

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

AUGUST 7, 2023

DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

The first day of school is so close! I am happy to see our campuses alive again! Last week we welcomed new teachers to our JISD Family at the Teacher Academy and today was the first day back for our veteran teachers. Our administrative teams have worked hard to prepare meaningful professional development for our teachers and staff. As you are attending these sessions, whether it is your first year or 25th year, I hope it will lay the groundwork for you to have your best year ever.

I look forward to seeing you at convocation on Friday at D.W. Rutledge Stadium! It will be a fantastic celebration of the new year! Also, don't forget to visit the JISD Health Fair afterwards!

We are WILD about Judson so be ready to show it this Friday!

Dr. Rob Fields



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JOIN US FRIDAY FOR AN ADVENTURE!

Join us on Friday, August 11 at Rutledge Stadium for our 2023 Convocation!

Doors open at 7 am, you will be able to see Animal Encounters, enjoy breakfast, and more! Convocation program begins at 8 am.

And don't forget to check out the health fair immediately after convocation in the JHS Cafeteria.



HEALTH FAIR AFTER CONVOCATION

Our annual Health Fair will be happening from 9:30 am - 12 pm at Judson High School's Cafeteria.

Make sure to attend to enjoy these benefits!

- Free Screenings & Information
- Fitness Demo and Local Gyms
- Health Education
- Nutrition Information
- Shot Clinic
- Shop Local Vendors

Don't forget to [enter the gift card raffle!](#) For more information, please contact Employee Services at 210-945-5611.



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DISTRICT WELCOMES OVER 250 NEW TEACHERS TO THE FAMILY

On Monday, July 31, the Adventure began for nearly 250 new teachers as we kicked off the week-long Judson ISD New Teacher Academy! They are being set up to become key members of our growing Judson ISD Family. "They had a choice and they decided Judson ISD," said Dr. Nicole Taguinod, Chief Communications Officer. "This year, we are Wild About Learning and we are wild about these new teachers joining the family."



It is the beginning of an incredible journey for these talented educators, each one bringing unique perspectives and experiences that will enhance the lives of our students! Throughout the week, our teachers will attend engaging workshops, collaborative sessions, and enlightening presentations. We are excited to see the power of education grow within the walls of our classrooms! Welcome to the [#JudsonISDFamily](https://www.judsonisd.org/#JudsonISDFamily)!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

ISTEM CAMP

Students began the day completing rotations including 9 square in the air, penny boats, mint Cars, paper circuits, bristle bugs, egg drop preparation, LED letters, drone flying, team building, and microscopes!

Then, it was time to put those Egg Drop designs to the test! Several groups' designs kept the eggs safe on the 3-story drop! Amazing job at camp last week.



GETTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER

Metzger Advanced Band students comprised of returning 7th and 8th graders are already hard at work preparing for their first performance - only four weeks away!

Band Directors, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Aynes are excited to show off their talent at the Wagner High School vs Dripping Springs football game at the middle school band night with the Wagner High School Band, September 1.

CONVERSE COUGARS' FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The hallways were filled with laughter as students explored their classrooms, they checked out all the colorful decorations and new school supplies.

Cougar teachers welcomed everyone with open arms and shared their excitement for the new year! It's going to be a year full of growth, learning, and many memories!



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JUDSON ISD BLOCK PARTY!

We are roaring with excitement at all the fun we had at our jungle-filled experience, the Judson ISD Block Party!

Almost 4,000 Judson ISD students, parents, staff, and community members gathered to celebrate the start of the 2023-2024 school year!

Thank you to our vendors, schools, departments, and educational & business community partners! The Adventure Awaits, as we get ready for a new school year!



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Judson High School

ALUMNUS JAVIER TORRES SIGNS WITH CLEVELAND GUARDIANS

There is something to say about grit. It is not something that can be taught.

It means waking up for a 6 a.m. workout before a full day of school, then going back for a 5 p.m. workout before dinner and homework. It means sacrifice after sacrifice to reach a goal that someone may say you can not reach. It means ignoring the loud voices of many and listening to the quieter voices of the few, the ones who are in the trenches with you, to ensure you reach your dreams.

