

## Principal's Report 10/21/19

### 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

#### **Homecoming Week 9/30-10/4**

Homecoming week was a tremendous success. We had approximately 150 students at the Homecoming Dance. Many students participated in the theme days. The pep rally was outstanding. The Spirit Committee did an excellent job of planning the event, and the students showed a lot of school spirit. We had a cookout for the seniors and the staff during ILT. Thanks to Marty Monette, Patrick Halstead, Pat Matthews, Jason Edwards, Jeremy Holland for cooking. **Mr. Edwards cooked 100-lbs of bacon.** Thank you to Matt Gilbert, Meredith Reid, Robbie Woods, Anne Wright, Deborah Farrell, Donnia Richardson, and my wife for serving. We won the PB&J Blitz. We are now 3-0. We had a huge crowd for the Homecoming football game.

#### **JICHS 2018 State Report Card**

We earned 73 out of 100 points on the state report card, which is considered "Excellent" (67-100). Below is a breakdown of our point totals.

Category	2017-18	2018-19
Academic Achievement (EOC Algebra 1 and English 1)	15.54/25, Good	15.45/25, Good
Preparing for Success (EOC Biology and US History and the Constitution)	6.22/10, Excellent	5.97/10, Good
English Learner Progress	3.51/10, Below Average	6.97/10, Good
Graduation Rate	20.47/25 (90.90), Excellent	20.58/25 (91.2%), Excellent
College and Career Readiness	20.70/25, Excellent	20.20/25, Excellent
Student Engagement Survey	1.5/5, Below Average	3.5/5, Good
Total, Rating	68/100, Excellent	73/100, Excellent

## Palmetto Awards

CCSD records strong showing in Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards



Twenty-five Charleston County School District (CCSD) schools have been named by the South Carolina Department of Education as Palmetto Gold or Palmetto Silver Award winners for their student academic performance spanning the last two school years. The annual awards were established by the State Legislature to recognize and reward schools for high levels of academic achievement. Since no awards were announced last year, this year's list recognizes schools for both 2018 and 2019.

The following award-winning CCSD schools are:

**2019 Palmetto Gold Schools:** Academic Magnet High School, Charleston County School of the Arts, Wando High School, Moultrie Middle School, Buist Academy Middle, East Cooper Montessori Middle, Laing Middle School, Carolina Park Elementary School, and Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School.

**2019 Palmetto Silver Schools:** *James Island Charter High School*, Thomas Cario Middle School, Montessori Community Middle, Charleston County School of the Arts Middle, East Cooper Montessori Elementary, Charles Pinckney Elementary School, Jennie Moore Elementary School, Mt. Pleasant Academy, Sullivan's Island Elementary School, Orange Grove Charter School Elementary and Middle, and Oakland Elementary School, Belle Hall Elementary School.

**2018 Palmetto Gold Schools:** Academic Magnet High School, Charleston County School of the Arts, Wando High School, *James Island Charter High School*, Buist Academy Middle, Moultrie Middle School, Montessori Community Middle, East Cooper Montessori Elementary and Middle, Carolina Park Elementary School, Charles Pinckney Elementary School, and Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School.

"We are thrilled to celebrate this recognition with the teachers, administrators, and of course, the students, from so many schools throughout CCSD," said Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait. "We have extremely high achieving schools and schools that have shown very impressive growth representing all areas of our county."

Elementary and middle awards are based on State Report Card ratings for English language arts and mathematics achievement and growth. **High school awards are based on State Report Card ratings for graduation rate, college and career readiness, and State End-of-Course tests.**

### **Dinner and Discussion (Carrie Holland, Andrew Drake, and Donnia Richardson)**

- November 7, 2019, at St. James Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be a 5:30 pm. The discussions will begin at 6:00 pm.
- In partnership with the JICHs Project LIT members
- Guest speakers from MUSC's Youth Collaborative Team and Edge Drug Prevention Alliance will be sharing information and raising awareness on adolescent substance abuse within the JI Community.

### **Independent Learning Time (ILT) and Structured Learning Time (SLT)**

Thus far, the students have been well-behaved during ILT. The students seemed to have caught on that this is their discretionary time. At first, they didn't really know what to do, but now it seems like we have been doing ILT for years. The lunch lines are usually empty halfway through ILT. We have **nearly 30 more benches** for the corridor that are due to arrive at any time.

