

“THE LC BEAT”

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WELCOME TO THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR AND THE FIRST EDITION OF *THE LC BEAT!*

Small school. Big dreams. Bold futures.

It's not where you start - it's where you're going

Go Lions!

I AM EXCITED ABOUT THE YEAR AHEAD, AND I AM PROUD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE SERVING LEVERETT'S CHAPEL ISD AS SUPERINTENDENT. I ALSO ENJOY PUTTING TOGETHER THE LC BEAT AND HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE PEOPLE, PROGRAMS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND STORIES THAT MAKE OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL.

OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE LC BEAT HAS BECOME ANOTHER WAY FOR US TO TELL THE STORY OF LEVERETT'S CHAPEL. THERE ARE SO MANY GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS, ON OUR FIELDS AND COURTS, AND THROUGHOUT OUR DISTRICT. I WANT OUR PARENTS, ALUMNI, AND COMMUNITY TO KNOW ABOUT THEM. MORE IMPORTANTLY, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THE STUDENTS AND STAFF BEHIND THOSE SUCCESSES.

BEGINNING THIS YEAR, WE WANT TO MAKE THE LC BEAT EVEN EASIER FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO RECEIVE. WE WILL CONTINUE POSTING EACH EDITION ON OUR DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE. HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE LC BEAT DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR EMAIL, YOU CAN SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EACH NEW EDITION. THERE IS NO COST, AND ANYONE WHO WANTS TO STAY CONNECTED TO LC IS WELCOME TO SIGN UP.

I BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT A SMALL SCHOOL CAN PROVIDE INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS. THAT IS THE VISION BEHIND SMALL SCHOOL. BIG DREAMS. BOLD FUTURES. IT IS ALSO WHY TELLING OUR STORY MATTERS. THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF LEVERETT'S CHAPEL ISD.

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF FOR THE WORK YOU DO EVERY DAY. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THANK YOU TO OUR STUDENTS FOR GIVING US A REASON TO BE PROUD OF LC.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING IT WITH YOU THROUGH THE LC BEAT.

Welcome to the LC Family

AS WE BEGAN THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR, ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR ANNUAL CONVOCATION WAS RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WHO JOINED THE LEVERETT'S CHAPEL ISD FAMILY THIS YEAR.

OUR PRINCIPALS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE EACH OF OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS AND OFFICIALLY WELCOME THEM TO LC. I SAID IT THAT MORNING, AND I BELIEVE IT IS WORTH SAYING AGAIN. EVERY ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD A CHOICE ABOUT WHERE THEY WANTED TO INVEST THEIR TALENTS, THEIR TIME, AND THEIR ENERGY. THEY CHOSE LEVERETT'S CHAPEL ISD, AND WE DO NOT TAKE THAT FOR GRANTED.

OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS ARE:

SCOTT KAUFMAN **SECONDARY PRINCIPAL**
KIM MCNEEL **SECONDARY INTERVENTIONIST**
JESSICA GODSIL **KINDERGARTEN TEACHER**
VIRIDIANA VENEGAS **PARAPROFESSIONAL**
CIARA O'NEAL **FIRST GRADE TEACHER**
LAKEIYA SCOTT **PARAPROFESSIONAL / COACH**
ANDY BATES **ISS**
MICHELLE COLE **4TH AND 5TH GRADE ELA**
RYAN COFFEY **JUNIOR HIGH HISTORY / ALGEBRA II**
GABRIELLE MOSIER **PE, 5TH GRADE SCIENCE / COACH**
KARI NOLAND **4TH AND 5TH GRADE MATH**
LACI SMITH (ROBINSON) **JUNIOR HIGH MATH**



BY THE TIME YOU ARE READING THIS EDITION OF THE LC BEAT, THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN HARD AT WORK SERVING OUR STUDENTS AND BECOMING PART OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. EACH ONE HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY, AND I AM EXCITED ABOUT WHAT THEY BRING TO OUR DISTRICT.

TO EACH OF OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING LC. WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE POSITIVE IMPACT YOU WILL HAVE ON OUR STUDENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY.

