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IN THIS EDITION . . .

Southside High School's premier newspaper staff are very excited to present you with some of the latest news happening in our school.

In this edition, you can enjoy interviews with the new band director, Mrs. Erinn Huckaby; History teacher, Coach Dutton; and basketball coach, Austin Reynolds.

You can enjoy our student feature articles about the many things happening at our school including Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Band, and Cheer.

Also, other student features include daily thoughts, pictures and student interviews with Alyssa Leverett and fun photos from around the school.

This edition will take an in depth look at other school activities and we will catch all our readers up on all the many things taking place around our campus.

We hope you enjoy our first edition of the school year!



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PANTHER SPORTS



Volleyball

It's volleyball season and the season is going great so far. The 9th grade, JV, and the Varsity teams are having a lot of success currently. At the time of this article, the JV team has won 14 games. The Varsity has won 10 games. The 9th grade team has won 7 games so far. Assistant Coach Montgomery stated "I would like to see the girls improve on being more aggressive every game, staying consistent, and getting better at our serve receive rotations"

Article by EJ Keith



The Southside Cross Country season started on Saturday, August 31st. The team raced at Scottsboro Highschool and the Varsity Girls placed 4th and the Varsity Boys placed 5th. The JV Girls placed 4th and the JV Boys placed 3rd. Lydia Kay placed 11th and Marlee tucker placed 12th.

Since the race on that Saturday we have had two more races including the Southside-Rainbow City Invitational (Boys 1st Overall, Girls 2nd Overall) and the Valley Cub Twilight in Anniston (Girls 1st Overall, Boys 2nd Overall).

Article By: Autumn Garrett



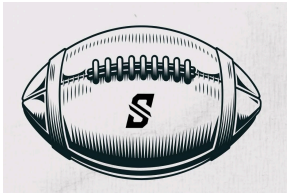
PANTHER CHEERLEADERS



Photo by Average Joes

Southside Panthers national competition team had their first fundraiser appearance August second. Making a total of \$1,275 in only four hours. They will be returning back to Jacks on September 27th hoping to make even more money. This competition team has been working all summer trying to perfect three routines for Nationals in Orlando Florida in January 2026. All twenty athletes on the mat attended choreography on June 24, 2025, and have been working to perfect a flawless winning routine. The whole Southside cheer program made their first pep rally appearance on August twenty second as Southside football prepared for their game against Guntersville. They wore their white uniforms to match the white out theme. That night all fifteen of the varsity cheer team attended the game to cheer on our panthers. They wore their second white uniform. The upcoming week on Thursday, August 28th, the whole Southside cheer program attended the pep rally gearing up for their game against Hokes Bluff. They all wore their cardinal uniforms. That night at the game the varsity cheerleaders wore their white uniform while JV wore their half white half black uniform. That night they performed their dance that they learned at UCA camp back in may. The Southside cheerleaders are ecstatic about the rest of the season and are ready to cheer on our Southside panthers.

Article by RaLeigh Crawford



FOOTBALL



Last season under Coach Ben Stewart, the Panthers went 6-5 with a regular-season record of 6-4. We came in second in our region, going 5-1 in the region playing with our only loss in the region coming from a 14-13 loss to Fort Payne. Southside made the playoffs as a two seed in 6a region 8 with a home playoff game against Mountain Brook, but our season ended early with a 45-7 loss against the Spartans.

Head coach, Miles Holcomb took over the program for the second time. The football season kicked off this year at Guntersville with a theme of white out the wildcats. With a final score of 31-14, the Panthers sadly started with a loss. In Week two, the Panthers took on Hokes Bluff with the theme being boot the Bluff with a final score of 28-7. Hokes Bluff, where Southside started the season off 0-2. The jv football team won their first game in 5 years with a victory over the Hokes Bluff jv team, with the final score being 36-28 Southside. Week 3, the Panthers took on the Lee Generals at Barney Hood and came out with a victory with a score of 38-19. Making our record 1-2. The JV team won their second game of the season with a win over Arab with the score being 26-6, making the JV team's record 2-1.

