

Principal's Report 11/12/2018

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).

Objectives:

2018-2019 Communication Goal: To maintain an effective communication plan with all relevant stakeholders for the 2018-19 school year using a variety of media tools.

2018-2019 School Safety Goal: Improve school safety by implementing recommendations from the CCSD Department of Safety and Security and SLED during the 18-19 school year.

Academics/School Update of Events

10/25 and 10/26 Family Data Conferences- CCSD provided school and student data dashboards. Ms. Spann created scripts for each grade-level advisory teacher. We had 253 parents attend the conferences. This is down nearly 100 from last year. Last year, we had ACT data to share. This the ACT and SAT had already been sent home.

10/25 Staff Cookout- We had a staff cookout to celebrate the end of the first quarter and because we had leftovers from Homecoming week.

10/24 Happy Unity Day! JI Wears Orange to stand together for kindness and acceptance..if we all stand together then no one stands alone.

10/27 Great news this morning!! Ms. Stafford went to the fair this weekend and told me all of the wonderful results for our school!! All 5 ceramics students placed, and 2 2D students placed!! I'm going tomorrow afternoon and will take some pictures for Ms. Childs-Kindred. So SO EXCITING!!

2D Results:

Brianna Craig--3rd place

Bella Pontel--3rd place

3D-Ceramics Results:

Giselle Rios- 1st place

Brianna Craig- 1st place

Hope Matthews- 2nd place

Chrissy Welsch- 2nd place

Kayla Gaylard-Lunn- 3rd place

11/2 Food Truck Fridays are the first Friday of each month (Carolina BBQ). The staff pays for their food.

11/5-11/19- JI Cares, JI Keeps it Kind (Advisory- Ms. Brandon), we will celebrate our Keep it Kind awareness week Monday, 11/5- Friday 11/9...there will be a schedule of events sent out next week..we all know kindness is an everyday kind of way to live :)

Keep it Kind week: Monday, November 5th-Friday, November 9th

Please join Keep it Kind and our JI Spirit Clubs as we start our JI Cares JI Gives to JI Outreach Food and Dollars Drive this Monday!

- **What** can you and your students do to help: Donate non-perishable food items in the main atrium, please announce in your classes.
- **Where** can you bring non-perishable food items to donate: Drop off is located in the Main Atrium
- **For Who:** JI Outreach supports our James Island and Folly Beach community that are in need with emergency food, medicine, and utility assistance.
- **Where** will Dollars be collected: A portion of our dollars for admission into Keep it Kind Movie Night (11/7) and our Trojan Fall Festival (11/8) will be given to JI Outreach. Admission will be \$5 or 2 nonperishable food items to get into the events.
- **Why:** This falls into the why, not category..why would we not help our JI community to try and improve the quality of life for all?

Monday: Morning Candy hand out and welcome to Students and Staff

Tuesday: No School...Keep it Kind off campus too :)

Wednesday: Movie Night in the Backyard starting @ 6:00 pm

We will be showing Incredibles 2 to go along with our Be Incredible to One Another theme for the week.

Thursday: Take What You Need Thursday...research shows that students hear 7 negative comments for every 1 positive comment at school, so we hope to provide halls, bathrooms, and mirrors covered with encouraging, positive notes to make one another feel loved and appreciated in our building.

Friday: Make a Friend, Thank a Friend Friday...we will be making friendship bracelets to give to new friends and/or thank an already friend for being there.

11/8 Fall Festival and Powder Puff Games- jump castle, games, face painting, popcorn machine, and food, and Trojan Powder games to follow. Due to the rain scheduled for today and tomorrow, the Fall Festival and Trojan Puff event are being postponed until November 29, 2018, at 5:30.

Policy Manual Update

We are contracting with the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina to update our policy manuals. We will also subscribe to annual policy updates so that our policies remain in compliance with state and federal laws.

Charity Work

Trident United Way- This year TUW is underway and will run until November 2. I've had the pleasure of being your liaison for 12 years, and after a little bit of math, am proud to say that JICHS has donated over \$14,000 to TUW and its local organizations.

I have come to realize that teacher incentives seem to work best if they involve jeans and food. So, this year we will keep it simple. A donation of \$15 (or more) gets your jeans on Monday AND Tuesday before Thanksgiving. In addition, IF we can hit \$1500, Mr. Thorn has agreed to a staff pizza party.....not only to

celebrate TUW support, but your support, as a faculty, of several other charitable causes - PB&J, James Island Outreach, James Island families in need, hurricanes Florence and Michael relief efforts, and the list goes on.

