

KEEPING "5" ALIVE

With the untimely death of Rajaan Bennett on February 18, 2010, the McEachern community made the collective statement that "we will KEEP "5" ALIVE so that the memory of this remarkable young man would live in our hearts forever. This is now the 2011 football season, about a year and a half since that tragic day. Here are some examples of how 5 is remembered daily.



Memorial plaque outside McEachern Fieldhouse



Number retirement ceremony prior to Lowndes game 2010



Demarius Matthews
#5 GSU



Syquan Hudson
#5 WV Tech



Marquis Roberts
5 sign- USC



Rory Anderson
5 sign- USC



5 Angel wings on McEachern game jersey



Many McEachern players remember Rajaan with this sticker on their pads



Rajaan's locker has been plexiglassed as a permanent fixture in the McEachern lockerroom



Rajaan Bennett legacy Walk-a-Thon



Nameplate from Memorial Bench

An excerpt from an essay Rajaan wrote eight days before his death are inscribed below his image, his trademark dreadlocks and serious gaze on display.

A framed copy of the essay sits in Troy Postell's dorm room at Shorter University. He's a kicker now, but he grew up as a quarterback handing the ball off to

Rajaan. Postell thinks of his close friend every day.

"Rajaan was the one that taught us it was cool to get good grades," said former classmate Janine Laura. "And it was the blueprint he left behind how he showed us how to live life."



Banner signing at bench dedication

This page is just a brief illustration of how Rajaan Bennett is alive in the hearts and minds of the people whose lives he touched. If you have any other examples, please e-mail them to jon.osnowitz@cobbk12.org and this page will be updated frequently....