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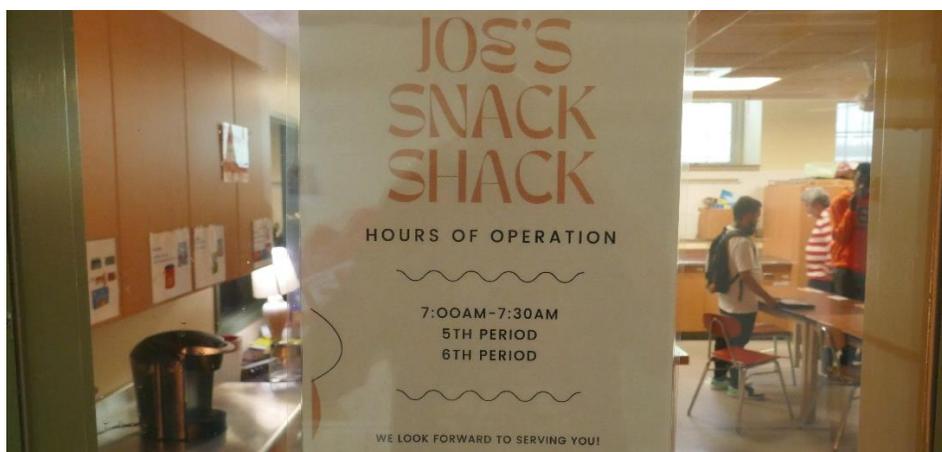
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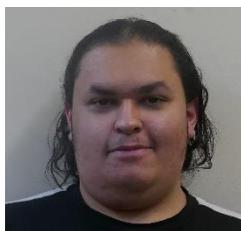
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Joe's Snack Shack

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Joe's Snack Shack is a fairly new edition to Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School.

According to Mrs. Ortiz, librarian at Wilson, “They offer fresh food and different than what the cafeteria offers... and the line is not long.”

But Jasmine Seay likes it for different reasons. She says, “They got the best snacks.”

The Snack Shack offers many foods such as beef patties, Hot Pockets, granola bars, chips, Pop Tarts and much more including drinks such as coffee, water and tea.

On Fridays, the Snack Shack takes orders from Wilson Teachers.

Ortiz has her favorites: “I love the hummus wraps and the tuna wraps and yogurt parfait and noodle cups.”

Joe's Snack Shack is advised by Mrs. McGwin, Ms. Podsiadly, Mrs. Neill-Adams, Ms. Bucci, Mr. Portis and Mr. Lazarek.

Mr. Lazarek, teacher at Wilson, states, “[It] gives the students working there an opportunity to get some employment skills so they can learn about stuff like customer service, making inventory, and those types of things. There are students that might need a little bit of exposure to working environments: where they are going to be able to be around a lot of other people, learn how to interact with them, learn about responsibility... and things like that that come along with having a job.”

There are a lot of jobs involved in running the Snack Shack. There is inventory, stocking the fridge, working in the microwaves, running the coffee station, cash register, and letting the advisors know how much food is sold and what is available.

Jah'Sani Grant and Gabe Gorh both work at the Snack Shack.

Grant helps by, “Restocking things and clean out the coffee pot.”

While Gorh, “[Works] 5th & 6th periods, prepping everything we need... especially the coffee. And I clean up the coffee station.”

But the Snack Shack is not only about food. Ms. Podsiadly, teacher assistant at Wilson, says, “I think it's beneficial to the school because the kids get to come in and work with other students. And they also enjoy grabbing a snack for their lunch time.”

Podsiadly adds, “I like that students get to come in and talk to us. We get to know [other students] a little better because we're not around all the students all the time. But we get to see all the students during that time.

Whatever the reasons, students and staff agree that the food is great.

At the end of her interview, Mrs. Ortiz rushed out, exclaiming, “I'm going to the snack shack right now.”



Wilson Pride Night

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Thursday, May 29th, Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School held Wilson Pride Night, bringing our Wilson family together to celebrate student accomplishments with their families.

Families were able to witness many of our different school clubs and introduced themselves to others during our PTSO Picnic. The Outdoor Club and Gardening Club were a couple on hand to talk to parents and students.

Wilson families were given the opportunity to view a student art show, to showcase the talent and creative minds of our Wilson Wildcat artists, hosted by our Wilson art teachers: Ms. Curtice, Ms. Loveless and Mr. Camp.

Our Wilson Music Department took center stage to show us the wonderful music our young and skilled musicians can produce. Wilson's drumline, chorus and band filled the event with music throughout the night.

Finally ending the night, our student created movies premiered. The journalism team showcased their news story and creative writing class gave us wonderful poetry and short stories such as Tahmir Baker's "Winter Aftermath," Orlando Alviero's "Young Buck" and Sawba Blut's *The Sacred Book* (Sawba's included many Wilson students such as Ibrahim Hakizimana and Joseph Baldrich).

Pride Night was a good time for Wilson since we were able to come together and support our peers' accomplishments as the school year comes to end... as well as the aspect of having fun after school with friends and family.

Mr. Burns, teacher at Wilson said, "It's important that we celebrate all of the positive things are students are doing here at Wilson."

But most just had fun. Ro'Niyah Gross said, "It felt as if many families and students enjoyed hearing the chorus performance as well as our drumming."

As a school, we should continue this tradition. Maybe, as the years go on, even more people will show up to Pride Night to see our students perform, show off their skills, and display the hard work they've created here at Wilson.