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WELCOME PACKET CREATED BY M.FLORES DECEMBER 2023



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Dear Freshman Parent or Guardian:

Your child's journey to high school begins with the enrollment process.

Incoming Freshman registration for the 2024-25 school year will be open to all families on December 15, 2023. This letter provides important information regarding the registration process at Joliet Central High School.

- 1. **Complete Online Registration:** In this packet, you will find instructions on navigating to our Online Registration website. Once you have found our online registration website, please follow the instructions on your screen to submit a complete application. Residency will be verified by Joliet Township District 204.
- 2. Course Selections 2024-25: Will be at your student's Junior High with one of Joliet Central Counselors. Information will be handed out to your student from their feeder school with dates of this event.
- 3. Health Requirements/Incoming Freshmen Immunization Records: All incoming Freshmen are required to have an updated health physical and immunization records report completed prior to attending Joliet Central High School. All Freshmen physicals should be completed and turned into the Joliet Central Health Office between June and July. All immunizations must be submitted prior to students attending Joliet Central. Please refer to the Health Information page in your new student packet.
- 4. Summer Opportunities/School Fees/Devices/Textbooks, Schedules, Free/Reduced Meal Applications: More information will be released to families throughout the spring and summer months of 2024. It is important to complete online registration. By completing the online registration process, our office will have access to parent/guardian contact information which will be used correspond with families regarding important upcoming information and any deadlines.

What should families do without access to a computer? You can access the online registration using Google Chrome and a smart cellphone or tablet. Additionally, the Joliet Public Library has two locations which allow public access to their computers. Please contact them at 815-846-6500 or 815-740-2660 for more details.

If you need assistance with the online registration process, please contact the registration office at 815-727-6732 or jcasagrande@jths.org.

Thank you, Registration Office

Student Handbook

The 2023-2024 Student Handbook can be viewed by visiting <u>www.jths.org/student-handbook</u>. We ask that parents and students to read the handbook to get familiarized with school policies, curriculum, discipline, directory information, attendance and much more.



FRESHMAN ACADEMY

To assist with the transition to high school, ninth grade students enter the Freshman Academy, a small school within a school, that provides a safe and nurturing environment. Freshmen begin the day a period earlier than their upper-class peers which allows them to take an additional elective or receive support in math or reading.

While Joliet Township High School District 204 (JTHS) serves over 6,600 students, our schools are designed with an academy structure to provide small schools within a large setting. All ninth-grade students enter the Freshman Academy which is specifically designed to ensure a successful transition to high school. Features of the Freshman Academy include an 8-period day where all freshmen arrive an hour earlier than their upper-class peers, and freshman classes are housed in a common wing of the school.

FRESHMAN ACADEMY COORDINATOR

Freshman teachers work as a team under the direction of the Freshman Academy Coordinator. The Freshman Academy Coordinator serves the bridge between freshman students, families and teachers. If you are a parent or guardian of a freshman, we welcome you to reach out to the Freshman Academy Coordinator for assistance or with questions.



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DEANS & COUNSELORS

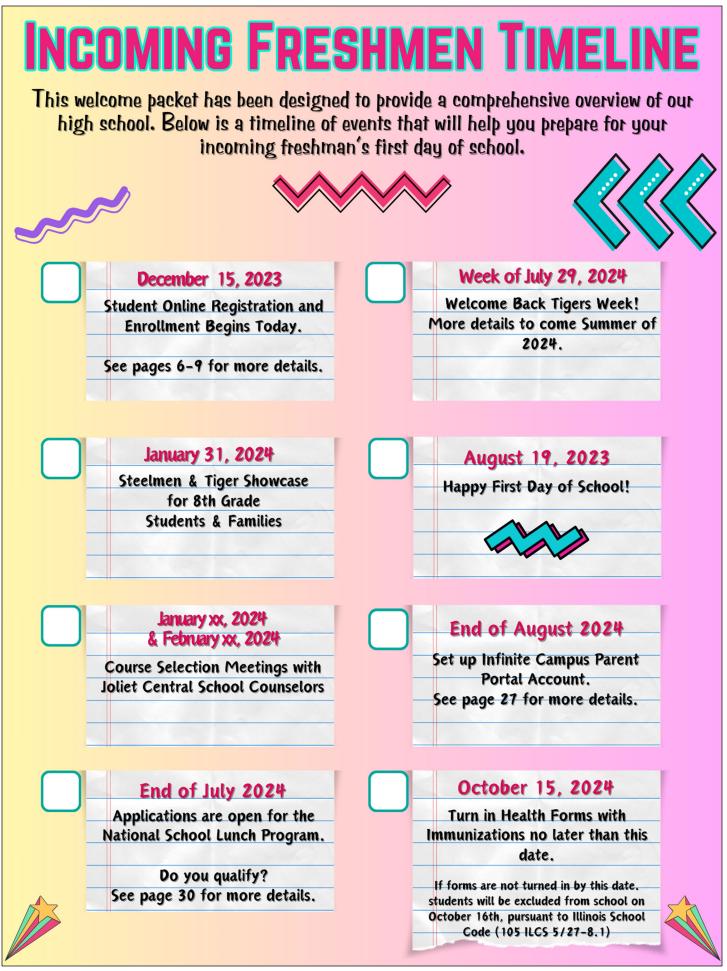
The mission of the Pupil Personnel Services, a supportive and qualified staff, in collaboration with administration, parents, teachers and community is to provide every student with a comprehensive and age appropriate academic, social and career developmental plan which will empower students to participate productively in a global society.

