Principal’s Message

Hello Johnson Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope that you all enjoyed winter break and were able to spend some time quality time with family and friends.

I want to remind everyone that this quarter ends in 16 days, on Thursday, January 24. Please encourage your student(s) to finish strong.

Also, our next Parent Advisory Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 29. I am personally inviting all parents to join us. Details are on page 2.

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

Sincerely,
Micheal J. Thompson, Principal

Upcoming Events

- January 1 – NO SCHOOL
  Winter Break
- January 2 – School Resumes
- January 12 – School choice fair
- January 21 – No School
- January 22 – Senior Presentations
- January 25 – No School
- January 29 – Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Preview of February

- February 5 – JHS Showcase 6-7:30PM
- February 11 - National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID)
- February 21 – Annual Opportunities Fair during all 3 lunches

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 dukumiintiyada 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)


Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 29, 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.

Additionally, we are in need of parents who have a child or children in the classes of 2019 and 2020 to help with this year’s Senior All-Night Party. If you are interested in helping please contact Dorene Brookins at 651-744-3604 or dorene.brookins@spps.org.

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 or 651-744-3604.
**History Day Information from Mrs. Voight**

All 11th graders in regular US History are creating a History Day project. The project, process paper, and annotated bibliography will be due on Friday, January 18th. Please check in with your students about their progress on this very important project for their second quarter grade!

**SADD Blood Drive News**

This year we received more than 30 pints of blood in our Red Cross Blood Drive today. Our SADD volunteers did so much: welcoming and checking in donors, a fair amount of hand-holding, sharing treats and carrying those heavy backpacks for students as they returned to class. A special thanks to all who donated, from veteran donor Roger Hallman to a dozen 16 year old newbies! We saved 90 lives today!
College and Career Resource Center (CCRC) January 2019 events:
samina.ali@spps.org

Jan 1- Regular application deadline for University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
Jan 2- College and Career Readiness Testing Prep (ACT prep class) at JHS 3:30-6:00pm
Jan 3- Genesys Works application opens for juniors
Jan 9- College and Career Readiness Testing Prep (ACT prep class) at JHS 3:30-6:00pm
Jan 10- Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship due
Jan 15- University of St. Thomas, Hamline University, Macalester College, St. Olaf College, Carleton College, and College of St. Benedict & St. John’s University- application deadline for regular decision
Jan 16- College and Career Readiness Testing Prep (ACT prep class) at JHS 3:30-6:00pm
Jan 17- Lake Superior Community College at JHS cafeteria during all 3 lunch periods
Jan 30- College and Career Readiness Testing Prep (ACT prep class) at JHS 3:30-6:00pm
Jan 31- Senior class meeting (period 3), Junior class meeting (period 7)

Wallin Education Partners 4 year scholarships and Opportunity Pathways 2 year scholarships are now open for applications. Please go to www.wallinpartners.org/apply for more information.

Dear Juniors and Families,

Our school is a partner with Genesys Works, a paid internship program, where high school juniors can apply to participate in their senior year. With Genesys Works, students can change their lives in one summer! Through our free summer training program, students gain real-world skills like public speaking, Microsoft Office, business technology, and more – all while having fun! After students gain the skills they need to succeed in the summer, Genesys Works provides a paid corporate internship where students will work for 12 months at a top Twin Cities company like 3M, Medtronic, General Mills or Ameriprise Financial, all while earning $13,000 their senior year! We also provide college and career support through our college access programming. If you want to hear straight from our students, check out a Day in the Life of a Genesys Works intern at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6imUhJ2jpxU. If as a student, you are interested in this opportunity or as a family member, would like to see your student become a Genesys Works Young Professional, spend 30 seconds filling out this link to receive more information: rebrand.ly/gwclass12. You can also visit our website to apply at www.genesysworks.org/twincities. Applications open on January 3rd are due March 1st.

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
SEE INFORMATIONAL FLYERS BELOW!

**Important News**

**Campus Portal & Schoology:**
If you need help with your guardian username or password for Campus Portal or Schoology to view your child(ren’s) grades and attendance please call Dorene Brookins at 651-744-3604.
Minnesota Bilingual and Multilingual Seals and World Language Proficiency Certificates

1. What are Bilingual and Multilingual Seals and World Language Proficiency certificates?

Minnesota districts and charter schools may award Minnesota bilingual and multilingual seals to high school graduates who demonstrate the required levels of language proficiency in speaking, writing, reading and listening for languages other than English, including American Sign Language (ASL) and American Indian (indigenous) languages in grades 10, 11, 12 regardless of how the language was learned. Bilingual and multilingual seals are awarded upon graduation. World language proficiency certificates can be awarded when students meet proficiency requirements. Read details of the legislation. (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=1208.022)

2. What are the benefits of earning a bilingual seal or a world language proficiency certificates?

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State) will award free college semester credits to graduating high school students who receive bilingual and multilingual seals and world language proficiency certificates. Students must request the college semester credits within three academic years of graduation from high school and upon enrollment in a Minnesota State college or university.

3. How many semesters will Minnesota State colleges and universities award for seals and world language proficiency certificates?

The chart below shows the number of college semesters earned for each award and the required proficiency level based on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines.
SPPS Bilingual Seals and Certificates

Why?
- Increase opportunities for SPPS students to earn college credits while in high school for both native speakers and non-native speakers;
- Promote and elevate languages other than English as assets and strengths;
- Increase opportunities for SPPS ELL learners, students of color and marginalized students to begin college;
- Aligned with district strategic focus area of College & Career Paths

What?
Offer college credit at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to high school graduates who can prove mastery of languages in addition to English

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Who?
- All students who are proficient in another language in addition to English.
- Assessments priority given to 11th and 12th graders in the 2018/2019 school year.

Students demonstrate proficiency by reading, writing, speaking, and listening in these languages:
- Arabic
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- French
- German
- Hindi
- Hmong
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Lakota/Dakota
- Ojibwe
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Somali
- Thai

When?
Seal assessments will be offered during the school days during the first two weeks of March and a Saturday for students with conflicts during their scheduled day.

The four high school Seal assessment sites are:
- **Harding** (Harding & Johnson students)
- **Washington** (Como & Washington students)
- **360 Colborne** (AGAPE, Central, Gordon Parks, Highland & LEAP students)
- **360 Colborne** (Creative Arts, Gateway, Humboldt & OWL students)
- **Washington** (Alternate day for all SPPS students)

What SPPS counselors need to do next?
- Share and communicate the Seal assessment plan with students, ELL teachers, families, and school community members.

Registration for Seal assessments will be available from January 14–February 8, 2019.
If you have any question, you can reach me via email at seepha.vang@spps.org or call at 651-744-2973