

Wildcat Nation

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Welcome To Wildcat Nation

Mr. Davis's Senior English Classes of 2026 would like to take this opportunity to introduce everyone to *Wildcat Nation*. Our goal this year is to publish a school newspaper at least twice a month to keep our students, families, faculty, and staff up-to-date on what is happening at LHS and beyond. As you will see from our first issue, we have local news, sports, club news as well as various editorial pieces. If you have an idea you would like to see us cover, or would like to share a piece of artwork, a poem, or even submit an article, please see Mr. Davis. Club sponsors and coaches, we invite you to submit any stories you would like us to include also. This year let's all work hard and give our best to make sure LHS is even more successful than last year. We challenge ourselves as well as each student at LHS to strive for excellence and to demonstrate Wildcat Pride Daily.

Anchor Club of Winston County Issues Invitation

The Anchor Club of Winston County is a service organization for high school students in Winston County. The primary focus of the Anchor Club is brain safety and awareness. Members participate in a number of service projects including hosting parties for the residents at the Hudspeth Center. If you are interested in joining the Anchor club of Winston County, please see Mrs. Young to pick up an application. The application deadline is October 1, 2025



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Principal's Corner: Mr. Turner

Dear Families,

As we wrap up the first month of school, I want to thank you for helping us launch the year on such a positive note.

Since August, we've focused on creating a welcoming environment, building strong routines, and diving into instruction with energy and purpose. Our staff has worked hard to ensure students feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.

Students are engaged and showing great school pride, and we're excited to see their enthusiasm grow through upcoming activities.

We're also keeping a close eye on attendance, especially during these early months when it impacts both student learning and school funding. Thank you for making daily attendance a priority.

Looking ahead, we'll begin benchmark assessments and family engagement events soon. As always, we appreciate your continued support and partnership.

It's a great day to be a Wildcat!

Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Maury

This week the staff of Wildcat Nation would like to recognize a pillar of our school. Everyone knows her, and we all depend on her. We want to send a huge shout out to Mrs. Maury. Her official job is our school secretary, but she is so much more than that to us at LHS. Mrs. Maury has been here at LHS for 16 years and has previously served at Nanih Waiya, Louisville Elementary School, and Fair Elementary School. She says her favorite thing about working here is meeting new people. In her



spare time, she loves reading and taking long walks. She also loves Hershey's Kisses and basketball.

Faculty Spotlight: Ms. Avril Wilbert

Never a dull moment in her classroom.

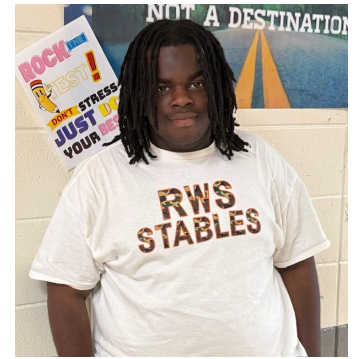


This week's featured LHS teacher is Ms. Avril Wilbert. Ms. Wilbert is an amazing teacher as witnessed by the number of students who constantly seek her advice and help. Ms. Wilbert has been at LHS for three years and currently teaches English III. Prior to coming to LHS, Ms. Wil-

bert spent 23 years teaching at Calloway in Jackson. She says her favorite part of her job is seeing the students and what they have attained 10 years from now. In her spare time, Ms. Wilbert enjoys reading, which she considers her favorite sport. She is a big fan of Superman and enjoys the television show Chicago PD. In addition, Ms. Wilbert likes to spend time with her family, coloring and painting by number. When asked what her favorite food is, she stated, "Yes!" Her favorite books are the *Bible* and *Pride and Prejudice*. Her most interesting fact about herself is as she says, "I'm boring." Thank you for all you do at LHS, Ms. Wilbert.

Senior Spotlight: Gemerrion Hoskins

Gemerrion is the son of Stephanie Hoskins and Jessie May Austin and has two siblings. He loves making content with his family, with his favorite memory is when his brother broke his arm. Gemerrion has been a proud member of The Pride of Louisville Marching Band for six years. Gemerrion enjoys working and earning his own money. His favorite LHS memory is when he saw all of his classmates on his "Last First Day" of school. Gemerrion really hopes to get to go bungee jumping one day. While at LHS, Gemerrion says his favorite classes were English III and IV because they pushed him to his limits and made him work harder. He loves spending time with his grandmother and his one wish would be for her to stay here forever. After LHS, he plans on attending Alcorn State where he will major in Mass Communication. The person at LHS that had the greatest impact on Gemerrion is Coach McCurry because he says he always was consistent with his feedback and encouragement. Congratulations, Gemerrion!



