

# SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

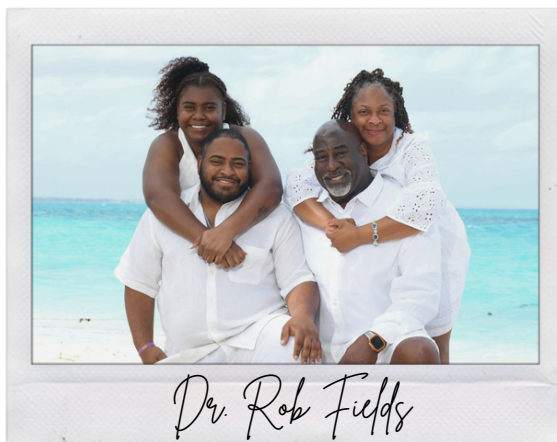
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## DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

Welcome back! The first day back after winter break is always tricky, isn't it? You are excited to see your colleagues and hear about their holidays but it sure is hard to get back into that daily routine! But, we made it, and we have a brand new year ahead of us.

Over the holidays, I was able to travel with my family. What an incredible blessing to be able to spend that time with the ones I love most. I was able to "unplug" a bit and focus my time and attention on our family, and it was wonderful and relaxing.

I hope whatever you did over winter break recharged your body and soul. I hope you had moments that reminded you how fortunate we are to have people in our lives who care about us and have that time to devote to them.



As we begin this new year filled with hope and a refreshed spirit, I hope we can carry that into our classrooms, hallways, buses and cafeterias and share it with our students and colleagues. A new year gives us the opportunity to do something different, something better, something special. I am going to challenge myself and all of you to enter 2024 joyfully and to keep that joy at the forefront of our daily lives.

Happy New Year, JISD Family. Thank you for all you will do to change lives in the year ahead!

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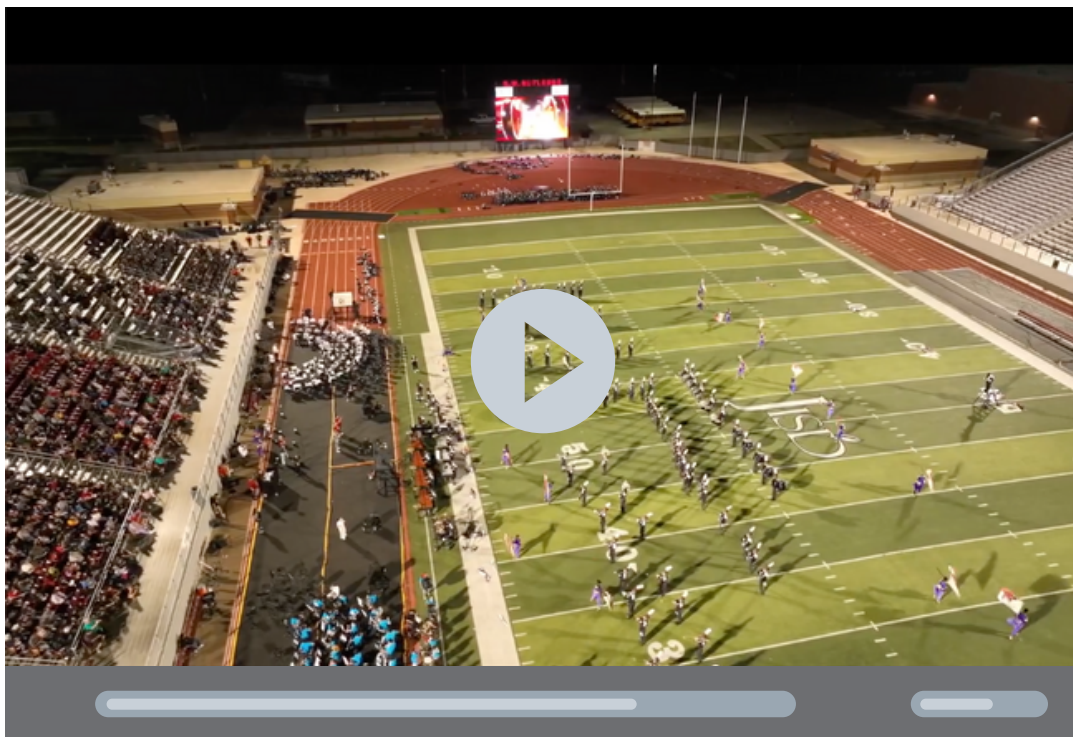
## JUDSON ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT ADOPTING A JISD FAMILY

