

# BUCCANEER BULLETIN

## WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND SOUTHSIDE JUNIOR HIGH

### SJH Club: Fellowship of Christian Athletes

BY: BRIELLE CONRAD AND GABBY MOUTAFIAN

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a faith-based student organization. The club is open to all denominations of Christianity, as well as to students that are interested in learning about being a Christian. Originally designed for student athletes, FCA was later opened up to all students.

At Southside Junior High, FCA is one of the largest clubs. This school year, FCA has approximately 120 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade members. The club meets once a month on Club Day. They also have Bible study every Monday morning at 7:15.

Students join FCA in order to make friends, have fun, and hear the Good Word. Mr. Ivy, the FCA leader, says, "FCA is intended to help students have a place to share their faith. At the middle school level, we work on developing and deepening the faith of our members."

FCA leaders and members always encourage everyone to become part of the Southside Junior High movement. If you are interested in joining FCA in the 2020-2021 school year, visit a Bible Study on Monday mornings before school.



### SJH Club: Video Game

BY: ALEX VARELA AND SLEYDER MEJIA

Mario Kart. Wii Boxing. Burnout. Southside students love to play video games in their free time. This inspired Coach Brown to create the Video Game Club, so students could play the games they love at school.

Each club day, the video game club meets to play various video games on the school's televisions and projectors. Currently, the video game club has a Nintendo 64, an Atari, Wii U, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, and GameCube.

If a student enjoys playing video games at home, they should consider joining the video game club next school year.

## ISABELLA MILLER, STUDENT OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

BY: KAYLIN CANTU

It takes a lot of effort, hard work, and determination to be nominated for SJH's Student of the Year. Isabella Miller is one of the six proud nominees for the 2019-2020 school year.

This school year, Isabella is very involved on campus. She is a member of the Buccaneer Belles, the SJH Band, CSI Club, and FCA. She is also on the school's honor roll.

Isabella's favorite thing about Southside Junior High is how the teachers make learning fun and enjoyable. Mrs. Rockco, her ELA teacher, said, "Isabella is a great student because she is always positive and polite. She has a great attitude and participates in class."

Isabella's advice for sixth and seventh grade students who would like to be nominated for Student of the Year during their eighth-grade year is "...to be very good in school and get really good grades."



*Isabella Miller, Eighth Grade  
Student of the Year Nominee*



*Jacob Turner, Eighth Grade  
Student of the Year Nominee*

## JACOB TURNER, STUDENT OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

BY: BLAINE GIBBS AND KAI MURRAY

Southside Junior High has many opportunities for students to be actively involved on campus, and JT has taken advantage of this making him a great candidate for Student of the Year.

This year, JT is a member of FCA, so he can grow closer to God by worshipping and praying with the students and faculty that he sees daily. He also joined the Robotics Club because building is one of his favorite hobbies.

JT's good grades earned him a membership in Bucs Honor Society, which is a club for students who maintain honor roll.

Sports are also an interest of JT's. He is a member of SJH's track team and soccer team.

JT credits his determination and his brothers, who taught him how to be hardworking, for his being nominated for Student of the Year.

## LYONS ZHANG STUDENT OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

BY: JACOB RAIFORD AND SEBASTIAN FONTENOT



Lyons Zhang has been a student at Southside Junior High all three years. During his time at Southside, he has enjoyed his teachers. Zhang said, "The teachers are very encouraging and make it easy to be a great student."

This school year, Lyons is a member of the Southside Band. He plays the clarinet, and he hopes to be a member of the Denham Springs High School band next year. He is also a member of the video game club. Lyons said, "I love being able to play games and compete against my friends at school."

Lyons is honored to have been nominated for Student of the Year. He offers the following advice to students if they would like to be nominated, "As long as you try your best and do not waiver from your goal, you will have a good chance of being nominated for Student of the Year."

### SJH Student of the Year Nominations

Each year, Southside Junior High teachers nominate six eighth grade students to compete to be the Student of the Year. This year's nominees are Lyons Zhang, Elle Harris, Isabella Miller, Olivia Slack, Jacob Turner, and Drew Partin.

Make sure to read the next issue of the Buccaneer Bulletin to read about Student of the Year Winner Drew Partin and Teacher of the Year Winner Mrs. Ringo.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT: SJH CHEERLEADERS

BY: BAILEY CARLSON AND BREANNE SEGURA

Here at Southside Junior High, there are multiple ways to show school spirit. One way is by being a member of the SJH Cheer team.

SJH cheerleaders play a major role on campus. Captain Rebecca David explains, "The cheerleaders participate in almost everything the school hosts. We perform at football and basketball games, plan and execute pep rallies, and other school events."

During the summer, the cheerleaders also participate in a UCA Summer Camp. At camp, they learn new cheers, stunts, and work on team building. Alayshia Beverly, eighth grade member, recalls, "Camp is a lot of work, but it is also a lot of fun. We really grow and improve as a team."

Not only the cheer team, but the rest of Southside sees the improvements the squad is making. They are striving to achieve personal and team cheer goals. Southside's cheer team will continue to work hard at promoting Buccaneer spirit throughout the 2019-2020 school year.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the SJH Cheer Squad, speak with Mrs. Hyde or Mrs. Revelle, the cheer squad sponsors. Tryout are held in the spring. The sponsor or a current cheer member can offer advice on the tryout process.