Senior Spotlight: Kyreian Triplett

Kyreian is the daughter of Travis and Shameka Triplett and has five brothers and sisters. Her favorite family activities include vacations and family time. Kyreian's favorite childhood memory was when she first found out she was going to have a younger sibling. For the past six years, she has been a member of The Pride of Louisville Marching Band and a member of HOSA for the past two years. Like several of our other seniors, her favorite high school memory is her "Last First Day" of school. Health Science is the class that was her favorite here at LHS. She says she learned to do "nursing stuff" that she will be able to use in the future. Kyreian loves spending time with her loved ones when not at school and wishes she could bring her papa back to watch her walk at graduation. She describes herself as "responsible, dependable, and ambitious" and plans to attend Meridian Community College after graduation where she will work to become an RN and eventually work with infants in a hospital setting. She has several bucket list things she hopes to accomplish in life including going to the bahamas and even trying zipline. Kyreian says she truly admires God because with him all things are possible and because He is her protector. Her favorite teacher at LHS is Ms. Coffey because she pushed her to do good even when "I felt like I couldn't. Not having any responsibilities other than school is what she says she will miss most about high school. Good Luck Kyreian!



Now for a word from the Counselor:

Juniors and Seniors, The new ACT testing dates have been released. Look for the posters around campus with the information and a QR code for easy access.

Seniors, now is the time to be watching college timelines. Go to the website of the college or university you are interested in and search for "timelines" for the most up-to-date information including application deadlines and housing deadlines.

Freshmen/Sophomores: be on the lookout for ways to get involved. Throughout the year, information about events and clubs will be shared. Joining a group or trying something new is a great way to build relationships and create a sense of community all while learning something new or fun. A few things to be looking for this semester include information on participating in Chess club (meets on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30) and the Speech and Debate Team (see Ms. Harvey for more info.)

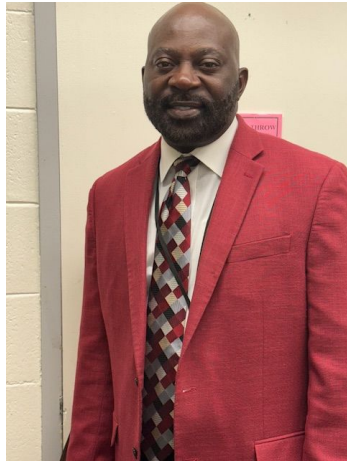
We are also proud of our senior, Davian Caldwell for being recognized as the Rotary Student of the month for August.

The Confused Cat by Kaiden Hunt



The LHS Wildcats Are Ready for a Great Year

Coach Tyrone Shorter says that the Wildcats team is excited about the start of the 2025 football season. "Our expectations for this season are to win the championship and bring the 13th state championship to our program." Coach Shorter says that they have a great coaching staff and some really good players with 5 returning Offensive starters and 5 returning Defensive starters.



"Although we had a good

senior class last year, we are expecting our younger players to step up and fill in where they left off," states Shorter. "One Team, One Goal" is an idea that has led to LHS Wildcats to have the most wins of any other team in the state with 833 wins (that's a 72% winning rate). Let's cheer them on as they work toward number 13 this season.

Introducing the 2025 LHS Homecoming Court.

Football season is here and with that our students, families, and our LHS fans are excited. And as the season progresses, we get closer to our annual homecoming game and the presentation of the LHS Homecoming Court.

This year's court, elected by their fellow classmates are:

Freshmen Maids: Khloe Coleman and Addison Eiland

Sophomore Maids: Jacora Miller and Jamari Wooten

Junior Maids: Zoe Ainsworth and Ma'Siyah Carter

Senior Maids: Ashunte Jackson and Za'Ry'hia Parker

Ladies in Waiting: Faith Hughes and Sa'Nya Leach

Homecoming Queen: Sariya Hudson

We would like to congratulate each of these young ladies on their elections to the 2025 LHS Homecoming Court. This year's homecoming game will take place on October 31, 2025 when the Wildcats playing Greenwood.

