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SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

It is back and better than before!

IN THIS EDITION ...

Southside athletic teams have had an outstanding year with great accomplishments and winning many trophies. Also, many of our teachers have been honored for their continued passion for Southside students. Join us in this edition of the Panther Press as we cover the most recent activities at Southside High School.



Southside Girl's Bowling Team wins State Playoffs!

"PAWS UP,
CLAWS OUT!"



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STUDENT FEATURE PAGE

This Edition's Features:



Southside High School's Scholars Bowl team has qualified for the state playoffs. They will compete on April 12, 2024. **Great Job!**





TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Jack Nelson sat down with Mrs. Couch to discuss her latest honor and here is what she had to say during that question and answer interview.

How did it feel to win teacher of the year? *Answer:* "Honestly, I never thought I would get it. I have always flown under the radar, and I work really hard. I just did not realize that my fellow faculty members recognized that about me and

thought well enough of me to nominate me."

How did you react to this honor? *Answer:* "Well, I had always said I did not want it because of the added responsibility. Once I received it, I felt that I needed to do my very best to make our school proud."

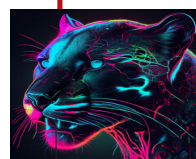
How has it affected your life so far? *Answer:* "I have completed much more paperwork than I had anticipated since earning it, but I am glad I am representing the school district. It has really forced me to get my records (professional development, resume, that sort of thing) in order."

What was everyone else's reaction? *Answer:* "Everyone has been very complimentary. I do not take compliments very well, as you know, but so far everyone has been very supportive in this journey."

What does the award entail? *Answer:* "Well, now that I have won the secondary high school teacher of the year for the school system, I had to fill out more paperwork to be sent to Montgomery for the state teacher of the year. That deadline was January 25th, and I still have not heard anything from them. I'm pretty sure that I will know after spring break if I am a finalist for the state. Right now, I am simply waiting with bated breath to find out about the next steps in my journey. If I actually win the state teacher of the year spot, I will have to take a year off and travel around the state to talk to other school systems about being teacher of the year. The state Department of Education does give me a vehicle to drive, and I'm not sure what other awards and accolades I will receive, other than bragging rights for winning it. If I do win the state teacher of the year, I will automatically be sent for the national teacher of the year."



Mrs. Shirley Rich is one of the most beloved employees at Southside High School. Mrs. Rich has been in the work force for 44 years. She has been working 30 years in the front office at Southside High School in addition to her 14 years as a substitute teacher. Mrs. Rich shared with the Panther Press that her favorite school subject was history. When asked about her favorite thing about Southside she responded "The students of Southside make my job ten times better." She said the reason she has been here this long is because "she loves the students, their parents, and their grandparents." When asked what was her favorite thing to eat during school, she answered "chips". Mrs. Rich is a Southside icon and will be truly missed when she retires. -By Isaih Williams and Nic Salgado



Shortly into the 2023-2024 school year, Southside High School introduced a new member to its staff. Southside was pleased to welcome our new SRO, Officer Paul Cody to the Panther family. In our interview, Officer Cody shared his involvement thus far working for Southside and offered some additional details about his occupation. Officer Cody described his new position at Southside as "a refreshing start and an overall positive experience." He previously worked for 28 years for the Gadsden Police Department, owning the rank of Captain when he retired and additionally serving for five years in the army. When asked if his transition from a fast-paced environment as a police officer to an SRO has gone favorably, Officer Cody affirmed that he enjoys being able to be more interactive on the job and associating with students and teachers on any given day. Though Officer Cody's initial reasoning for pursuing a career as a police officer was simply needing a job when he got out of the army, we can see that his career has led him to great things such as being Southside's very own school resource officer.

To any students considering pursuing a career in the police force, Officer Cody offers his advice to, like him, join the army first to acclimate to such an expeditious work environment that one will experience as a police officer.

We are truly grateful to Officer Cody for all that he does to ensure our school's safety! -Article written by Kayleigh Entrekin.



SPORTS



Southside Girl's Bowling Team wins State Championship!
 Coach Blume and the bowling team travelled to Mobile to win another school bowling state championship. The Bowling Team now ties the school record with the wrestling program to hold the most school state championship titles. Coach Blume has five state championships in his tenure.



Congratulations!

