



# Spartan Homecoming Week

By Grace Dunn, Maddison Booth & Katie Beth Garrison

Homecoming week was a great way to show Spartan spirit while having fun. Throughout the week, students had a blast wearing crazy hats, crazy socks, camouflage / Duck Dynasty gear, and Spartan colors to support Saraland Middle School.

Our football players also celebrated Homecoming Week, bringing home a victory against Satsuma Middle School.

On Thursday, the ladies who were selected for the SMS Homecoming Court walked onto the football field during the Homecoming game. The following were in the 2013 SMS Homecoming Court: Lorren Granade, Charlotte Ann Pippin, Kelsey Tangle, Lydia

Scoper, Hallie Acton, Madison Hager, Bailey Smith, Anna Sweet, Callie Grace Allen, Abbie Hopper, Camryn McLemore, Sydni Wilkins, Maddie Blakeney, Josie Coleman, Kenley Waters, Kelsey Westbrook, and Laura Owen.

Selected as Homecoming Queen, Laura Owen said, "It feels so awesome to know everybody voted for me. I was so excited." She felt winning made her more confident and that she'll serve as a role model now.

Both Homecoming dances had a great turnout even though they were postponed because of tropical storm Karen. Students enjoyed the refreshments as well as the music. 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Dylan Chestang, stated that he had fun because he got to dance with a girl and party with his friends.

Overall, Saraland Middle School had a great time during Homecoming!



Homecoming princesses: 5th Lydia Scoper, 6th Madison Hager, 7th Sydni Wilkins, and 8th grade homecoming queen Laura Owen

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ter page is \$75, and an eighth of a page is \$35.

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### Announcements

- Invite your parents to school on Parenting Day, October 28th, from 8:00-11:00 am.
- Congratulations to the band for earning an Overall Superior Rating at the White Sands Contest in Foley.
- Congratulations to the Scholars' Bowl team for their wins against Clark Magnet and Faith Academy on October 23.

# SPARTAN SPORTS

## Spartans Advance to Another Championship Game

By Joe Joe McDonald & Tyler Knapp

The Spartans keep rolling with some more wins. The Spartans beat Bayside at Bayside 38-6. Randle Hinton had a big game.

"We came out, hit them hard, and won the game," Randle said. "The team has been playing and sticking together through thick and thin," he added.



*Quarterback Jack West takes advantage of the blocking provided by his*

Academy came with a 27-6 victory. The Spartans played Faith Academy again in the playoffs. The game was a 22-0 blowout for the Spartans, which allowed them to move on to the championship game for the third time in four years.

After starting off the season with a loss, the team focused on playing each game better than the previous one.

"The defensive line has improved tremendously since the beginning of the season," said Coach Travis, who coaches the defense. "They are basically the same guys. They've just gotten a lot better and learned how to play as a unit."

"I am very proud of our team for showing that we can overcome adversity after suffering a tough loss," said quarterback Jack West. "We have worked very hard since then and I am fully confident in us, as a team, going into the championship game."



The Spartans lit up the scoreboard with a 47-0 win against the Satsuma Gators. The game was intense with a huge turnout to keep them on the road to victory.

The Spartans did not lose any of their excitement the next week with a crushing win, 40-6, over UMS Wright Bulldogs.

Another big win for the Spartans against Faith

*Number 16, Daniel Taylor, a seventh grader, rushes past the Satsuma defenders.*

## The Swim Team— Dropping Time and Taking Names

By Wyatt Fulton

While swimming is a sport that doesn't get a lot of attention, it is a sport that is very competitive and very exciting. Your Saraland Spartan Swim Team is full of talented athletes who love the sport.

Swim team members practice four days a week; swimming on average, two miles a workout. Dedication, perseverance, and hard work translate into big results.

According to India Thomas, who is new to swimming and the Saraland

Spartan Swim Team, "It's okay to be nervous, but if you want to do it, you should. It will pay off."

At meets, swimmers have the chance to compete or race against swimmers from other area high schools.

Probably the most unique thing about swimming, though, is the fact that each swimmer's biggest competitor is himself.

Whether it is 1/100 of a second or 10 seconds, dropping time is the rush every swimmer hopes for. Beating the

competition is just a bonus.

With four swim meets down and the county and state meets fast approaching, the team is working hard to make their time cuts.

SMS students who are training to drop time include: India Thomas, Mak-inzee Schilling, Emaleigh Poiroux, Kimberlee Pioroux, Kaylee Chandler, Hallie Rowell, Brynn Yates, and Wyatt Fulton.

# SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT

## Say “Hola” to the Spanish Club

**By Brooke Nicholson & Kaylan Johnson**

Saraland Middle School has a new club called the Spanish Club. Many of the students who take Spanish have joined this club. The sponsor is Ms. Bartlett, the Spanish teacher. This club does a lot of activities such as eating at restaurants, going salsa dancing, and doing charity events.

