

RAM CITY SCOOP

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Have you heard?



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RAM CITY HIGHLIGHT

RAM CITY EDUCATOR SERVING OVERSEAS



It's no surprise that Provine High educators go above and beyond to help our scholars reach their full potential. However, one Ram City educator has brought that same type of service to another sector. Dr. Alfred Smith, Jr., a veteran Jackson Public Schools educator, is currently on active duty with the U.S. Air Force. He is currently serving a six-month tour at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

Dr. Smith is a technical sergeant with the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing Civil Engineer Squadron where his job is an operations manager. He is the non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) for the squadron's customer service/work control shop, where he leads a shop of four airmen, whose primary responsibilities include processing and prioritizing work requests for seven squadron shops, managing base-wide service contracts, and training base personnel to serve as facility managers for their respective buildings.

Dr. Smith is no stranger to serving overseas and, in the U.S., as he is a 29-year military veteran. He completed 24 years of active and reserve duty in the U.S. Navy where he was stationed as a quartermaster onboard the U.S.S. Lake Champlain (CG-57) homeported in San Diego, California. He is currently serving his fifth year in the Air National Guard with the 172d Airlift Wing in Jackson, Miss. as an operations manager with the Civil Engineering Squadron. Next year, he plans to attend Officer Training School to become a 2nd Lieutenant. Over the span of his military career, Dr. Smith has traveled and completed duty tours in Canada, Mexico, Japan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Australia, Dubai, Bahrain, and Jordan, as well as several states in the U.S.

Back at Provine, Dr. Smith serves as chair for the English Department where he teaches Essentials for College Literacy, English IV, Dual Credit Public Speaking, and Journalism. He also serves as lead senior class sponsor and advisor for the Aries Yearbook Staff. Dr. Smith has been teaching for 18 years with ten of those years at Provine. He taught for seven years as a reading teacher at Blackburn Middle School and as an adjunct speech instructor at Hinds Community College. A graduate of JPS and Thee Jackson State University, where he has earned five degrees, Dr. Smith is married to his wife, KasSandra, and they are both the proud parents of their nine-year-old daughter, Karsyn.

District Mentor Spotlight



About Me

Position: English Teacher **Birthday:** 03/16

Years in Education: 12

Why Mentoring Matters

Mentoring matters because it helps to give one a sense of security to climb higher; To know that you have someone in your corner who can offer strategies, resources, and guidance, etc... to become your best, really makes it an easy process as you transition your way through the educational field.

New Teacher Spotlight



Hello, my name is Mrs. Lakeeta Grossley. I was born and raised in Itta Bena, MS. I attended Leflore County High School where I graduated Salutatorian of my class. After high school, I attended Jackson State University where I received my Bachelors in Physics. Entering my graduate studies, I obtained a Masters in Chemistry and is currently working on a PhD in Chemistry. When it came down to choosing where I would teach, I saw that Provine allowed for immediate impact. Also, with Provine's mission being "Raising the Bar", it aligned with my goal of exposing inner city minorities to the various branches of STEM. Due to STEM fields being among the least frequent interests of minorities, I desire to cultivate minds that are inquisitive about the world around them. Later, my hope is to create pathway programs between local colleges and Provine students that allows for opportunities beyond the classroom. At that point, I will know the bar has been set.

One School, One Team, One Dream, Ram Pride!

September Bar Raisers



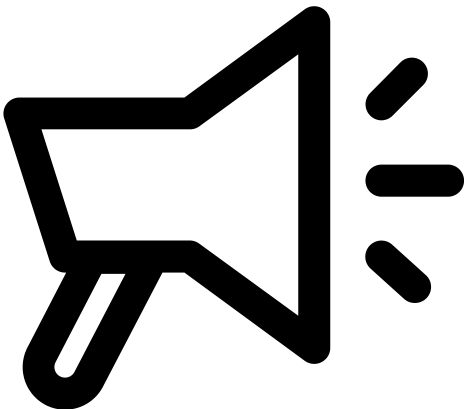
**For outstanding school service,
and Raising the Bar for the month of September,
The PHS Freshman Academy would like to shout out these amazing
team members and scholars.**

Lakeishia Lewis - Bar Raiser for the month

Mrs. Lewis would like to highlight **Briana Perez-Gomez**
9th grade student of the month

Coach Juwan Taylor (new teacher) - Bar Raiser for the month

Coach Taylor would like to highlight **Zion Fulks**
9th grade student of the month



Ram Student Body President Message

Dear Fellow Rams,

As your Student Body President, I wanted to take a moment to share a message that embodies the spirit and drive of our incredible community. Together, we are the driving force behind our school's success, and it's time to continue our journey toward excellence with renewed energy.