While the district was off for the Winter Break, members of the Judson ISD Police Department gathered food, gifts, and toiletries for a deserving Judson ISD Family, ensuring they didn't go without this holiday season. With the help of Student and Family Services, they continued their yearly tradition of adopting a family in our community and showering them with everything and anything they may need.



## A 2023 SEMESTER IN THE LIFE OF JUDSON ISD!

Let's recap all of Judson ISD's fall/ winter 2023 excitement, achievements, and special moments from our Judson ISD campuses, events, and celebrations!





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## FIVE STUDENTS EARN SCHOLARSHIPS FROM VALERO ALAMOBOWL

For its 31st annual game, the Valero Alamo Bowl awarded \$1.2 million split between 165 San Antonio high school and college students via two programs.

This amount was expected to be the largest local scholarship total in Valero Alamo Bowl history and #1 among all bowl games. On December 13, at the H-E-B Scholarship Awards Luncheon at Security Service Event Center, 94 high school winners representing 67 San Antonio area public and private schools shared in \$690,000 in Valero Alamo Bowl Student-Athlete scholarships.

The scholarships were awarded based on academic achievement, teacher recommendations, involvement in extracurricular activities, and varsity sports as well as honors received and a personal narrative.

The Bowl's college program is called the Valero Alamo Bowl Community Partners scholarship and is funded by the Valero Alamo Bowl and matching programs at all six of San Antonio's four-year universities. Last August, 71 deserving college students were chosen to share \$510,000 in awards.

Inclusive of this year's totals, 1,747 scholarship winners have split \$10.8 million in awards from the Valero Alamo Bowl.

[Check out this year's Valero Alamo Bowl Student-Athletes Scholarship Recipients.](#)



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

### WOODLAKE HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL WILDCATS HELD A GENEROUS TOY DONATION

WHMS donated 650 toys to the KENS 5 – Bill's Elves Holiday Toy Drive. Their contribution brought lots of smiles and made a difference to kids in our community this Christmas!

[Check out the video.](#)



### DECEMBER SHINING STAR

Heiress Grimsley is the Franz Leadership Academy Superintendent Shining Star! She is in fifth grade and is on the Safety Patrol and a member of the Student Council. Heiress has an exceptional work ethic and always puts forth her best effort in all she does.

Congratulations to Heiress on being a December Superintendent's Shining Star!

### GO BUCKS!

Standing tall and proud, James Peoples from Veterans Memorial HS signed his athletic letter to play for The Ohio State University!

Best of luck and congratulations to Mr. James Peoples!





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# *Adventure Club's Yvonne Schuler* **NAMED DECEMBER JISD KEY CONTRIBUTOR**

Yvonne Schuler is the Adult and Community Education and Adventure Club Coordinator and the December JISD Key Contributor!

Not only can you count on Schuler for great customer service, always helping others and answering questions, but you can also count on her doing it with flair and creativity. She shares her talents and skills to make Adventure Club a place where students can thrive artistically and have fun at the same time.

She uses those same skills to make the workplace more fun and welcoming. During the holiday season, Schuler created a maker space in the halls of the ERC. Staff members could take a five-minute craft break to create something festive - snow globes, holiday bracelets, or an ornament. She even baked homemade cookies that you could share with a new friend while you were there. If crafts aren't for you, she also placed holiday word finds, crossword puzzles and festive pictures for people to color a portion of during the day.

