

Parents Press

A newsletter for Parents of JCS

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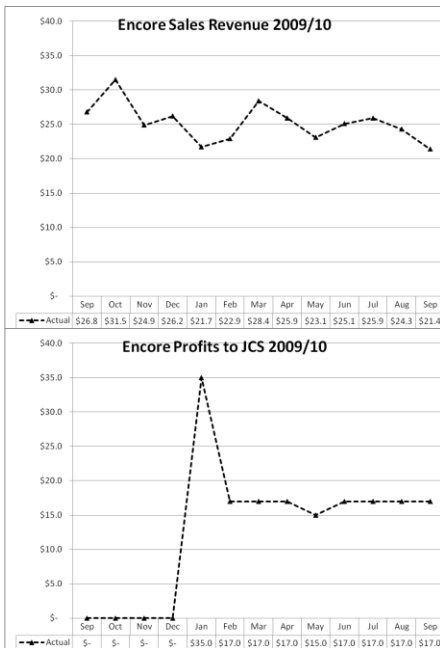
Jim Dolson – Superintendent Bob Stanton – HS Principal Todd Barney – MS Principal

Aaron Metzcar- Elementary Principal Laura Pryor – Development



School News and Notes

Encore Update



Partnering with Parents

Save the Date: On February 21st and 22nd, Jackson Christian School will be hosting a seminar with a nationally known speaker from the Answers In Genesis group. AiG will be conducting a two day seminar on Biblical Creation in the Jackson area. Be sure to mark it on your calendars.

October

- 25 Parent Education Seminar
- 26-30 8th Grade Quarter Exams
- 30 End of Marking Period

November

- 3 HS/MS Picture Retakes
- 6 Royal Auction/ MS/HS –No School
- 10 Report cards released
- 12 PLAN Test – 10th Grade

Perspective for All Parents

There was a recent disturbing statistic put out by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), our accrediting organization. According to ACSI's data there have been over 200 Christian schools in the ACSI family that have closed already this year (*Christianity Today*, August 2009). Typically, they will only see 200 schools per year. We may never know the exact reasons those schools have closed but one thing is clear: the economic stress has certainly not helped.

At JCS God is blessing us. The blessings are not necessarily always financial but definitely present in whatever form God has chosen. For example, he has blessed us with great students and wonderful parents. I truly enjoy meeting as many of you as possible at sporting events, in the hallways, and other locations. It is a blessing to hang-out with your kids.

God has also blessed us with a dedicated group of faculty and staff. The folks who work at JCS do so because they love what they do. They love teaching, cleaning, answering phones, etc. They especially love your kids.

Additionally, God has blessed us financially. Our K-12 enrollment is at (353) students, up by (10) students last year. We have also had a number of donors stop by or mail in donations without any solicitation on our part. In fact, one donor provided a substantial gift allowing us to accomplish a number of projects, such as: adding Smart Boards to our MS/HS science and math classrooms, replacing the gymnasium and cafeteria lights at both campuses, adding file server capabilities, providing professional development opportunities, and purchasing a mobile science lab. This donor remains anonymous but is committed to seeing the school grow and reach its mission. God is providing for us.

On a different note, you have all hopefully heard of the Worldview Weekend Rally coming up on Sunday, October 25th at Grace Church. The event begins at 5pm and is free. Parents, this is a perfect opportunity to get more information on worldview topics being discussed in your child's classroom. If you have children in middle school and high school bring them along. It will be good learning opportunity for all of us. We will have childcare for preschool aged children as long as we know in advance. Please call Carol Potter (734)358-5265 to arrange for childcare and get more information about this event.

Our wind turbine project is nearly complete. The foundations were poured on October 1st and construction will take place the first week of November. We are planning a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime the week of November 9th. We'll get more information to you as we finalize plans.

Finally, I would ask that you pray for our school and all Christian schools in our state. Pray that Christian school leaders will look to Christ for wisdom and discernment as we deal with the current times.

Thank-You and God Bless- Jim Dolson