These freshmen are having a great time participating in the first pep rally of the year as they helped pump up the team for the Bryant vs. Theodore game.

Freshman year: ready or not, it is here!

By Emily Merren
Senior Reporter

The transition from middle school to high school can be both exciting and scary all at the same time.

Before most people start high school, they imagine what it will be like.

I am sure most of these illusions of high school life are formed based on television shows about fictional high schoolers.

The upperclassman know what I am talking about: we all have been there, done that, and even have the t-shirt to prove it.

Having an older family member or friend to help you make the adjustment is very comforting. They can give you a lot of insight on what to expect, which can lessen the shock.

However, most freshmen are not blessed with this luxury.

For those with no help to find your way around campus, you may find that your expectations have been totally off.

We asked 100 freshmen this question: “Is high school what you expected it to be?”

Of those we talked to, 42% said it is what they expected.

However, 58% said that it is not at all what they expected.

Freshman Doris Paul said, “There are a lot more fights.”

Regardless of whether or not high school has met your expectations, your last four years of high school have begun, and they will be what you make them.

As a senior, my advice to freshmen is this: get involved, allow yourself to make new friends, and always keep a positive attitude.

So, as you start this new chapter in your life, make it the best yet.

These can be years worth remembering: the choice is yours for the making.
**Are you ready for some freshman football?**

By Courtney Walley

Football season is here, and our 2014-2015 tailgaters are going to be bigger and better than ever! Our first home game was against our rival, Bryant. They were not ready for our signature theme, Splash Zone!

Just like last year, we had a “black out” with our new black shirts.

The new tailgating shirts are being sold for $25 and that includes a white long sleeve shirt and a black short sleeve.

See Patrick Dang or Drew Robinson for more information about ordering shirts.

Students are excited for tailgating before games and the fun themes for home games.

Coach Collier and football players expect for the student section to be full.

Our quarterback Chris Coburn said, “The louder y’all are and the more people that are there really is a big support for us; especially when it comes to the end of the game.”

After half time and the very last minutes of 4th quarter is when our student section should go crazy, screaming as loud as possible for our boys on the field.

So, no matter if you are a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior, you should be at the games in our student section supporting the Theodore Bobcats.

In the picture to the left, the student section is having a blast in the Splash Zone.

Photograph by Ms. Brandi Ellard

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**Calling all fans of Fall!**

By Rachel Miller

Senior reporter

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**Laugh it up!**

School jokes

Compiled by Justin Gardner

Q: Why did the music teacher need a ladder?
A: To reach the high notes.

Q: Why did the kid study in the airplane?
A: Because he wanted a higher education!

Q: What do librarians take with them when they go fishing?
A: Bookworms

Q: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?
A: At the bottom!

Q: What do Alexander the Great and Kermit the Frog have in common?
A: The same middle name!

Q: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?
A: Because his class was so bright!

Q: Why did the teacher write on the window?
A: Because she wanted the lesson to be very clear!

Q: Teacher: I hope I didn’t see you looking at John’s exam?
A: Student: I hope you didn’t either.

Q: Where do the pianists go for vacation?
A: Florida Keys

Q: Where do pencils come from?
A: Pennsylvania!

Q: What is the smartest state?
A: Alabama, it has four A’s and one B.

Q: What stays in the corner, but travels around the world?
A: A stamp!

See the following websites for more laughs!

www.best-funny-jokes.com

www.jokes4us.com
Hungry? Not anymore... Free lunch starts NOW!
By Kelsey Boyd
Reporter

Starting this year, all Mobile County Public School students will receive free lunch. Some students already had free or reduced lunch, but this year everyone does.
The school system has qualified for the Community Eligibility Provision of the USDA, which allows school systems with 75 percent of students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches to offer meals to all students at no charge.

Parents did not have to complete a meal application for the 2014-15 school year.
This is a move welcomed by many parents who may find themselves struggling to make ends meet.
The school system already serves free summer lunch and started serving free breakfast to all students last year.
According to MCPSS.com, approximately 18,000 students were served breakfast every day.

That number jumped to 28,000 once it became free for all Mobile County Public School System students.
The school system predicts out of its 59,000 students, about 45,000 to 50,000 will take advantage of the free lunches.
So, if you do not already eat lunch in the cafeteria, you should start now because it is free!
Who would pass up free food?

Should we take a lesson from Zoey 101?
By Tyra Black
Reporter

Anyone remember when you first started school and you did not know anybody?
Did anybody feel timid or nervous because they were not sure that they would be able to make friends?
Well, in high school these same feelings might remain, especially if you are an incoming freshman.
In most cases, when someone arrives at a new school, they are shy or a bit scared because they are in an unfamiliar place and surrounded by unfamiliar faces.

Would things just be easier if there were a more efficient way to meet people who share your interests?
Well, if anyone has ever watched the popular TV show Zoey 101, they might remember the season 1, episode 12 titled “School Dance”.
In this episode, the students of Zoey’s school learn that the dates for the school dance will be determined by a personality test; with whichever your personality matched best with would be your date.