It is an inherent trait meant for those who will take advantage of it. And Judson High School alumnus Javier Torres did just that. Workout after workout, sacrifice after sacrifice, with one goal in mind - to play professional baseball.

On July 22, 2023, Javier signed with the Cleveland Guardians.

[Read more about Javier Torres and his hard work and dedication made his dream come true!](#)



Is there an event, student, teacher, or community member you want to highlight?
[Click here](#) and let us know about it!



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DISTRICT REQUIRED TRAINING COURSES

Each year, the state requires school districts to train all employees on the following topics:

1. Cybersecurity Awareness
2. Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Prevention
3. Bullying Recognition and Response
4. Child Abuse: Mandatory Reporting
5. Sexual Harassment: Staff to Staff
6. Sexual Harassment: Student Issues and Response
7. Student Mental Health: Awareness, Intervention, and Referral
8. Youth Suicide: Awareness, Prevention, and Postvention
9. Workplace Injury Prevention

All current active employees have been enrolled in the above courses. All courses are to be completed by October 31, 2023. Courses are accessible through Eduphoria Strive. [Here is a training video](#) showing how to access and complete the required courses via the JISD Intranet through the JISD portal.

[Here is an additional resource to assist in accessing materials within Strive.](#)

If you have any questions about accessing these training courses, please contact Alma Piedra at apiedra@judsonisd.org.

2023-2024 ADVENTURE CLUB EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

Registration for Adventure Club opened on August 6. There are a few changes you need to be aware of if your child will be participating in the Adventure Club program this year.

- Payroll deductions will not be used for payment this year.
- There are two registration products when you search "AFTER SCHOOL" in the Adventure Club Online Store via My School Bucks. If you do not have an account, you will need to create one and add your child(ren) accordingly.
- Judson ISD employees will use the product that includes "JISD EMP" after the campus name to submit their first payment.

If you have additional questions, please contact Coordinator Yvonne E. Schuler, at yschuler@judsonisd.org or call 210.619.0352 if you have any questions.

[View the program flyer for more information.](#)



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DISTRICT HOLDS SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

During the last week of July, leadership from across the district attended the Summer Leadership Conference at Northeast Lakeview College. Organized by the Director of Leadership Development, Dr. Destiny Barrera, the two-day conference brings together senior leadership, district directors, principals, assistant principals, academic deans, academic trainers, and academic coaches to prepare our 31 campuses for the nearly 25,000 students and 1,700 full-time educators. Topics included the district's systems to success, reviewing data, branding and marketing their campuses to all stakeholders, safety and security, and a technology overview, among many other topics.



"We are excited to get another school year started off right," Barrera said. "This year, we are Wild About Learning! We want to make sure that our leaders have the tools needed to guide every single campus towards a successful school year." More information about back to school can be found here: www.judsonisd.org/backtoschool

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UNITED WAY'S WRITE START PROJECT

Judson ISD is grateful to United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County for their generous support through the Write Start Project!

After two days of sorting and bagging supplies, today, United Way volunteers delivered a bag full of essential school supplies to every elementary school and middle school teacher at JISD!

What an incredible way to start off the year!

Thank you to the United Way for appreciating and supporting our JISD teachers and students by giving them just the "write" start!



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JISD STUDENTS BACK

Our students aren't waiting for the first day of school, many are already back on campus and ready to cheer, dance, play, practice and make more memories this school year!



PAT THE PATRIOT

Pat the Patriot was introduced at Veterans Memorial HS. This marks the first time in five years that Patriot Nation will have the mascot at events throughout the year!



STARS OF MILLER'S POINT!

It was an amazing day back on campus! The Super Stars of MPE are preparing for an incredible opening day!



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UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

- August 7: Teachers Back in Classrooms
- August 16: First Day of School
- August 17: Regular School Board Meeting
- September: Campus Safety Awareness Month, Suicide Prevention Month, Friendship Month, and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- September 4: Labor Day Holiday
- September 5-9: National Payroll Week
- September 10: Grandparents Day
- Sept 15-Oct 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 17: National IT Professional Day
- September 26: Human Resources Day
- September 29: National Teacher's Assistant 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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The communications department would love to share your stories! After all, a picture is worth over a thousand words! **Click on the images below to go to our pages and give us a follow.**



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