LHS VolleyCat Updates:

Coach Hollins gives us the weigh-in on the 2025 LHS Volleyball Team. She says the volleyball season is in full swing and says, "our VolleyCats are showing just how much hard work pays off." With weeks of preseason training and camps behind them, the team is competing with intensity and building momentum with each match. Coach says if you are wondering what makes this group exciting to watch, is that each player is learning to communicate on court and to trust each other during every possession. Our younger players are stepping up in key moments. While our returning leaders are guiding the team with energy and experience. Together, they are creating a winning culture built on accountability, hustle, and heart. No matter the opponent, one thing is certain, "the VolleyCats have vowed to play with passion, resilience, and PRIDE!!!"

Coach Hollins says that as we approach the midpoint to our season and the district games coming, we want to continue to focus on staying sharp in practice and continue to improve match by match. Our VolleyCats will host the first district game on Sept. 11 against Greenwood. Come support your LADY VOLLEYCATS!

The Pride of Louisville: LHS Marching Band



Louisville High School Band Gears Up for a Successful Season.

As the new school year kicks off, the Louisville High School Band is already hitting the ground running in preparation for a competitive season ahead. From marching drills to music rehearsals, the band is working hard to perfect their performance skills and build fellowship among both seasoned members and fresh faces.

Band Camp: The Foundation for Success

To ensure that every member is ready for the season, Louisville's band camp was a crucial step in bringing the team together. Held during the summer, band camp is more than just practice—it's an opportunity for new freshmen to bond with returning members and learn the traditions that make the Louisville Band so successful. For the freshmen, band camp was their first real immersion into the world of high school marching band. Under the direction of the band's leadership, they learned essential marching techniques, proper posture, and how to maintain formations. This year's freshmen were also introduced to the band's core musical pieces, which will be featured in upcoming competitions. Veteran band members served as mentors, offering guidance and support, helping the newcomers get comfortable with the program.

Working to Improve and Setting Ambitious Goals

Throughout their preparation, the Louisville Band is focused on continuous improvement. They are dedicating extra time to perfect their precision in marching and enhancing musical expression during concert rehearsals. The leadership has introduced new techniques to improve breath

control, timing, and synchronization, while also encouraging members to develop stronger individual skills. This year, the band has set an ambitious goal: to achieve an overall "1" ranking in both marching and concert competitions. This top rating is a mark of excellence and reflects the band's commitment to delivering flawless performances that showcase their hard work and dedication. Every practice and rehearsal is aimed at reaching this standard, motivating the group to push beyond their limits.

Building Unity and Teamwork

Beyond individual preparation, the Louisville Band focuses heavily on building unity. This year, leadership emphasized the importance of collaboration and teamwork. Whether it was the brass section working on their precision or the percussion section refining their timing, every member played an important role in the success of the group. Band camp served as an opportunity to practice as a collective unit, refining both musical and marching skills. These shared experiences set the tone for a season that values every individual's contribution while highlighting the strength of the group as a whole.

Looking Ahead: Upcoming Competitions

With the start of the fall season, the Louisville Band is gearing up for several upcoming competitions. The members are focusing on perfecting their routines and fine-tuning their performance for both local and regional events. There's a heightened sense of excitement as the band prepares to showcase their hard work and dedication, with hopes of advancing through state-level competitions. Whether it's on the field or in the classroom, the Louisville High School Band is ready to take on the challenges of the season with determination, enthusiasm, and the spirit of teamwork that defines this tight-knit group. The hard work put in during band camp and throughout the season is sure to pay off as they aim for that coveted "1" ranking in all their performances.

Thank you Labrishia Davis, Kelsie Dewberry, and Zariyah Jackson for contributing this article to *Wildcat Nation*.

***Jurassic World Rebirth:* Review: An Enthralling, Life-Saving Adventure**

Submitted by: Jayshun Beasley, Ben Hart, Ashanti Jackson, & Zaryhia Parker

Jurassic World Rebirth brings us into a world of wonder, danger, and bone-chilling intensity that shows the risks of venturing into abandoned territory. The movie that is now in theaters isn't just stunning; it's captivating and eerie.

The trailer for the movie invokes a feeling of terror, adventure, and hope for the adventurers in a way that makes it seem like we are there.

