Principal's Message

Hello Johnson Families,

I am pleased that we all survived the MN Polar Vortex last week! All is well now and the warm up we have been experiencing is really nice.

Monday, January 28 was supposed to mark the start of quarter 3 for our students however, given the days of due to cold, it actually began on Friday, February 1. The mark of 3rd quarter means that we are at the midpoint of the 2018-19 school year.

At this time of the year it is important to encourage students to remain focused and dedicated to doing well as they move through their academic endeavors. As the parents and guardians of our students we ask that you join us and share this same message with your children at home.

We are grateful for your continued support of the work that we do here at Johnson.

As always, there are several things taking place at JHS this month that I hope you will attend and participate in.

Sincerely,
Micheal J. Thompson, Principal

Upcoming Events

- February 5 - JHS School showcase 6-7:30
- February 11 - National African American Parent Involvement Day
- February 15 - Senior Retreat
- February 18 - No School
- February 19 - Parent Advisory Council Meeting (reschedule from January)
- February 21 - Annual Opportunities Fair
- February 23- SPPS Thinking College Early Fair
- February 26 - Parent Seminar
- February 28 - Last Parent Teacher Conference

Preview of March

- March 1 – No School
- March 26 – Parent Advisory Council Meeting

To view a detailed calendar of events at JHS click HERE

You betcha it's cold
I WAS THERE
MN Polar Vortex 2019
FOX 9
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 haiq hia peb

**Somali** - Dhammaan dukumiintiyada iskuulka waa la turjumada ama waxaa la heli karaa turjumaan haddii la codsado

Karen (Due to formatting this translation is pasted in as an image)

“우리 학교의 모든 문서는 해당 요구에 따라 번역되거나 해석될 수 있습니다.”

- **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 19, 2019** from 6-7pm in the Collaboration Room. If you have items you would like to be on the agenda or are in need of an interpreter, transportation or childcare please contact Dorene Brookins at dorene.brookins@spps.org.

- **Parent Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of 20-25 parents to help with this year’s Senior All-Night Party. If you are interested in helping we need your commitment no later than **Friday, March 1**.

We also need parents of juniors or seniors to participate in an upcoming professional development opportunity for teachers that will happen Friday, March 15.

If you are willing to help with one or both of these areas where we need parent support, please contact Dorene Brookins at 651-744-3604 or dorene.brookins@spps.org.
• Senior Retreat

**Friday, February 15** our annual Senior Retreat will be at the Maplewood YMCA from 10:45am - 2:30pm. This is a terrific opportunity for all seniors to reflect on their high school experience. They will participate in team building activities, share moments that impacted them, and map out how they will finish the remaining months of their senior year. Volunteers are welcome to help serve lunch from 12:00 - 1:00. Email questions to Kurt.blomberg@spps.org

• Parent Seminar

Once again we will be offering two parent seminar ‘s this year. The first one will be on **Tuesday, February 26**. The seminar will focus on understanding your child’s academic progress. A light meal will be served from 5:30-6:00PM and information sharing is from 6-7:45PM. Child care and transportation are available upon request. Contact Dorene Brookins at 651-744-3604 or dorene.brookins@spps.org to register. See Flyer That Is Included Below

• African American Parent Involvement Day

Join us at JHS Monday, February 11 for African American Parent Involvement Day.

If you would like to join us for this event contact Dorene Brookins for more information at 651-744-3604 or dorene.brookins@spps.org.
• Join your student at our Spring and Summer Opportunities Fair

**Thursday, February 21** we will have our annual Opportunities Fair. The purpose of the fair is to make students aware of the multitude of career and personal growth opportunities that are available for young people. Johnson students and staff welcome representatives from community organizations, educational and governmental institutions, businesses, and trade unions to feature their programs and employment and training opportunities for summer, next school year, and beyond.

The fair will take place during all 3 lunches. Join us during your child’s lunch. For more information, contact Dorene Brookins at 651-744-3604 or dorene.brookins@spps.org.

• Hiway Federal Credit Union

HiWay Federal Credit Union is looking for students to join our team! This is your opportunity to make a difference and work with a great group of people at your Johnson Govies Branch. HiWay offers:

- Flexible Schedule
- Work at your school!
- Competitive Pay

**Requirements:** We are looking for students who are excited and motivated to learn more about the financial world. Successful candidates will have good verbal and written communication skills, are well organized, and can work independently and on a team. Students may be asked to travel between school and a Hiway branch location. Must be at least 16 years old. To apply email mdaly@hiway.org or call Maureen at 651.259.6421.

