

## Jacket Cafe experiencing overcrowding

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The Yellow Jacket Café is overcrowded during bus dismissal every afternoon at SHS. Since the first day of school, students that ride the bus home have been crammed in the café, which has a seating capacity of 480.

Transportation Director Kelvin Gibson for the Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District says the number of students that ride a bus home each day is seven hundred. That leaves two hundred twenty students without a seat in the Cafe

"During the first week of school, bus dismissal did not end until 7:00pm, but the average windup time is about 4:30," Principal Sean McDonnall said.

Each day there are five administrators and four teachers stationed for after school bus duty, monitoring the seven hundred students who take the provided transportation home. According to statistics, each adult on bus duty is responsible for seventy-eight of the students in the cafeteria during dismissal.



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Students wait for their bus to arrive at SHS to go home.

Another problem is that Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District has a high demand for bus drivers. McDonnall said, "SOCSD hired four new bus drivers. That same day, six drivers called in with extended illnesses preventing them to come into work."

If the SOCSD is caught violating capacity, they can be charged with a one thousand dollar fine that will have to be paid to Mississippi Insurance Department, according to the Mississippi Insurance Department, Fire Code Safety Enforcement website.

## Homecoming approaching right around the corner

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Before class starts on a Thursday morning the Student council meets in Mrs. Blackwell's classroom to prepare for the upcoming homecoming week of October 17-21. The process for homecoming week started in the summer time.

Each student council member submitted two ideas for the theme, and they narrowed the votes down from there. The process to choose the themes for dress up days is a little more complicated; therefore, the dress up days for the week are still TBA.

With all 53 student council members there are plenty of ideas for the dress up days, but it's difficult for 53 people to agree on one thing: they text in a remind 101 to vote on what they would like the dress up days to be.

The whole student council joins in on voting, except for the president, because the president proposes what they vote on.

For the events of homecoming

there will be a car parade, powder puff game, car show, and a semi formal dance. The theme for the whole week is decades. The decades for each class will be 20s, freshmen; 80s, Sophomores; 50s, Juniors; and 90s, Seniors.

All four classes will be competing to win homecoming week. Categories being judged are hallway decoration, dress up days participation in each class, attendance at events, finding the yellow jacket, dance competition, car show, and most pep at the pep rally.

The other schools in the Starkville Oktibbeha School District will all be able to participate in home coming week.



## Attention Seniors

The senior patio is now open. New rules are in place to keep the patio open. If any underclassman are caught in the patio, they will receive a day of ISS. To enter the patio, seniors must show an ID to a teacher to exit the cafeteria door. Thank you to Coach Carlisle's Class for cleaning up the patio.



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Coach Carlisle's Horticulture I class cleans the senior patio for its grand opening this past Tuesday.