Zora Bennet, a mercenary; Dr. Henry Loomis, a paleontologist, and Duncan Kincaid, an ordinary team member venture out into the inhospitable environment in search for samples from some of the most dangerous dinosaurs in an effort to conduct medical research to use on humans. The story delves into the group entering the abandoned "Jurassic World" to collect DNA. After 12 years of abandonment, the



facilities are run down and overgrown, leaving the explorers in a desolate climate and subject to the wrath of the dinosaurs. We can agree that this movie would be an interesting "must-watch." This is a nostalgic rebirth to *Jurassic World*.

What if I Want to Do Something Besides Go to College – Submitted by Ke'ijay Hickman, Dalton Mayo, Makayla Mullins, & Kyreian Triplett,

Have you thought about what you want to do after high school? Is your family forcing the college route on you? Wo then keep reading.

Would you rather go to trade school or maybe become a "Youtube" streamer? Does your school offer an alternative plan for you? If any of these questions interest you, then keep reading.

For those of you who choose not to pursue a 4-year college degree, there are numerous opportunities that exist such as skilled trades, vocational training, and apprenticeships.

These are just some of the options available, so do not feel discouraged or settle for less than what you deserve.

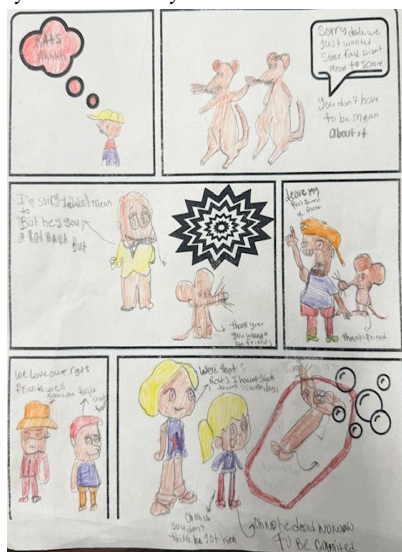
Trade and vocational schools can be better options for many students, offering advantages that make them workplace ready. Trade schools often have lower tuition costs reducing loan debt. These schools are hands-on and students are trained specifically for a job market and can many times enter much quicker than a 4-year degree allows.

Streaming or content making is actually a career many are

choosing today. Students can make money in the world through streaming, utilizing a combination of strategies including merchandising, brand sponsorships, subscriptions, and donations. They can monetize their content with ads and affiliate marketing and by offering exclusive content or services such as coaching and digital products. To maximize earnings, collaborations can be used to bring more exposure and increasing the income stream.

***Little Man and the Rat* Senior Spotlight:**

by Corniolous Kelly



Adan Espino

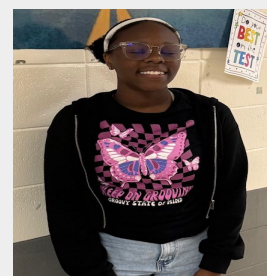
Adan will be one of LHS's 2026 graduates. He is the son of and has siblings. Adan's favorite family activity is, while his favorite childhood memory is playing with his cousins when younger.. While at LHS, Adan has been a part of the soccer team for five years and played football for a year. The activity he enjoys the most is soccer.. Adan's favorite LHS memory is un-day"his 9th grade year.. His favorite class at LHS is because. After high school, he plans on getting a degree in landscaping. In his life, he most admires his father because he has taught me how life is and helped me so much."



Adan wants his own home and to be able to travel when he gets older and sees himself married with a family in the next 10 years. His favorite teacher is Coach McCullough because he says coach had faith in him and gave him confidence to do many things. Adan says he will miss football, soccer, and the amazing teachers at LHS when he graduates.

Senior Spotlight: Zariyah Jackson

Zariyah is one of our proud Class of 2026 seniors. She is the daughter of Tiffany Jackson and has one brother, Alex. The family activity she enjoys most is going to . During her time at LHS, she has been involved in TSA for four years, FCCLA for three years, and a member of the Pride of Louisville Marching Band for four years. She has also played tennis for the last two years. Her favorite activity while at LHS has been participating in TSA because she says it has grown her leadership skills and shown her teamwork skills. Zariyah says that becoming the TSA Vice-President for the state TSA organization is her favorite high school memory. Her favorite LHS class was her IT vo-tech class because she says it put her one step closer to her tech future. When Zariyah is not at school, she enjoys reading, cooking, and spending time with her family. Her number one wish in life is to simply be successful. When asked to describe herself, Zariyah says she is enthusiastic, outgoing, and determined. Her plans for the future include going to college to major in computer science, business, and engineering and wants to have her own business as a computer engineer. The person she most admires is her mother because she is hardworking and gets things done. Her favorite teacher at LHS is Mrs. Love because she tells it like it is and makes sure you work hard for your future. Zariyah says she will remember the memories she made with her friends most about LHS. Congratulations, Zariyah.