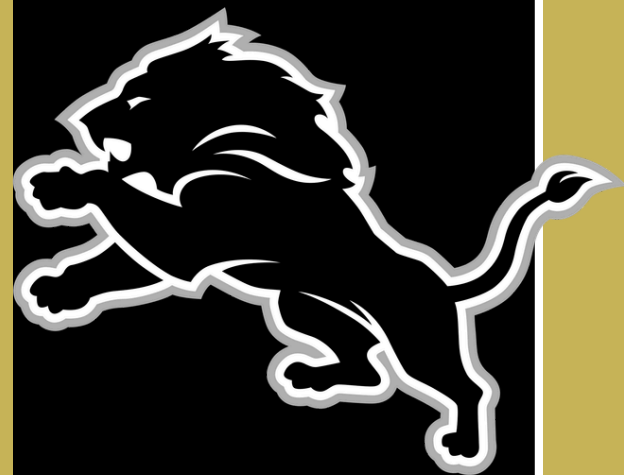
WELCOME TO THE LION FAMILY!

~Welcome~



To:

LC



HAL BOWMAN

RETURNS TO LCISD CONVOCATION

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR 2026-2027 CONVOCATION WAS WELCOMING HAL BOWMAN BACK TO LEVERETT'S CHAPEL ISD FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW.

HAL CHALLENGED OUR STAFF WITH A POWERFUL MESSAGE ABOUT BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH STUDENTS, SETTING HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AND MAKING SURE EVERY CHILD KNOWS THEY ARE VALUED. HIS MESSAGE WAS A GREAT REMINDER AS WE PREPARED FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR THAT WHAT WE DO EACH DAY GOES FAR BEYOND ACADEMICS. THE RELATIONSHIPS WE BUILD WITH OUR STUDENTS MATTER, AND THEY CAN HAVE AN IMPACT THAT LASTS WELL BEYOND THEIR TIME AT LEVERETT'S CHAPEL.

HAL HAS SPENT YEARS WORKING WITH EDUCATORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ENCOURAGING SCHOOLS TO BUILD STRONG CULTURES WHERE STUDENTS FEEL CONNECTED, SUPPORTED, AND CHALLENGED TO SUCCEED. HIS MESSAGE FITS WELL WITH WHAT WE BELIEVE AT LC. WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO KNOW THAT WE CARE ABOUT THEM, WHILE ALSO EXPECTING THEM TO WORK HARD AND BECOME THE VERY BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES.



THANK YOU, HAL, FOR ONCE AGAIN INVESTING IN THE STAFF OF LEVERETT'S CHAPEL ISD.

JENNIFER WILLIAMS

CARMEN CHAVEZ

LCISD EARNs PERFECT SCHOOL FIRST SCORE FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

A Story About Outstanding Work!

LEVERETT'S CHAPEL ISD HAS ONCE AGAIN EARNED THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE RATING UNDER THE TEXAS SCHOOL FIRST FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM. FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, LCISD RECEIVED AN A = SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT WITH A PERFECT SCORE OF 100 OUT OF 100.

SCHOOL FIRST IS THE STATE'S FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM FOR TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IT MEASURES HOW WELL SCHOOL DISTRICTS MANAGE THEIR FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND MEET IMPORTANT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT SCHOOL FIRST IS A LAGGING MEASURE. ALTHOUGH THIS IS IDENTIFIED AS THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL FIRST RATING AND WAS RELEASED IN AUGUST 2026, THE RATING IS BASED ON THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR. EARNING A PERFECT SCORE FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR IS SOMETHING WE ARE VERY PROUD OF. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR A SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICT. EVERY DOLLAR MATTERS, AND WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR TAXPAYERS TO MANAGE THOSE RESOURCES CAREFULLY WHILE MAKING SURE WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF.

I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK OUR BUSINESS OFFICE AND RECOGNIZE JENNIFER WILLIAMS AND CARMEN CHAVEZ FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK. THEIR ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND COMMITMENT TO LCISD HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DISTRICT CONTINUING TO RECEIVE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE STATE.

WE ARE PROUD OF THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT AND WILL CONTINUE WORKING HARD TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE RESOURCES OUR COMMUNITY HAS ENTRUSTED TO US.



A Year of New Beginnings for

LC FFA



There is a lot of excitement surrounding the Agriculture and FFA program at Leverett's Chapel this year. Under the leadership of Mr. Kenneth Carnes, our students are getting the opportunity to help rebuild the program and lay the foundation for its future.

