

Principal's Report March 16, 2020

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

Coronavirus Preparation

Admin and the Leadership Team are working on a plan for eLearning or virtual school day should we need to miss school for an extended period of time.

Callout 3-10-2020 Coronavirus

This is James Island Charter High School with an update on the Coronavirus.

JICHHS has taken all precautions recommended by CCSD, DHEC and the CDC. We have purchased additional soaps, disinfectants, and sanitizers. Our classrooms are always equipped with hand sanitizer, and we have plenty in stock to replenish as needed. Additional hand sanitizer stations have been placed in high traffic areas. Our cleaning company staff are wiping down stair rails, door handles, student desktops, and lavatory sinks nightly. The nursing staff sent CDC recommendations and handwashing videos to advisor teachers to share with students. Flyers and posters from the CDC have been posted around the building.

To best protect yourself from the Coronavirus, the CDC recommends following normal seasonal flu guidelines. Those steps include: washing your hands, covering your coughs, staying home when sick, and immediately throwing away used tissues and similar items.

On the CCSD website, there is a page dedicated to the coronavirus (see below). The page contains updates and resources from DHEC and the CDC.

Please visit our website or the CCSD website for more information.

Note: Thank you to our school nurses Constance Olds and Lidie Collier for taking a leadership role at this time by informing and educating our staff and students on the Coronavirus. Thank you to our Maintenance Department and the cleaning crew for all the extra effort to clean and sanitize the building as best they can. Marty and his maintenance staff have repeatedly replaced the soap dispensers in the boy's bathroom. Students are constantly ripping them off the wall, sometimes the same day. The latest model they installed is endorsed by the California Penal System.

Professional Development

The staff meetings this year have been run as PD sessions for staff with a focus Culturally Relevant Teaching (CRT) using the AVID handbook. The topic last month was Growth vs. Fixed Mindset. The topic this month is on language registers.

ACT/SAT

We managed to administer the SAT and ACT this year without having to disrupt an entire school day. This was due to a variety of reasons. In the past, all third-year students had to take one of the tests. Students now have the opportunity to opt-out of that requirement. We decided to go with CERT testing versus giving the PreACT to 9th and 10th-grade students. Students take the CERT test in their core classes. They may take the CERT test 3 to 6 times a year versus taking the PreACT as a one-time test. CERT provides the school and students with data throughout the year.

Dinner and Discussion Event Thursday, February 27, 2020

Clearing the Air About Vaping- We had two outstanding experts from MUSC that presented and answered questions. Approximately 20 people outside the school attended the event. One more event is planned for later this spring. Despite the efforts of the assistant principals and others, the events have not been well attended.

March 12- 13th Annual NHS Charity Dodgeball Tournament

Team Average Joe's dominates; wins the championship. Were not as good as we once were, but we were good once as we ever were. The bigger winner Sara's Cure. Thank you to Mrs. Mangum, NHS, and the students that participated. Thank you to the staff team "Average Joes" for volunteering to throw balls at our students.



Team Averages Joe's Rosters

Captain- Timmy "Nye the Science Guy" Thorn (how do I get out of this at this point?)

Greg "The Ecuadorian Nightmare" Webster

Hillairy "Downton" Brown

Nolan "Allday" Davis

Megan "Bookworm, Barbwire" Barbee

Lloyd "Seal Team 6" King

Colt "the Troubadour" Campbell

Kim "Scissor Kick" Cohn

Brian "Double Entendre" Garvin

Andrew "Natural Numbers" Drake

All Abilities Week March 30-April 3

There will be events planned throughout the week. On Friday, April 3, there will be a charity basketball game with the students from the Unified PE class. This was a huge success last year.

Powder Puff Game

The Powder Puff game is March 27, 2020, from 12:30-3:30 pm in the Backyard. Teachers may take their classes to the game.

DUI Rodeo

Mr. Edwards worked with MUSC to plan a DUI Rodeo for March 16. This is an annual event that we do before the Prom season. The event took place during 1st and 2nd periods. Teachers signed up for their classes to participate. Classes with upperclassmen were targeted for this event. The students rotate through six stations.

Prom

JCHS Prom 2020 is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2020, from 6:30-10:30 PM at the beautiful Charleston Gaillard Grand Ballroom! Our 2020 Prom theme is "Night On Olympus" (Grecian). Postponed- possible dates are March 29, 30, 31.