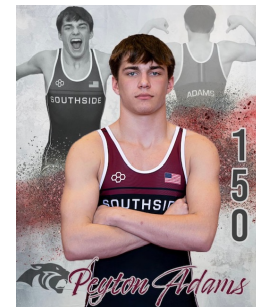
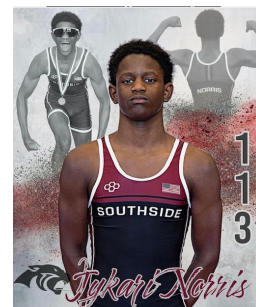
Southside Girls Varsity Basketball Team goes back to back, two straight years with an Area Championship.



Boys and Girls Soccer Teams win the RBC Soccer Classic and Etowah County tournament.



Southside's wrestling qualifiers became the State runner ups in 5A. Congratulations Peyton Adams, Jykari Norris, and Ephram Ormiston. Hayden Graham for placing 3rd in the State Championship held in Huntsville.



Sports page by Nic Salgado



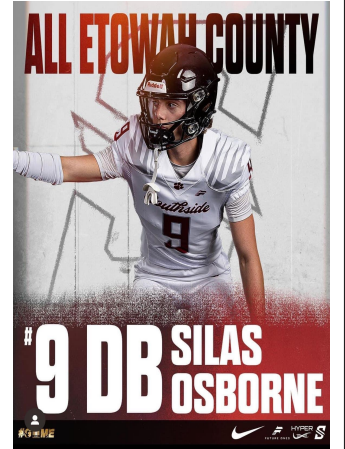
MORE SPORTS



Cayden Reason is a junior and a first year varsity basketball player and a fourth year varsity tennis player. He began playing basketball at the age of 5 years old and tennis at 10 years old. When he is not practicing, he enjoys eating chicken. His favorite basketball memory is beating Glencoe and his favorite tennis memory is when the tennis team made it to state playoffs. However, his favorite high school memory so far is the Hokes Bluff football game. He enjoys watching Auburn basketball and the Golden State Warriors. After high school, he hopes to make lots of money and be happy.



Silas Osborn is a junior and a first year varsity basketball player. He began playing basketball at the age of 5 years old and football at the age of 6 years old. When he is not practicing, he enjoys eating mac and cheese. His favorite basketball memory is beating Glencoe. However, his favorite high memory is building all the great friendships. He enjoys watching anything that deals with Alabama. After high school, he hopes to get a great education and make lots of money.

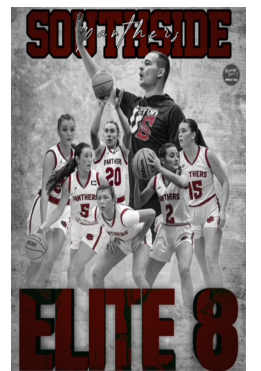


BASKETBALL



Grace Anne Rose is a senior girl's Varsity basketball player and plays the center position. Originally from Birmingham, she moved to Rainbow City to attend Southside High due to her whole family going to Southside. Her favorite basketball memory is playing at JSU with her team during her junior and senior season. Her favorite food to eat during the season is Southside Nutrition drink and some sort of snack. Her favorite basketball team to watch is Utah. Her favorite memory with her team this season is the bus rides. Her biggest hope is that by the end of the year God allows her to impact her teammates for Him.

Lead by this Senior group, the Panther Girls are 10-0 in 5A Area 12, 19-1 at Home, First Elite 8 appearance in school history, and 2nd County Championship in school history.



LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL
JONI MARBLE
101 STEALS



Madison Shaw and Grace Anne Rose honored with being a part of the 5A Regional Northeast Team



THEATRE & BAND



"Mean Girls" Production

On behalf of the Southside High School Theatre Department, the Etowah County musical this year will be "Mean Girls"!

Director Jason Bozeman says he is very pleased with the turnouts from auditions, and he thinks that the production will be great.