"We are super excited about our upcoming year. We are considering this a year of new beginnings. We are in the beginning phases of rebuilding our entire program." That work has already started. Changes have been made to the Ag shop and classroom, and work is underway to establish an Ag Booster Club to support our FFA students and their activities. Mr. Carnes is also encouraging parents, former students, and members of our community to get involved and help support the program as it grows.

Most importantly, our students are excited about what is ahead. They have an opportunity to be part of rebuilding something that we hope will continue to grow and provide opportunities for LC students for many years to come.

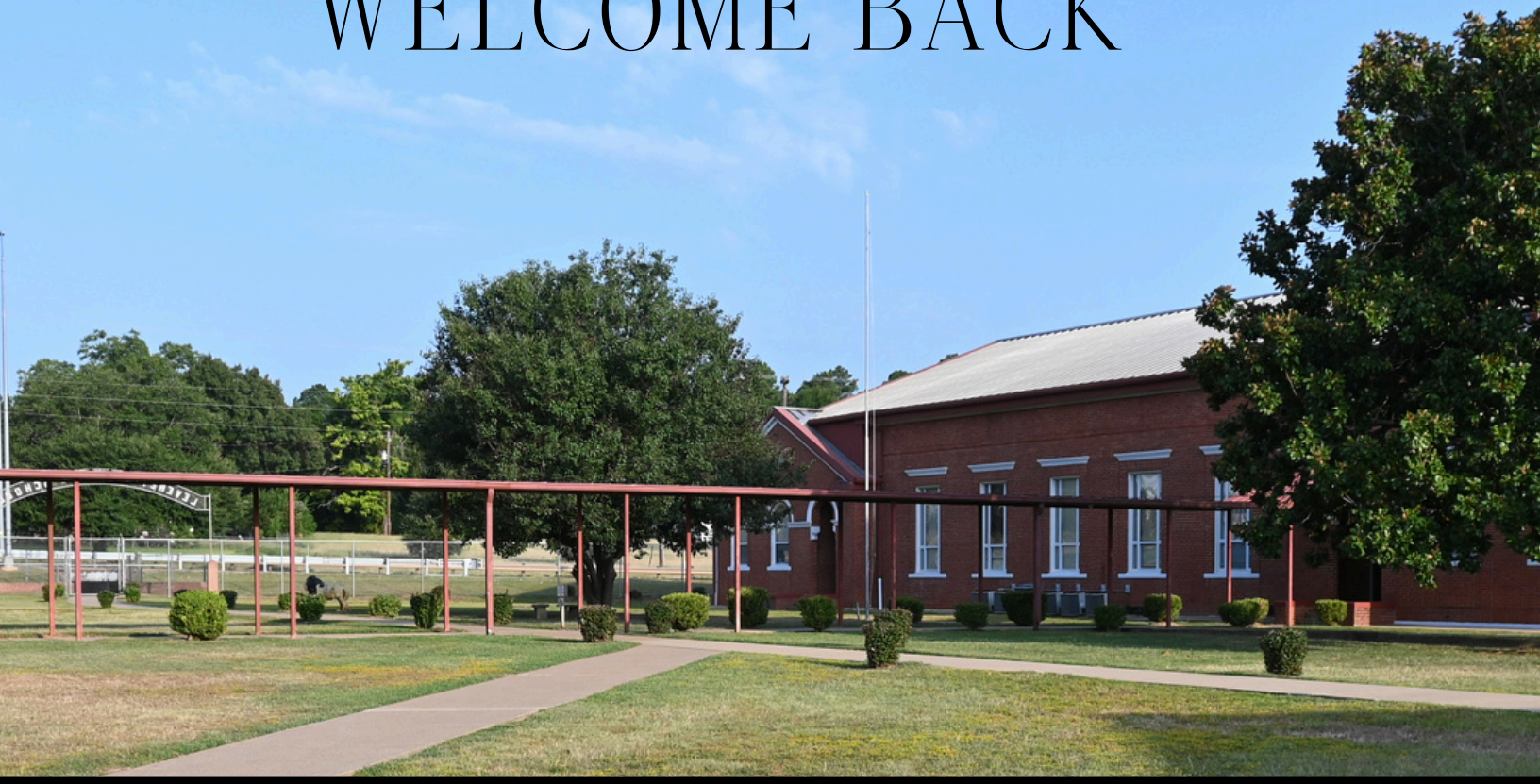
We are excited to see where the program goes, and we look forward to watching our students learn, compete, lead, and represent Leverett's Chapel through FFA.

