating up! With school getting back into full swing and with Summer coming to a close Mother Nature has one last wave of heat for everyone at Salmen. During the course of August, temperatures have reached as high as 101° and as low as 71° with the humidity usually sitting at around 70-80%, but the average temperature sits at around 95°, so the difference between the higher and the lower temps has definitely thrown some of us for a loop. No major weather events this month, other than the extreme heat advisories that have been going out regularly for the past few weeks, so be sure to drink plenty of water to stay hydrated and stay cool, especially our athletes and staff that spend a portion of their days outside.



In other (unfortunate) news, it is Hurricane season, and so far we have seen many named storms (Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, and Harold so far), but the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) has predicted anywhere from 12-17 storms this season.

But let's not give August all the attention, September is here, after all! In September, we all have something to look forward to with we can expect temperatures ranging from 73° to 87° which is considerably cooler than the averages this month, we can also come to expect humidity similar to August 8-15 days of rain throughout the whole of the month and there are no significant weather events that are happening in September yet, just a cooler month that leads us to fall and closer to our first major holiday, Halloween, which could be a very chilling experience this year!

### Sports

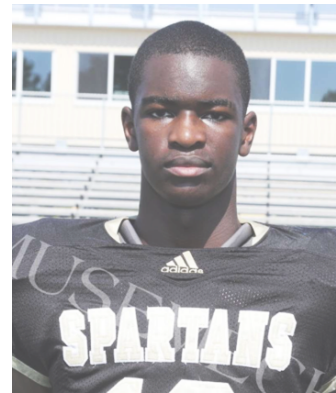
BY KALEILAH DAVIS

Spartans, let's talk about that Home Game we had on Friday August 25, 2023. It started at 6:00 pm for Junior Varsity(JV) and 7:00 pm for Varsity. We had a bunch of supporters in the stands cheering your Spartans on. We went against the Covington Lions. Unfortunately, our Varsity Team did take a loss



21-17. But our Junior Varsity team had a triumphant win. The score was 21-0.

One player on the team, number 16, Dereyon Jenkins, stated “I felt like we beat ourselves mainly, and that we have to fix more mental errors than physical ones”. The players that stood out the most were number 4, Jaylun Robinson and number 7, Kaileb Rayford. Overall all the players did an excellent job and they will have a good comeback at the next home football game



### GOOD NEWS

- ★ Salmen High School Alumni, Hayden Brooks, was named Student of the Year by the St. Tammany Parish School Board.
- ★ Our district is tied for 5th in the state among students scoring Mastery and above on the 2022-2023 LEAP assessments, with a 3% score increase.
- ★ The very first edition of the school newspaper, *The Spartan Chariot* has been published. This is the first school newspaper that Salmen High School has had in over a decade.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ **September 4:**  
Labor Day - No School
- ★ **September 8:**  
Pre-Game Extravaganza Pep-Rally and Dance
- ★ **September 11:**  
Picture Day
- ★ **October 2-3:**  
Girls' Senior Portraits
- ★ **October 6:**  
Parish Fair Day - No School
- ★ **October 9-10:**  
Boys' Senior Portraits
- ★ **October 13:**  
End of 1st Quarter - No School
- ★ **October 27:**  
Homecoming Football Game against Pearl River High School
- ★ **October 28:**  
Homecoming Dance



on Friday, September 1, 2023. That concludes Spartans Sports News for August!

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Week	Opponent	H/A	Day	Date	Time
Scrim	Chalmette	H	Wednesday	8/16	5:30 PM
Jamb	Covington	H	Friday	8/25	8:00 PM
1	BT Washington	H	Friday	9/1	7:00 PM
2	Northshore	H	Friday	9/8	7:00 PM
3	Bogalusa	H	Friday	9/15	7:00 PM
4	Belle Chasse	H	Friday	9/22	7:00 PM
5	McDonogh 35	A	Thursday	9/28	7:00 PM
6	*Lakeshore	H	Friday	10/6	7:00 PM
7	*Archbishop Hannan	A	Friday	10/13	7:00 PM
8	*Franklinton	A	Thursday	10/19	7:00 PM
9	+*Pearl River	H	Friday	10/27	7:00 PM
10	*Loranger	A	Friday	11/3	7:00 PM

