

JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL MARCH 2018 PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents:

March 2018

For many March represents that we are closer to spring and the upcoming spring break. We have much in the way of activity in March that affects our students in the way of teaching, learning and opportunity. I invite you as parents to place on your calendars the events that link to scholarships and post-secondary options for our young people. Never before have they been so great.

On March 20, a meeting will be held for parents of our students in 8th grade at the Middle School at Parkside as well as our parents of students in grades 9-11 here at Jackson High School. Jean Logan, Jackson County Early College Coordinator, will be presenting with details on the Early College opportunity being made available to our students beginning in the Fall of 2018. The presentation offers a quality time to educate ourselves as you are coordinating efforts for your child's post-secondary decisions. Our JCEC meeting will be held in our auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.

It is not too late to get your ticket for the 31st Annual Ambassador Dinner (to be held on March 23). Our annual event dedicates proceeds to scholarships for our graduating seniors and if finances permit provide grants to classroom teachers. This event exemplifies our community coming together on behalf of the young people of our school and greater community. Call Lori Wilgenhof at 841-3702 for your ticket.

March allows us to feel a bit closer to spring and warmer weather. Our students, faculty, and staff continue with their focus on achievement as well as academic and social growth. Your role as partners in the education of our young adults is appreciated now and each day. Thank you for promoting education in your home and with your student(s). I am genuinely appreciative.

Sincerely,



Barbara Baird-Pauli, Jackson High School Principal

ANNUAL AMBASSADORS' DINNER AND AUCTION

We appreciate the Ambassadors' Dinner and Auction that is being held on March 23! We anticipate a spectacular dinner, along with exciting auctions and entertainment. The event begins at 6:00pm in the Jackson High School Field House. All revenues raised are dedicated to scholarships, as well as augmenting learning and teaching opportunities for students. It is not too late to join us on March 23, 2018

SENIOR INFORMATION

Congratulations to our 4.0 seniors! The faculty and staff of Jackson High School acknowledge this accomplishment of obtaining a perfect grade point average throughout four years of high school. Our 4.0 seniors through second trimester are:

Sophie Albee-Scott	Jonathan Kraeuter	Johnvir Pangli
Gregory Crump	Aaron Leiss	Alvaro Quiroga
Griffin Deane	Katharine Maurer	A.J. Raykovich
Sean Evers	Acacia McNair	Michael Strong
Emma Grace	Brennan Miller	Ava Tolonen
Dale Hendershot	Trey Monroe	Providence
Noah Hubbard	Austen O'Reilly	Weatherwax
Zaire Ingram		
Angelo Koprivica		

The last day for seniors will be Monday, May 23. Baccalaureate will be held at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church on May 23, at 7pm. Honors Convocation will be held in the Jackson High School Auditorium on Thursday, May 24, at 7pm. Commencement will be held in Withington Stadium on Friday, May 25, at 7pm with Project Graduation to follow at the Middle School at Parkside at 10pm.

Scholarship, grant and college information is available in our College Resource Room. Don't miss opportunities to apply for college scholarships and grants.

Handicap parking and seating will be available at Commencement. If you have a family member who needs handicap seating, drive to the front gate at Withington Stadium for an escort to the handicap area. Handicap parking spaces will be designated.

All graduating seniors will be issued 6 tickets to be used if the Commencement ceremony must be held inside due to inclement weather, and 8 tickets for an outside ceremony. Each student will be issued one photo pass for one family member to take pictures at the stadium. No one will be admitted to the Commencement ceremony, inside or out, without a ticket.

The Annual Project Graduation planning is well underway and the help of all parents, community representatives and businesses is needed. The celebration will be graduation night following Commencement (10pm to 3am) at the Middle School at Parkside.

Our post-graduation celebration includes sports activities, music, dancing, games, food and prize drawings. If you are able to be of assistance, would like to make a donation, or would like to attend the next meeting, contact Mrs. Lori Wilgenhof, at 841-3702. Your help will be appreciated in getting this positive activity together for the "Class of 2018."

Seniors with outstanding financial obligations will not be issued a cap and gown until these matters are corrected. Seniors must pay senior dues and return all textbooks and library materials. All library materials are due by Monday, May 7. After May 7, students may use materials in-house only. Students must take care of these obligations immediately to avoid unpleasant delays during graduation week.

Attention Parents! Please be reminded of your responsibility in planning graduation celebrations. Bill PA31 holds the person responsible for a property criminally accountable if minors use or possess alcohol or drugs at a social gathering on the premises.

REFLECTOR YEARBOOK

Class of 2018: The Reflector Yearbook will be delivered after graduation rehearsal in Room 311. ID is required for pickup.

Class of 2019, 2020, and 2021: The 2018 Reflector Yearbook will be delivered starting Tuesday, May 29. Extra copies will be available for \$80 on a first come, first serve basis.

Class of 2019: Senior pictures are due by Thursday, November 2, 2018. Pictures will be accepted up to Tuesday, November 16, 2018, with a \$50 late fee. Pictures will NOT be accepted after November 16, 2018. Picture regulations can be viewed at jpsk12.org/jacksonhs under the Yearbook tab. Please make sure to review the new photo submission method rules as well.

"J" CALENDAR

Reminder: There is a full-year calendar on the web <http://jpsk12.org>.
There is also a full sports calendar on <http://highschoolsports.net>.

