

Hear Us Roar: Your Liza Jackson Newsletter

Liza Starts a New Era

By Adrian Boistean and Tanner Friedland

Mrs. Dewrell, our new principal, has been a teacher for over 30 years. Before becoming principal, she worked with students in a variety of capacities. She plans to ensure equality for all faculty members, teachers, and students by keeping expectations the same for everyone and listening carefully when problems arise. According to Mrs. Dewrell, ***"In our Revolution, every voice matters and everyone is respected. This does not mean that we always get what we want, but everyone should feel heard and valued."*** Mrs. Dewrell wants to make a difference to not just one class or one team, but to the whole school. Maintaining communication with students, parents, and faculty is a key to Liza's success. She states, ***"My goal is to keep Liza a place where students feel inspired to do their best and push themselves to new heights. I want all of us to reach our full potential as a community."*** The theme for this year is ***"I am the Revolution"***. ***"The 'Revolution' mindset means we don't just compare ourselves to others; we set our own bar higher and then rise to meet it together."*** Mrs. Dewrell adds, ***"I make sure they (the teachers) have chances to share ideas, try new strategies, and keep growing in their work. When teachers grow, students benefit. That's the Revolution in action."*** Congratulations, Mrs. Dewrell!



**Mrs. Catherine Dewrell, Principal
Liza Jackson Preparatory School**

Interested in Liza's Academic Team?

By Zander Dela Cruz and Max Gifford

Would you like to try out for the LJPS Academic team?

- Meetings are on Wednesday mornings from 7:15-7:40
- Competitions happen every few weeks (usually 4-5 per school year)
- Students will increase knowledge and skill in all academic areas

Not only can your children participate, but parents can help us too!

- Volunteering as readers for tournaments
- Donations are greatly appreciated, such as food/snacks

How to join:

- Grades 6-8 may participate (6th Junior Varsity, 7-8 Varsity)
- Contact Ms. Marrs or Mr. Lyles for more information
- Signups are expected to begin in September or early October.

Good luck, Academic Team!

NEW PAYMENT PROCEDURES

By Nevaeh Posey, Miana Hill, Skylar Sutton

In the past, parents would pay for t-shirts, planners, and each field trip for their child in individual payments. However, when you pay online, you are charged an extra \$3.25 for each payment. This year our LJPS finance office encourages you to pay for all expenses in one single payment. This one time payment will cover the spirit shirt, the planner, and all scheduled field trip fees, and will save parents from having to pay the extra fee multiple times. This will also assist our teachers and reduce the time they spend collecting fees. Please pay this one time fee online at myschoolbucks.com or by check.

School lunches are \$3.50 per student and you can put money into your student's account at the same address as listed above: myschoolbucks.com. You can only add \$120.00 at a time. Parents can also apply for free or reduced lunch for their students by applying at: <https://www.myschoolapps.com>. Please note that reduced or free lunch is determined by how many people live in your household and your income, as it's government funded. Once you finish your *online application*, you'll receive a letter to confirm your qualification.

If you wish to make an inquiry about payments, you can contact our Business Manager, Julie Walker, at jwalker@lizajackson.org, and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

History of Labor Day

BY Brantley Anderson and Landon Guzman

- Labor Day has been around since Tuesday, September 5th, 1882. Labor Day has a significant impact on our society today. This day signifies the 19th Century Labor Movement which advocated better working conditions and pay for the workers of that time period, and for the many workers of the future. Another event that helped improve workers' rights was the 1886 Haymarket Riot when thousands of workers rioted against the regulations of their working environment and demanded an eight hour work day. At first the opinion of the public changed to be against labor unions, which caused the Knights of Labor, a major society of people at the time, to have declined membership and eventually to disband. Thanks to these events, workers today have improved working conditions and the we now have Labor Day, otherwise known as International Workers Day (May Day)!
- Fun Facts:
 1. The official colors of Labor Day are red, white, and blue!
 2. Labor Day originated in Canada in 1872. It was then adopted by the USA and has been included in its history ever since.
 3. The U.S. celebrates Labor Day with a parade in New York every year.
 4. Oregon was the first state to celebrate Labor Day in 1887!
 5. The "don't wear white after Labor Day" rule is now considered silly and outdated.
 6. Americans used to work 12 HOURS a day, and sometimes 7 days a week during the 19th century!

