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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2020-2021
John Hopkins Middle School

Upcoming Events

OCT 23 End of 1st Quarter

OCT 26 No School for Scholars - Teacher Work Day

OCT 27 School Resumes - Start of 2nd Quarter

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HOME OF THE TROJANS

A Letter from Our Principal



Principal Mr. Carlmon Jones

Dear Trojan Families,

Hello and thank you all for your faith in our school district to reopen our campuses on August 24. Many families made the decisions they felt best suited their children given the current circumstances with our health and safety. I also thank you for your grace and patience with our faculty, staff, and administration, as we all were learning how to best navigate with the Canvas platform, our teachers learning how to instruct simultaneous classes, and the schedule changes that occurred to reduce the total number of simultaneous classes and create as many “pure” sections of either “face to face classes” or virtual classes. Needless to say, the first six weeks of the school year has been full of change.

Many of your scholars participated in beginning of the year diagnostic assessments to determine if any learning loss occurred due to the mandate of going 100% virtual during the last quarter of the 2019-20 school year. From the data collected, I give kudos to our scholars who gave maximum effort on the assessments, as we can create the appropriate learning paths to help progress scholars to proficiency on the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) they are scheduled to take in the spring.

Since the school year was pushed back, I'd like to inform you the first quarter of the school year will end on Friday, October 23. Your child still has time to either maintain their current level of progress or work to improve the current progress in classes of concern. Please continue to monitor your child's progress by viewing their Focus grades at least weekly and you can always reach out to your child's teachers through email.

Respectfully,

IMPORTANT DATES

To Remember

OCT
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Friday, October 23 - End of First Quarter

OCT
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Monday, October 26 - No School for Scholars; Teacher Work Day

OCT
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Tuesday, October 27 - Start of Second Quarter

NOV
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Tuesday, November 3 - Report Cards Distributed

NOV
18

Wednesday, November 18 - Mid-term for Second Quarter

NOV
23

Monday, Nov 23 - Friday, Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday Break

NOV
30

Monday, November 30 - Classes resume

DEC
21

Monday, Dec 21 - Friday, Jan 1 2021 - Winter / Christmas Break

JAN
4

Monday, January 4 2021 - Classes Resume

JAN
15

Friday, January 15 2021 - End of First Semester

OUT OF FIELD Teachers

The teachers at John Hopkins Middle School are dedicated to our scholars and the school and district vision of 100% scholar success. They are all certified by the Florida Department of Education in the related subject areas they teach. In addition, they attend professional learning opportunities designed to support their growth in the profession and to help our scholars achieve.

Teacher selection and scheduling can be a challenging process. Occasionally, it becomes necessary to assign a course to a teacher for which he/she is not currently certified. These decisions are made with consideration to teacher competence and a continual commitment to highest scholar achievement.

Any teacher assigned out of field is chosen carefully, given additional district support, and is expected to work towards appropriate certification in a timely manner. The following teachers are currently out of field at John Hopkins Middle School:

- Tatyana Arnold (Reading Endorsement)
- Paul Chedda (ESOL Endorsement)
- Jennifer Collings (Middle Grades Math)
- Kari Ekblom (Middle Grades Social Science)
- Jenna Foster (ESOL Endorsement)
- Lisa Graham (Reading Endorsement)
- Rubymar Pacheco-Rodriguez (Middle Grades English)
- Melanie Rogers (Health Education)
- Kellie Tomey (Reading Endorsement)

I am confident that they will provide excellent instruction in a safe learning environment to all of their students. Our teachers and staff work diligently to meet the needs of every student in our school. Your continued support of your child's education is appreciated. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Carlmon Jones
Principal
John Hopkins Middle School

SERVICES WE Provide

Campbell Park Resource Center has a community food donation giveaway each Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please come through the school's bus circle, stay in your car, and the volunteers will place the food items in your back seat or trunk.

MY PCS Online families can come by the school each Friday from 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. to pick up meals for the week for your child attending John Hopkins Middle School virtually.

Extended Learning Program is up and running at John Hopkins Middle School. Our program is an extension of the normal school day that offers:

- Before school tutoring in core content classes (i.e. ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 – 9 a.m.
- After school remediation in Reading and Math to help prepare our scholars for the Florida Standards Assessments; offered Tuesday – Thursday from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- After school course recovery in any previously failed core academic course; offered Tuesday – Thursday from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Transportation will be provided after school to the following locations:

- Thomas "Jet" Jackson Recreation Center; 1000 28th Street South
- Frank H. Pierce Recreation Center; 2000 7th Street South
- Lake Vista Recreation Center; 1401 62nd Avenue South
- Bay Point Middle School; 2151 62nd Avenue South
- North Shore Elementary School; 200 35th Avenue Northeast
- Meadowlawn Middle School; 6050 16th Street North

To apply, please contact the school at (727) 893-2400, or visit our website, to get an ELP application.

Please remember to frequently visit our website for new upcoming information throughout the year.