VP – Viking Pride Event

SKIP DAY

Parents are reminded that Jackson High School does NOT sponsor, organize or condone any day from school that may in any way be interpreted as a "skip day", non-attendance day, etc. The school makes efforts to assure that school activities are safe and secure. Activities planned outside the school's jurisdiction cannot be expected to have that same assurance.

VIKING PRIDE

The Viking Pride Program, designed to promote academic success, school attendance and student involvement is nearing the completion of its 28th year. Several school/community benefits have been a result of this program that is designed to create positive competition between classes. We will be hosting "Day-in-the-Park" on Monday, May 21 (if seniors) or Tuesday, May 29 (if underclassmen) for the class that wins the annual competition. Day-in-the-Park is a school-sponsored and organized event. If you prefer that your child not participate if he/she is a member of the winning class, please contact the appropriate grade principal.

FROM THE JHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Wow! By the time you read this, we will have moved from District Band Festival into State Solo & Ensemble, State Jazz Festival and Spring Performances. Festival performances were at an all time high this year. Thank you to all the parents, students and community members that helped host festivals and our performances. Truly, we know that learning music is preparing our students to be successful in life.

See list of upcoming music events in this newsletter. Band camp 2018 – July 23-27. Details about the Outback Bowl Trip will be forthcoming!

The VIKING STORE

Stop by the Viking Store this spring and get a great deal! T-shirts start at \$9.99 and Hoodies start at \$24.99. Check out our website jhsvikingstore.com for our entire selection and sales. The Viking Store now accepts all forms of credit and debit cards. The store is open daily from 10:00 a.m.-11:30a.m. or e-mail jhsvikingstore@gmail.com for special appointment times.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

It is every young man's civic duty and legal obligation to register with Selective Service at the age of 18. Registration is required by all men living in the United States, including immigrants, no matter their status.

Registration can easily be completed online at www.sss.gov or at any post office. It is the law!

JPS MISSION STATEMENT

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

JPS VISION STATEMENT

We envision a community where all students become lifelong learners.

MARCH

- 12 NO SCHOOL for Students
Professional Development for Faculty and Staff
JPS Board Meeting @ Dibble Elementary – 5:30 pm
- 13 JHS Jazz Night – 7:00 pm – VP
- 14 AP Parent Meeting (for 8th Grade Parents) – 6:00 pm
- 15 Mr. Viking Pageant, sponsored by NHS – 7:00 pm
- 17 MSBOA HS State Solo & Ensemble Festival
- 19 NHS Membership Meeting – 5:45 pm
- 20 Class of 2018 Panoramic Picture – 7:30 am
Early College Parent Night for Grades 8-11 – 7:00 pm
- 21 State Jazz Festival @ JHS
- 22 School Improvement Meeting – 2:35 pm
- 23 Early Dismissal for Students & Faculty – 10:45 am
31st Annual Ambassador Dinner & Auction – 6:00 pm
- 29 School Improvement Meeting – 2:35 pm
- 30 No School for Students and Faculty
Spring Break Begins

APRIL

- 2-6 SPRING BREAK
- 9 School Resumes
- 10 School-Wide Testing – SAT
- 11 School-Wide Testing – WORK KEYS
- 12 School-Wide Testing – M-STEP
- 16-20 Mobile Dentist at the Health Center
- 16 JPS Board Meeting @ Northeast Elementary – 5:30 pm
NHS Membership Meeting – 5:45 pm
- 18 BLOOD DRIVE sponsored by NHS
- 21 2018 PROM – 8:00 pm – Midnight
- 22 School Improvement Meeting – 2:35 pm
- 27 "Little Shop of Horrors" Musical – 7:00 pm – VP
- 28 "Little Shop of Horrors" Musical – 7:00 pm
- 29 "Little Shop of Horrors" Musical – 3:00 pm
- 30 NHS Membership Meeting – 5:45 pm

MAY

- 1 Symphonic & VWE Spring Band Concert – 7:00 pm – VP
- 3 Cadet & Varsity Spring Band Concert - 7:00 pm – VP
- 4 Decision Day Assembly – 12:00 Noon
IMPROV Showcase – 6:30 pm
- 5 IMPROV Showcase – 6:30 pm
- 7 AP Testing Begins
- 8 JHS & MSP Spring String Fling Concert - 7:00 pm – VP
- 10 Spring Choir Concert & Cabaret – 7:00 pm – VP
- 14 JPS Board Meeting @ Bennett Elementary – 5:30 pm
NHS Membership Meeting – 5:45 pm
- 15 Jazz & Percussion Spring Concert – 7:00 pm – VP
- 17 Vision Testing by JCHD for 9th Grade Students
School Improvement Meeting – 2:35 pm
- 18 AP Testing Ends
Early Dismissal for Students – 10:45 am
Professional Development for Faculty & Staff – PM
- 21 Day-in-the Park if Seniors win
- 23 Graduation Rehearsal – 7:30 am
Class of 2018 Elementary Walk Through – time TBD
2018 Baccalaureate – 7:00 pm
- 24 Graduation Rehearsal – 7:30 am
2018 Honors Convocation – 7:00 pm
- 25 Early Dismissal for Students & Faculty – 10:45 am
2018 Commencement – 7:00 pm
Project Graduation – 10:00 pm – 3:00 am
- 28 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
Memorial Day Period – JHS Marching Band performs
- 29 Day-in-the-Park if 9th, 10th or 11th grade win

