

Principal's Report February 26, 2024

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



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ROTC Guest Speaker

On Tuesday, March 5, 2024, the ROTC program hosted a guest speaker at JI.. The speaker was Major General James Livingston, USMC (Retired). MajGen Livingston is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor bestowed for his actions in battle in Vietnam as a young captain. He spoke about the value and importance of integrity and always striving to do one's best, among other possible topics of his choosing regarding character development (his biography summary and the citation to accompany the award of his Medal of Honor can be viewed in the attached .pdf).

[JEL Bio](#)

District 3 Day at the Joe

The OneIsland initiative continues with a night with the Riverdogs. Friday, April 19, 2024, is #1Island Night @ the Joe. Please consider a night out with your family, friends, and colleagues. As you know, the Joe is one of the best venues to watch professional baseball. Please take a look at the flyer for more details.

[Baseball Flyer](#)

IB Science Day

March 7th was IB Science Day. The IB science classes hosted 33 Sail students from Stiles Point Elementary. The students rotated through lessons on Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Environmental Science. The students worked for several weeks to prepare lessons and demonstrations for the Sail students.

IB Science Trip

The IB Biology and IB Environmental students are going on a field trip to Marine Lab in Key Largo from April 11-15. The students fundraised all year long to help pay for the trip. Each day, the students will go on two excursions each day where they snorkel to examine the ecosystems of the Florida Keys. The students will perform labs and attend lessons. The itinerary keeps the students busy from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. A few of the labs are listed below.

- Coral Restoration
- Seagrass Ecology Surveys
- Advanced Coral Reef Ecology with Bleachwatch & Disease Monitoring
- Nocturnal Adaptations (night lagoon snorkel)
- Advanced Field Identification of Reef Fish/Parrotfish Research

Guidance “Choose Your Path Week”

This week, the Guidance Department is hosting a week of events centered around supporting and encouraging our students to “Choose Their Path,” whether it is classes for the upcoming 24-25 school year or their Path beyond life in High School.

Message from Guidance

Many of the events and guest speakers will be centered around our students who are not planning to attend four-year college and are still seeking to find their path, connection, and plan for life after high school through two-year college, Trade School, the Workforce, and/or the Military.

Guest Speaker Options/Topics: (Monday-Friday)

- CHS EMS job recruiters
- CHS Fire Department job recruiters
- CHS Summer Jobs
- DNR job opportunities
- Health Field: Ultrasound
- Job Interview Tips
- Maritime Industry careers
- National Guard recruiter
- Resume Writing Tips
- RiverDogs job opportunities
- SC Works
- Sheriff's Office job opportunities

- State Farm Insurance job opportunities/life skills through insurance/finance
- Town of James Island Building Construction programs
- Trident Tech Workforce Training programs (GED, High School Diploma, SC Credential)
- UTI (Universal Technical Institute)

Tuesday 3/19 or Wednesday, 3/20 : TTC Trident Application Day on campus

Wednesday, 3/20: 'Choose Your Path' (event during Trojan-Check-In/ILT main breezeway)

Let Ms. Brandon know if you and/or your students want to host a table at this event to promote your class to our students. Great chance to market the classes you are hoping to teach next school year :)

Thursday, 3/21: Trident Tech Career Day Field Trip (First opportunity to attend for Seniors who do not have a plan for after graduation or know they plan to attend TTC)

Our goal for this week is to provide opportunities and connections for our students to be positive and productive members of our community beyond life at JICHS 🌞💙❤️🌞

Senior Hotlist

Guidance and admin are creating a “senior hotlist,” which is a list of seniors who are in danger of not graduating. We’ve identified seniors who were behind in credits starting last year and have been working with them throughout the year. The goal of the hotlist is to identify seniors who begin to exhibit extreme signs of senioritis. They’ve been doing well all along the way but suddenly begin to shut down. Our goal is to have 100% of seniors who walk our hallways graduate on time and walk at graduation. Teachers of seniors are required to contact parents if they are in danger of failing a class, especially if it is required for graduation.

Message to Staff

With the arrival of the green snow season (pollen) comes an increase in cases of the dreaded virus Senioritis-24. The symptoms of Senioritis-24 are below. You may have noticed some seniors contracted this virus in August or September. In rare cases, symptoms start showing in the spring of their junior year. YIKES!

- *Lack of motivation*
- *Lower grades*
- *Cutting class*
- *Tardiness*
- *Maladaptive daydreaming*
- *Short-term memory loss*
- *Procrastination*
- *Spontaneous failing of required courses*
- *Dry mouth*

Building Construction Management

Recently, the Building Construction program repaired picnic tables that had been built, replacing the tabletops and benches with composite materials. They also built new benches with the same material. The tables and benches provide added seating for students during ILT. The program will be building storage buildings for the Athletic Department to eventually replace some or all the Connex trailers on campus. The projects are part of the course curriculum and benefit the school (win, win).

Community Event- Screenagers

School Choice Application Update as February 23, 2024

Through School Choice, 395 applications were submitted for 112 seats. The number of seats will be increased once we find out how many District 3 choose to attend other schools.

School Choice Timeline

January, 23, 2024	School Choice application window opens at noon
January, 27, 2024	Virtual Choice Fair [School sessions: 10:00 am 11:00 am; General Session: 12:00 pm]
February 7 & 22, 2024	Virtual application assistance night, 5:00-6:30 pm
February 13, 2024	In-person application assistance night, 5:00-6:30 pm [North Charleston CAS and West Ashley CAS]
February 23, 2024	Online application submission and paper application drop-off window closes at 5:00 pm
April 19, 2024	Date by which all School Choice application decisions will be released (via email and Parent Dashboard)
May 3, 2024	Seat acceptance deadline

Enrollment Update

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
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
1/22/2024	414	408	404	375	1601
2/23/2024	391	401	418	376	1586
3/18/2024	391	401	418	376	1586

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

Technology Update

The Technology Department is working with CCSD to get LanSchool subscriptions for our teachers. LanSchool is classroom management software that allows teachers to manage and monitor students' devices (Chromebooks and laptops). Teachers can push assignments or websites to students. The system allows teachers to see all the students' screens, increasing student engagement and improving online safety.

Construction Update

Onsite construction is scheduled to begin on May 1st. They will work around the remaining baseball schedule. Again, we have permits from OSF, so the project is moving forward. The Technical Review Committee (TRC) is still reviewing the stormwater mitigation plan. However, this only involves forestation, so this does not prevent us from starting the project.

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

Meeting Notes

Topic	Notes	Vote
Student Expulsion Hearing		
BSN Quote Padding Quote for Old gym		