Hello Johnson Families,

We are just four weeks away from the last day of school for seniors and five weeks away from the last day of school for students in grades 9-11.

As we move forward, I ask that you 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.

Next, I want to personally invite you to participate in this month’s Parent Advisory Council meeting on **Tuesday, May 28** at 6:00pm in the collaboration room. At that meeting we will focus on sharing and receiving feedback on our 2019-20 school budget, School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP), Family Engagement Plan and Family-School Compact. More details can be found on page 2.

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
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)**

We NEED Volunteers

The Senior Party parent volunteer committee needs at least 40 volunteers to ensure that the senior all-night party is a success. **If they do not have enough parent volunteers signed up by Friday, May 3 the party will be canceled.** Thank you to all those that told us they will help. We still need about 20 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. Your feedback and on each of these items is important as we move forward so please be sure to join us. 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.
Happenings at JHS

• Information for Seniors & their families

At the end of this bulletin please read the detailed information on important dates for seniors along with information regarding graduation. Information is on pages 7-9.

• Testing Continues!

Science - students taking Biology (usually a lot of 10th graders)
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
• file:///C:/Users/e385143/Downloads/MCA%20Parent%20Fact%20Sheet%20(1).pdf
• https://education.mn.gov/mde/fam/tests/
• MTAS Parent Fact Sheet
• file:///C:/Users/e385143/Downloads/MTAS%20Parent%20Fact%20Sheet%20(1).pdf
• Test Preparation Suggestions for Parents and Teachers
Friday Forum & Awards Day

- May 3 from 11:00 - 1:00 PM Johnson student leaders will be participating in the Friday Forum dedicated to biracial and multiracial individuals. The event takes place at Washington Technology in the Center for Equity and Culture. Register at https://bit.ly/2J3YVFo. Email kurt.blomberg@spps.org for more information.

- May 17 from 12:30 - 1:15 we have the 2018-19 Govie Leader Awards Day. Come celebrate the accomplishments of our current Govie Leaders. We will be honoring students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership. Awards include: The Whole Package, Brightest Light, Unsung Hero, and Senior Leader Scholarships. Email Kurt.Blomberg@spps.org with any questions.

From the Music Department

Spring Concert
Orchestra, Band and Choir Concert **Thursday, May 2** at 7:00pm in the JHS Warren Burger auditorium. Admittance is $1 at the door.

**Choir Fundraisers**
The JHS Choir will be having a Cub fundraiser on **Saturday May 4th** from 10:00 - 6:00! Come get your groceries and support the choir at the same time!

The JHS Choir will be doing a Culver’s Night fundraiser on **Tuesday June 4th** from 5:00 - 7:00 PM! Come grab some dinner and frozen custard and support the choir!

**iPad Collection**
School iPads will be collected at the end of May. The collection dates are:
Seniors: **Wednesday, May 22**
Grades 9-11: **Wednesday, May 29**

Please remind your child(ren) to bring in their fully charged iPad along with the case and charging accessories to school on their assigned collection day!
JHS in collaboration with Helen Keller International teamed up to provide free vision screenings, exams and glasses to JHS students in 9th and 11th grades. Through the collaboration, 602 students were screened 145 received glasses (24%)...YES! 1/4 of the kids at the clinic needed glasses and got them!

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

*May 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 click the Families tab and then click on Counseling Services.

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Dates of Interest to Seniors (2019 Edition)
Mark these on your calendar now!

As of APRIL 1: No Checks from Seniors
All payments be cash or money order. No checks will be accepted.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, MAY 6-10:
Audition Sign-Ups for Name Readers for Graduation
Seniors who wish to audition to read names at graduation should sign-up for an audition by coming to the bandroom before or after school. They will be scheduled to audition within the next week. Candidates will be judged on diction, accuracy, poise, and respect for names. Practice name lists will be available when you sign up. Students auditioning accept the responsibility to learn how to accurately pronounce classmates’ names.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8: Senior Honors Night Posting
The list of seniors who will receive awards at Honors Night will be posted in the case opposite the guidance office. Invitations and instructions will also be sent to the winners. However, you do not find out what you win until that night.

TUESDAY, MAY 21: Semester two senior project presentations after school

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 7:00 p.m.: Senior Honors Night
This is a grand Johnson tradition where the faculty gives out awards to seniors. Seniors receiving awards will have assigned seats. The remainder of the auditorium is full of your friends and family members. Light refreshments at a reception in the commons afterward.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22: Senior Ipad Return, hours TBA (during school)

THURSDAY, MAY 30: Cap and Gown/Grad Ticket Distribution in the Foyer
You will be called down to the auditorium foyer at some time during eighth hour. Go to class and stay there until your area of the building is called.
• Pay any obligations well before this date. They must be settled before you can receive your cap, gown, or tickets. After April 1, senior obligations transactions are cash only.
• Pick up your cap, gown and tickets yourself. We will not release these items to anyone else. If you are gone that day, get them in the guidance office the next school day.
Sorry, no early pickups.
• You will need to try on your gown before receiving your tickets. You will show it to counselors in the foyer; we want to fix any size problems before you get your tickets.

