

## Principal's Report December 11, 2023

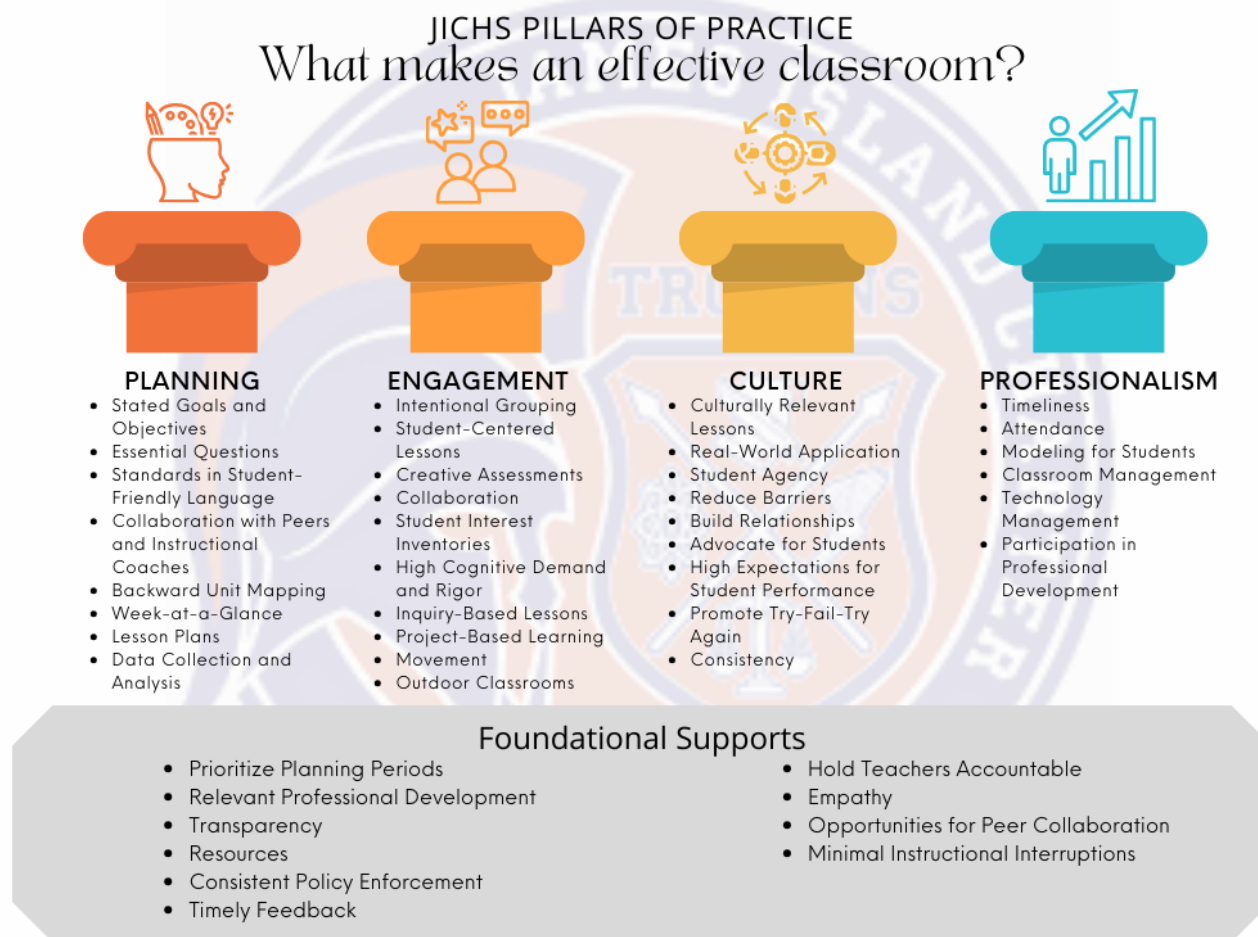
### Charter Goals

**Goal #1** Show an annual increase in the percentage of graduates that are college and career-ready as defined by the state.

**Goal #2** Show an annual increase in student participation in additional rigorous coursework through positive relationships, community-building activities, family engagement, and student support.

**Goal #3** Show an annual decrease in the achievement gap for historically underachieving populations (SPED, ELL, socio-economically disadvantaged, and minority students).

### Academics/School Update of Events



### **JICares Week of Wellbeing Matter 12/-12/8- Erin Brandon**

Guest Speakers/Events Tentative Schedule:

**Tuesday, 12/5:** Who: Dr. Alexis Garcia and Mr. David Shelton

Presentation Focus: Dr. Garcia will focus on support for adolescents' mental health, and Mr. Shelton will focus on mental health and the impact of substance abuse in life.