Deans and school counselors are available to assist with course scheduling, social/emotions support, discipline matters and more. Please reach out to your student's dean our school counselor if you need assistance.





For a complete listing of West Campus Deans and Counselors, scan the QR code above or visit: https://bit.ly/3QbRtdN





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Complete a Student Online Registration Application

Registration is open to families on Friday, December 15, 2023. Details regarding the process can be found by visiting www.jths.org/enrollment

Schedule a "Course Selection" Meeting with a School Counselor

Families that have completed an approved online registration application will receive a link to schedule a course selection meeting.



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Attend "Welcome Back Steelmen" Week

Freshmen students who have completed all the required steps, can pick up their schedules on August 1, 2024. More information will be sent to families in early July 2024.

Important information:

It is important to complete the online registration application. By completing the online registration process, the registration office will have access to parent/guardian contact information which will be used to correspond with families regarding important information and any deadlines. If you have not received emails after registering your student, please check your spam/junk folders.



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Visit our district webpage: www.jths.org





Scroll down on the webpage and click the "Enrollment" icon:

Click on "Begin Enrollment" icon and a new window will appear on your screen:

ENROLLMENT

Students attending Joliet Central or Joliet West must live within the district attendance boundaries with a natural parent or court-appointed legal guardian at the start of the school term.

BEGIN ONLINE ENROLLMENT

Select the language of your choice:

Select "Start New Registration" and follow the instructions on your screen.





You will need the following documents to successfully complete an online registration application.

- < Student's Certified Birth Certificate
- 3 Current Proofs of Residency
- < Parent/Guardian Valid Photo ID

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This guide will help you understand the documents you will need to have readily available during the registration process. The website will not let you proceed unless you upload the following documents. #

- < Valid government-issued parent ID
- < A government issued certified copy of your student's birth certificate
- Three proofs of residency dated within thirty (30) days. Below is a complete list of documents the district accepts.

Acceptable Proofs

Gas bill Electric bill Water bill Phone/Cell/Cable bill Bank statement Payroll check stub Credit card bill Homeowners/Renters/Car Insurance Mortgage Statement Car Payment

Unacceptable Proofs

Junk Mail Handwritten envelopes Copies of envelopes Personal checks Voter's card Medical Card ¹Leases/Rent receipts Hospital bills Letters from schools ²Parent/Guardian valid ID cannot be used as proof of residency.



¹Lease is only acceptable if you moved within the last 30 days from the date of your online registration application.

² An ID can only be used as a proof of residency if the issue date is dated within the last 30 days from the date of your online registration application.





Residency Verification

Documents needed to complete the online registration process.

This guide will help you understand the documents you will need to have readily available during the registration process. The website will not let you proceed unless you upload the following documents.

- A valid government-issued photo ID.
- A government-issued certified copy with a seal of your student's birth certificate.
- Three proofs of residency dated within thirty (30) days. Below is the complete list of documents the district accepts.

Acceptable Proofs of Residency	S Unacceptable Proofs of Residency	
Gas Bill	Junk Mail	
Electric Bill	Handwritten Envelopes or Documents	
Water Bill	Copies of Envelopes or Documents Inside Envelopes	
Telephone/Cellular Bill	Personal Checks	
Cable/Internet Bill	Voter's Card	
Bank Statement	¹ Leases/Rent Receipts (see below for more information)	
Payroll Check Stub	Medical Bills	
Credit Card Bill	Letters from Schools (including JTHS District 204)	
Homeowners/Renters/Car Insurance	² Parent/Guardian ID (see below for more information)	
Mortgage Statement	District 86 Forms	
Car Payment		
State & Federal Government Program Correspondence		

