
JBS / 11th Grade Update

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Dear 11th Grade Families,

This week's warmer temperatures have been such a treat—it's been wonderful to see students taking advantage of the sunshine to gather in the Quad.

I want to use this note to highlight some important dates and details about upcoming programs and events. If you have any questions at any time, please let me know.

My best wishes for a safe and happy and healthy spring!

[Jennifer Salrin](#)

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COURSE REGISTRATION

At 8:45 am on Wednesday, March 3, juniors from both cohorts are invited to assemble in socially distanced seats in Haertter Hall where they will receive copies of the 2021-2022 Curriculum Guide, and faculty from the Science, Math, and History departments will explain their departments' offerings for senior year. A Zoom link will of course be available to those who are fully remote.

As rising seniors, students have much greater freedom to tailor their academic coursework to their interests than they have had in the past. It's helpful, therefore, for students to examine their options carefully over spring break so that when they return they're ready for the registration process, which begins right after break.

To help with your course selection discussions, over spring break you will receive a letter via email with some recommendations for next year. Please understand that to make it possible to provide a wide variety of options for rising seniors, we must cap the enrollment of many senior courses. Of course, we do everything possible to maximize the number of students who get their first choices. After all, we want them to be able to enroll in the courses about

which they're passionate and in which they're most interested. Yet it's simply a fact that many students will not get all of their first-choice classes, which means it's important that students are as thoughtful about their back-up choices as they are about their top choices.

HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM

Following the course registration presentation on the 3rd, juniors will learn more about enthusiastic sobriety through a presentation run by educators from a local agency, Crossroads. This *mandatory* workshop was initiated a few years ago because students had requested that we provide an educational program on the topic. Through the presentation, students will not only learn about the damaging impact of drugs but will also learn more about how to pursue a life that is fun and exciting without the use of mind-altering chemicals.

A member from the Counseling & Wellness Department will observe the presentation, which will run from 9:45 to 11:15 am. If you have any questions about the content of the program, feel free to [contact Sally Kilbride](#), the juniors' counselor.

COLLEGE VISITING

Now that the college application process is underway, many families are eager to visit schools. As the college counseling team has emphasized, virtual visits and virtual college fairs can provide great opportunities to get to learn more about schools.

Still, as conditions across the country improve and more colleges begin to open their campuses to visitors, remember that juniors are allowed **two** excused absences this term (and three more next year) as long as they communicate with their teachers and principal at least three days in advance of the requested absence. Students are required to contact each of their teachers about what they will miss so that before their absence they have developed a plan for making up their work. As they look ahead to college, their most important job remains building a strong academic record. It's important that even when they must miss school to visit colleges, they keep up with their work.

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, March 3, No Classes, All Juniors Are Welcome to Campus

8:45 am Course Selection and Health Programs

11:30 am Dessert Food Truck for All Juniors (Clayton lot)

Over Spring Break, Spring Updates

Updates will be emailed home for all students. They include semester-to-date "snapshot" grades and brief comments for all of their classes. These comments are intended to give students a sense of how they're doing in their classes and identify areas for growth.

Thursday, April 8

12:45-2 pm

Parenting Together Program: *What to Expect Senior Year*

I will make a few comments, but the highlight of the program is a panel of seniors offering insights and advice based on their experiences and observations.

[Click here to sign up.](#)

Saturday, April 10

6:30-8:30 pm

Junior Commons Cafe

Monday, April 12

End of Cohort Schedule—juniors are either full-time on campus or full-time remote

Saturday, May 1

8-11 pm

Junior-Senior Prom

Tuesday, May 4 - Monday, May 17

AP Exams—juniors in AP courses have already registered for the respective AP tests.

Students are required to take AP tests if they are in AP courses.

Questions? [Contact Dr. Nicholas, our AP coordinator.](#)

May 4 Calculus

May 5 Physics 1

May 6 US History, Computer Science

May 10 Macroeconomics

May 12 English Language (Juniors have no classes on this day)

May 17 Statistics



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