

# **Strategic Planning Jefferson County High School Parent Engagement**

- Open House activities are scheduled each semester, near the end of the first grading period; parents that are on the School Planning Team are asked to come in and meet with the administration concerning the school plan.
- All teachers contact at least 20 parents within the first month of school to establish a positive relationship concerning their students.
- Parents are contacted by the teacher when their child has a grade of 74 or lower.
- Parents are encouraged to meet with or call teachers during their planning period anytime they have questions or concerns. Teacher email addresses are available to parents to share information electronically.
- Parents are contacted via the Blackboard phone message system (Patriot Alert System) to share school information and news.
- Parents are encouraged to join the Remind text service to get text updates from the Counseling Department.
- Parents may access our school website at [jchs.jc-schools.net](http://jchs.jc-schools.net) to get JCHS news and updates.
- Parents are invited to attend planning meetings each semester and give feedback to the planning committee.
- In July, as school is starting, parents are invited to attend the College/Career Workshops with their Sophomore, Junior and Senior students on preparing for the college experience.
- Seniors' parents are invited and included in their child's Senior Conference in August-October; the senior year is planned and entry into higher education is planned; application and scholarship information is shared.
- AP (Advanced Placement) Night is held in August to share info with parents concerning the rigor and demands of the AP program; parents have the opportunity to meet the AP teachers and ask questions.

- Financial Aid Night is held in August for any students and their parents. Mostly Seniors and Senior parents attend. All of the requirements for gaining financial aid are presented.
- Race to College Admissions Night is held in September for all students and their parents. College Admissions Reps make presentations throughout the evening.
- FAFSA Frenzy Events (10) are held throughout October, up to the end of January. Parents and students come in to get assistance in completing the FAFSA to receive financial aid. Parents were also invited to set up individual appointments at their convenience.
- Senior Night is planned in October for all Seniors and their parents to aid in sharing Financial Aid requirements, college info, and Senior Celebration organizational plans.
- College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile Workshop is held in October to assist Seniors and their parents in the completion of the Common Application for admission to college.
- Veterans, parents, students, and community members are invited to our free Veteran's Day performance, Night of the Patriots.
- Each Spring, a separate parent night is held for each grade level of students, to share assessment results with parents; the results are used to assist in class selection and registration for the upcoming school year; parents are given a guided tour of the campus.
- Rising Freshmen and their parents are invited to Patriot Academy in March to register for their freshmen classes and tour the building. A Translator aids in the presentation to the ESL parents. Club sponsors are on hand to recruit new members for each club.
- The Educational Credit Management Corporation sponsors college night events for student and their parents during March. Spanish versions of handouts were provided; Spanish speaking presenters were part of the presentation. Food and drawings for \$500 scholarships are provided to those present.
- Parents are invited to attend Honor's Day each May to recognize their child's academic accomplishments.

- Senior parents are invited to attend Senior Celebration (honors ceremony) in May to recognize their child's academic accomplishments.
- Senior parents are encouraged to plan and attend the Project Graduation celebration the night before graduation.
- Parents, families, students, and community members are invited to attend our Graduation Ceremony.
- Parents who contact the Counseling Office and parents who are contacted by the Counseling Office are offered sessions on "Parenting Without Stress." Handouts and books are offered on helping teens to be more responsible.
- Parents are welcome to contact the administration and faculty at any time to make suggestions for improvements at JCHS.

**New in 2018-2019:**

Career Workshops with presenters to share their careers and to introduce students to a variety of opportunities.