

2021 Trojan All-Star Cheerleaders



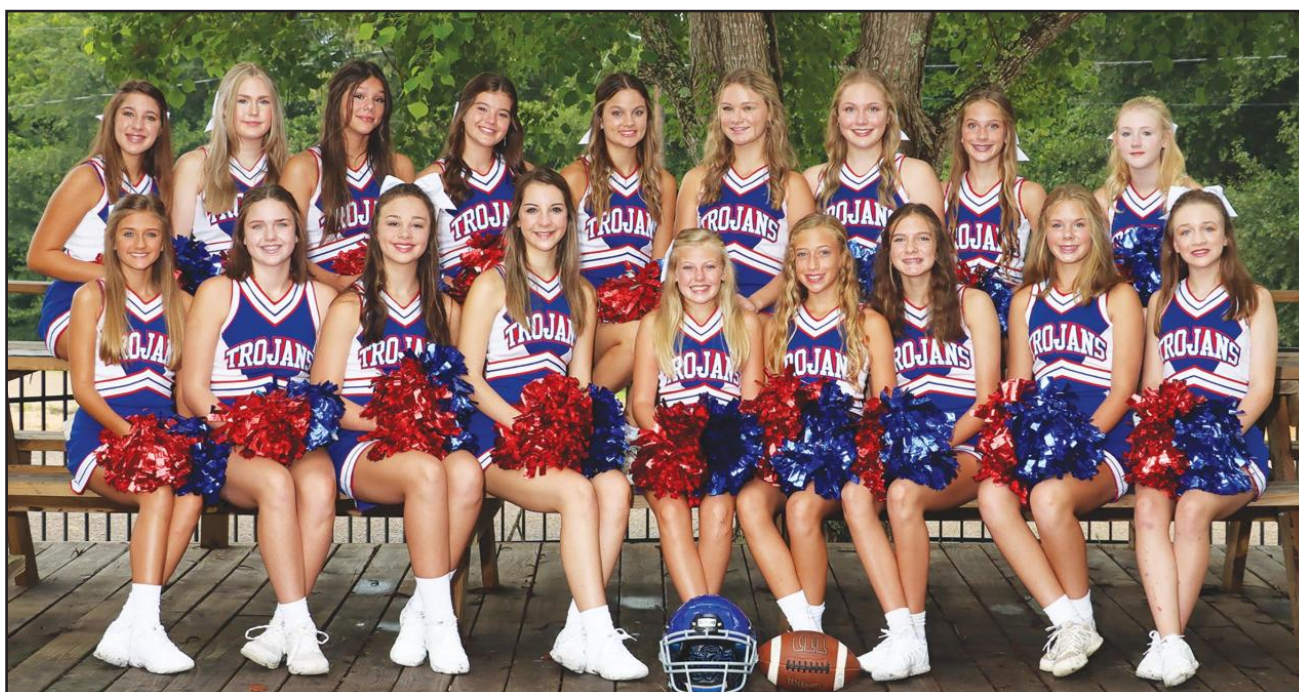
The 2021 Central Holmes Christian School All-Star Cheerleaders pictured above are: Lilly Word, Olivia McBride, Sadie Angell, Aubrey Carr, Drue Johnson, and Shelby Stokes.



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2021 Jr. Varsity Trojan Cheerleaders



The 2021 Central Holmes Christian School Junior Varsity Cheerleaders pictured above are: front row: Nora Grace Grubbs, Hallie Fancher, Kamryn Anguilar, Mary Hayden Hathcock, Heidi Hudson, Paicey Ingram, Claire Tate, Allie Rae McBride, Ally Kyzar; back row: Chloe Word, Addi Hill, Zoey Jones, Anna Duke, Ryleigh Scott, Daynie Parish, Kate Riley, Hattie Melton, Mary Ellen Lancaster.

