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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

I hope this letter finds you well, and that you are enjoying the summer months. We are in the process of preparing the building and our programming to provide students with an exciting and rewarding year. Please review this letter carefully, as it contains important updates.

Annual Registration

In August parents should receive an email regarding the Annual Registration process, in OnCourse. This process must be completed to ensure that parents and students have access to the OnCourse Connect platform. This is also the means by which you can ensure that we have accurate family/emergency contacts information, and medical information, for students.

Additionally, the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) will be accessible during the OnCourse Annual registration. The AUP must be acknowledged and signed electronically. **Students will not receive a laptop until an AUP is acknowledged and signed electronically, by a parent/guardian.** For families who do not have access to the Internet, please remember that the public library has multiple computers for public use. You can also contact our Guidance office for assistance.

Student Parent Handbook

We ask that parents and students review the JDHS 2022 - 2023 Student/Parent Handbook, posted on the JDHS webpage. It is critical that students and parents are aware of student expectations, and the many supports available to ensure that students have a successful experience at JDHS. Please note especially the expectations regarding **Attendance, Student IDs, Electronic Devices, Dress Code** as these are the most frequent issues addressed by our disciplinary process. The sections regarding **Academic Integrity** and **Graduation Requirements** are also sections important to note.

Student Schedules 2022-2023

Student Schedules will be made available in OnCourse Connect on Thursday, September 1st. If you have any questions or concerns about the schedule, please contact your child's school counselor. Change requests will not be attended to during the summer break. Students can make appointments to see their School Counselor starting September 8th.

Summer Assignments

Summer assignments are posted at the following link: <https://www.springfieldschools.com/1/Content2/1422>
Please be sure to review the list. Students must complete the assigned work according to the requirements and due dates specified.

Student Identification Cards

It is required that all students wear identification badges, at all times, while in the building. The identification cards are a critical component of our security and safety measures. All staff, students are required to wear identification cards and lanyards to indicate that they are authorized to be in the building. In emergency situations, the IDs and lanyards facilitate quick identification of individuals by first responders. Additionally, the ID cards allow students to access restrooms and print documents in our Instructional Media Center (IMC). Please note that student ID cards will no longer allow students to swipe at exterior door access panels to enter the building. Failure to comply with the ID card requirement will result in disciplinary consequences. Students in need of a new or replacement ID must report to the JDHS guidance office on the appropriate date below:

A through H must report on Monday, August 22nd

I through Q must report on Tuesday, August 23rd

R through Z must report on Wednesday, August 24th

Please note that all offices are closed between 12:00pm and 1:00pm during the summer.

Morning Arrival Procedures

In an effort to improve the security and safety of our buildings, we have made significant changes to morning arrival procedures. Beginning in September, all students, walkers, those transported by private vehicle, and those transported by the district, will be required to enter the building through designated doors, between 7:20am and 7:40am.

- Door 5: Seniors and Students purchasing breakfast. Door 5 is located on the east side of the building, across from visitor and senior student parking. Drivers dropping off students at Door 5 must use the right lane as they enter the school driveway, and drive around to the drop off point. Students entering Door 5 will report to the cafeteria.
- Door 18: Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen. Door 18 is located in the rear of the building. Drivers dropping off students at this door are to use the left lane as they enter the school driveway, and drive around to the drop off point in the rear of the building, which will be indicated by a sign. Students will enter Door 18 and report to the Main Gym.

Students will remain in these reporting areas until 7:35am, at which time a bell will sound and students will be released to go to lockers and report to Period 1. There will be no access to hallways prior to 7:35am. Students that arrive at school after 7:40am must report to Door 1, the main entrance under the clock tower, to be buzzed into the building. As noted above, student ID cards will no longer allow students to swipe at exterior door access panels to enter the building.

First Day of School

On Thursday, September 8th, all students must report to Period 1 by 7:40am. The Period 1 class will be the official attendance reporting period for the day. If students are absent from Period 1, and the attendance office has not been notified prior to the absence, parents/guardians will receive a call from the attendance desk.

Please contact the main office with any questions. Let's make it a great year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Francis