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A Message from Mr. Lewis

Parents and Stakeholders,

It is hard to believe that in a matter of months, final exams will begin and the class of 2012 will graduate from Johnson High School. We have had an outstanding year thus far, and although the end is in sight, and as tempting as it may be to relax a little, we should remember that there is still much to do before we can consider ourselves on "summer vacation."

In a couple of weeks, many of our juniors and some of our seniors will take the Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies portions of the Georgia High School Graduation Test. Teachers are working hard to prepare students through review and study of the critical content in each area. The number of tests required for each student will vary due to past performance and some changes at the state level. If you have any questions at all about your student's test status, please feel free to contact student services.

End of Course Tests and final exams will be held in May, during the last couple of weeks of school. It is so important that students remained focused through those crucial days, and that they continue to have good attendance. Some students have a tendency to "slack off" as the weather warms up and spring approaches. Please assist us and emphasize to your child the importance of finishing the school year strong. Regular attendance, communicating with one's teachers, and staying on top of assignments will improve your child's chances of success.

From the beginning of the year, Johnson High School has worked hard to intervene and assist when a student shows signs of poor attendance. We need your help in this cause. A copy of our attendance policy can be found on page two of this newsletter. I encourage all parents to read the policy and become familiar with it.

One of the areas that keep parents, students, and educators busy during the spring is athletics. Baseball, soccer, tennis, golf, and track are well underway, and all of us have been extremely proud of our student athletes' efforts and performances.

Students are also performing in other areas. Drama is working hard preparing for its spring musical, "Footloose," and chorus just returned from All-State. Additionally, many of our CTAE students are competing at the regional, state, and national level through Skills USA and their efforts have been outstanding.

Yes, this is a busy time, and without a doubt, there is serious, hard work ahead. But your Johnson Knights are up to the task. They are challenging themselves daily to excel in all areas, and they are experiencing high school as they should be: with a strong sense of work ethic, a thirst for knowledge, a love for friends and community, and pride in the Big Blue!

Thanks for all your support. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Stan Lewis

2012 STAR STUDENT & STAR TEACHER ANNOUNCED!

Nicole Newsom

Kerri Napoleon

Nicole Newsom, IB Diploma Candidate, has been named the JHS STAR student for 2012 and has selected Ms. Kerri Napoleon, IB History teacher, as her STAR teacher. The designation of STAR student is given to the high school senior with the highest 3-part SAT score of his class. The STAR student then selects a teacher that made a significant impact on his or her education to be named the school's STAR teacher. District STAR students and teachers will be honored at a luncheon in the spring. ◆

MISSION/VISION SURVEYS FOR PARENTS ON WEBSITE

Parents, JHS wants your input on what the Mission and Vision of our school should be and/or reflect. Online surveys are now available on the JHS website for you to complete. Will you take just a minute or two of your time to complete the online survey? Go to the JHS home page and scroll to the bottom to the section **Knight Links** and then click on **Mission/Vision Parent Survey** and complete the survey. Thanks for taking the time to provide valuable input on the future direction of your school. ◆

2012 Graduation: Friday, May 18, 2012

3:00 p.m. at Free Chapel Worship Center

HALL CO. ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Hall County Schools Attendance Policy prohibits students from missing more than 15 days for a year-long class. Once a student exceeds more than 15 absences, he/she will not receive credit for their classes unless he/she receives a granted waiver from the Attendance Committee. The process is below:

Student must turn in excuses for each individual absence.

Student must get Attendance Waiver Form from office.

Student is responsible for completing the form. He/she will need to log in to Infinite Campus to see the days missed, and current grade in each class. After the form is completed, the student needs to have each teacher sign it before or after school. No instruction time will be taken for teachers to sign the attendance waiver form. Also, if a form is incomplete, the teacher will not sign the form. The student must have it completed before requesting teacher signatures.

Turn in the completed form to Dr. Carter

Student will go before an Attendance Committee to discuss why he/she should receive credit for his/her classes.

The Attendance Committee will either approve or decline credit based on the hearing and documentation provided. ◆

BAND NEWS

The JHS Band will perform in the GA Music Educators 9th District Large Group Performance Evaluation event on March 14 at Hart Co. HS. The Concert Band has earned Superior ratings for several years running and is preparing an exciting, fun, musical program for this event.

The JHS Marching Knights will perform in the parade on "Main Street USA" in Disney's Magic Kingdom on April 2nd in Orlando. This is the Marching Knights' 4th performance at Disney! ◆

IMPORTANT DATES

March 19—23 .....Georgia High School Graduation Tests
April 2—6 ..... Spring Holidays (Students & Staff)
May 6 ..... Baccalaureate Service (Time & Location TBA)
May 8 .....Honors Night (Time & Location TBA)
May 10..... Paint the Road Party for Seniors
May 10, 11 .....Senior Checkout/Grad. Ticket Distribution
May 12..... Jr/Sr Prom 7:00 p.m. @ Chattahoochee CC
May 17..... Last Day of School for Students
May 18, 21 ..Potential Inclement Weather Make-up Days
May 18.....JHS Graduation 3:00 p.m. @ Free Chapel
May 22, 23 ..... Post-Planning for Teachers

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

We have 1250 students at JHS
We have 71 yearbooks left.
Do the math!!!
Don't wait and be left out at the end of the year.
Order today at
www.KnightYearbook.com

Order your yearbook now.

JISA—JOHNSON INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS ACADEMY

This semester has been a busy time for the JISA students. Professors and graduate students from Georgia State University's Biobus project engaged JISA students with hands-on labs in which students solved a fictitious crime based on the results discovered from the experiments. For the full story, please visit the article on The Gainesville Times' website—http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/archives/61758/.

