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Conference Information

Plan for the 2009 Conference

It's never too early to begin thinking about the 2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference! We hope that you'll consider joining us in beautiful Orlando, Florida, July 17 -19, 2009. Save the date and mark your calendar!

The accommodations for the 2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference will be spectacular as the Caribe Royale serves as the host hotel as well as the site for the conference. The Caribe Royale is an all suites hotel and will provide the luxurious accommodations that the Jostens Renaissance National Conference is famous for.

To view the hotel and convention center, visit the following link: <http://www.cariberoyale.com/>

Your Ideas

This Issues Winning JRR Idea - I Believe . . . In the 1st Day!

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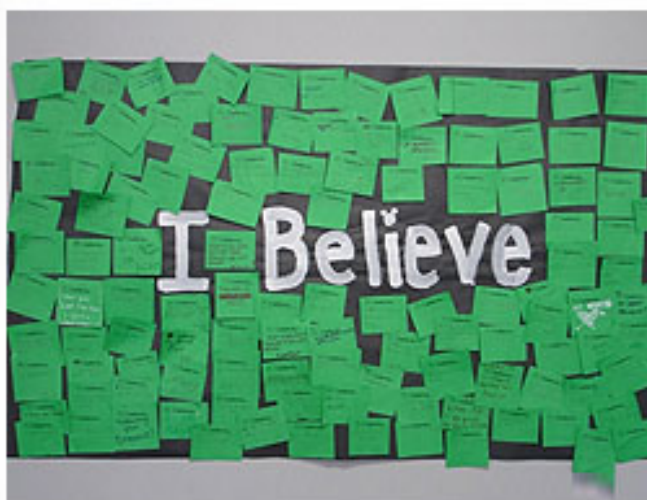
This is the first year that Kingwood Park High School is its own high school so we wanted to start the school year off and establish a culture and climate that is positive and embodies the Jostens Renaissance philosophy.

We started building this culture on the very first day by having the students attend their regularly scheduled classes, but each period the teachers had a different focus. As examples, in some classes the school song was taught, in others we explained the school's crest, etc. We also had every student create an "I Believe" statement that we then attached to a large bulletin board. Every teacher had also created a larger "I Believe" statement that was posted in each room.

While teachers were a little hesitant with an opening day that didn't involve academics, they adjusted and the students were really appreciative. And it was awesome to hear 1,000 students all signing the school fight song at our first rally!

For more information about I Believe . . . In the 1st Day! contact Shelby McPherson at Shelby.McPherson@humble.k12.tx.us

For submitting this idea, Shelby will receive a Jostens Renaissance hoodie and is now eligible to receive an all expense paid trip for two to the 2009 Jostens Renaissance National Conference.



Hot Stories

This issue's iPod drawing candidate

Congratulations to **Brenda Azevedo**, our first i-Pod drawing candidate for this school year. You could be our next winner! All that you need to do is to make a contribution to the Jostens Educator Services Discussion Board between **today and October 1st** and you're eligible. One name will be randomly drawn from those who have contributed to the Discussion Board during the previous two week period and that lucky individual will win and i-Pod Shuffle. Go to the Jostens Educator Services Website and contribute to the Discussion Board and you may be our next winner! <http://www.jostens.com/edserv/default.asp>

LaCrosse Logan Middle School

Congratulations to the students and staff of LaCrosse Logan Middle School for being named a Wisconsin Promise School. According to the LaCrosse Tribune, "To be recognized, students must receive federal Title I funding and be among the highest poverty schools in the state, based on free and reduced-price school lunch data. Additionally, student achievement on statewide reading and mathematics assessments must outperform the state average for schools with similar poverty rates and grade configurations and the school must have made adequate yearly progress for the past two years as defined under the federal No Child Left Behind Act." For more information, click on this link: <http://www.lacrossetribune.com/articles/2008/09/03/news/z02promise.txt>

Program Enrichment

no updates this week

Events & Reminders

Events

Upcoming Jostens Renaissance Events

October 6, 2008 - CARE Conference, Southern California - Conference will be held at Auto Club Speedway, Fontana, CA. The conference runs from 9:00 - 2:00. Cost is \$35 per attendee. For more information contact Richard Parkhouse at richard.parkhouse@jostens.com

October 8, 2008 - CARE Conference, Northern California - Conference will be held at Deer Valley High School, Antioch, CA. The conference runs from 9:00 - 2:00. Cost is \$35 per attendee. For more information contact Richard Parkhouse at richard.parkhouse@jostens.com

October, 24, 2008 - Heartland Renaissance Conference - Conference will be held at Rockwood Summit High School in Fenton, MO. The conference runs from 9:30 - 2:30. Cost is \$12 per attendee. For more information contact Mitch Lefkowitz at lefkowitzmitch@rockwood.k12.mo.us or Terrie Brueckmann at brueckmanterrie@rockwood.k12.mo.us

November 17, 2008 - Northwest Jostens Renaissance Coalition Conference - Conference will be held at Tumwater High School, Tumwater, WA. For more information contact Rick Morton at rick.morton@jostens.com

Reminders

Educator Services Website

Provides information about Jostens Renaissance. Register and get full access to all the program information. www.jostens.com/edserv

Renaissance Review Archive

Provided to you on our new website: http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_400_20.asp

Post Cards - Personalize Recognition for Students

We've made post cards out of the three student related motivational posters. The cards are 5" x 7" and are packed individually. Cost is \$.10 per card. To order, email norma.christenson@jostens.com and list the number of cards you'd like and the address to ship them to. We'll put an invoice with the shipment.



Black History Commemorative Poster

To order, please e-mail norma.christenson@jostens.com. Include # of posters, your name, school name, address. \$1.00 per poster plus postage. An invoice will be included with your order.

Starfish Story Link

Send a powerful message to the faculty and staff of the important role they play each day. Every member of the faculty and staff can make a difference in every life that they touch. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wuSaNCIde4> If you'd like to purchase a copy of the Star Fish DVD, email Norma Christenson at norma.christenson@jostens.com. Cost is \$12.

Platinum Program Coupon Books

The 2008 - 09 version of the Jostens Renaissance Platinum Program Coupon booklet looks to be bigger and better than ever! You can order yours now by clicking on this link - http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_500.asp

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