Performing Art- Spring Musical (2nd Annual)



Student Recruitment

School Choice Application (2-21-2020)

January 28, 2020 -- Online and paper application window opens at 12 p.m. (NOON)

February 1, 2020 -- Choice Fair: 10:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m. at 4 locations:

1. C.E. Williams Middle School, 640 Butte Street, Charleston SC
2. Laing Middle School, 2705 Bulrush Basket Lane, Mt. Pleasant SC
3. Military Magnet Academy, 2950 Carner Avenue, North Charleston SC
4. St. John's High School, 1518 Main Road, Johns Island SC

- **February 28, 2020** -- Online and paper application window closes (4 p.m. for paper application drop-offs; 6:00 p.m. for online application submissions)
- **April 3, 2020** - Families notified of acceptance
- **April 23, 2020** - Offered seat must be accepted or declined

Enrollment Update

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
3/16/2020	377	396	368	347	1488
2/24/2020	376	397	372	349	1494
1/27/2020	390	398	372	350	1510
12/16/19	390	395	382	345	1512
11/18/19	389	395	383	344	1511
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

New Activity Buses and Vans

Coach Holland, Lynn Shaddrix, and I are looking into purchasing two new activity buses and possibly two new school vans. Our current activity buses are old and costly to maintain. Our current vans are older but function well. We could use bigger, newer vans for longer trips. In general, we need more vehicles to meet our demand, especially in the spring (sports and field trips). We will work through the Finance Committee with this project to see what we can afford and then bring our request to the board.

Technology Update

Technology has been immersed in state-required testing. So far, this has gone more smoothly than in past years,

Technology is responding to uptake in teacher workstation repairs. Technology is currently doing research on e-learning plans in place across the country for events that may potentially interrupt the normal day-to-day operations of the physical plant.

School Safety Update

- School Security Update
- Metal detectors conducted twice weekly.
- Met with a parent who had information about a student possibly selling drugs in school. Working with the SRO to investigate further.
- I found a grant for security upgrades and will be working on getting it submitted in the coming month.
- Conducting scans of the parking lot looking cars parked illegally.
- Relocated SCS positions to address students loitering in the hallways.

Construction Update

CTE Wing and Competition Gym- no updates to report since last month.

James Island Bus Lot

The Charleston County BZA Board did not grant an appeal hearing for the JI Bus Lot. CCSD has filed an appeal at the court level.

Busing 20-21 and Beyond

We are working with the CCSD Transportation Department on a plan for busing next year and the years to come. The plan is to install a trailer for the JI Bus Manager and their staff. The goals moving forward are improved service, getting all students to school and home on time, and increasing efficiency to reduce cost. If the majority of buses can do two runs, that will reduce the number of buses and staffing costs. For buses that are shared, CCSD and JICHS will split the cost (\$300 per day/2 = \$150).

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, **6/15**

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

3/17 Strings Concert 7 pm 3/24-3/25 PCSA Leadership Summit 3/28 Prom- Gilliard Center 6:30 pm 3/24-3/25 PCSA Leadership Summit 3/27 Powder Puff Game 12:30 pm	3/28 Prom 4/6-4/10 Spring Break 6/6/20 JICHS 2020 Graduation Ceremony North Charleston Coliseum at 11:00 am
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Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)

Meeting Notes

Topic	Notes	Vote

Update of Coronavirus

Good afternoon. This JICHS with an update on the school closure.

The staff has been working for a couple of weeks to prepare for a school closure. Today was a district-wide day to prepare for the distribution of educational materials. Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, is a day for parents and students to pick-up any needed materials or resources from the school. The school will be open from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. After tomorrow, we are uncertain when we will have access to the school building. Please plan on coming tomorrow if you need something from the school.

JICHS will primarily be following an eLearning protocol that is individualized and delivered by each teacher. By now teachers should have communicated their eLearning protocol with the students.

Chromebooks, Textbooks and Other Items

We are aware some students may not have access to a mobile device (computer, tablet, or smartphone) for distance learning. In this situation, the school is making Chromebooks available for checkout during this extended school closure. Most textbooks have already been issued or are available online. Textbooks are available for checkout in the Media Center if needed. If your students left something at school they may get it tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17th between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Students or parents will be escorted where they need to go.

If a Chromebook is needed in order for a student to participate in emergency distance learning, the student and guardian must complete and sign the **Mobile Device Responsible Use Agreement**. This form may be picked up in the front atrium or found on our website for print. Once a form has been signed, they may pick up a device at the school on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM. All Chromebooks will be due when school resumes following the prolonged school closure. Families are responsible for damaged or lost devices.

Hard Copy Packets

We understand that eLearning may not be an option for all of our students. In such instances where this is the case, students and families may stop by JICHS on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM to pick up hard copies of instructional resources and assignments.

Grading

The work that is planned and given for students to complete during a school building closure will be graded and is expected to be completed and turned in. Failure to complete assignments will negatively impact your academic progress and overall grades. Completed hard copy work must be ready to be turned in once we return to school; however, if the school closure is extended please listen for callouts and emails with specific information on how to turn in assignments and/or pick up additional assignments.

Attendance

Also, attendance will be taken. Students with access to the internet must log in for each class, complete and submit the work as this will be evidence of attendance. Failure to log in and/or complete/ submit assignments (electronic or hard copy) will equate to an unexcused absence for that class period.

Medications

If needed, parents may pick their child's medication in the clinic on Tuesday, March 17th.

Closure

During this extended school closure, our JCHS staff will be available to answer questions or give any assistance needed via email. Please understand that at this time we don't have the answers to all of your questions, but we will do our best to answer you in a timely manner.