- Article by: Ledger Nance



HOMECOMING DINNER
TICKETS ON SALE NOW
Date: October 2, 2025
Where: Southside High School
Competition Gym
Time: 4pm - 8pm
Dine in or Carry out
Cost: \$20.00 per plate/ticket
Menu: Chicken & Dressing,
Ham, Mashed potatoes,
Green Beans, Roll, Drink, &
Dessert
Dine in or Take out
available. Bake sale will also
take place at the same time.
All sale support the boys
basketball program.
*Tickets can be purchased from any boys basketball player or
at the front office of the High School



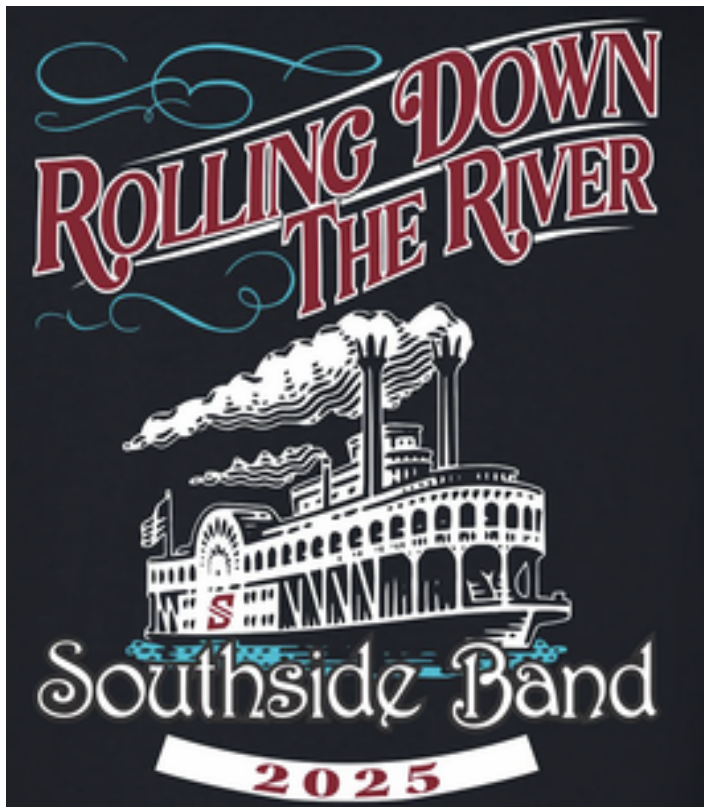
Bring your Panther Spirit!!

9/12/25 @. Ft. Payne Jersey Day
9/26/25 @. Etowah Construction
10/3/25 v. Mae Jemison Homecoming

* Southside Panthers get a BIG 6A Region 8 WIN!!! Southside 38 Lee 19. GO PANTHERS!!!!



The Pride Of Southside



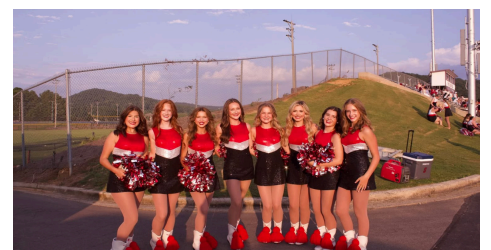
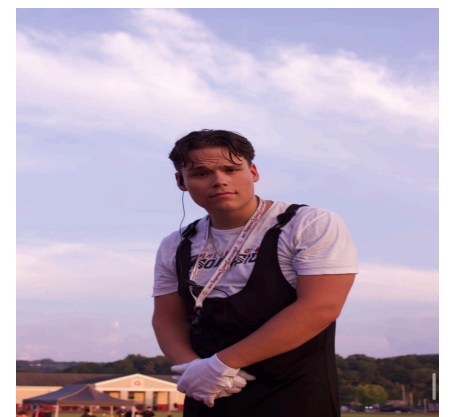
As school is starting back up with a new school year, the Southside Marching Band is getting ready to start off the new football season with their show "Rolling Down The River" including some old hit songs: Proud Mary, Dock of The Bay, Down to the River to Pray, and ending with Old Man River/Down by The Riverside. The show is inspired by the Coosa River. Thanks to our band directors, Mr. Weaver and Mrs. Huckaby and thank you to our new drum major Ethan Robbins. We can't wait to surprise everyone in the stands with the show. Lets Go Panthers!!!

Article by: EJ Keith

The Pride Of Southside band has welcomed their brand new band director Mrs, Erinn Huckaby. She became a part of the band family July 17th just two days before band camp. She was looking for a bigger and supportive community. Erinn came from White Plains GA and Giles TN. Huckaby chose Southside because it is a larger community and the band here is amazing. She also said that the students here are very cooperative. She is most excited for the football games, to be with a bigger band and to see all the hard work paid off. Mrs. Huckaby has been directing for 15 years now and loves every bit of it. Not only does she help with marching band, she is also the Symphonic band teacher.