When asked if anyone had ever heard of or seen this episode, 16 out of 20 people I interviewed replied yes.
When asked what she thought of the episode, sophomore Ruby Stanton replied, “I don’t know, that’s kind of creepy, but shy people would benefit a lot from this idea if it were to really happen.”
So, I asked the same 20 people if they were shy; exactly half of them replied yes.
I asked sophomore Kaitlyn English why she was shy, she replied, “Because I’d rather have someone approach me first than for me to start a conversation with a complete stranger.”
Psychologytoday.com says it is proven that nearly one of two Americans claims to be shy and those who are shy are excessively self-conscious, constantly sizing themselves up negatively, and are overwhelmingly preoccupied with what others think of them.
When I asked my 20 interviewees if they sometimes had a hard time making friends, 50% replied yes!
Junior Kayla Conte said, “I sometimes have a hard time (making friends) because I am not really a very open person.”
Victoria Suon, a junior, said, “I sometimes have a hard time because some people are hard to approach or too close-minded; I like to meet people who don’t judge me based on a first impression.”
According to scientists Bernardo Carducci and Philip G. Zimbardo, from psychologytoday.com, most shyness comes from life experiences depending on whether a person was bullied, ignored, or never really gave the “making friends” thing a shot.
Basically, everyone wants to be friends with a good person: someone who is trustworthy, entertaining, and not afraid to be who they really are.
To try to make things a little easier, I asked the interviewees what their ideal friend would be.

Hey, freshmen: YOLO! Let’s make school meaningful!
From Ms. Parris
Signature Academy Adviser

Make high school your stepping stone to a great future! If you have a job you love, it will never feel like a job.
We have four academies at Theodore High School to help you explore job opportunities.
The Industry and Engineering Academy has classes on our campus and at the Bryant Area Vocational Center.
The Health Care and Dental Academy will prepare you for a medical or dental career.
Arts and Humanities Academy includes art, chorus, band, drama, journalism, foreign languages and a plethora (that means many, so stan your parents with a new word) of electives.
The Marketing, Business, and Leadership Academy is for those who want to work or run a business or be in the military, police, or fire department.
Freshmen will choose an academy in the second semester during pre-registration.
You will be assigned three electives related to your choice so that you can get a feel for that area of work. You will also have time to take electives in another academy, as you get about 11 electives in high school.
I am the academy specialist, and my office is in the guidance office, if you have any questions.
I would like to remind you to be careful; stay away from chaos.
You show your true character when no one is watching.
Make your future a bright one.
Enjoy THS and welcome to Bobcat Nation.

Hey, freshmen: YOLO! Let’s make school meaningful!
FAQs of THS: Have a question? Find the answer!

By Courtney Walley
Reporter

Whether this is your first or fourth year here at Theodore High School, there will always be a question that you need answered. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions.

Q: Who can use the elevator? Faculty, staff, and students with a disability.

Q: Where is the school nurse? Ms. Stacey is the sponsor, and she organizes fun fieldtrips, such as the International Festival and a zoo trip in the spring.

Q: Where is the lost and found located? Another copy may be obtained from the front office for a fee of $1.00.

Q: What if my locker is jammed? See LTC Adams or 1st Sgt Callister for Life and an exciting kickball game.

Q: When can I stand during lunch and/or breaks? Students are supposed to keep all lunch trays in the cafeteria and stay in the designated lunch areas which are outside around the cafeteria and amphitheater. Students should not be in the front of the school, courtyard, or in the hallways during lunch or break.


Q: What if I lose my schedule? Another copy may be obtained from the front office for a fee of $1.00.

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Q: What if I lose my lunch number? Ask the cafeteria cashiers.

Do you know who these people are? You should!! See below the picture for their name and title. Next time you see them, shake their hand and introduce yourself!

The Diamond Girls also participate in service projects that includes volunteering at the Spring Fling of local elementary schools. On the first Wednesday of each month, any student that is a member of a club gets to leave their mini block and attend a club meeting.

When the first Club Day rolls around, make sure you find one to join!

There are many other clubs to choose from, as well. See your guidance counselor for more information.

Get involved - Clubs are forming now!

By Gabby Peitsinovski
Reporter

If you are not involved in a club, Theodore High School has plenty from which to choose. Get ready to go clubbing!

There are several clubs you can join: Spanish Club, Art Club, and Diamond Girl Club are three of the biggest clubs on campus!

To be in Spanish club, previous Spanish credit is not required.

The fee to be in this club is only $15, plus you get a cool, colorful t-shirt!

Ms. Stacey is the sponsor, and she organizes fun fieldtrips, such as the International Festival and a trip to New Orleans.

Art Club is another fun club to be involved in. Like Spanish, no previous art credits are required in order to join.

In the Art Club, members get to go on fun field trips such as the International Festival and a zoo trip in the spring.

See the sponsor, Mrs. Legros, for more information.

To be a Diamond Girl, you have to have a 2.5 GPA and the fee for it is $40.

Ms. Tillman, the sponsor, always plans fun activities, such as Relay for Life and an exciting kickball game.

The dance will be held in the gym on Saturday, September 27, 7 pm. Tickets will go on sale soon and will cost $15.00 per person.

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HOMECOMING 2014 is almost here!! Interested in going?

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Here’s something else you should know:

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