• Take your gown home and put it on a hanger so the wrinkles smooth out.

• Guard your tickets. No replacements are given for ANY reason whatsoever. Each graduate receives eight tickets. If you need more, you will have to get them from someone who isn’t using all of theirs. Remind any guests you invite to be polite to all classmates, so we hear everyone’s name.

• If someone in your guest party needs handicapped seating, you will need to trade one of your original eight tickets for each handicapped area ticket you need. Email me at anne.marie.person@spps.org by Monday, June 3 to make arrangements for this.

Stole Approval If you are interested in adding a graduation stole, read the attached document carefully, and be sure to get the stole approved at one of the three sessions offered:

1. **THURSDAY, MAY 30:** 8:15-8:30, in room 2409
2. **FRIDAY, MAY 31:** 8:15-8:30, in room 2409
3. **TUESDAY, JUNE 4:** 3:15-3:30, in room 2409 (last chance; no stoles approved after this session)

**FRIDAY, MAY 31:** Final Meeting and Senior Picnic
Seniors attend classes as scheduled, until they are called to the auditorium for a final meeting, with all the details about graduation. Then you leave for a picnic.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6:** Rehearsal at Wilkins Auditorium
Arrive by 9:50, and ask your counselor where to sit. We start rehearsal in your seat. Plan on being at rehearsal until noon. Do not bring guests, friends, children, or other spectators with you. You do NOT bring your cap and gown to rehearsal.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6:** Graduation at Wilkins Auditorium
You need to arrive between 4:30 and 4:40 in appropriate attire with your cap and gown in hand (not on yet.) No purses or bags in the lineup area—leave those at home or with your parents. Turn your cellphone off until the ceremony is over. The ceremony starts at 5:30. Remind your guests to be polite to all classmates!
Notes from Anne Marie Person, senior class advisor

• Bring questions to the advisor in 2409 before 8:25 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m. Do not interrupt classes for these concerns. Thank you!

• There are no fees involved with graduation tickets or caps and gowns. The district furnishes these.

  • Measuring for caps and gowns was completed during February. Any student not yet measured will be fitted out of non-graduate robes, if possible. (School board policy is that all participants wear district-furnished caps and gowns.) If you need this, report to the guidance office after school on Thursday, May 31.

  • **For planning purposes, the best attire to wear under your gown is:**
  • top: white shirt, black or dark necktie; -or- dress shirt low enough not to show at collar
  • bottom: skirt shorter than mid-calf gown, dress shoes -or- black or gray dress pants
  • dark sox and shoes
  • Note! Wear a heel height in which you can do stairs!

  • **Hand in your schoolwork on time**, so your teachers can clear you as “passing” your credits and the counselors don’t have to hold your cap and gown!!!
510.00.02 PROCEDURE FOR IDENTITY ADORNMENTS WORN AT GRADUATIONS

Graduating seniors, who wish to wear individually chosen ethnic, cultural, and identity adornments (identity adornments) at their graduation ceremony, must follow the procedure below.

A. General requirements for wearing identity adornments
   1. The identity adornment must meet the required physical dimensions and characteristics as listed in Section B below.
   2. The adornment must receive pre-approval from designated school personnel. See Section C below for more information on the process for pre-approval.
   3. Day/evening of graduation ceremony
      • The pre-approval tag provided by the school must be attached to the identity adornment on the day/evening of the graduation ceremony and remain attached throughout the ceremony.
      • The request to wear an adornment can be denied if it no longer meets the physical dimensions and characteristic requirements as described in Section B. If that happens, the student will not be allowed to wear the garment.
      • No approvals will be given for adornments the day/evening of the graduation event. Adornments must receive pre-approval.
   4. The costs of identity adornments are the responsibility of the individual student and their family.

B. Adornments must meet the following physical dimensions and characteristics:
   • Adornments may be worn around the neck or attached to one’s graduation gown.
   • Total length: 64 inches or less
   • Width: 7 inches or less
   • No reflective materials, such as sequins or glitter.
   • No offensive messaging as defined in the dress code section of the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook including: items that pose a health or safety hazard, obscene, sexually explicit, discriminatory, racist, sexist, or otherwise derogatory, displays or references to alcohol, tobacco, or other products that are illegal for use by minors.
   • No references to gang affiliations, firearms, or violence.
   • No oversized words; each character cannot be larger than 1.5 inches tall or wide.
   • Scented items are not allowed, so as not to cause a distraction or imposition for other graduation participants, including those with allergies or sensitivities. Artificial flowers should be used instead of real flowers.
   • Items that threaten the dignity of the ceremony will not be approved. The school’s approver(s) has discretion to determine whether or not an item meets this requirement.