Principal's Message

Hello Johnson Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope that you all enjoyed winter break. Last Monday we returned to school from winter break and hit the ground running.

That said, I want to remind everyone that this quarter ends in 13 days, on Thursday, January 23. Please encourage your child(ren) to finish the quarter strong.

Next, ACT testing is coming up here at JHS for students in grade 11. If you want your 11th grader to take the ACT FREE of charge here at JHS be sure to read the letter at the end of this bulletin that tells you how to sign them up. They must be signed up by January 31.

Lastly, our next Parent Advisory Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 28. I am personally inviting all parents to join us. Details are on page 2.

As always, I look forward to your continued support of us here at JHS as we work with your child(ren).

Sincerely,
Micheal J. Thompson, Principal

Upcoming Events

- January 1-3 – NO SCHOOL
  Winter Break
- January 6 – School Resumes
- January 20 – MLK Day NO SCHOOL
- January 24 – NO SCHOOL
- January 28 – Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Preview of February

- February 5 – JHS Showcase
  6-7:30PM
- February 10 - National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID)
- February 17 – President’s Day
  NO SCHOOL
- February 20 – 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 turjumaan karaa ama waxaa la heli karaa turjumaan haddii la coidsado

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

"သိရာဝတီတို့ကို ပြန်လည်ရေးသားနိုင်သည်။ ဟာသီးဟာသီးပြန်လည်ရေးသားပြီးစာရင်းစနစ်ကို ဖော်ပြရန် နိုင်သည်။"

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 28, 2020 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 all grades 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.
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 click the Families tab and then click on Counseling Services or email samina.ali@spps.org.

College and Career Resource Center (CCRC) January 2020 events:

Jan 6- Genesys Works application opens for juniors
Jan 15- Wallin Scholarship Application Workshop during Govie Hour @CCRC
Jan 15- Career Pathways Academy- St. Paul College meeting during Govie Hour
Jan 15- Regular decision application deadline for University of Minnesota- Twin Cities, University of St. Thomas, Hamline University, Macalester College, St. Olaf College, Carleton College, and College of St. Benedict & St. John’s University
Jan 16- North Dakota State College of Science in cafeteria during all 3 lunch periods
Jan 22- Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship due
Jan 29- Wallin Scholarship Application Workshop during Govie Hour @CCRC
Jan 30- Senior class meeting (period 3), Junior class meeting (period 7)
Jan 31- ACT pre-registration form due to CCRC for juniors interested in taking Feb 25th ACT at Johnson Senior High School

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 $14,000 their senior year! We also provide college and career support through our college access programming. Please visit our website to apply at https://rebrand.ly/GWTC-2020-Application Applications open on January 6th and are due by March 6th.

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

*Class of 2020 Senior Remind messages- send text to: 81010 and in the message type: @govies2020
*Class of 2021 Junior Remind messages- send text to: 81010 and in the message type: @govies2021
*Class of 2022 Sophomore Remind messages- send text to: 81010 and in the message type: @govies2022
*Class of 2023 Freshmen Remind messages- send text to: 81010 and in the message type: @govies2023
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.
January 13, 2020

Parents and Guardians of Johnson High School Juniors:

On Tuesday, February 25th, students in 11th grade will be offered an opportunity to take the ACT Plus Writing Test at Johnson High School. Students must arrive for test check-in at 7:35 a.m. and testing will start at 8:00 a.m. Students arriving late will not be allowed to test. The ACT Test is required for admission to most four-year colleges and universities.

There are a few short breaks scheduled during the exam, but for the most part, students will be testing from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Students are responsible for making up missed assignments. After the test, students will eat lunch and then will have the option to leave school. Parents are responsible for their student once they leave the school building.

The February 25th ACT Test is free to all SPPS juniors who sign-up. Students interested in taking the ACT Test must fill out the form below and return it to the CCRC, room 1017 (extra forms are available in the CCRC). All interested students must sign up by Friday, January 31, 2020.

Students who have signed up must participate in the ACT Test pre-registration, which will be held after school, starting at 3:15 p.m., on Monday, February 10th and Tuesday, February 11th in the auditorium. Students must attend one of these two sessions. Students who do not attend the pre-registration will not be allowed to test on February 25th. Please indicate on the form below which session your child will be attending.

There are a variety of ways to prepare for and increase students’ scores on the ACT. Several free preparation options were offered to SPPS students. The ACT website (www.actstudent.org) also has test prep, sample questions and tips for success.

Students should get plenty of sleep and eat a well-balanced breakfast. Students need to bring a calculator, two sharpened #2 pencils, and their school ID or another form of photo ID in order to take the test.

Sincerely,

Micheal Thompson, Principal Johnson High School

Please complete and return this form to the CCRC, Room 1017, by Friday, January 31, 2020 if you are interested in taking the ACT Test on February 25th.

Student Name ___________________________ Student ID ___________________________

I am interested in signing up my child for the February 25th ACT Test at Johnson Senior High School.

My child will attend the following pre-registration session in the auditorium at 3:15pm (*please circle one):

- Monday, February 10th    or    - Tuesday, February 11th

Parent/Guardian Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

*I understand that my child will have the option to leave school after the ACT Test is completed.