**Wednesday, 12/6:** Connection Wellness Event during Trojan Check-in through the end of lunch in the main breezeway.

ALL of our JI clubs, extra-curricular programs, athletics, elective classes, and ALL things JI to host a table at this event.

**Thursday, 12/7:** Who: Ms. Erin Osborne, DMH Mental Health Therapist

**Friday, 12/8:** Who: Dr. Shanelle Fields and Mr. Dan Glenn

Presentation Focus: Healthy Relationships

### **Holiday Movie Night (Student Council)**

Student Council has planned a Christmas movie night on Tuesday, December 12th, at 5:00 pm on the football field; entry is free! They will play "The Grinch" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas". There will be hot chocolate and other items in the

concessions, so bring some blankets and friends to come and enjoy our first outdoor holiday movie screening. All grades are welcome!

### **Drive to Zero (Temoney)**

Drive to Zero distracted driving experience sponsored by the South Carolina Highway Patrol on Tuesday, December 12th, and Wednesday, December 13th, in the Original (Old) Gym. The program is targeted toward distracted and impaired driving. The sign-up list, program brochure, and a video detailing the experience are linked below.

[Drive To Zero: Brochure](#)

[Drive To Zero Experience \(Video\)](#)

[23-24 Drive To Zero \(Distracted Driving Experience\) Sign-Up List](#)

### **MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Power of Youth Program (Temoney)**

Classes could sign up to attend the presentation on December 13th at @10:15 (Trojan Check-In Day)

*MADD offers Power of You(th) High School. Below is a brief description. The program usually takes 40-45 minutes depending on student engagement/questions. These presentations also include a local victim speaker. This is a very powerful program.*

*High school students face new levels of stress from added responsibilities, academic pressure, planning their future, and preparing to begin driving for the first time. Many teenagers are also exposed to a higher prevalence of alcohol and other drug use among their friends and peers. The purpose of the presentation is to reinforce and expand MADD's messaging and education at the high school level regarding the dangers of alcohol and other drug use, empower students to take a stand and be an example for their friends and peers, understand self-advocacy, and learn safe driving practices.*

### **Wake Up Carolina**

The organization Wake up Carolina donated Narcan kits to us, placed in the AED stations throughout campus. They also trained the entire staff on administering the Naloxone on November 17th, which is a nasal spray. Naloxone neutralizes the chemical reaction in an overdose that stops breathing.

### **AP Capstone**

We are excited to pilot AP Capstone next year. The program consists of two courses, AP Seminar and AP Research. The program will help students enhance their research and writing skills, which will help them in future AP and IB courses, especially in completing the extended essays in IB courses. AP Capstone is currently offered at AMHS, LBHS, and WHS. Thank you to Charity Brady, Kerise Brooms, and Jennifer Wakefield for proposing this program at JICHHS.

[AP Capstone Proposal](#)

### **Student Data Review (SDR)**

On November 29th, the District Schools presented its SDR to district-level officials. It was great to hear all the successes at the other James Island schools. The theme from schools was asking ESSER-funded allocations to remain in place. Unfortunately, the district cannot fund many of the requests. Fortunately, all positions that were and are funded at JICHHS by ESSER funds were in place based on the funds going away. A theme that emerged amongst the District 3 schools was increasing historically underserved populations more rigorously, which is critical in reducing the opportunity gap. As pointed out by the Superintendent, this needs to start at the elementary level. This initiative directly supports all of the charter goals. As an Excellent-rated school, most of our data is quite impressive. I did point out that we are concerned about our US History, and Constitution EOC scores the most. After consulting with the social departments and the teachers who teach the course, the most significant realization is that there needs to be more time to cover all the standards tested on the test in one course. The Superintendent and other district-level leaders shared the same concern. The Secondary Learning Community will be exploring strategies to improve scores on this test.

### **EOC Testing**

EOC testing begins this week and runs through the end of the semester. This will be our first chance to analyze the benchmark testing and fall EOC scores. The Science department is eager to see how the scores are this year since this is

the first year the new standards were rolled out. As mentioned last month, our school implemented the new standards last year. Year two of working with the new standards will improve our scores. As referenced previously, the admin and Leadership teams have been discussing strategies to improve all EOC scores, with benchmark testing as the clear first step. Regarding the US History test, which is extremely difficult, the admin team, the Leadership Team, and the Social Studies Department are working on strategies to improve in this area.