Southside Junior High Cheerleaders at the 2019 Homecoming Pep Rally



## SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: Swim Team

BY: MATTHEW ORANGE AND AIDAN LANDRY

**2019-2020 Swim Team:** *Front Row:* Ashlyn Bonnette (6<sup>th</sup>), Liliana Cisneros (6<sup>th</sup>), Hailey Vasquez (6<sup>th</sup>) *Second Row:* Diana Ruiz (6<sup>th</sup>), Amelia Wells (6<sup>th</sup>), Grayson Harman (6<sup>th</sup>), Eli Bonnette (6<sup>th</sup>), Claire McGovern (6<sup>th</sup>), Berkley May (6<sup>th</sup>) *Third Row:* Brooklynn Reynolds (8<sup>th</sup>), Lauren London (8<sup>th</sup>), Kailey Bonnette (8<sup>th</sup>), Laird May (8<sup>th</sup>), Drew Partin (8<sup>th</sup>), Landyn Hebert (8<sup>th</sup>), Ethan Brant (7<sup>th</sup>), Kristina Kent (8<sup>th</sup>), Dylan Leger (8<sup>th</sup>), Bryce Nobel (8<sup>th</sup>)

One of the newest sports to Southside Junior High is the school swim team. Swimmers compete in one of three swimming strokes: the back stroke, the freestyle stroke, and the butterfly stroke. They practice at North Park PARDS facility.

Southside Junior High's swim team may only be two years old, but it had an amazing 2019-2020 swim season. They won the 2019 Capital City Middle School Championship. They competed against seventeen area schools and won by a huge margin. Mrs. Varnado, swim team coach, said, "The swim team is a group of hardworking and enthusiastic students. I am proud of how hard they have worked this season."

The swim team is coached by Mrs. Varnado, the SJH School Librarian, and Mrs. May, an SJH student's mother. If you are interested in trying out for the swim team for the 2020-2021 school year, see Mrs. Varnado.



Combined Team Scores - Through Event 28	
1. Southside Jr High	177
2. Iuban Park Junior High	129
3. Catholic High School Bears	125
4. Most Blessed Sacrament	88
5. Parkview Baptist Middle School	83
6. Glasgow Middle	81
7. Brusly Middle School Swim Team	60
8. Lewis Vincent	46
9. Dunham Middle	39
10. Bris Falcons	35
11. Mayfair Laboratory School	34
12. French Settlement	28
13. Homeschool	18
14. Seventh Ward	14
15. Ascension Christian	13
16. Southern Lab	7
17. Brighton	6
18. Woodlawn Middle	6



## BUCS OF THE MONTH

November: Melvin Jones (6<sup>th</sup>), Parker Mitchell (6<sup>th</sup>), Chris Theriot (8<sup>th</sup>), Rylan Tullier (7<sup>th</sup>), Joselyne Olivias (7<sup>th</sup>), Ella Ackoury(8<sup>th</sup>), and Kamryn Gibbs (7<sup>th</sup>)

December: Jilliny DeMars (7<sup>th</sup>), Kylie Blouin (8<sup>th</sup>), JT Turner (8<sup>th</sup>), Peyton Puffer (7<sup>th</sup>), Rylie Hoover (6<sup>th</sup>), Jack Varnado (6<sup>th</sup>), and Finlee Ackoury (6<sup>th</sup>)



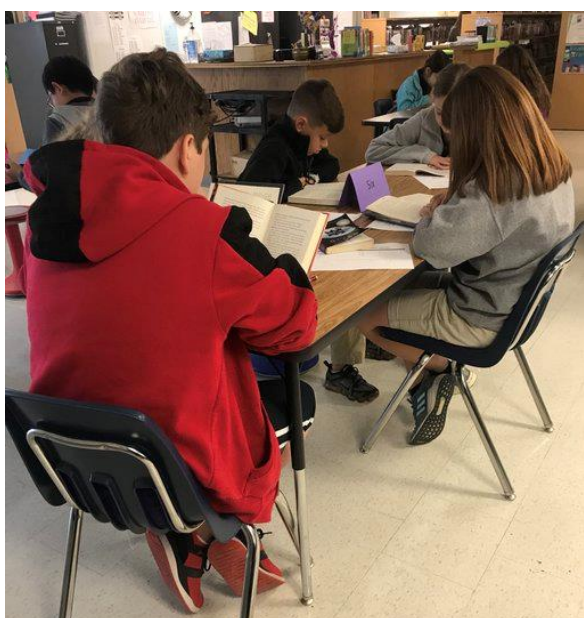
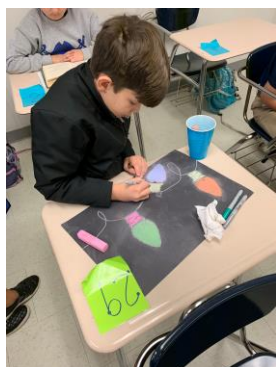
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# SOUTHSIDE SNAPSHOTS

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## SJH Philosophy

Southside Junior High School has consistently been one of our district's top performing schools. Southside is an inclusive school where children of all races and backgrounds are pushed to succeed and be the best that they can be in order to prepare them for a bright future.

Our school wide expectations:

- Respect Yourself
- Respect Others
- Be Responsible for Your Actions

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