



Senior Parent Newsletter

1. College Visit Day's Procedures

Colleges are working hard this year to provide students with the opportunity to adhere to social distancing guidelines, by providing virtual college visits and zoom calls with college representatives. In your student's graduation google classroom, the counseling department will be working hard to provide links to information regarding these opportunities.

If your student does have the opportunity to visit a campus and plans on missing school, please note that these absences are documented absences as long as the student brings back evidence showing their attendance. This means that a student will have the ability to make up work missed, however, the absence will count against their daily attendance percentage. School sponsored activities are the only absences that do not count against time missed.

2. College Fairs

Unfortunately due to COVID, our Regional College Fair has been cancelled for this school year. Missouri Associations for College Admissions Counseling however is hosting several virtual college fairs. If you are interested in attending any of these fairs, please visit virtualcollegefairs.org.

3. Communication: How to stay connected?

- a. Follow us on Twitter **@JAYSCOUNSELING**
- b. Follow information on news at **jcschools.us/domain/1741**
- c. Ask to see your senior student's google classroom—**tw3c7qh**
- d. Make sure your email address is accurate in IC so that you receive high school msgs.

4. Applications to Colleges

- Transcripts must be mailed from our school to be official
- Request transcripts online at <https://www.jcschools.us/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=115> under the guidance and counseling tab
- Students/Parents may now access transcripts and other information in the portal section under reports
- A Release of Waiver of Student Record/Transcript must be complete for us to send any records.
- Final transcripts must be mailed in the summer to their final college/university.
- Many online apps
- Students should sell self – Resumes

5. Financial Aid Information

- FAFSA must be signed by both the parent and student by using the FSA ID.
- FSA ID can be generated by going to fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm
- FAFSA opens on October 1st, 2020

6. A+ Information-Dr. Marcia Sankey

Please refer to her website for information at <https://www.jcschools.us/domain/38>

The Department of Higher Education contains a wealth of information.

The website is <http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/aplusscholarship.php>

Seniors if you have not completed the form, please see Dr. Sankey

7. Senior/Counselor Appointments

- Counselors are meeting with seniors
- Course rigor/appropriate course selection is more important than your G.P.A.
- ACT one of the most important (ACT Focus on Learning, Learning Express Library, E2020, Local Teacher)

8. Scholarships

- Available on the Guidance and Counseling webpage at www.jcschools.us/domain/1740
- Lists are updated periodically as received in the office. Students will have access to them on their google classroom.
- When you apply, follow up with a phone call/email to financial aid office for a list of scholarships and deadlines
- Jefferson City High School Common Scholarship will be available before students leave for Winter Break
- Scams - Do not pay for searches
- Mayer Scholarship will be available in the counseling office in early February

Dual Enrollment and AP Transcripts

Transcripts that indicate college credit earned through dual enrollment or through the Advanced Placement (AP) program are **not maintained or issued by JCHS**. They can be obtained as follows:

1. Lincoln University: Transcript request can only be done online at the following website:

<https://www.lincolnu.edu/web/office-of-the-registrar/transcripts> Cost \$8.25

2. Drury University: Transcript request can only be done online at the following website:

<https://tsorder.studentclearinghouse.org/school/welcome> Cost \$12.00

3. AP Test Scores: AP Grade reports are available through the College Board and will be sent to the institution requested on the student's exam answer sheet. If you want to change or delete that request, send in the form provided in the AP Candidate Pack or call AP at 1-888-225-5427. You can also go to www.collegeboard.com. A \$15 fee applies.

Senior Year Timeline

Plan your path to success with this timeline checklist

September

- Senior Conference with assigned JCHS counselor
- Register for Fall administration of ACT, SAT and SAT II tests (if needed)
- Meet with college admissions/military representatives
- Visit college campuses of interest to you
- Make a calendar of application and financial aid deadlines for colleges of interest to you
- Ask teachers, counselors, other adults who know you for letters of recommendations for scholarships, and admissions applications. Do so well in advance of application deadlines
- Check out Common Application at www.commonapp.org. (students interested in Highly Select Colleges/Universities)
- Sign up for google classroom to receive important senior information

October

- Continue college visitations. Revisit your top school choices. Talk to current students and faculty members at those schools.
- Begin preparing college admissions applications and essays
- Complete NCAA eligibility form at www.eligibilitycenter.org/athletes if you intend to play Division I or Division 2 College
- Be sure you have your letters of recommendation saved
- Apply for FSA ID for FAFSA application
- FAFSA opens up and can be completed at this time
- Sign up for AP tests

November

- Submit early decision/early action college applications. Submit Transcript Request Forms to the Counseling office.
- Continue to listen to announcements and check counseling page for scholarship opportunities
- Take ACT, SAT and SAT II tests (if needed)
- AP tests sign up deadline

December

- Begin submitting regular decision college applications. Submit transcript request to counseling.
- Students with January 1 transcript deadlines to colleges **must submit request by 12/11/20.**
- JCHS common scholarship will be made available before Winter Break. Please listen to announcements
- Winter break gives you lots of time to finish your essays and resume, not to mention those applications.

January-February

- JCHS Common Scholarship is due in January....do not wait till the last minute. Watch for deadline date to be announced
- Are all your applications submitted? Are any other dates approaching?
- Make your mid-year grades available to colleges.
- The Mayer scholarship is available this month...watch for the announcement.
- Check your mail for decisions on those early admissions applications

March-April

- Time to hunt for a summer job
- Been accepted to a few colleges? Arrange to visit with them
- Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail or online. Discuss the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and how much you can afford to spend for your education with your parents and family
- If you haven't yet, it is time to make an enrollment decision, accept the financial aid and send in housing and tuition deposits
- Complete your senior intention form for the counseling department.

May-June

- Senior Intention form needs to be completed and accurate—this is where your final transcript will be sent.
- Notify the colleges that you have decided to not attend
- If you get an aid package from one of your "NO" schools, let them know so another student can be the lucky one to reap the award
- Send thank you notes to those that have helped you along the way.
- Finalize all plans