The History of Rap: Rooted in Heritage

Submitted by Anthony Bogan, Samantha Eiland, Diamond Foster, Tysianna Nash, and Errieyon Thomas

Rap, as a genre of music, is a musical style characterized by rhythmic speech, often rhyming, delivered over a backing beat. The flow of rap is the rhythmic delivery of the lyrics, including the rhythm, rhyme scheme, and emphasis on certain words or phrases. A good flow is crucial for engaging the listener. The wordplay of rap is clever and creative use of language, including metaphors, similes, and other figurative language techniques. While often used interchangeably, rap is specifically the vocal performance style within the broader hip hop culture which also includes DJing, breakdancing, and graffiti art. Rap can be seen as the musical foundation of hip-hop, with the rapper being the primary vocalist.

Rap, a core element of hip-hop culture and is a form of vocal expression that emphasizes lyrical dexterity, wordplay, and flow, which is the rhythmic delivery of the lyrical American. It was started in the early 1970's by a dj named Dj Kool Herc.

It first started as simplistic poetry over beats and was usually constructed in clubs and party situations. It is derived from Jamaican and New York inner city culture. It was mainly used as an expression by Dj's, breakdancers, graffiti artists and actual rappers. aka MCs. When rap got popular in the mid 70s to the 80s, rappers such as Kool G Rap, Rhakim and a list of others helped bring lyricism with metaphors and similes into rap. Late 80s gangster rap became popular with artists and groups such as Ice T, NWA, and Schooly D. In the early 90's rap became more popular with rappers like Kid n Play, Mc Hammer, Tupac and many more. Female rappers such as Roxanne Shantae, Queen Latifah, Foxy Brown and Lil Kim have also made an impact and paved a way for future female rap artists to be respected the same way as their male counterparts. Many rappers, male and female, Lots of rappers talk about political standpoints;

others makemade music about having fun. and Most of the newer rap at the time has become about hardcore gangster lyrics dealing with everyday life in the inner city.



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LHS Cheerleaders are on the Move



The Louisville High School cheerleaders have gotten off to a great start! The varsity and middle school cheerleaders teamed up for a great camp in July, earning a Superior trophy. In addition to achieving Superior as a team, many made All-American Cheerleader, including: Faith Hughes, Kelsie Dewberry, Sariya Hudson, Rhylee Warren, Khloe Coleman, Sa'Nya Leach, Adrian Chapman, Marianna Ivy, Lauren O'Neal, Lakendrianna Daniel, Jamari Wooten and Ny'Jayla Thames. The cheerleaders were able to show off their skills and hard work this past Friday with an amazing pep rally to raise spirits before Louisville took on West Point. The girls also hosted a min-cheer camp for over 90 girls ages K4-6th grade and led them in a pre-game performance. These ladies are off to an amazing start, and look forward to a fabulous year! Thank you Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Turner for you hard work with this amazing group of young ladies.

Wildcats Speech and Debate Team

A BRAND NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR LHS STUDENTS

New to LHS this year, Ms. Harvey is excited to found the Speech and Debate Team for all students in 9-12 grades.



This year, LHS students will have the opportunity to join the first ever competitive Speech and Debate team. Members of this team will compete against schools throughout Mississippi . in over 20 possible categories from debate, to prepared speaking, limited prep, and interpretation (aka acting) events. With so many different events to choose from, Speech and debate truly offers something for everyone.

Ms. Harvey has been involved in Speech and Debate in Mississippi for over 30 years. This will be her fourth high school team to build. She and Ms. Wilbert look forward to meeting interested students on Thursdays directly after school in room 10.

Being part of a speech and debate is a great way to learn real world skills, win trophies, and meet other kids just like you from all over Mississippi and across the country. If you think you have what it takes, or would like more information about speech and debate, you can see Ms. Harvey.

Seafood Eats Food

By Teresa Clark