**New Sheriffs In Town**  
INTERVIEWS BY KAMORA GRAYER

Something is different here at Salmen High School. You can feel it when you walk through the halls. There is urgency as students walk to their classes. There are hoods off of heads, there are no phones in sight, and students are smiling and greeting their teachers. Nope, the rules have not changed. But, there are some fresh faces governing the halls. So, who are these people who have teamed up with Mr. Brisco, Ms. Donald, and the rest of our administrators? Assistant Principals Garabold and Rayford, alongside Principal Jacobs, are the new sheriffs in town. In an effort to understand the perspectives that the fresh administration brings, Kamora Grayer sat down with them for an interview.



Firstly, what are their favorite parts about our school?  
“Students here have a lot of pride about school, so we continue to put together programs so every student here can have something so it can increase other things like graduation rates”, said Mr. Garabold. “Also, this can be a place where everyone here feels comfortable. We just want to make this a safe

environment for everyone.”

“I like the facilities of Salmen and so far the students have been behaving accordingly and being very respectful”, stated Mr. Rayford.

“I was able to tell from the very beginning that this school is filled with really awesome students”, expressed Ms. Jacobs.



When asked if they each have a motto, our three new leaders surely did.

“My motto in life for the most part is how you approach people is what you get back”, explained Mr. Garabold.

“Treat kids with respect, and treat kids how you would want your child to be treated”, states Mr. Rayford.

“My motto is to always do what’s best for the students”, explains Ms. Jacobs.

In this enlightening conversation, it is clear that our school is in good hands. Although they each agreed that there is work to be done, they each have a plan to make Salmen the best it can be, giving us a



reputation as a safe, stable, and fun learning environment. If you’re wondering how we can continue to make the new administrators feel at home, Mr. Brisco has some advice.

“There are so many ways we can welcome the new administrators but keep it simple by following the rules, complying with the directives like wearing your ID, coming to school on time, coming to class on time and in class being engaged with your teachers and trying your very best to determine what your future is and working towards your future. That’s the best way you can honor the administration. We are here to work with and for you, and our job is to help you plot a path to graduation but we can’t walk the path, we can only help you plot the path.”

Shout out to the Spartan Veterans for making these newbies feel welcome. Let’s continue supporting our administrators, both new and old, so we can grow together as a school. Pride is Power!



**Student Life**  
BY KELSEY LEE

All around Salmen High School I see multitudes of people. These people include athletes, band members, choir members, and more. Salmen High School’s students' personalities vary from quiet to loud, shy to outgoing, as well as a lot of kind hearted and caring people. I interviewed four students from Salmen High who all have very different perspectives and personalities.

Starting off with one of the brand new Salmen High students, I interviewed freshman Zoie Dupleche. One thing Zoie likes about Salmen is the teachers. She says this because they are helpful and when she needs help with something they are open and willing to help. Unfortunately, Zoie is struggling with Algebra. She is struggling because it’s complicated with all the numbers included, but once she understands then it’s easier to do. Freshman year is difficult for everyone, but Zoie will get the hang of it soon enough. One thing Zoie is looking forward to is being done with high school. Zoie says that the students here at Salmen have made her feel welcomed because she already knew people and had friends before she came here.



Following that, I next spoke with Derrick Collins, a sophomore. Derrick enjoys Salmen’s activities, and he currently participates in powerlifting. One thing he is struggling with is his Government Class. The workload is intense, so it is hard for him to stay on top of it. But, the year just started and he will learn to manage the amount of work better and better each

day. Something Derrick is looking forward to is half day as a senior.

Next up I spoke to Tylie Smith, a junior here at Salmen. Tylie’s favorite thing about Salmen is the teachers. Currently, he is struggling to keep up with his homework, turning in work on time, and Algebra 2. These struggles are relatable, but he will learn to balance everything as the year goes on. One thing Tylie is looking forward to is prom so he can look good and dress nice.

Lastly, I interviewed a senior, Lilly Ross. Here at school, Lilly likes being in the band. This is because she is the band's drum major, which







is a prestigious honor. In order to be drum major, a student must be selected by their peers, and Lilly is one of those lucky students. Like many of us, she is looking forward to prom. She can't wait to get dressed up and have a fun night with her friends. Her advice to underclassmen is to turn your work in on time and to stay out of drama.

