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Starting Out with a W!



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Coach Ellis Randall, the Head Football at Coach of Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School is already changing the Wildcat's team culture.

Coming back from a 14-0 deficit against Edison Tech High School, Randall earned his first win as Head Coach. Star quarterback Flood started the scoring, followed by a touchdown by Jakai, then Jaden Jermany pulled ahead to make the final score 20-14 for Wilson.

Randall for years used to be assistant coach but is confident that he is ready for this task.

Coach Randall prepared for the up-and-coming season by, "staying in the weight room along and watching film," which led them to their dazzling win against Edison.

After having meetings with assistant coaches and coming up with good strategies, Randall says he could tell everybody, including coaches and players, wanted it.

Randall's most important traits are his experience, management skills, and also his love for the kids. JV Coach Luke states, "Coach Randall can see people where they are going and not where their at."

Adam Martinez, one of Randall's starting varsity players, said, "His energy is inspiring and he brings the best out of us." He adds, "He can be hard on us but he just wants the best for us, trying to rebuild the program he finds ways to build bonds on and off the field with players."

Coach Randall says the first steps to their success was, "First, believing they can win." He was a little shaken up when Wilson was down 14-0 going into the third because knew how the team could get when things weren't going their way. But Randall also knew that if they stayed focused, they would get the win.

Coach Randall is very hopeful for the ongoing season and believes if they continue doing what they're doing, it looks promising. He is ready to change the narrative of Wilson Football.

His motto is keep God FIRST: F=finances; I=interest; R=relationship; S=schedule; T=time.

Randall preaches this during difficult situations to not only to his players but his friends and family. He says the world should build each other up instead of tearing each other down.



Fundraising



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Each year Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School's senior class prepares for their upcoming prom, senior trip, graduation, and many more events by asking families and the community to help defer the cost through fundraising.

To cut down confusion, the participating students start to fundraise in their junior year. About ten to fifty students would come together after school once a week to generate fundraising ideas. Whichever idea the students agreed upon would be the fundraiser the students did.

Students would then participate in many activities throughout the whole school year including snack sales, coupon books, and t-shirts.

Mrs. Johnson, senior class advisor, states, "If every student out of 168 students sells one fundraising book, the students would make \$2,000. Or if snack sales make \$50 a week for 35 weeks, they will make a total of \$1,700."

Johnson also added, "If the students sold 70 shirts, that would be a \$300 profit."

All three of these sales will go towards anything that the senior class may possibly need at the least minute.

The more money brought in, the better the opportunities for the students. When considering the upcoming events, the prom usually costs around \$800 for the students to have a fun and enjoyable venue. Included in the cost are food, drinks, a DJ, decorations, and more.

The students have until the first week of May to collect all the money needed for the prom.

The senior trip is planned for a max of 50 students at a cost of \$530 per person. However, the students can pay in four to five portions until the due date.

From the snack sales, the coupon book sales, and to the t-shirts, the class of 2025 is ready to be active in this year's fundraising and to complete their set goals.



Wildcat Pride



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September 27th was when Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School's Wildcats celebrated its homecoming: the first home game, after a stretch of 3 away games, for Wilson's football team.

According to *Study.com*, "In Greek mythology, nostos refers to the return or homecoming of a hero... The ancient Greek culture highly valued a hero's return to home after a long time away." So basically, our athletes are our returning heroes.

And according to the Mizzou Alumni Association, "The first ever homecoming was back in 1911 when Kansas faced off against Missouri...the athletics director decided to invite the alumni to the game...as well as backing out a parade and rally to further bring excitement about this rivalry, the school brought in somewhere over 5000 people to come spectate." Thus, creating a tradition for other schools to follow.

Our Wilson Wildcat Football Team faced off against the Brockport Blue Devils on Friday, September 27th, the game ending in a 41-14 home loss.

But the pep rallies beforehand are a time where our school comes together to show grit for our team to go out there and show what Wilson is about.

While football takes center stage, the rest of the Wilson Magnet High School fall sports teams get to show off what they can do as well.

Many students were unsure of the origins, but one student stated, "Homecoming is a time where you can just hang out with your friends and just chill or dance."

Our athletes feel different. One player stated that Homecoming really brings the whole team together.

Students enjoy the idea of homecoming because they can come after school with their friends, and without the hassle of having to follow our day-to-day school rules, just to have fun.

Our pep rally could be considered a great one – after listening the cheers from our Seniors, Sophomores, Freshman and Juniors – seeing us run out as a team to represent us as a School shows our Wilson Pride!