

# JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020

Hello Vikings!

We have arrived at another fabulous new year! Welcome to 2020! We are ready to take on the challenges and enjoy the many successes! January is full with Dr. King's birthday celebration and parent teacher conferences right around the corner. We will continue to prioritize your child's safety and academic success here at Jackson High School. The remaining time in the second trimester is a perfect time to talk with your young person about his/her goals. We are halfway through the year and looking forward to many more successes.

Here at Jackson High School we take care of the whole child and we are proud to offer many resources to our students and families. This year we are offering after-school tutoring in the library each week, Monday- Thurs. We also offer free lunches to those who are staying after including athletes who are waiting for practice. It is imperative for students who are not in tutoring or athletics to be picked up by 2:45 p.m. each day to ensure safety and accountability for all. Be sure to make arrangements ahead of time so all adults in the building are aware if there is an extenuating circumstance. Other after-school options include, our clubs. Our JHS clubs abound and there are many adventures and opportunities for your students. The list of clubs is located in each grade office and online. Our new eSports team is also getting started and we will be announcing when it is finalized.

If you are not aware, Jackson High School also has a laundry room that is available for those students/families in need. In addition to the laundry room, our Community Closet is housed in the small gym and is staffed on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30-12:30 p.m. The Closet has clothing, food, hygiene products, and school supplies. If a student has a need outside of those times, a counselor or administrator can assist with taking care of the need.

We would like to thank you for continuing to be a Viking. We would not be the greatest school in the county without you and your family. Jackson High School is better because we have you on the Viking voyage with us. We are always open for ideas and suggestions for improvements. If there is ever anything that we can do to make your experience better, do not hesitate to let us know.

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Sincerely,

Monica Pierce  
Principal for Instruction

**THE JHS WINTER OPEN HOUSE** is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The Open House will follow the same format as our fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. Teachers will be located alphabetically in the cafeteria and small gym for your convenience. We appreciate our parents making attendance to the Winter Open House a priority.

Counselors will also be available to answer any questions you may have regarding your student's schedule or his/her plans for the future.

Progress Reports will be mailed home to parents on Tuesday, January 14

**THE VIKING STORE** will be open during Parent-Teacher Conferences on January 22. The Viking Store features a wide variety of name brand (Nike, Russell, Holloway, and Jerzee) clothing and accessories to show your Viking spirit. Please stop by and let our Marketing students help find the spirit item(s) for you. Cash, Credit, or Debit are accepted.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION** will be held on February 3. Please plan to accompany your upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> grader to this informative meeting. This provides a great opportunity to meet with teachers and gain knowledge about curriculum opportunities at Jackson High School. More information will be posted on Facebook, PowerSchool, JPS website.

**STUDENT COUNT DAY** is February 12. Please make a special effort to keep your student in school all day on the 12. Our funding correlates directly to enrollment.

**STUDENT ID'S** – Students are required to wear their ID tags on a grade-specific colored lanyard worn around their neck, fully visible at all times school is in session. They also must show their ID/lanyard prior to admission to a school dance. We appreciate all efforts to support this requirement.

**ON POTENTIAL BAD WEATHER DAYS**, students and parents are asked to listen to WKHM (970 AM), tune into TV channels 6 or 10, or [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org) website. Sign up for the JPS APP.

**SPRING SPORTS** include track and field, baseball, softball, boys' golf, girls' tennis, and girls' soccer. Students must have physical exams prior to spring team tryouts, which begin in March. Please call Ms. Worsham in the Athletic Department, 841-3715, for practice start time information.

**SENIOR NEWS** - Commencement is scheduled for May 22, 2020. Advanced Placement Tests are scheduled for third trimester. There are numerous scholarship offerings available for the "Class of 2020." Updated scholarship bulletins can be picked up in the counseling and the College Resource Room.

Senior dues are \$140. Checks should be made payable to Jackson High School and given to the JHS Bookkeeper in Room 101B. Senior dues pay for the cost of caps and gowns, tassels, cords, a yearbook, etc., associated with Commencement and other senior activities. If desired, your senior may arrange for a payment plan with our bookkeeper. All outstanding school business debts must be paid by the end of March. Diplomas are not issued to students with outstanding debts.

**JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** The Jackson High School Junior/Senior Prom will be held Saturday, May 9, from 8:00 p.m. until midnight at the Commonwealth Center. Parent volunteers from the junior and senior classes are needed to help make this year's prom a success. If you would be willing to help, please call 841-3702.

**PROJECT GRADUATION** will be held following Commencement (10 p.m. to 4 a.m.) at the Middle School at Parkside Field House. All graduating seniors are encouraged to attend. The celebration includes sports activities, music, dancing, games, food and drawings for prizes. Parent volunteers are needed. Please contact the 12<sup>th</sup> grade office (841-3702) for further details. Parents from 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome to be involved.

### E-MAIL ADDRESSES AT JHS -

Email addresses for JHS faculty and staff are the person's [firstname.lastname@jpsk12.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@jpsk12.org)

**JPS WEBSITE** – Check out the JPS website at [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org) or [www.jpsk12.org/jacksonhs](http://www.jpsk12.org/jacksonhs)

**JHS on FACEBOOK** – Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM** – Jackson High School has the largest, most successful, Advanced Placement Program in the county. Students from across the county are invited to participate in these courses, which can earn them college credits, thereby saving the student thousands of dollars. For more information, please contact your student's counselor regarding Advanced Placement Test Dates. All Advanced Placement students are encouraged to test on the designated test dates.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE** – Young men may register on the Internet at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) when they turn 17 and 3 months or they can pick up a registration card at the post office. When they turn 18, their registration will be processed automatically. Armed Forces registration is required by law. Acknowledgement cards will be mailed to them with their Selective Service number.

**REFLECTOR NEWS** – The Reflector News offers subscriptions to the school newspaper. For \$1 an issue, you can get the paper mailed to your home. For more information, please e-mail Aaron Hunt, Yearbook Advisor, at [Aaron.Hunt@jpsk12.org](mailto:Aaron.Hunt@jpsk12.org).

**2020 REFLECTOR YEARBOOK** – Underclassmen orders for the 2020 Reflector Yearbook can be placed by clicking on the link found on the Jackson High School homepage, [jpsk12.org/jacksonhs](http://jpsk12.org/jacksonhs). Payment can be made using a credit card. The price of a yearbook ordered by February 1, 2020 is \$65. Yearbooks will be delivered BEFORE the end of the school year.

**THE 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL AMBASSADORS DINNER AND AUCTION** – “Our Vision is 2020” - will be held on Friday, March 20, 2020. The money raised at this auction is used to support scholarships and mini-grants for various programs at JHS. Please mark your calendar for the **33<sup>rd</sup> Ambassadors Dinner & Auction** and plan to attend this gala evening.

**VALENTINE DELIVERIES** for students will NOT be accepted at school because of the disruption it causes. Please have your deliveries sent to the student's home, not to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

### KEYS TO STUDENT SUCCESS

- Attend regularly
- Complete all assignments
- Submit assignments on time
- Participate in extra-curricular opportunities
- Punctuality

**FAFSA WORKSHOP** – Do you need assistance filing the FAFSA? Contact Kwesi Prah-Awotwi (Mr. A), JHS College & Career Advisor, at 841-3807.

### UPDATED INFORMATION

We would like to remind parents and guardians to contact the correct Grade Level Office to update their addresses and phone numbers when changes occur. It is extremely important that we have this information. Your help in this matter will assure that you receive timely information about your student.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Office - 841-3728      10<sup>th</sup> Grade Office - 841-3704  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade Office - 841-3798      12<sup>th</sup> Grade Office - 841-3702

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM** – All parents are cordially invited to attend our School Improvement Team meetings at 2:35 p.m. in Room 115. Meeting dates are January 30, February 20, March 19, April 23 and May 14. Hope to see you there!



### “J” CALENDAR

#### **VP – Viking Pride Event**

Reminder:

A full calendar is available on the JPS website – [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org).