Guest speaker and local resident, Mr. Robert Smucker, shared stories with JISA students about his travels to Africa, including climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro. He frequently travels to Africa to provide assistance for the people of east Africa. In his presentation, he exposed the staggering statistics of the decline of the people of east Africa due to the AIDS epidemic, as well as malnourishment. The statistics were made all too real with the photographs of the individuals living in the region and the conditions in which they live. Inspired by his presentation, many JISA students indicated they are interested in getting involved in efforts to provide assistance to the people of that region. Thanks to Mr. Smucker's contacts in Africa, students will hopefully have the opportunity to get involved as early as this semester.

The 10th grade JISA students visited Brenau University to watch the Gainesville Theatre Alliance's play *The Grapes of Wrath*. Below are pictures of students at Brenau's Hosch Theatre prior to the play. ◆

JHS SPIRIT CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Are you interested in becoming a spirit cheerleader and supporting your school? If so, tryouts for the 2012-2013 Football and Basketball Cheerleading Squads will be held the week of March 19-23 in the JHS mini-gym. Please see a coach as soon as possible to receive the necessary paperwork (Football Squad: Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Hayes, Basketball: Ms. Fine & Ms. Starke). See you there! ◆

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TEST SCHEDULE

Juniors and third year students will be taking their Georgia High School Graduation tests the week of March 19. It is very important that all juniors and all third year students are at school every day this week and prepared for testing. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 19th ..... English/Language Arts
Tuesday, March 20th ..... Math
Wednesday, March 21st ..... Science
Thursday, March 22nd .....Social Studies
Friday, March 23rd ..... Make-Up Day

2012 JHS TRACK SCHEDULE

March 15th ..... at Chestatee
March 22nd ..... at North Hall
March 27th..... home vs Gainesville
March 30th.....at Flowery Branch
April 12th ..... home vs. West Hall, Chestatee, East Hall, Flowery Branch, North Hall
April 18.....Region Meet, Boys & Girls at Lanier
April 20th.....Region Meet, Boys & Girls at Lanier
April 25th.....Sectional Meet
May 5th ..... Girl's State
May 12th .....Boy's State

2012 SWEETHEART KING AND QUEEN CROWNED

On Friday, February 3rd, during half-time of the boys varsity basketball game, Johnson crowned the 2012 Sweetheart King and Queen. **Edgar Ochoa** and **Sasha Edge** were named this year's Sweetheart King and Queen. Congratulations!! ◆

JHS FBLA STUDENTS SHINE AT REGION COMPETITION.

On Thursday, January 31st, the Johnson Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America competed at Region Competition and had the following people qualify for the state competition:

Business Presentation 1st ..... Abby and Emma Schafer
Banking & Financial Systems 1st .....Mimi Sam Summerlin Franklin and Candace Garrett
Economics 5th .....Mimi Sam
Business Math 2nd ..... Man Chung
Economics 8th..... Man Chung
Business Communications 3rd..... Thanh Hoang
Business Calculations 6th .....Katie Allan
Management Decision Making 1st .....Abby Schafer
Word Processing 1st (tie) .....Katie Turner
Personal Finance 2nd.....Katie Turner

Also placing, but not qualifying for state, Dilan Garcia, Christian Ramirez, and Thanh Hoang – 4th place in Business Ethics and Jessica Kilgore – 3rd in Client Service. ◆

NHS "TEENS FOR JEANS" CAMPAIGN

The Johnson High School chapter of the National Honor Society collected 167 pairs of jeans in February to contribute to Aeropostale's "Teens for Jeans" campaign. The jeans will go to homeless teens around the country. JHS graduate Anna King, who is an Aeropostale representative, helped NHS treasurer Emily Byers load up the jeans. ◆

2012 Jr/Sr Prom: Sat., May 12, 2012
7:00 p.m. Chattahoochie Country Club

JHS STUDENTS EXCEL AT SKILLSUSA REGION 2 COMPETITION.

On Thursday, January 26th, the JHS SkillsUSA students competed at the Region 2 SkillsUSA competition at North Georgia Tech in Clarkesville and several JHS students won in their area. Winners include the following students:

First Place Winners (Gold Medals)
Graphic Communications..... Grayson Anthony
Residential Wiring ..... Eric Delgado

Second Place Winners (Silver Medals)
Advertising Design.....Jesse Reyes
Carpentry .....Adam Holland
Cosmetology.....Anabel Hernandez
Esthetics..... Maggie Turner (Model- Chelsea Stephenson)
Job Skill Demonstration.... Ashley Hogan & Abby Thomas
Masonry .....Jacob Holland

Third Place Winner (Bronze Medals)
Job Interview.....3rd Place Erandy Rogel

1st and 2nd place winners will advance to the state competition, March 15-17, 2012 in Atlanta. ◆

KNIGHTS FINISH 2011 SEASON

Johnson High School senior football players included Adrian Madera, Blake Forrester, Kyle Stacey, Kevin Avilla, Daniel Hosch and Zack Marley. We are very proud of these players and their accomplishments at Johnson. These seniors will be greatly missed.

Offensive leaders for the knights this year were Cedric Harris with over 1400 yards rushing. AJ Millwood had over 700 yards rushing. Justin Thomson was the leading passer on the team with 283 yards. Paul Barker led the team in Receiving.

Defensively for the Knights, Cedric Harris and Jose Martinez both made over 70 tackles. Justin Thomson led the team with 3 interceptions on the season. Steve Rodriguez led all defensive linemen with 56 tackles.

Cedric Harris and Steve Rodriguez made 1st Team all Region. ◆