None of these things takes but a few moments to do and the rewards are numerous. One staff member was feeling stressed and breaking out in hives. After completing the 5-minute activity, she was calm and the hives disappeared. Schuler is creating a place where people who work in the same building are meeting each other for the first time or are taking a few minutes to learn more about each other. Schuler's activities are bringing people together to create a better place to work.

One of Schuler's colleagues says that she is a true example of the JISD motto One Home, One Family, uniting us into one happier, healthier work family.

Congratulations to Yvonne Schuler for being named the December Key Contributor.



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[www.judsonisd.org](http://www.judsonisd.org)



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## SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

The month of January is School Board Recognition Month. It's a time to show our appreciation for our School Board Members who give so much of their own time to ensure the success of Judson ISD. They meet to discuss the challenges, offer support, shoulder enormous responsibility and make sure the focus is always on our students. We would like to send a huge thank you to all JISD school board members who help make sure that our schools are the best they can be for our students.



## JUDSON ISD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS DATES



### New Creation Christian Fellowship

- JECA: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM
- JLA: Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 7:00 PM

### Freeman Coliseum

- JHS: Friday, May 31, 2024 at 7:00 PM
- VMHS: Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 2:30 PM
- WHS: Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM

For more details, visit: [judsonisd.org/graduation](http://judsonisd.org/graduation)

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## JEF INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING AT MONTE CARLO

Join us for a great cause – and a great time! The Judson Education Foundation provides student scholarships and teacher grants to Judson ISD.

This year we proudly funded over \$94,000 in student scholarships and innovative teacher grants.



### EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

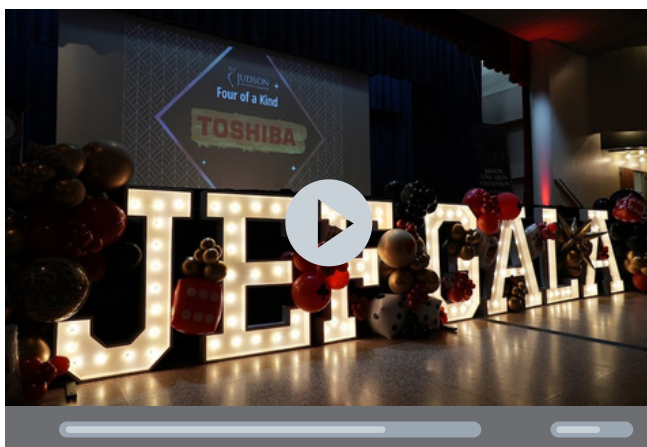
1 admission ticket (open seating); 1 drink ticket; \$500 in gaming chips

One seat: \$60 instead of \$100

The last day to purchase discounted tickets is January 19th. [Purchase your tickets here!](#)

All proceeds benefit students and staff of Judson ISD. Every dollar of donation matters.

Feel free to contact Executive Director Lexie Greathouse at (210) 956-5414 if you have any questions about tickets or sponsorships.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

### **January:** Board Appreciation Month

- January 3: Staff returns to Judson ISD
- January 8: Students return to Judson ISD
- January 9: Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day/ District Holiday
- January 18: Regular Board Meeting

### **February:** Career & Technical Education and Black History Month

- February 5-9: National School Counseling Week
- February 12: Teacher Planning/Prep Day/ Student Holiday\*
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 19: President's Day
- February 22: School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

## DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL STORY?

Is there an event, student, teacher, or community member you want to highlight? The Judson ISD social media platforms and website are a great way to highlight student and district successes!

To request media coverage, please fill out this submission form.

If you have any questions, please contact **Judson ISD's Multimedia Specialist, Briana Estrada**, at **210-945-5411** or **bestrada@judsonisd.org**. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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