"Building today, growing tomorrow, producing brighter futures."

We are excited to have FFA moving forward again at LC. We appreciate Mr. Carnes for taking on this challenge, and we appreciate everyone who will have a part in helping us build the program for our students.



2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR WELCOME BACK



MEET THE TEACHER MEET THE LIONS

What a great turnout we had for Meet the Teacher and Meet the Lions!

It was HOT, but everyone handled it with smiles and enthusiasm. The stands were full for Meet the Lions, and it was great to see so many people there supporting our kids.

All of our cheer squads did an awesome job, and they looked great! Our coaches and athletes had already put in a tremendous amount of work preparing for their upcoming seasons. Our drumline also did a great job and added even more LC spirit to the evening.

I also want to thank our principals and teachers for everything they did to prepare for Meet the Teacher. Thank you to our maintenance staff for having our campuses looking great. Thank you to Chief Guthrie for helping keep everyone safe. Also, thank you to our office staff ladies for keeping us organized and helping everything run smoothly.

Most of all, thank you to our parents and community members who showed up and supported LC. It was great seeing everyone back together and excited about the beginning of a new school year.

It was a great night and a great way to get everyone ready for the first day of school!



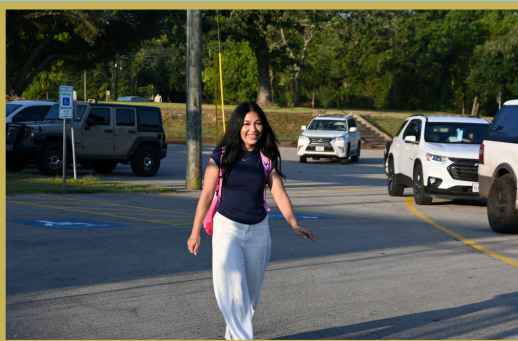




FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



WELCOME
BACK
STUDENTS



LC Football 2026 Season Preview

The Leverett's Chapel Lions enter the 2026 season with plenty of reason for excitement. Coach Keith Hughes believes the dedication and work ethic his athletes demonstrated throughout the offseason have given the Lions a strong foundation heading into the year.

"We are returning a strong core of experienced players who understand our system, while also integrating some highly talented newcomers who bring fresh energy to the roster. Our primary focus this year is building a resilient, team-first culture that executes the fundamentals every single day. If we stay disciplined and continue to compete for each other, I am confident we will put ourselves in a position to challenge for a future championship."

Coach Hughes's Quote for the Season

"Make sure when anyone tackles you, he remembers how much it hurts." Jim Brown



LC Volleyball 2026

Season Preview



There is a lot of excitement surrounding our volleyball program this year under Coach Gabrielle Mosier. Our girls have worked hard, learned a new system, and continued to get better each week. That hard work has already paid off with their first win of the season against Winona. "I am incredibly proud of the growth, effort, and character Leverett's Chapel Volleyball continues to demonstrate. These athletes have shown an amazing willingness to learn. They have embraced new skills and even taken on an entirely new defensive pattern with determination and a positive attitude."

Coach Mosier has also been very intentional about building a team that supports one another. Our girls are learning to celebrate each other's successes, learn from their mistakes, and understand that being a good teammate is about much more than what happens on the court. A big part of what Coach Mosier is building centers around one word: LEAD.

Love. Effort. Attitude. Driven. She reminds all of our volleyball players, from 4th grade through our seniors, that Lions LEAD. "These values represent who we want to be on the court, in the classroom, and throughout our school community. I am proud of the volleyball players they are becoming, but even more proud of the young people of character they are today." Coach Mosier also expressed how grateful she is for the parents, teachers, and staff who have supported her as she begins her first season at LC.

I love what she is trying to build with our girls. Of course, we want to win, and that will always be part of athletics. But we also want our students to learn how to work hard, be a good teammate, lead others, and represent LC the right way.

We are proud of our Lady Lions and excited to see what is ahead this season.