2021 Jr. Varsity Trojan Football team



The 2021 Central Holmes Christian School Junior Varsity Football team pictured above are: front row: (Freshmen) Collin McGee, Bryan Gallagher, Carson Burrell, Hayes Hester, DJ Brannon, Cardell Mitchell, Logan Engle, Kade Ward; second row: (8th Grade) Joseph Walbert, Reid Logan, Jax Tate, Jon Wyatt Langford, Cooper Logan, Gauge Brantley, Brayden Gipson; third row: (7th Grade) Austin Horne, Aiden Cheek, Wilkes Rutledge, Cahal Rayburn; back row: (Coaches) Greg Watkins, Caleb Joiner, Justin Harrell, Leslie Burden, and Mitch Womack.

Secretary Watson announces September as National Voter Registration month

Secretary of State Michael Watson joins fellow members of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) in observing September as National Voter Registration Month. During the month of September, our office, along with government agencies and organizations across the country, will promote the importance of voting and the significance of keeping your voter registration information up-to-date.

“The right to vote is one of the greatest liberties in our country,” said Secretary Michael Watson. “In 2020 alone, more than 113,000 Mississippians registered to vote. As of today, the Statewide Election Management System (SEMS) reported roughly 31,000 newly registered voters since January 1, 2021.

As the state’s Chief Elections Officer, it’s my responsibility to ensure ALL eligible Mississippians exercise their right to vote. That’s why we are more than excited to participate in this national initiative to promote educational resources and build an informed voting population.”

NASS members established September as National Voter Registration Month in 2002 as a non-partisan means of encouraging voter participation and increasing awareness about state requirements and deadlines for voting. This year, September 28, 2021, will be highlighted by NASS and other voter outreach groups as National Voter Registration Day. In 2020, over 1.5 million people used National Voter Registration Day to register or update their registration,

making it the largest NVRD in history!

U.S. Census data shows that 66.8% of eligible citizens over 18 voted in the 2020 presidential election, making last year’s turnout the highest of the 21st century. For the 2018 midterm elections, 53.4% of eligible citizens over 18 voted—a historic high for a midterm year.

As a reminder, to register to vote in Mississippi, you must be:

- A resident of Mississippi and the county, city, or town for 30 days prior to the election;
- At least 18 years old (or will be 18 by the date of the next General Election);
- Not declared mentally incompetent by a court; and
- Not convicted of a disenfranchising crime as defined by Section 241 of the Mississippi Constitution or by Attorney General Opinion, unless pardoned, rights of citizenship restored by the Governor or suffrage rights restored by the Legislature.

The Secretary of State’s Office serves as the primary, trusted source for election information. Visit our Y’all Vote website (yallvote.ms) to download a voter registration application and learn more about the overall voting process. The website features a variety of helpful resources, such as a step-by-step guide to absentee voting and contact information for county election officials.

For questions regarding voter registration or elections, please contact our Elections Division at ElectionsAnswers@sos.ms.gov or call our Elections Hotline at 1-800-829-6786.

Governor Tate Reeves Appoints Parker Briden as Chief of Staff

JACKSON, Miss. — Today, Governor Tate Reeves announced that he has selected Parker Briden as his next Chief of Staff. Briden served as a senior advisor to Governor Reeves throughout 2020 and his 2019 campaign. “Parker has been a trusted partner throughout my time as Governor. He will be a highly-effective leader and advisor as we work to serve the people of Mississippi,” said Governor Tate Reeves.

“I am honored and excited to work for the people of Mississippi and Governor Tate Reeves again. My aspiration is to bring a fraction of the ability and integrity of my predecessors and colleagues to the job. The top responsibility is to be an honest broker for the Governor

and every partner throughout state government, the legislature, and private enterprise as we work together to serve this great state,” said Parker Briden

As Deputy Chief of Staff for External Affairs, Briden managed the Governor’s response to the initial surge of the COVID-19 pandemic, several large-scale weather events, and other historic crises. He has also previously served as a leader on high-profile statewide political campaigns in Mississippi, Ohio, Nevada, and Missouri—and as the Communications Director for the Office of the Governor in Missouri. Briden is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, and resides in Hinds County.