We love and welcome you Mrs. Huckaby!!

Article by: EJ Keith



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

TODAYS THOUGHTS

By: Alyssa Leverett

-What' is a song that plays on repeat in your head?

I Hate You by: SZA
-Izayah Williams

Good Day by: Forrest Frank
-Miles Mashbern

Creep by: Radiohead
-Zoe Morrow

-What is one thing that your parents do that makes you mad?

"Whenever my dad whistles to a song"
-Victoria Martin

"Whenever my mom gets mad when I do something that she can do"
-Claridy Casey

"They forget the things I need for school"
-Lily Liu



Class Officers

12th Grade Class Officers:
President – Addison Friedberg
Vice President – Luc White
Secretary – Anna Beth Cashman
Treasurer – Macy Barron
Chaplain – Hannah Westcott
Reporter – Drew Clark

11th Grade Class Officers:
President – Rayla Honeycutt
Vice President – Allie Kate Lincoln
Secretary – Cooper Yancey
Treasurer – Micah Little
Chaplain – Halle Williamson
Reporter – Caden Holderfield

10th Grade Class Officers:
President – Leah French
Vice President - Marley Hughes
Secretary - Addie Bozeman
Treasurer - Collins Reeves
Chaplain - Jack Hurley
Reporter - Alexa Cosper

9th Grade Class Officers:
President - Declan Elliott
Vice President - Shepherd Smith
Secretary - Emma Futral
Treasurer - Miles Rickles
Chaplain - Colt Mikle
Reporter - Bryant Gilchrist

SGA!!

President – Tanner Griggs
Vice President – Emary Arquitola
Secretary – Daniel Johnson
Treasurer – Mallory Tucker
Chaplain – Grace Brackett
Reporter – Leah Lewis
Parliamentarian –Jaycie Miller
Historian – Della Wheeler



Jamel Boyd is a junior at Southside Highschool and is a running back for the Panther's football team. He has played football for 11 years now and is planning to go to college for football. He enjoys being someone the underclassmen look up to and his favorite team to play against Gadsden City and Etowah. His favorite song to listen to before a game is Green Dot by YB. Outside of football his favorite food is steak and his favorite resturant is C & J's Crab Shack.

Article by Maddyson McSpadden

TEACHER



SPOTLIGHT

COACH DUTTON

HISTORY TEACHER

Coach Dutton is a new history teacher here at Southside High School. He went WestBrook Christian School, then he graduated college from Auburn just last year. The reason he wanted to come to Southside is because he knew the baseball coach, Coach Vinson, and he says he thought it would be a good fit for him as a coach and a history teacher here. He says he is liking everything about teaching but his favorite part is grading. In five years he sees himself being a physical therapist, his favorite song is Cant Go To Church by Mitchell Tenpenny, his favorite food is pizza, burritos, and steak, and his walk-up song in college was Fresh Air by Future.

Article by: Emma Thompson

Welcome to Southside High

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SCHOOL, FAMILY, COMMUNITY
SUCCESS... NOTHING LESS



Coach Andrew Dutton

COACH REYNOLDS

ENGLISH TEACHER

Coach Reynolds is a new english teacher here at Southside High School. He went to Southside High School in 2015. Then went to college at Auburn University. Coach Reynold's wanted to come back to Southside beacuse it was his home. His favorite part of being a teacher is watching the growth of his students. His favorite food is cheese pizza, he drinks three Dr. Pepper's a day and his favorite song is Letters To Houston by Rod Wave. He is really looking forward to basketball season. Welcome back Coach Reynolds!

Article by: Emma Thompson

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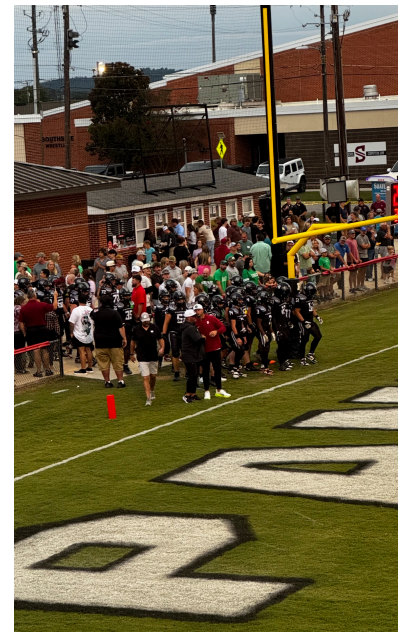
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Coach Austin Reynolds



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