Lions LEAD!





Staff Spotlight

Kari Noland

We are excited to welcome Kari Noland to the Leverett's Chapel ISD family as our new 4th and 5th grade Math teacher. Kari brings nearly 20 years of experience in education and a genuine passion for helping students learn and grow. From the beginning, I have been impressed with her positive attitude and the energy she brings to her classroom. We are grateful she chose LC, and I thought our first LC Beat of the year would be a great opportunity for our community to get to know her a little better.



Tell us a little about yourself and your background in education.

I am married to my husband, Donnie. We have 3 children: Dalton (21), Dakotah (20), and Noah (17). We also have 3 older dogs, a German Shepherd, a Jack Russell terrier mix, and a dachshund. I have been in education for nearly 20 years, and I have had the opportunity to work with students and teachers in several different roles. I began my career in the classroom and have also worked as a math interventionist, instructional coach, and media technology specialist. I have always enjoyed finding ways to help students learn and helping teachers find strategies and tools that make learning more meaningful. I hold certifications in General Education EC-8, ESL EC-8, and Educational Leadership EC-12. No matter what role I have been in, my favorite part of education has always been working with students and seeing that moment when something finally clicks.



What brought you to Leverett's Chapel, and what has stood out to you about LC so far?

I was drawn to Leverett's Chapel because I was looking for a school where I could really get to know my students and become part of a school community. From the beginning, I have been impressed by how much people here care about the students and about one another. LC has a genuine small-school feel, and I really appreciate the sense of community. I am excited to be here and to become part of the Lions family!



What do you enjoy most about teaching 4th and 5th-grade math?

I love that 4th and 5th-grade math is a time when students are developing more advanced mathematical thinking but still have so much curiosity. I enjoy finding ways to make math hands-on, practical, and fun. There is nothing better than watching a student go from saying, "I can't do this," to realizing, "Oh! I get it!" I also love finding different ways to explain a concept because students don't all learn the same way.



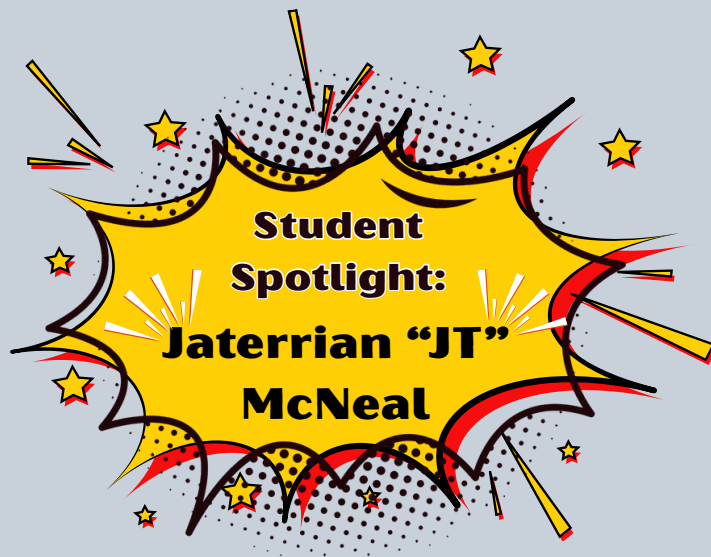
What do you hope your students will take away from being in your classroom this year?

I want my students to leave my classroom knowing that they are capable of more than they think they are. I want them to understand that making mistakes is part of learning and that struggling with something doesn't mean you aren't good at it. I hope they develop confidence, perseverance, problem-solving skills, and the ability to advocate for themselves as learners. Most importantly, I want them to know that I believe in them—even when they don't quite believe in themselves yet.



What is something about you that our students, staff, and community might be surprised to learn?

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Every once in a while, a student comes to LC and quickly makes an impression. Jaterrian “JT” McNeal joined Leverett’s Chapel last spring, and it did not take long for people to notice him.

Everybody tells me what a great young man JT is. I have known his family for years, so that is pretty easy for me to understand. Every time I see him, he is smiling, polite, and respectful. He has also become a positive leader on our campus and on the football team.

When I asked JT what coming to Leverett’s Chapel meant to him, his answer was simple and +honest.

