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President's Corner

Belonging to the Senior Citizen class, I have the ability to compare the present generation of students to my peers in terms of ability and ambition. My observations are in contrast to the statements that I've sometimes heard from my contemporaries about today's youth being undisciplined, lazy and without goals or direction. I see young students that are smart, hardworking and directed. I hear of sophomores and juniors in high school taking advanced classes for college credit toward a degree. They are planning for a career. Career opportunities require more preparation than in my time.

We had many dedicated teachers that worked at providing learning experiences for our then young minds. Their dedication has been recognized by being selected for the John Burton Pennington Award. The 2009 recipients of award to be presented at the Annual Dinner on October 17, 2009 are Bob & Jean Pribbenow and Jeannene Patterson. I encourage you to attend this event.

I see the same dedication in today's teachers as those I remember. The difference I see are the tools for teaching. Today's instructors have computers, the internet, AV equipment, TV, etc. to make information relevant. Whereas the technology of my time was the textbook, chalkboard and the occasional 16mm movie.

The challenge for schools today, as I see it, is keeping pace with the changing technologies. Today's classes cannot be current by using last year's tools.

The purpose of the Alumni Association is to preserve the character, the traditions of Pride, Honor and Spirit and assist the administration in providing the tools for continued academic excellence.

The need for all alumni to join in and help has never been greater. With the economy in decline we ask you to join and work with us to help provide the school with tools for learning experiences, preserve our heritage or assist a deserving student pursue a career.

There are several ways for you to direct your resources, namely the Randall K. Simmons endowment, the Denise Parrish Memorial Fund, the Old Gymnasium Restoration Fund, the Walkway of Pride, Honor and Spirit, annual dues and attendance to annual dinner to honor the John Burton Pennington Honorees.

As an alumnus of J.B.Pennington High School (class of 56) I challenge you to become involved. Join and support the efforts of the Alumni Association to continue assisting the school to prepare these bright young people for the challenges of tomorrow's world.

We thank you for your support of our dear school.

Ken Wilson, Alumni President

Principal's Message

I would like to thank the Alumni Association for their commitment to J.B.Pennington High School. Your efforts to provide support for the academic success of our students is noticed and appreciated. I have had the opportunity to share with visiting school leaders about the local support we enjoy from our community and always receive compliments regarding the existence and purpose of the alumni association. J.B.Pennington High School has had an excellent start this year and is excited about the new faculty and staff joining us. Upon orienting new teachers to our school, we have made a point to share the school's strong traditions and interesting history. We have high expectations of our students, as well as ourselves. We will strive to embody the Pride, Honor and Spirit J.B.Pennington has been recognized by for so many years. As always, I thank you for all your support and invite you to let me know if I can assist in any way.

Sincerely,

Craig Sosebee, Principal