• Friday Forum’s

SPPS Equity Department offers Friday Forum’s for students, families and other communities in our district. The next one is Friday, **February 22** 11:00am -1:00pm at Washington Technology School. For more information contact Kurt.blomberg@spps.org. Check out the JHS students that participated in the last Friday Forum in the photo below.
• Leadership Summit

**Friday, March 1**, from 9:00 - 3:00 Johnson Govie Leaders will be hosting their 2nd annual Govie Leadership Summit! There will be 18 presenters discussing how to develop your leadership style to building healthy communities. Free to ALL SPPS high school students and families. Registration opens Feb 4, 2019. Visit [govieleaders.com](http://govieleaders.com) for more information.

**Parent Teacher Home Visits**

At Johnson high school we participate in the Parent Teacher Home Visit (PTHV) project that is offered by the Saint Paul Federation of Teachers.

Families and educators often want the same thing for students – to learn and thrive in school. PTHV seeks to build the partnerships between parents and educators that are essential to providing quality education to all students, regardless of their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, or ability.

PTHV is a completely voluntary program for educators in Saint Paul. Before their first home visit, educators who elect to participate in PTHV are trained by both educators and parents about how to respectfully and authentically engage with families. A key aspect of this training is ensuring that families and educators are meeting each other as equal partners in their student’s education. One of your child’s teachers may contact you to schedule a visit. If you have any questions please contact Dorene Brookins at [dorene.brookins@spps.org](mailto:dorene.brookins@spps.org) or 651-744-3604.
**College and Career Resource Center (CCRC)**

*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.*

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

**College & Career Resource Center (CCRC) and Counseling February 2019 events:**
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Feb 1- Right Track application opens for summer jobs and internships
Feb 4- Opportunity Pathways Scholarship information at Convocations
Feb 4- Normandale Community College, St. Paul College and Minneapolis College- JHS cafeteria during all 3 lunch periods
Feb 4- ACT pre-registration 3:15pm in the JHS Auditorium
Feb 5- ACT pre-registration 3:15pm in the JHS Auditorium
Feb 6- Wallin Scholarship workshop during Govie Hour
Feb 6- College and Career Readiness Testing Prep (ACT prep class) at JHS 3:30-6:00pm
Feb 7- Concordia University St. Paul at JHS cafeteria during all 3 lunch periods
Feb 7- Senior class meeting (period 3), Junior class meeting (period 7) during last 20 minutes
Feb 8- Hull Scholarship due to CCRC room #1017
Feb 13- Genesys Works Application workshop during Govie Hour
Feb 13- College and Career Readiness Testing Prep (ACT prep class) at JHS 3:30-6:00pm
Feb 14- St. Paul College in the CCRC room #1017 11:00-11:45am
Feb 15- Senior Retreat at Maplewood Community Center YMCA
Feb 15- Wallin Scholarship due
Feb 20- ACT at JHS for juniors who registered, test check-in starts at 7:35am
Feb 23- Thinking College Early Fair @Harding High School
Feb 26- College of St. Benedict and St. John’s University meeting with admitted students during all 3 lunch periods
Feb 27- Genesys Works Application workshop during Govie Hour
Feb 28 - St. Paul College in the CCRC room #1017 11:00-11:45am

**Wallin Education Partners** 4 year scholarships and Opportunity Pathways 2 year scholarships are now open for applications. Please go to [www.wallinpartners.org/apply](http://www.wallinpartners.org/apply) for more information.

Stay up to date on college and career events at Johnson High School by joining **Remind text messages for each class.**

*Class of 2019 Senior Remind messages- send text to: 81010 and in the message type: @govies2019
*Class of 2020 Junior Remind messages- send text to: 81010 and in the message type: @govies2020
*Class of 2021 Sophomore Remind messages- send text to: 81010 and in the message type: @govies2021
*Class of 2022 Freshmen Remind messages- send text to: 81010 and in the message type: @govies2022
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15th Annual
THINKING COLLEGE EARLY FAIR
An event for families and students: Grades 6-12
Saturday, February 23, 2019 // 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Harding Senior High School 1540 E. Sixth Street, St. Paul, MN 55106

AVAILABLE AT THE FAIR:

• Meet college representatives from state, community and private colleges, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities
• Meet career trade representatives
• Learn about admission requirements and what it takes to succeed
• Get information on financial aid, scholarships and careers

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Sponsored by PROCEED (Progressive Center for Education and Economic Development) with support from Saint Paul Public Schools
Understanding Your Child's Academic Progress: Standards, assessments, progress reports, grades, and rubrics can all be confusing. This seminar will provide tips to help parents understand the information about their child's work in SPPS.
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