Let's embrace the acronym "RAM" to inspire and guide us!

R - Resilience

In the face of challenges, remember that we are resilient. We have the strength to overcome obstacles and learn from them. Our resilience is what sets us apart, so let's face adversity head-on and grow stronger together.

A - Ambition

Our ambition knows no bounds. We dream big, set lofty goals, and work tirelessly to achieve them. Let's keep our ambition burning brightly, pushing the boundaries of what we can accomplish both individually and as a community.

M - Motivation

Stay motivated! Each day is an opportunity to learn, to inspire, and to make a positive impact. Let your motivation drive you toward success and encourage those around you to do the same.

Remember, excellence isn't a destination; it's a continuous journey. Whether it's in the classroom, on the field, or in our creative endeavors, let's commit to giving our best every day. Together, we will make this year one of growth, achievement, and memorable moments.

Let's go, Rams! We've got the spirit, the ambition, and the motivation to make this year one for the books. Strive for excellence, and let's continue our journey together, strong and united.

With Ram pride,
Christopher Jessie Dawson
Student Body President

SPORTS CENTER

FOOTBALL GAME SCHEDULE



The graphic features a central table of the 2023 football schedule. To the left is a large image of a red ram mascot. To the right is a photo of a player in a white jersey with the number 4. The schedule table lists 10 games with alternating red and white row backgrounds. A legend indicates red for home games and white for away games. At the bottom, it lists the locations for home games: Hughes Field and South Jackson Field.

HOME	AWAY
PROVINE VS LANIER	SEPT. 1ST (SOUTH JAX FIELD)
PROVINE @ CANTON	SEPT. 8TH
PROVINE VS SOUTH PIKE	SEPT. 15TH HOMECOMING
PROVINE VS TERRY	SEPT. 22ND
PROVINE @ JIM HILL	SEPT. 28TH
PROVINE @ SOUTH JONES	OCT. 5TH
PROVINE @ BROOKHAVEN	OCT. 13TH
PROVINE VS NORTH PIKE	OCT. 20TH
PROVINE @ NATCHEZ	OCT. 27TH
PROVINE VS FLORENCE	NOV. 3RD SENIOR NIGHT

* ALL HOME GAMES ARE PLAYED AT HUGHES FIELD *

HUGHES FIELD
545 ELLIS AVENUE
JACKSON, MS 39209

SOUTH JACKSON FIELD
2607 RAYMOND RD.
JACKSON, MS 39212



The Rams are gearing up for a
successful year

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SPORT NEWS



Let's congratulate our JV football team on their win against Murrah.

