Greetings!

Thank you to all the families that came out to our annual Title I meeting and to those that attended our first Parent Advisory Council meeting of the School year. It was pleasure meeting you and discussing with you.

Again, this year we desire to increase communication with families about events and happenings at JHS. To assist with this, we will be sharing a monthly bulletin on Schoology and posting it on our website to share the many events and happenings taking place in addition to other information we desire to share with you such as our school’s MDE Report Card, which you can view by clicking HERE. Please know that as we implement this form of communication we are open to feedback and suggestions for improvement and enhancement. I hope that you find the information we share useful and beneficial. I also hope to see you in attendance at the various events we have taking place this month.

Sincerely,

Micheal J. Thompson, Principal
Family & Student Engagement

iUpdate, Parent Portal & Schoology

- Every family must complete iUpdate by this Friday, October 5 to prevent your child from having issues with their iPad. If you have not already completed your iUpdate, please do so ASAP by clicking HERE. If you need help with your username and/or password for iUpdate or need help navigating Parent Portal & Schoology contact Dorene Brookins at 651-744-3604 or dorene.brookins@spps.org. Contact Ray Lozano for Spanish and Chao Kong for Hmong. Mr. Lozano and Mr. Kong can be reached at 651-293-8890.

Volunteer Opportunity

- Tuesday, October 2 – Thursday, October 4 we will have an in-school retreat for all 9th grade students. We need volunteers to help hand out name tags and serve lunch Thursday, October 4. Please contact Dorene Brookins at 651-744-3604 or dorene.brookins@spps.org if you are interested in helping.

After School Tutoring

- After school tutoring has begun and is available on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s. See the flyer on page 6 for more details.

Referendum Information

- Information on the upcoming referendum regarding SPPS funding is available by clicking HERE or you can call 651-767-8157. We will also have information available at school events prior to the November election including parent/teacher conferences.

From the Office of MSgt Goetz - JROTC

- The ASVAB Test will take place on Wednesday, October 3rd from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m in the Computer Lab for 10th, 11th & 12th graders. All JROTC Cadet's can sign up using our MN-941 Calendar and Johnson students can stop in Rm 2108 to see Col Dorau or MSgt Goetz. See the calendar by clicking HERE.

Eastside Freedom Library & Dispute Resolution Center

- On October 20 we will be doing a tour of the Eastside in partnership with the Eastside Freedom Library and Dispute Resolution center. For details see the flyer on page 7.

From Mr. Havelka - SPED

- There will be a SPPS field trip to Groves Academy LD/ADHD College & Post-Secondary Opportunities Fair! Tuesday, October 23 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton,
Poetry Out Loud

- Once again, Johnson High School is hoping to compete in the statewide Poetry Out Loud poetry recitation contest. We have placed a finalist in the final round of 6 for the last three years in a row and are hoping that will continue. Poetry Out Loud is perhaps one of the finest ways for students to learn more about poetry as they learn about poetry by memorizing and reciting. The poem becomes their teacher. At minimum, students finish the experience with some great poems forever in their “pockets.” Interested students can get all the information they need at the Poetry Out Loud website. The first round of competitions will be held after-school November 12, 14, and 15. From this first round, six students will go on to the final round. The top two from that round will go on to represent Johnson at the state competition. Again, check out the website for details. For the first round, students will need to memorize two poems from the Poetry Out Loud collection. Students should choose their poems carefully. Students must sign up with Mr. Boyt or Ms. Montgomery. Email either of us if you have any questions about the event: john.boyt@spps.org or sonja.montgomery@spps.org.

Watch D.O.G.S

- WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center For Fathering. There are two primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S. program.

1) To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.

2) To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

WATCH D.O.G.S. is one of the nation’s largest and most respected school-based, family, and community engagement, organizations in the country. Since the program’s creation in 1998, more than 6,450 schools across the country have launched a WATCH D.O.G.S. program of their own. Each school year hundreds of thousands of fathers and father-figures make a positive impact on millions of children by volunteering millions of hours in their local schools through this amazing one-of-a-kind program.
Who Are WatchDOGS?