Student Achievement Data

The state report is scheduled to be released on November 15, 2018 (embargoed). JCHS earned an “Excellent” rating on the 17-18 School Report.

Capturing Kids Hearts (CKH)

10/29 CKH meeting with Representative Rob Kirk to get quotes for training.

11/27 and 11/28 CKH Training- Carrie Holland and Maureen Jessup will be attending.

Staff Professional Development

On 10/31/18- Teachers met in interdisciplinary PLC’s in the Media Center. They could choose from one of four predetermined groups or create one of their choosing. The four predetermined groups were from the Action Research groups or committees, which were Historically Underachieving Populations, Literacy, Achieve3000, and JIReads.

Technology- Matt Gilbert

Classroom technology is being utilized more than ever! With use, comes wear-and-tear. Classroom presentation systems are aging and the original Smartboard systems are beginning to fail. We've had to replace at least a dozen LCD projectors in the past month. Some of the boards (over a decade old) are also beginning to fail. The media center has reported that every available graphics calculator has been checked out; consequently, there is now a wait list and we need additional units. Testing is in the near future so we are busy updating the software on the different devices to handle online testing.

Enrollment Update

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
11-12-18	435	410	391	333	1569
10/15/18	437	411	393	334	1575
9/17/18	441	415	399	338	1593
8/20/18	436	422	406	337	1601
6/1/2018	430	412	342	370	1554

Construction Update

Quackenbush Architects and Planners/Clancy and Wells were selected for the JICHHS CTE Expansion (25,000 sq ft) and Competition Gym (30,000 sq ft) project that scheduled to be completed by 2022.

On October 31, we met with Mr. Rich Gordon, Executive Director of CTE for CCSD, to review current and future programs for our CTE program. Our CTE Program footprint is 15,525 sq ft. The goal is to improve our existing programs, possibly eliminate or convert some programs and potentially add more programs in the following areas: Informational Technology, Engineering, Culinary Arts, Health Sciences (EMT certifications), and Building Construction (replace Industrial Technology). We plan to get feedback from stakeholders on expanding or adding any new programs.

School Safety Update

10/16 Sheriff's office used the facility after hours to conduct K9 training. No students or faculty were present.

10/18 Earthquake drill.

10/18 Two temporary employees with the overnight cleaning crew were caught on camera stealing from a classroom. A report was made with Officer Brown, and it is being investigated.

10/29 Convened a meeting of the crisis team to discuss the school's response to the untimely death of a former student with ties to current students.

10/29 Mr. Allenton was hired as our school crossing guard. He and Mr. King will be trained and equipped by the Sheriff's Office School Crossing Guard division. Project start date is 11/12.

10/31 Met with the Admin team to discuss changes to the way we staff the security towers as our volunteers are beginning to lose their enthusiasm. Various different options are being considered at this time.

11/2 Mrs. Quinn brought to my attention that the bathrooms in the PAC have become a gathering place before school and during lunch. A locking schedule was put in place to curb students from congregating.

Fire Drills

10/25- Security towers screenings- An average of 500 students are searched each day we do the screenings.

Dates: 10/15, 10/18, 10/23, 10/25, 11/1, 11/2

Board Meeting Dates

2018-19 Board of Directors- 5:30 pm on the third Monday of the month.

8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/12, 12/17, 1/28, 2/25, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/24

2018-19 Finance Committee - 4:30 pm on the second Monday of the month.

8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10

Calendar of Events

10/23 End of First Quarter 10/25-26 Family Data Conferences 10/25 JCHS and CRMS Fall Concert 7 pm 11/6 Election Day 11/8 CCSD Countywide Principal Meeting 11/8 SCPCSA Board Training 6 pm 11/12 Finance Committee Meeting 11/12 Board of Directors Meeting	11/15 River Bluff Visit- Flexible Modular Scheduling 11/19-20 Weather Makeup Days 11/21- 11/25 Thanksgiving Break 11/28-29 Annual SC Public Charter Conference- Charleston 12/10/18 Finance Committee Meeting 12/17/18 Board of Directors Meeting 6/8/19 Graduation
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Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)

Meeting Notes

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