Based on teacher feedback, we will continue to adjust SLT (separate math and science, how/when students may exit, etc.). ILT/SLT is an iterative process. We will continue to adjust until we feel we've got it just right.

### **JICHS Marketing/Branding/School Beautification Committees (Howard, Garvin, Quinn, Purvis, C Holland, Thorn, and others)**

- JICHS Branding in general- we are working with Jostens on a possible new mascot and slogans for the school
- New signage- bi-folds, hanging signs, and hallway signs
- AVID Elective and AVID Schoolwide (College and Career Readiness or CCR)
- Decorating outside the Science building
- Painting the amphitheater in the main courtyard (student-led project)
- History of JICHS

### **Enrollment Update**

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
10/21/19	392	396	382	345	1515
9/23/19	392	398	385	348	1523
8/26/19	393	402	393	351	1539
6/10/19	401	397	366	332	1496
1/28/19	430	406	385	334	1555
8/20/18	436	422	406	337	1601
6/1/2018	430	412	342	370	1554

Enrollment As of 10/18/2019	9th	10th	11th	12th
JICHS	385	383	376	343
Clark	1	4	2	2
Daniel Jenkins	0	0	2	0
Early College	6	9	2	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>345</b>
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Clark	-9
Daniel Jenkins	-2
Early College	-17
<b>JICHHS IN HOUSE TOTAL:</b>	<b>1487</b>

## **JICHHS Strategic Plan**

Currently, the charter goal subcommittees are working on action plans for each charter goal. The goal is to have a draft of each of these action plans ready for the November board meeting (11/18/19). Board members will be invited to join each subcommittee once an initial draft is ready.

## **Technology Update (Gilbert)**

- The Technology Department is focusing on CERT testing to ensure the Chromebooks work properly with that platform.
- They continue to process technology-related work orders.

## **School Safety Update**

- Metal detectors conducted twice weekly.
- Completed drills for fire, earthquake, and active threat.
- Working with Officer Hamilton to prevent people who cause problems from entering after-school events.

## **Construction Update**

### **CTE and Competition Gym**

We are currently in the final schematic design phase. We expect to break ground in January. The current plan is to relocate four of the newer mobiles to the band practice field and rent a quad for the Building Construction Management class. The band practice field is the only suitable location on campus. This was cleared with Mr. Campbell. The band practice field will be restored back to its current condition.

### **James Island Bus Lot**

- CCSD is hosting a public meeting to discuss the James Island bus lot on November 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the JICHHS cafeteria.
- This project is expected to start soon and be completed by next summer.

### **New Used Bus**

We bought a used bus from Orange Grove Charter Schools for \$5,000. It is in great shape. This will be extremely helpful in the spring with all of our sports. We spend at least \$300-400 per trip when we contract it

out. We would like one more activity bus (for a total of 5). The cost savings for field trips and athletic events could pay for itself in less than a year (25-30 K).

### **Practice Field Project**

CCSD has approved for the practice field project to proceed. We are currently waiting on two more bids from turf companies. Unfortunately, getting companies to submit bids has been difficult. Once we select a turf company, we will start the project asap. The project will only take 12 weeks, weather permitting. Hopefully, we will have a turf practice facility by spring.

### **JICHS Board of Directors Meeting Dates**

**2019-20 Board of Directors-** 5:30 pm on the third Monday of the month.

8/26, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/27, 2/24, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/22

**2019-20 Finance Committee-** 4:00 pm on the second Monday of the month.

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

### **Calendar of Events**

<b>10/21-10/24 Midterms</b> 10/22 JICHS & CRMS 7 pm 10/23 CCSD Bus Meeting 3 pm 10/24 MADUSA Conference <b>10/25 Last day of quarter 1/Teacher Workday</b> <b>10/25 Staff Cookout 11:30 am</b> 11/11 Veteran's Day Breakfast (BoD) 11/11 Finance Committee Meeting 11/18 Board of Directors	11/25 and 11/26 Weather Make-up Days 11/27-11/29 Fall Break 12/9 Finance Committee Meeting 4 pm 12/16 Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 pm  <b>6/6/20 JICHS 2020 Graduation Ceremony</b> <b>North Charleston Coliseum at 11:00 am</b>
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### **Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)**

#### **Meeting Notes**

Topic	Notes	Vote
Personnel Issue		
Board Training TBD		
BoD Code of Conduct and Ethics		

Board Approval of H. Spanish Culture and H. French Culture Classes		
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