Principal’s Message

Hello Johnson Families,

Welcome back!

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break and are returning ready to finish the school year strong.

Today we started our final quarter of the school year. As we move forward, please continue to encourage your child(ren) to arrive to school on time, attend their classes on time and remain focused on doing well academically.

As always, we are grateful for your continued support of the work that we do at Johnson. There are several things taking place at our school this month. Please take note of them and participate in them.

Sincerely,

Micheal J. Thompson, Principal

Upcoming Events

- April 1-5 – Spring Break
- April 15 – MCA Testing Begins
- April 19 – No School
- April 26 – Junior/Senior Prom

Preview of May

- May 28 – Last PAC Meeting
- May 22 – Senior Honors Night
- May 31 – Last Day for Seniors

To view a detailed calendar of events at JHS click HERE
Family Engagement

At JHS we encourage and welcome your presence, feedback and questions. We also want you to know that you have the right to request regular meetings with the administration to provide suggestions and participate in decisions that are made regarding the education of your child(ren).

if you want to schedule a time to visit JHS, meet with our administration or need an interpreter, transportation or child care contact Dorene Brookins at 651-744-3604 or dorene.brookins@spps.org.

The following sentence is translated below: "All school documents can be translated or interpreters made available upon request."

Spanish - Todos los documentos pueden ser traducidos o interpretados oralmente si usted lo solicita
Hmong - Tej ntaub ntawv tom tsev kawm ntawv uas xa los rau nej, peb yuav pab txhais thiab nrhiav neeg txhais lus rau nej yog nej hais qhia peb
Somali - Dhammaan dukumintiyada iskuulka waa la turjumi karaa ama waxaa la heli karaa turjumaan haddii la codsado
Karen (Due to formatting this translation is pasted in as an image)

We NEED Volunteers

The Senior Party parent volunteer committee needs at least 40 volunteers to ensure that the party is a success. If they do not have enough parent volunteers signed up the party will be canceled. We sent out a postcard asking for volunteers last month. Thank you to all those that told us they will help. We still need about 30 more volunteers. Call or send an e-mail with your name and contact information to Dorene Brookins at 651-744-3604 or dorene.brookins@spps.org to sign up to help.

We will have a detailed discussion about the Senior Party at our PAC meeting on Tuesday, May 28. All interested in helping with the party are encouraged to attend.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Our final PAC meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, May 28. We encourage all parents and those interested in learning about and providing feedback on our 2019-20 budget, School Continuous Improvement Plan, Family Engagement Plan and Family-School Compact to attend. We will begin promptly at 6pm in the collaboration room. If you need transportation, child care or an interpreter, please contact Dorene Brookins at 651-744-3604 or dorene.brookins@spps.org.
**Other JHS Happenings**

- **MCA & MTAS Tests**

  We are giving the MCA tests and the MTAS tests.

  Reading - 10th graders  
  April 15, April 16, April 17

  Math - 11th graders  
  April 23, April 24, April 25

  Science - students taking Biology (usually a lot of 10th graders)  
  April 30, May 2, May 3, May 6

To learn more about MCA and MTAS testing, contact JHS Testing Coordinator, Amy Samelian at amy.samelian@spps.org or visit the information and visit the links below.

**Parent Fact Sheets on Testing**

Answers to frequently asked questions about the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) and Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) are available in a downloadable and printable Parent Fact Sheets. A test preparation fact sheet is also available. See the document list below. Translated versions of these fact sheets are available under Translated Documents, below.

- ACCESS Parent Fact Sheet
- MCA Parent Fact Sheet
- https://education.mn.gov/mde/fam/tests/
- MTAS Parent Fact Sheet
- Test Preparation Suggestions for Parents and Teachers
• **Prom 2019**

The Johnson high school junior/senior prom will be Friday, April 26. Tickets go on sale next week. **For more information see the enclosed flyer or call the Johnson office at 651-293-8890 or email Laura Kleven at Laura.Kleven@spps.org.**

• **Johnson Finishes 2nd in State in Poetry Recitation Contest!**

Congratulations to senior Alina Vang for placing 2nd in the state's Poetry Out Loud competition. Alina has been competing since her sophomore year and has placed in the top 6 every year she's competed. By coming in 2nd, Alina won $100 for herself and $200 for Johnson's library to purchase books of poetry. Poetry Out Loud is a program supported by the Poetry Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. State winners go on to compete for $10,000 in scholarship money at the national competition held in Washington, D.C.