“The kids were interested in the Spanish Club and wanted to learn more,” Mrs. Bartlett said.

This club consists of seventh and eighth graders. Abbie Hopper is one of the seventh graders. “I get to learn more about the culture and look for-

ward to eating at Mexican restaurants and also salsa dancing,” responded Abbie Hopper.

As you can see, the Spanish club does many activities. Ms. Bartlett



*Left to right is Brynn Yates, Sarah Rouse, Brianna Meeks, and Kelli James as they enjoy a meal at Los Tres Amigos with the club.*

hopes to pique students’ interest in Spanish and help them learn more the Spanish culture. She enjoys their attitude and personalities.

President of the Spanish club, Maggie Copeland, loves Ms. Bartlett and salsa dancing at Southern Country. She’s happy to help out the community and the school in any way that she can.

The Spanish Club has a great group of people. The vice president is Connor Nitteberg, the secretary is Kelsey Westbrook, and the treasurer is Kennedy Gill. The members chose all these wonderful students.

Adios estudiantes, espero que tengas un dia maravilloso!

## 8th Graders Look to the Future during Career Expo

**By Kristen Black, Callie Grace Allen & Sarah Peacock**

From our kindergarteners to our seniors, Spartans everywhere are growing up. Even now we are making decisions for life ahead of us, choosing what we want to do when we get older.

Our eighth graders recently went on a fieldtrip to the Career Expo in Mobile. They went on this field trip to start considering different careers.

“We went to the Career Expo to learn about jobs and salaries,” said Thomas Thortan.

Some other students said that they discovered what college courses they might want to take when they finish high school.

During this fieldtrip they participated in many games and activities. One of these activities was picking items up with a crane.

“My favorite part was when we got to talk to the policeman that was underwater,” said Lacie Domingue.

They also got to watch people deliver a fake baby. This sounds like a lot of fun!

A souvenir that the eighth graders got on this field trip was an orange hardhat. The students that participated on this field trip got to wear these hats the remainder of the day.

“Yes, I would go on this field trip again for the exciting experience,” said Jasmine Garrett.

As you can see, the eighth graders had a great time on their field trip to the Career Expo. I hope all you seventh graders are looking forward to it next year.

To all of you eighth graders at Saraland Middle School, good luck on your career in the future.





## Students of the Month

**OCTOBER STUDENTS**  
**5TH GRADE: STEPHANIE MANZO**  
**GIDEON ANDREWS**  
**6TH GRADE: HALLIE ACTON**  
**JAY MALONE**  
**7TH GRADE: HALEY WRIGHT**  
**MALCOM MARSHALL**  
**8TH GRADE: AMAYA MABIEN**  
**LONDON WALLACE**



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# Homecoming Week



Fifth grade students wear their crazy hats for spirit week!

## Meet Vice Principal Hattenstein

By Callie Allen, Kristen Black & Lyndsey Scoper

SMS is excited to introduce our new assistant principle, James Hattenstein. This is his first year with our school, but not with some of our staff. Mr. Hattenstein previously worked at Citronelle High School in Mobile County along with our own Mr. Crane. "It was a good chance to work for a good boss," said Mr. Hattenstein.

Through all of his life, Mr. Hattenstein has lived in Alabama. He grew up here and continues to love living here to this day. When he was growing up, Mr. Hattenstein went to Lott Middle School. Speaking of middle school, his favorite T.V. show while he was in middle school was Batman and Gilligan's Island. This seems like the perfect show for after school.

Mr. Hattenstein attended several colleges in the area. He earned an Associate in Science degree at Bishop State and then completed a Bachelor of Science from South Alabama. He got his master's degree from The University of

Mobile and his certificate in administrative leadership at U.S.A. WOW! That's a lot of colleges for one guy. He even managed to find the time to play five years of college baseball followed by two years in the minors.

Outside of school, Mr. Hattenstein enjoys hobbies such as fishing and hunting. He also enjoys hanging out with his family and friends. He is married and has two girls.

Mr. Hattenstein is a great man. As you can see, he is the right man for the job.



Mr. Hattenstein is excited to be in his first year at SMS.

## SMS Top 5

By Camryn McLemore, Sydni Wilkins & Caleb Richardson

SMS students were surveyed about Halloween favorites. The top five favorite Halloween costumes are

- 1-Zombie
- 2 -Vampire
- 3-Witch
- 4-Jason
- 5-Cat



The top five favorite Halloween movies are

- 1-Halloweentown
- 2-Friday 13<sup>th</sup>
- 3-Halloween
- 4-Freddy Kruger
- 5-Goosebumps