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IN THIS EDITION....

Football season is over, and Thanksgiving is almost here. In this edition, we recap our favorite week of school year so far, Homecoming week. We hope our readers will enjoy reliving all the fun things that happened around our school during that week and more.

Also, we will update our readers on all current achievements. Make sure you check out our updates on our track teams, volleyball teams, and band. They have had a great year. Moreover, The Panther Press has a great interview with teacher, Mrs. Hughes, and Homecoming Queen, Hannah Maddox. Go Panthers!



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HOMECOMING WEEK



Southside held it's annual Student Constitution Jeopardy on October 2, 2025. It was during homecoming week and it is always a fun way to get students excited for homecoming. The winners for the game were the seniors, Asher Lang and Tanner Griggs.



Article by Emma Thompson

Southside held it's student favorite pickleball tournament on October 3, 2025. This is only the second time this tournamnet has ever been held. It was homecoming week, a good way to get all student invovled and excited for homecoming. Last years winners were graduated Seniors Will Argo and Cayden Reason. The Second Annual Pickleball winners this year were Juniors Sam Health and Colt Smith.

Article By Maddyson McSpadden



Homecoming Queen



Southside's Homecoming Queen 2025 Hannah Maddox

Hannah Maddox is a student here at Southside, she is the goalkeeper for the Southside's soccer team. If you were to ask any student here they would agree that she's always smiling and having a positive attitude. She said she was in disbelief that she got voted, she also said she felt so loved and so happy. She would like to thank everyone who chose her to be Homecoming Queen.

-Article by Emma Thompson

PANTHER SPORTS



After not having the type of season we wanted, the Panthers ended with a 3-7 record going 2-4 in region play. We ended the season with a 54-19 loss to Pell City. Coach Holcomb said that he feels bad for the seniors this year and wishes he could have done more for them before their time was up. Coach Holcomb said that “We will use the mistakes we made this season to build off of and get better.”, he says that “Sadly we learn more from failure than we do success.” After asking about if he thinks we will go back down to 5a, he said that he thinks it is very unlikely and that we will just stay where we are and just go about our business, he doesn't really know if we would have more success in 5a or 6a, if we went back down to 5a, it would depend on our region but be harder to make the playoffs but it would be easier in the playoffs. We have very good depth on the team with us having a lot of freshman and sophomore starters on this year's team. Coach Holcomb said that “We are going to work and see how everyone develops for our upcoming year and now we won't have the excuse that we are a young team anymore.”

-Article by: Ledger Nance

Southside XC Takes State!

The Boys and Girls Cross Country team both placed first at county in Glencoe. Guys had 7 guys in the top ten- Chase Hall (1st), Tanner Griggs (3rd), Colt Mickle (5th), Keegan Sherrell (6th), Connor Christopher (7th), Mark Valentine (9th), Caleb Hibbs (10th). Girls had three girls in the top ten- Marlee Tucker (1st), Lydia Kay (2nd), Mallory Tucker (10th). Congratulations on a big win!

-Article by Autumn Garrett



Congrats to our Volleyball Team!

The Southside volleyball team has had a great season with them winning round one of their regionals! They won 3-0! They ended their season in quarter-finals to Homewood.

- Article by Autumn Garrett



The Pride Of Southside

Trevor Townsel- Bass 5

"My favorite thing about playing is the hearing the sound of the drum and being the heartbeat of the band, my favorite stand tune is Snoop."

Riley Ellis- Bass 4

"My favorite thing about playing is learning new things on the bass. And my favorite stand tune is ESPN".

David Evans- Bass 3

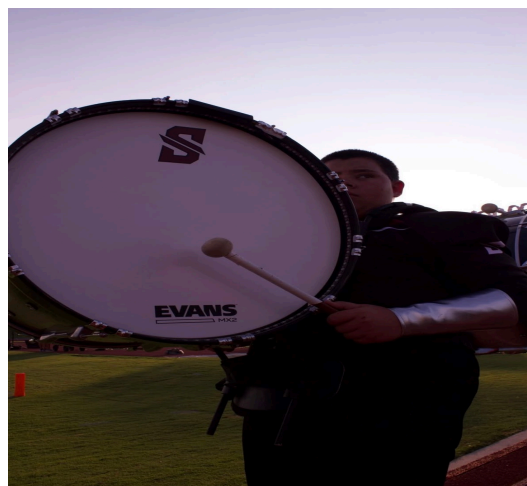
"My favorite thing about playing is I'm able to worship God and bring my friends closer to him, and my favorite stand tune is Swag."

Logan Johnson- Bass 2

"My favorite thing about playing is being the heart beat of the band and my favorite stand tune is Neck".

Elijah Cofield- Bass 1

"my favorite thing about playing is i'm being looked up to by the rookies and I love teaching them, and my favorite stand tune is ESPN cause it's a lot of energy throughout the band."



The Pride Of South marching band recently competed in the Mid-South competition and closed with the Chief Ladiga competition. Way to go Southside!!

-EJ Keith



Teacher and Student Spotlight

Mrs. Hughes Student Thoughts

Mrs. Hughes has been teaching for 30 years and this is her 21st year at Southside. She runs the ASTRA club at our school, which is full of volunteer activities. Another club she leads is the Spanish club. She enjoys teaching Spanish 1, Spanish 2, and Career Prep. She has a daughter at our school named Marley who is a sophomore and is on the basketball and the volleyball team. Mrs. Hughes started teaching Spanish because she was exposed to the Spanish community in highschool. She worked at a migrant program for five summers as a girl and learned Spanish this way.

-Article By Autumn Garrett



If we voted on a Homecoming King, who would you vote for?

-Hannah Maddox- "I would obviously vote for Anthony Padula because one he's my boyfriend and he has an overall big heart and he deserves anything that comes his way."

-Josh Peoples- I would vote for Adriano "Trip" Alberghina.

- By Emma Thompson

What is your opinion on the metal detectors?

Victoria Martin- " I hate them they go off over everything"

Payton Morgan- " I believe they have them for the right reason but there should be a better way to do it"

-By Alyssa Leverett



PHOTO SPOTLIGHT



🏆 Soccer and Wrestling State Champion Ring Ceremony! 🏆



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