- WatchDOGS are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S. school. During the day, WatchDOGS may eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well.

How WATCH D.O.G.S. Works

- WATCH D.O.G.S., invites fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures to volunteer at least one full day at their child’s/student’s school during the school year.
- If you are interested in being a WATCH D.O.G. please contact Dorene Brookins at 651-744-3604 or dorene.brookins@spps.org.

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

The Parent Advisory Committee is an extension of the Johnson community. Attending meetings provides parents & guardians the opportunity to meet and talk with the principal, other staff and other parents. The principal prepares the agenda and on occasion invites various staff members to give reports and updates and answer questions from parents. The principal gives a report on various topics ranging from the school SCIP goals, budget, future trends, new programs and school events. PAC meetings are held quarterly in September, November, January, March and May from 6-7:00pm in the Collaboration Room. The first meeting for 2018-19 school year was held Tuesday, September 25.

Guidance & College and Career Resource Center (CCRC)

October is College Knowledge Month! Click HERE to view the calendar of college related & other CCRC related happenings.

October “Things to Do” for Seniors and list of college’s visiting JHS

- Mark your calendars to attend the Financial Aid and Scholarship Night on October 23rd at 6pm.
- Check on Graduation Requirements/College Application Process
- Meet with School Counselor/Retake the ACT
- Search for Scholarships- Naviance, College Greenlight, Scholarship America and more
- Finalize colleges you are interested in, begin sending applications, and request transcripts in Naviance

Visit College Admission Reps at JHS

01 FAFSA Available https://fafsa.gov

01 Senior Meeting- 2nd period in the Auditorium
Guidance & CCRC News continued

02 College in a Day- St. Paul College (Application, Power of You, and Accuplacer) 9:00am

03 ASVAB

09 College Application Workshop @ JHS Library 3:15-4:30pm

15 College in a Day – U of M Twin Cities, JHS Computer Lab (Help with Application) 9:00am

23 Scholarship and Financial Aid Night (FAFSA and Dream Act) @ JHS Auditorium 6:00pm

24 College Application Workshop @ JHS Computer Lab 3:15-4:30pm

25 NACAC National College Fair – Minneapolis Convention Center

27 National ACT Test- check your ticket for location

30 College in a Day – Century College, Computer Lab (Application and Accuplacer) 9:00am

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

Any student in grades 9-12 is welcome to explore higher education opportunities and participate in lunch time college rep visits. A complete schedule of colleges visiting Johnson High School is available in the CCRC and by clicking HERE.

**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.
AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

JOHNSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Do you need homework help? Looking for a place to do work before you go home? Come by the tutoring program for assistance on your homework, papers, and tests. A wide range of subject experience is available: Math, Science, Engineering, and many others! Snacks will be provided!!

This program is a partnership of Johnson Senior High School and the St. Paul Eastside YMCA.

WHEN:  TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
TIME:  3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION:  MR. TUFTÉ’S ROOM
COST:  FREE!!!!

ST. PAUL EASTSIDE YMCA
P 651 771 8881 W stpauleastsideymca.org
FREE CIRCLE TRAINING!!

RESTORATIVE TOUR OF THE EAST SIDE

Johnson High School, Eastside Freedom Library, the Dispute Resolution Center, and Dr. Raj Sethuraju present:

A HISTORICAL TOUR OF THE EASTSIDE!

For JHS Students, Staff, and family members to learn the history of the Eastside through restorative practices.

Contact Kurt Blomberg at Kurt.Blomberg@spps.org for details!

Training: October 11th and 12th, 3:00-4:30pm, Room 2220

Restorative Tour Event: October 20th, 10am-4pm
SPPS field trip to Groves Academy LD/ADHD
College & Post-Secondary Opportunities Fair!

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 from 6 -8:30 p.m.
DoubleTree by Hilton, 7800 Normandale Blvd., MN 55439

Students with learning disabilities and their families are invited to attend.

Families may transport themselves or take a bus from Saint Paul Public Schools.

To register or for more information:
• Call: 651-767-3437
• Email: Jackie.Kelly@spps.org
• Talk with your teacher