Thur, May 2 : 8:00 AM show, 6:00 PM show

Fri, May 3: 8:00 AM show 6:00 PM show

Sat, May 4: 6:00 PM show

CAST

Damien : Skylar Russell

Janis : Susannah Frederick

Cady Heron : Cora Clontz

Mrs. Heron : Gabriella Smith

Taylor W. : Kendall Michaels

Caitlyn C. : Soniya Sims

Rachel H. : Janice Hoenou

Sonja A./Mathelete Moderator : Sam Gidley

Aaron Samuels : Cyrus Johnson

Kevin G. : DJ Kinard

Mr. Duvall : TBA

Ms. Norbury/Mrs. George : Allie Leder

Mr. Buck : Dakota Gurley

Dawn S. : Mary Ella Moore

French Teacher : Rebekah Kline

Coach Carr/Jason W/Marymount 2 : Christian Hooper

Lizzie Thurman : Torey Chaney

Regina George : Tessly Kirchner

Gretchen Wieners : Lilly Liu

Karen Smith : Alexis Abel

Glenn Cocco/Tyler K. : Yash Patel

Shane Oman : Evan Swearingin

Sophie K. : Morgan Dollar

Grace A./Marymount 3 : Addie Bozeman

Teary Girl : Matia Peters

Martin J. : Azeah Hamilton

Caroline K. : Saniya Davis

Band Geeks : Aniyah Adair, Gracie Ohmberger, Aubree Roper, Aysia Marable

Show Choir : Allyssa Hernandez-Fulton, Alyssa Tumlin, Payton Anderson

Dance Team : Miley Beaird, Tyree Chaney, Sara Seay, Diana Alhegazen

Debate Team : Josie Hammond, Meredith Jarrells, Rory Phipps, Raven Fletcher

-By Alyssa Tumlin

THE PRIDE OF SOUTHSIDE
Spring Auditions

Drum Major
March 4-8

Crimsonettes
March 4-8

Colorguard
March 11-15

Major Ensemble Assignments
March 18-22 (in class)

To register and for more info, visit
www.theprideofsouthside.com/auditions

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SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
Symphonic Band

2024 Alabama Bandmasters Association
State Music Performance Assessment

Superior Ratings
Austin Waits, Conductor

Alabama Music Educators Association

SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
Wind Ensemble

2024 Alabama Bandmasters Association
State Music Performance Assessment

Straight Superior Ratings
Matthew Weaver, Conductor

Alabama Music Educators Association



WELCOME TO THE PANTHER FAMILY!



There have been some more additions to the families of our faculty
Help us welcome these little panthers into the family!



CONGRATULATIONS!

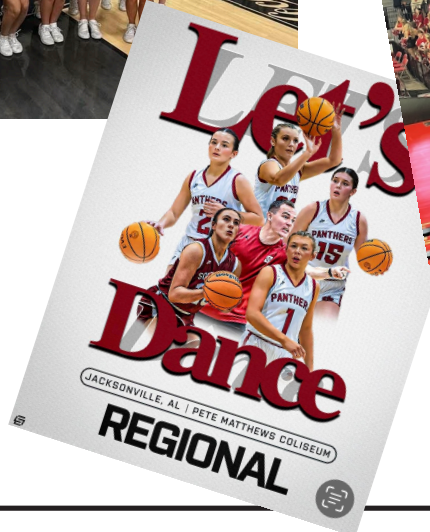
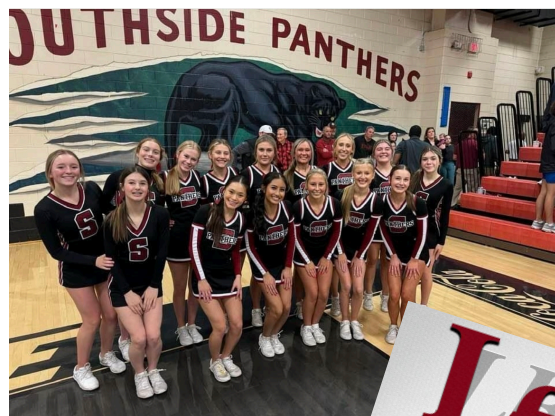


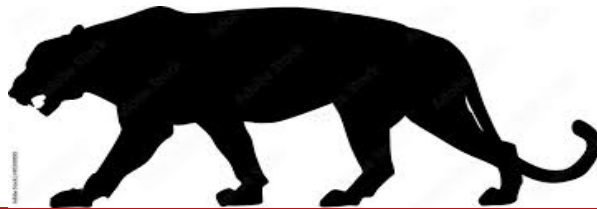
Coach Knight
(Piper Caroline)

Coach W. Smith
(Hallie Jo)



PHOTO SPOTLIGHT





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