Every fall, just before Thanksgiving, Johnson has our first round of competitions to determine our top two students who will go on to represent us at the state semi-finals held at The Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis. Interested students can get a lot of information from the website: poetryoutloud.org or ask Mr. Boyt.

In other Poetry news, the **Johnson Mirror** - our literary and arts magazine will be available for purchase soon. Students who get published will receive a free copy. Should students wish to share their creative voices with the community, they may submit their written work to john.boyt@spps.org.
From Ms. Tlusty & Ms. Person in the Music Department

Choir Notes

Congratulations to the Johnson High School Choir for taking home a Superior Award at the MSHSL Music Contest! This is the highest rating an ensemble can achieve! 55 students of 9th-12th grade students participated in this event, and they were awesome ambassadors for Johnson High School! Great job, JHS Choir!

Congratulations to the following choir students for their performances at the MSHSL Solo and Ensemble Festival! All of the solos and ensembles received either an Excellent Award or a Superior Award on their performances! These are the top two awards that can be earned at the festival. Way to go choir students!

- **Octet (Excellent Rating):** Cindy Nguyen, Lillian Yang, Ivy Yang, Juliet Lattin, Anders Lien, Stephon Marcus, Keon Miller and Anusorn Herr
- **Duet (Superior Rating):** Cindy Nguyen and Keon Miller
- **Soprano Solo (Superior Rating):** Lydia Lindstrom
- **Mezzo Soprano Solo (Excellent Rating):** Juliet Lattin

Band/Orchestra & Choir Notes

The Ordway Honors Concert will be at 6:30 on Tuesday, April 23. Students are selected by district-wide auditions for the band, orchestra, or choir. Johnson had many students achieve this honor in 2019!

Ordway Honors Selectees from Johnson 2019:

**BAND**
- Dineth Altmann, tuba
- Dajuan Avert, tenor sax
- Jose Barona-Martinez, clarinet
- Ender Dillner, trumpet
- Hao Duong, trumpet
- Tyden Her, trombone
- Pajdib Lee, percussion
- Spencer Marchetti, percussion
- Gabe Rivera, alto sax
- Kaedon Salness, tuba
- Yue-siab Vang, clarinet
- Ke Yang, flute

**ORCHESTRA**
- Dah Ku, viola
- Thana Paw, bass
- Alex Rodriguez, violin
- Jazmin Seals, violin
- Khou Thao, violin
- Kong Thao, violin

**ORCHESTRA Continued**
• Pheng Thao, violin
• Yeng Lai Thao, violin
• Pacee Xiong, viola

CHOIR
• Juliet Lattin
• Keon Miller
• Cindy Nguyen
• Stephon Marcus
• Anders Lien

• Chahmoo Xiong
• Kao Nou Yang
• Ivy Yang
• Yee Xiong
• Alex Vang
• Lydia Lindstrom

**College and Career Resource Center (CCRC)**

April CCRC/Counseling Happenings:

*Check your school email/Remind texts/Schoology for updates

*Join the Class of 2018 Remind text messages: send a text to: 81010 and in the message area type: @govies2018 or contact Mrs. Ali at Samina.Ali@spps.org.

**For detailed information from the JHS counseling department and CCRC visit our web site [https://www.spps.org/johnsonsr](https://www.spps.org/johnsonsr) click the Families tab and then click on Counseling Services.

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**Junior Senior Prom**

**Friday April 26, 2019**

**8:00-11:00**

**Science Museum of Minnesota**

Tickets are only on sale April 15-18 (Monday-Friday)  
Before and After School in Room #2115*  
Cost: $40.00 per Ticket** (cash only)

**Grand March:** In the Johnson High School Warren G. Burger Auditorium, starts at 5pm.  
Feel free to take pictures on the stage after the grand march is over-  
the Auditorium will close at 6pm.

**Dance:** The Science Museum of Minnesota, 8:00 -11:00 PM, doors close at 9:00 PM.

*No tickets will be sold during classes. A guest slip completely filled out for any student that does not attend Johnson High School (it can be filled out and faxed to 651-293-8895), a CIF number for Johnson High School students must be provided for each ticket purchased.

**There is a charge to park in the Science Museum's parking ramp the night of Prom, please call the Science Museum about the cost.**

If you have any questions about Prom,  
please e-mail Ms. Kleven at [laura.kleven@spps.org](mailto:laura.kleven@spps.org)