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Volleyball Swings Into Action

By Emilyn Day and Kennedi McKinnis

Know our coaches! Coach Friedman (Varsity), Coach Ladner (JV)

Q&A Time!

Q1.) How does the coach decide who to put out on the court?

A1.) Coach Friedman decides who to put on the court based on what she sees at practice. She looks for the players who are working hard, communicating, and are not afraid to take risks.

Q2.) Who is the coach looking forward to beating this season?

A2.) Coach Friedman thinks saying who she is looking forward to beating this season can kind of jinx it. However, she would always like to see the volleyball girls beat Ruckel.

Q3.) How long does volleyball last?

A3.) Volleyball lasts from August until mid October.

Q4.) Does the coach have any goals to accomplish?

A4.) Coach Friedman would like to make it to the playoffs.

Q5.) Are there going to be any special nights?

A5.) The special night will be 8th grade night.

Q6.) What are the fees to come and watch the games?

A6.) The fees are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Roar for the Lions!

Here are some key volleyball terms to know:

Ace - An ace is a serve that lands in the opponent's court untouched or is unreturnable after one touch.

Tip - A tip in volleyball is a soft push to get the ball over the net to catch the opponent's defense off guard.

Side Out - This means to get the ball back on our side so we can serve.

Come support our team!!

LJPS Cross Country Looks to Dominate

By Jonah Ibanez and Coleson Rivers

The 2025-2026 LJPS Cross Country tryouts were held during the week of August 18th and the teams are now set. To be a cross country runner for Liza, an individual runner needs great drive, dedication, and positivity towards yourself and teammates. In order to achieve the cross country team goals, individual runners need to get comfortable with being uncomfortable and to focus on their individual progression for the betterment of the team. According to Coach Lobzun, the team's goals this year are to always be competitive and dominate every race on their way to a state championship. Their first meet is on September 6th at the Gulf Coast Stampede in Pensacola (time TBA). **Good luck, LJPS Cross Country!**

September Events Calendar

By Paige Gilbert and Sanaa Newton




September 1, 2025	No School, Labor Day
September 2, 2025	- Volleyball @ Destin 5:00 pm - Fourth Grade Parent Information Night, Media Center 5:30–6:00 pm - Fifth Grade Parent Information Night, Cafe 5:30–6:00 pm 7th & 8th Band Parent Night 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
September 3, 2025	- Grade 3–8 FAST PM1 Reading Testing - Volleyball Game 5:00 pm @ St. Marys 7th & 8th Band Parent 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
September 4, 2025	Grade 3–8 FAST PM1 Math Testing
September 5, 2025	Cross Country @ Pensacola (Time TBA)
September 8, 2025	- Lego Club 2:45–4:00 pm - Volleyball vs Bruner (Home) 5:00 pm
September 9, 2025	Volleyball @ Pryor 5:00 pm
September 10, 2025	- Cross Country @ St. Marys 4:30 pm - Volleyball @ Davidson 5:00 pm
September 15, 2025	- Lego Club 2:45–4:00 pm - Volleyball vs. Baker (Home) 5:00 pm
September 17, 2025	- Cross Country @ Fairgrounds (Home) 4:30 - Volleyball vs. Ruckel (Home) 5:00 pm
September 19, 2025	Early Release, Parent Conferences
September 22, 2025	- Lego Club 2:45 – 4:00 pm - Volleyball @ Shoal River 5:00 pm
September 23, 2025	Open House 5:00–7:00 pm
September 23–30, 2025	Book Fair
September 24, 2025	“See You At The Pole” (Time TBA) - Cross Country @ Davidson 4:30 pm - Volleyball vs Destin 5:00 pm
September 26, 2025	Middle School Dance 6:00–8:00 pm
September 29, 2025	- Make-up School Pictures - Lego Club - Volleyball vs St. Mary (Home) 5:00 pm
September 30, 2025	Volleyball Game @ Meigs 5:00 pm

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