### **College or Career Ready (CCR)**

The admin team, the Guidance Department, the Testing Coordinator/Instructional Coach, and the CTE Department are working through the list of seniors who are not currently CCR. Unfortunately, last year, during WIN testing, all high schools in CCSD experienced technical difficulties, which caused some tests to be considered not tested. We also had some students not showing up for testing. Our test coordinator has tracked nearly all of these students and had them take the test. The WIN test is required by the SCDE and is reported on our State Report Card. Moving forward, juniors must take the WIN or be denied privileges such as early out/late in, a parking permit, and the senior privilege of leaving school for lunch. The WIN test is more beneficial in other parts of the state. However, the WIN test is a significant consideration when applying to some of the biggest companies in the Low Country, such as Boeing and Bosch.

We also changed the criteria to qualify for a late in/early out. Students must be CCR or have a plan as part of their IGP to become CCR that is not based on the ACT, SAT, WIN, or ASVAB but instead on AP, IB, and CTE courses or complete an internship. The coursework and internships are what will benefit our students the most beyond high school. These are paths that all 100% of our students can achieve.

### **Performing Arts**

Congratulations to Mrs. Quinn and our Advanced Piano classes on being selected at the SC Music Educators Association Conference. This is the first “class piano” group to perform in the conference’s 76-year history.

20 of our students from Piano 2 and Piano 3-4 Honors performed at the SCMEA Fall Piano Festival last Friday, 12/1/23. 8 students earned Superior, and 12 earned Excellent ratings. We just found out that **4 were selected to play their solos at the All-State Honors Piano Recital** at the SCMEA Conference.

### **JI Piano Slides**

#### **Holiday Concert Schedule**

12/5 Jazz and Percussion  
12/7 JICHS Concert/Symphonic  
12/12 Choir/Guitar  
12/13 Strings/Piano

### **Unified Basketball Team**

Congratulations to the Unified Basketball Team/Program on their dominant 3-point win over the Battling Bishops of BE. Hopefully, we can sweep the series this year.



### **SchoolPass/SmartPass**

We met with SchoolPass on 11/30 to discuss the necessary changes to make the system work for our school. They said they could possibly make the changes if they shifted their focus in approximately six weeks. They offered us a full refund if that did not work for us. Given the time and the unsureness of fixes, we opted for a full refund.

Before the Thanksgiving break, we met with SmartPass, the company we used for digital hall passes last year. The platform worked well for us but needed fixing with students and teachers not ending passes. Now that we have tablets installed on the walls, we use them as kiosks for the SmartPass system, which will resolve the hallpass issue. The price for SmartPass has dropped dramatically, and with the prorated price, we can move to this system for a reasonable cost. The SmartPass platform dashboard is user-friendly. The hallpass dashboard displays pictures of students actively on a pass, making monitoring the hallways much easier. For one one-way pass, the system also allows the teacher to see if the student reached their destination. The system also allows the school to prevent certain students from using hall passes at the same time. As a result of our pilot of the system, many middle and high schools in CCSD are using SmartPass.

### **Enrollment Update**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>9-12</b>
6/13/2023	438	383	380	348	1549
8/15/2023	422	417	406	393	1603
9/15/2023	414	410	404	278	1606
10/16/2023	413	410	401	378	1602
11/13/2023	413	408	403	378	1602
12/11/2023	414	407	403	376	1600

Note: 23 Program Students (Early College, Clark Academy, Daniel Jenkins).

### **Technology Update**

The new phones have been installed. The last step is to get the new integrated into the PA system.

### **Security report November 2023**

- November 15 Mr. Wilson attended campus Security Summit
- SCS conducted 23 Yondr room searches to check for compliance
- SCS conducted 6 vehicle searches
- SCS conducted 7 student safety searches

### **Construction Update**

#### **CCSD Painting and Plumbing**

On December 6th, we met with CCSD to review the plans and current conditions for the painting and plumbing project to determine the priority and sequence of the project. This will drive the bidding process. CCSD has allocated approximately \$1.5 million for painting and \$2.5 million for plumbing (restroom renovations).

#### **[JICHS Phase V Capital Maintenance Program](#)**

#### **Field Turf Project**

SprinTurf did some ground survey work over the Thanksgiving break to determine if/what is needed to proceed with the project. There was some debris discovered at depth. The results have been sent to the engineer for his recommendations.

#### **Science Classrooms, Baseball Pressbox, and Batting Cage (Clancy Wells Update)**

- The City has still not reviewed stormwater re: the re-forestation plan, but we are ploughing ahead anyway with/ Press Box + Batting Cages, and Science Classroom Addition. They said in our review on Thursday that there are 5-7 projects ahead of us (updated to 4 ahead of us at the end of last week).
- We are nearly complete w/ the Stadium Masterplan – Step 2. We are also developing verbiage to facilitate cost comparison reno vs new.

**Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)**

**Meeting Notes**

Topic	Notes	Vote
Executive Session: Student Expulsion Hearing		