That concludes the interview on all different types of people with different personalities and perspectives at Salmen High. I hope everyone has a great year and remembers to be kind, respectful, and polite. Good luck Spartans.

**Teacher Spotlight - Mr. Kyle**  
INTERVIEW BY DANYLAH MATTHEWS

With so many new people around campus, it is difficult to get to know them all. Spartan Chariot interviewer, Danylah Matthews sat down with one of our brand new teachers Mr. Kyle, to find out more about him.

This is Mr. Kyle's first year as a Salmen Spartan, and his first year teaching. Currently, he teaches IBCA and Customer Service. He is located in the 100 Hall, in classroom 103. He states that he became a teacher to help future generations. He likes teaching kids and he's very passionate about learning.



When asked what he liked most about our school, he explained that it felt like a family, going on to say, "everyone seems to be really close together."

Mr. Kyle explained that his motto is, "reward yourself for effort, don't always reward yourself for success," which is a very positive outlook on tackling difficult things in life.

Laughingly, Mr. Kyle ended the interview by stating that he will "keep showing up, and keep on trying." Welcome to the Spartan Family, Mr. Kyle! We are happy to have you.

**Comic Relief**  
BY BRADLEY PAGANO



**Ask Dr. Cornwell - Advice Column**  
BY VERNES KEELER

Need advice about relationships, work, school, home life, friendships, and beyond? Well, Dr. Cornwell is here to help!

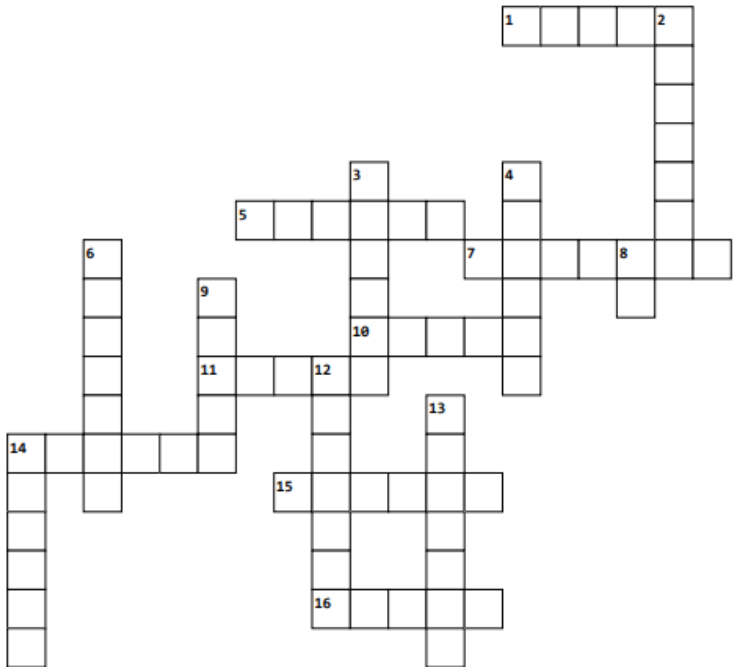
Dr. Cornwell earned his degree at the very prestigious Imaginary University of Advice, so you know that you can trust his suggestions!

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.

Make sure to address it to Dr. Cornwell!



**Salmen High**



- Across**

  - 1. The best food served in the cafeteria.
  - 5. Assistant Principal who has been here the longest.
  - 7. The boy's basketball coach.
  - 10. The sophomore counselor.
  - 11. The teacher who runs the school newspaper.
  - 14. The funniest teacher.
  - 15. The art teacher.
  - 16. The junior and senior counselor.
- Down**

  - 2. Our school mascot.
  - 3. The principal of the school.
  - 4. Head coach of the football team.
  - 6. The city where our school is located.
  - 8. The thing that should always be clipped to your shirt.
  - 9. The French teacher.
  - 12. The subject that Ms. Prevost teaches.
  - 13. The band teacher.
  - 14. The freshmen counselor.

**SPARTAN LIFE**

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ENGLISH
- FLAG  
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MATH  
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