#### JANUARY

- 13 Gymnastics Week – **VIKING PRIDE**
- 14 Progress Reports Mailed Home  
Band Booster Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 15 Project Graduation Planning Meeting – 5:00 pm
- 16 Gymnastics Meet – 6:00 pm – **VIKING PRIDE**
- 20 **NO SCHOOL** for Students & Faculty  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – 4:30-7:00 pm**  
Evening Conferences Only
- 23 NHS Membership Meeting – 2:30 pm
- 24 **Early Dismissal for Students – 10:45 am**  
Professional Development for Faculty – Afternoon
- 25 MSBOA HS Solo & Ensemble Festival @ Haslett HS
- 27 Boys Bowling Week – **VIKING PRIDE**
- 29 Boys Bowling Match w/Saline – 3:30 pm – **VIKING PRIDE**
- 30 School Improvement Meeting – 2:35 pm

#### FEBRUARY

- 3 **SNOWFEST WEEK**  
Boys Basketball Week – **VIKING PRIDE**  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation – 6:00 pm
- 4 MSBOA District Jazz Festival @ Mason HS
- 5 JCEC Informational Meeting – 5:30 pm –  
Bert Walker Hall @ Jackson College
- 6 NHS Membership Meeting – 2:30 pm  
JHS Pre-Festival Choral Concert – 7:00 pm –  
**VIKING PRIDE**
- 7 Battle of the Classes – **VIKING PRIDE**  
Boys Basketball w/Chelsea – 7:00 pm – **VIKING PRIDE**
- 8 SNOWFEST DANCE – 8:00-11:00 pm
- 11 Symphonic & VWE Pre-Festival Band Concert –  
7:00 pm – **VIKING PRIDE**
- 12 **STUDENT COUNT DAY**
- 13 Varsity & Cadet Pre-Festival Band Concert –  
7:00 pm – **VIKING PRIDE**
- 14 **NO SCHOOL** for Students & Faculty
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Presidents' Day  
Boys Swim Week – **VIKING PRIDE**
- 20 NHS Membership Meeting – 2:30 pm  
School Improvement Meeting – 2:35 pm  
Boys Swim Meet w/Chelsea – 6:00 pm – **VIKING PRIDE**  
JHS/MSP Pre-Festival Orchestra Concert –  
7:00 pm – **VIKING PRIDE**
- 21 **BLOOD DRIVE** sponsored by NHS – All Day
- 26 1<sup>st</sup> Hour Exam – 7:25-9:00 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Exam – 9:05 -10:45 am  
Full Day w/Shortened 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Hours
- 27 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour Exam – 7:25-9:00 am  
4<sup>th</sup> Hour Exam – 9:05-10:45 am  
Early Dismissal – 10:45 am
- 28 5<sup>th</sup> Hour Exam – 7:25-9:00 am  
6<sup>th</sup> Hour Exam – 9:05-10:45 am  
Early Dismissal – 10:45 am
- 28 MSBOA HS Band Festival w/JHS Hosting-Noon-10:00 pm
- 29 MSBOA HS Band Festival w/JHS Hosting – All Day

#### MARCH

- 2 Read Across America Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **TRIMESTER BEGINS w/Homeroom** being held
- 5 NHS Membership Meeting – 2:30 pm
- 6 **Early Dismissal for Students & Faculty – 10:45 am**
- 9 **NO SCHOOL** for Students  
Professional Development for Faculty – All Day
- 12 JPS Jazz Night – 7:00 pm – **VIKING PRIDE**
- 13 Community Glow Dance sponsored by Class of 2021 –  
8:00-11:00 pm
- 14 MSBOA HS State Solo & Ensemble Festival
- 18 JCEC Informational Meeting – 5:30 pm –  
Bert Walker Hall @ Jackson College
- 19 NHS Membership Meeting – 2:30 pm  
School Improvement Meeting – 2:35 pm  
AP Informational Meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 6:00 pm
- 20 **33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL AMBASSADOR DINNER & AUCTION –**  
**“2020 Vision of Success” 5:30 pm**
- 24 Jackson County High School Honors Band Concert –  
7:00 pm – JHS Auditorium
- 25 MSBOA State Jazz Festival w/JHS Hosting –  
Noon – 10:00 pm
- 27 **SPRING BREAK BEGINS**

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## JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We will bring our community together to create a culture of academic excellence and workforce readiness.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

We envision a community where all students become lifelong learners.