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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS RECOGNIZED DURING JANUARY 2012 COMMISSION MEETING

During the Port of South Louisiana Commission meeting held on January 17, two local high school football teams were honored for their achievements during their 2011 season.

The West St. John High School Rams earned the runner up spot in the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 1A state division. Head football coach Robert Valdez and Russell Jack, St. John Parish School Board Representative, were presented a congratulatory plaque from Commission President Louis A. Joseph. Serving the communities on the west bank of the Mississippi River, West St. John High School is part of the St. John the Baptist Parish public school system.

The St. Charles Catholic High School Comets won the championship in the 3A state division. Head football coach Frank Monica was also presented a congratulatory plaque at the meeting from Commission President Louis A. Joseph. St. Charles Catholic High School is located in LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish.



Pictured (L-R): Russell Jack, Jr., St. John the Baptist Parish School Board Representative District 1; Robert Valdez, West St. John High School Head Football Coach; and Louis A. Joseph, Port of South Louisiana Commission President



Pictured (L-R): Frank Monica, St. Charles Catholic High School Head Football Coach, and Louis A. Joseph, Port of South Louisiana Commission President

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