Khimon Smith and Damonta Hicks both scored touchdowns.

~~~Way to go Coach Gray and team on your amazing win!



# Ram Scholars

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Our scholars had the opportunity to meet local entrepreneurs at the Young Mogul Expo at the JSU E-Center. They learned about setting realistic goals, time management tips, and tips on how to start their own business. A lot of students left with this quote, "twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the things you did do." The Business Academy is on to great things!



~Great experience for our scholars  
Adriene Dale

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# CSE CORNER



In Computer Science, our students learned the importance of teamwork, and communication to accomplish a goal or task. The goal was to assemble the puzzle without knowing how the finale result should look.



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# ASPIRING STUDENT AUTHOR

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## Neo Culture

They say the outside world is terrible.

That the world behind this wall is just a wasteland.

And the people who are behind it are infected.

That they are just terrible human beings, that they are filled with violence and consumed with themselves and are completely scared of almost anything.

But I believe if you ain't scared you ain't human.

My parents always told me that our founders built the wall to keep us safe from the inhumanity outside the wall and they separated us into 3 divisions to keep the "peace". The first class, the ones who are described as the best and the highest grade are grouped in Eudaemonia. They are the healthiest.

Idyllic keeps the peace. Since they are neither first-class nor lower class they are chosen to be the government of the city. They are not high enough to take over nor are they low enough to be looked down upon. They are middle class.

Demure they are the lower class they are at the bottom of the social rank and lack the education and skills.

I always thought they were good people.

They were always taking care of each other even though they barely had anything to give away.

Caring, peaceful, and free.

Some people think demure people are hopeful.

Which they kind of are. They always dream of a better future which some people don't like because they wish to keep the world going as it already is.

My division is Idyllic.

The selfless ones.

We lead a simple life because we fit in the middle of the high and lower class.

We help out the demure people, the ones who can't afford to do anything.

We are trusted to run the government Because we are public servants.

My father works alongside our head, Sooman.

It all works but I believe .....

~MW

# Finance Central

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HOPE Credit Union is now opening student checking and saving accounts.

Every Tuesday and Thursday our student representatives will be in the Credit Union, Room 102.

If you are interested in opening account please see Mrs. Dale in Room 107.



# Student Organizations

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A leader is someone who inspires and motivates others. Do you have what it takes to positively lead? Today is your day! Join FBLA- Future Business Leaders of America. To join see Mrs. Dale in Room 107, Mrs. Lewis in Room 119B, or Mrs. Dickey in Room 105.



Become part of TSA, a national student organization of 300,000+ members that offers a broad program of activities – including exciting opportunities for networking, competition, and leadership development. To join see Coach Gray Room 119A, or Lakeishia Lewis Room 119B.

## Preparing leaders Today to change Tomorrow!



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# Testing Schedule

## High School Division Benchmark I and 1<sup>st</sup> Term Exam Schedule 2023-2024

| Date                                            | Test                                                               | Time                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday<br/>October 2, 2023<br/>A-Day</b>     | <b>Biology I BM1 (83 minutes)</b>                                  | 9:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.                                                                                      |
|                                                 | 3A Exams                                                           | 12:25 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.                                                                                      |
|                                                 | 4A Exams                                                           | 2:30 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.                                                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>October 3, 2023<br/>B-Day</b>    | <b>English II Part 1 BM1 (96 minutes)</b>                          | 9:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.                                                                                      |
|                                                 | 3B Exams                                                           | 12:25 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.                                                                                      |
|                                                 | 4B Exams                                                           | 2:30 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.                                                                                       |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>October 4, 2023<br/>A-Day</b>  | <b>English II Part 2 BM1 (75 minutes)</b>                          | 9:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.                                                                                      |
|                                                 | 2A Exams                                                           | 12:25 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.                                                                                      |
|                                                 | 4A – Regular Class Period                                          | 2:30 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.                                                                                       |
| <b>Thursday<br/>October 5, 2023<br/>B-Day</b>   | <b>Algebra I BM1 (90 minutes)</b>                                  | 9:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.                                                                                      |
|                                                 | 2B Exams                                                           | 12:25 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.                                                                                      |
|                                                 | 4B – Regular Class Period                                          | 2:30 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.                                                                                       |
| <b>Friday<br/>October 6, 2023<br/>A-Day</b>     | <b>U.S. History BM1 (90 minutes)</b>                               | 9:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.                                                                                      |
|                                                 | 1A Exams                                                           | 12:25 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.                                                                                      |
| <b>Monday<br/>October 9, 2023<br/>B-Day</b>     | 1B Exams                                                           | 8:35 a.m. – 10:09 a.m.                                                                                      |
|                                                 | Regular Schedule                                                   | 10:14 a.m. – 4:05 p.m.                                                                                      |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>October 10, 2023<br/>A-Day</b>   | Make-Up Exams<br>Regular Schedule                                  |                                                                                                             |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>October 11, 2023<br/>B-Day</b> | <b>ACT Pre-Test<br/>11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades</b> | 8:45 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.<br>English – 45 mins.<br>Math – 60 mins.<br>Reading – 35 mins.<br>Science – 35 mins. |

# Gear up for ACT



## TEST DATES

United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico



2023|2024

| Test Dates               | Regular Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline | Photo Upload and Standby Deadline |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>September 9, 2023</b> | <b>August 4</b>               | August 18                  | September 1                       |
| <b>October 28, 2023</b>  | <b>September 22</b>           | October 6                  | October 20                        |
| <b>December 9, 2023</b>  | <b>November 3</b>             | November 17                | December 1                        |
| <b>February 10, 2024</b> | <b>January 5</b>              | January 19                 | February 2                        |
| <b>April 13, 2024</b>    | <b>March 8</b>                | March 22                   | April 5                           |
| <b>June 8, 2024</b>      | <b>May 3</b>                  | May 17                     | May 31                            |
| <b>July 13, 2024*</b>    | <b>June 7</b>                 | June 21                    | July 5                            |

\*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

Test Information Release for the 2023–2024 testing year will occur in September, April, and June. See [www.act.org/the-act/tir](https://www.act.org/the-act/tir) for more information.

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# Community Events

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**The 164th Mississippi State Fair returns Thursday, October 5 through Sunday, October 15 with familiar midway rides, games and food, music and exhibits, and additional activities and events.**

**OCT 14, 2023**

**JSU FOOTBALL: ALABAMA ST. AT JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY (HOMECOMING)  
MS Veteran's Memorial Stadium  
2531 North State Street  
Jackson, MS 39216**

**OCT 21, 2023**

**JACKSON FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE  
Eudora Welty Library (parking lot)  
300 North State Street  
Jackson, MS 39201**

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