“Coming to Leverett’s Chapel was a fresh start for me, and I needed it. I was not nervous when I first stepped through the door because that is not who I am. I am confident in myself because there is nothing to fear when you are yourself.”

JT said being a student at LC has been a gift to him. One of the things that has stood out most has been the relationships he has developed with his teachers.

“I love the teachers and how you can see their love for the students. They do not stop you from being great because they see great things in you.”

As he looks ahead to this school year, JT is excited about building new connections and friendships. He said he enjoys learning about people and getting to know them. He is also looking forward to football season, especially the Lions’ trip to Rocksprings.

“I love traveling. I love nature and places that are full of natural life. It brings a calming, peaceful feeling to my mind that helps me think more clearly. Plus, we get to play football. I mean, this is America. Who does not love football?”

However, JT’s biggest goal for the year has very little to do with himself. He wants to help other people.

“One goal I have set for myself this year is to help and inspire other people when they need it. I have not been at this school as long as many other students, but in my months here I have become someone people come to with their problems. I give them honest advice. Sometimes it may hurt their feelings, but I want it to help them do better in life and have a better mindset.”

JT, we are glad your fresh start brought you to Leverett’s Chapel. Keep smiling, keep leading, and keep being willing to help the people around you. We are proud to have you as a Lion.



Remember Jimmie Faye Waller

I could not put together this edition of the *LC Beat* without taking some time to remember someone who meant so much to Leverett's Chapel. Mrs. Jimmie Faye Waller passed away on August 20 at the age of 86. Her connection to LC was pretty remarkable. She attended Leverett's Chapel from the first grade through the 12th grade and graduated from LC in 1958. She then went on to serve an incredible 38 years on the Leverett's Chapel ISD Board of Trustees.

Thirty-eight years!

When you stop and think about that, it is hard to imagine how many students, teachers, administrators, and families came through LC during her time on the Board. Generations of students were impacted by decisions she helped make and by her commitment to this school. But Jimmie Faye was much more than the number of years she served.

She loved Leverett's Chapel. She cared about our kids, supported our staff, and always wanted what was best for this school. I was personally grateful for the support and encouragement she gave me as superintendent. She was interested in what we were doing, where we were going, and most importantly, how our kids were doing.

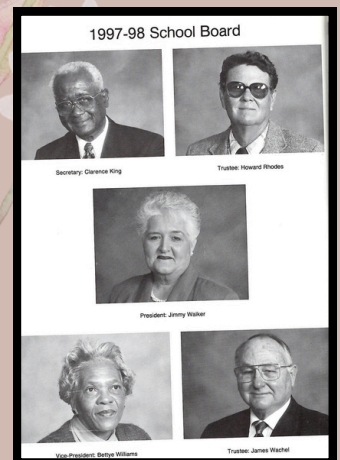
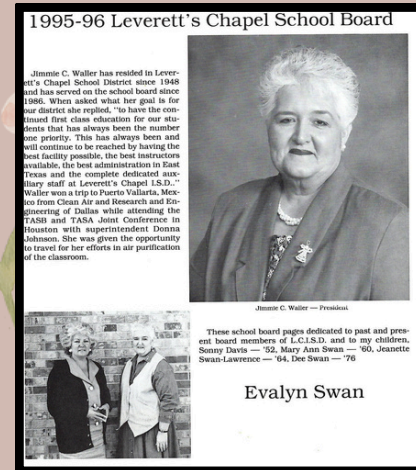
I have spent most of my professional life at Leverett's Chapel, and Jimmie Faye was a part of LC for all of it. It will be different looking down that Board table and not seeing her sitting there.

That is one of the things about a small school. People become part of the history of the place. Jimmie Faye was certainly part of the history of Leverett's Chapel, but she was also part of its present right up until the end. Her love for this school never changed.

To Dan, Robbie, and the entire Waller family, thank you for sharing Jimmie Faye with LC for all of these years.

We will miss her. We will remember her. Most importantly, we will always be grateful for a lifetime of service to the school she loved.

Thank you, Jimmie Faye. Thirty-eight years of service and a lifetime of loving Leverett's Chapel.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JIMMIE FAYE



WALLER

JUN 8, 1940 — AUG 20, 2026

LOOKING Ahead Together

UNTIL NEXT TIME

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Matthew L. Everett
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