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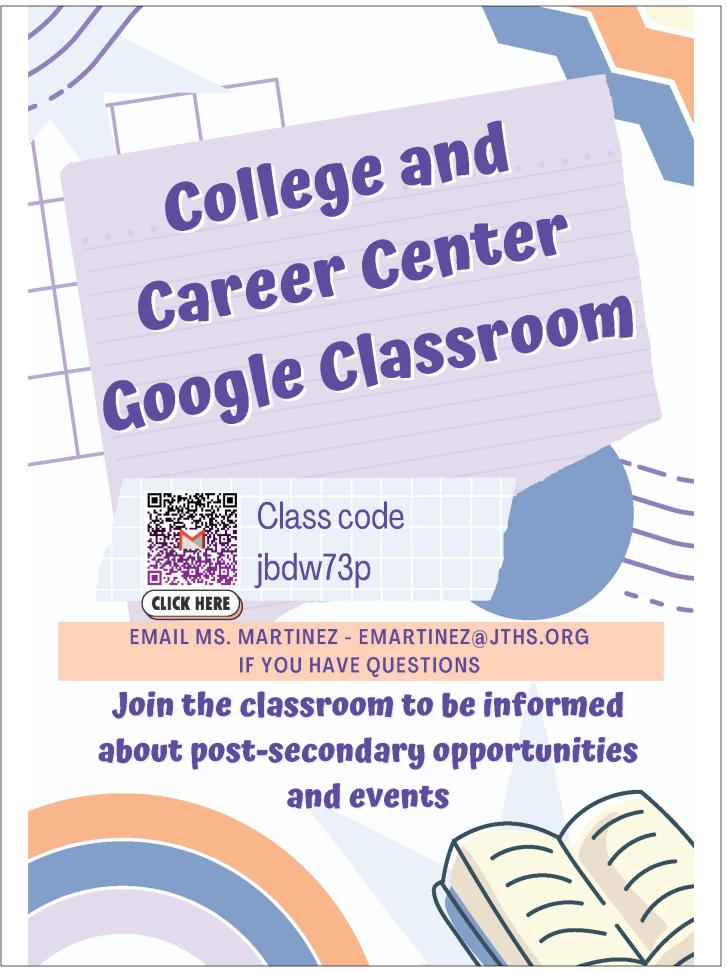
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How to scan documents using your cell phone:

** This scanning process can also be used to upload immunization and dental forms.**

Scan a document using an iPhone.	Scan a document using an Android device.
Launch the "Notes" application and create a new "Note."	Launch the "Google Drive" application.
Launch the camera application and then press the "Scan Document" button.	On the bottom right of your screen, click the "Add" button.
Place your document in view of the camera.	Press the "Scan" button.
If your device is set to "Auto Mode," your document will scan automatically. If you need to manually capture a scan, press the shutter button or you can also use the volume button to complete this step.	Take a photo of the document you would like to scan.
Press the "Keep Scan" button.	Press the "Done" button to complete the document.
Press the "Save" button or add additional scans to the document.	
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Technology & Engineering:

Orientation to Technology

Prerequisites: None

During the first semester, students will identify and evaluate personal goals, priorities, aptitudes, and interests with the goal of helping them make informed decisions about their careers. These courses expose students to various sources of information on career and training options and may also assist them in developing job search and employability skills.

During the second semester, students will learn strategies that enable students to build their own understanding of new ideas. It is designed to engage students in exploring and deepening their understanding of "big ideas" regarding technology and apply technological processes to solve real problems and develop knowledge and skills to design, modify, use, and apply technology in the following areas: engineering design, manufacturing technologies, construction technologies, energy & power, information & communication technologies, and emerging technologies.

PTLW Into to Engineering

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Algebra 1 or concurr<mark>ent</mark> enrollment in Honors Algebra 1 or Algebra without support. Students engage in open-ended problem solving, learn and apply the engineering design process, and use the same industry-leading technology and software as are used in the world's top companies. Students are immersed in design as they investigate topics such as technical sketching and drawing, modeling, measurement, geometry, and statistics.

Communicative Arts:

Drama 1

Students will study acting, dramatic production, and the history of drama. Students will read plays, act, direct and produce. Students will receive training in voice techniques, bodily action, and dramatic techniques.

Multimedia Journalism and Writing

Prerequisite: Successful complete of English 1 and/or strong writing skills.

Students will be introduced to the world of multimedia, learn various forms of journalistic writing across the media, print, Web, and broadcast, as well as basic web and hard copy production and editing.

Arts:

Intro to Studio Art

Introduction to Studio Art introduces students to many different artistic areas in order to discover interests and abilities for further study. Students will learn the primary skills of many visual art processes as well as design and creative strategies, while also having fun experimenting with new materials, exploring the meaning of art and artist's work, and making personal connections to their lives through art. Students explore collaborative artmaking, personal expression, and the idea of building a "portfolio" of their work through a process of documentation and presentation. A variety of artistic media are used to develop artistic concepts, including clay, graphite & colored pencil, acrylic painting, pen & ink, and more. Some of the activities in the course include handmade sketchbooks, expressive self-portraits, hand-built ceramics & narrative artwork. This course enables the student to meet all the State Academic Standards for Visual Arts.

Music:

String Orchestra

Prerequisite: Middle School Orchestra Experience or Director's recommendation

Students will apply their musical knowledge and skills to traditional, classical, contemporary, and popular string literature through performance. The course includes performances at Open House, concerts at both West and Central campuses, contest, and field trips. The opportunity also exists to audition for the Symphony Orchestra which meets as a co-curricular ensemble one evening a week.

Concert Band

Prerequisite: Middle School band experience

Students will apply their musical knowledge and skills to traditional, classical, contemporary and popular band literature through performance. The course includes concerts, contests, clinics, field trips, parades, and home football games.

Symphonic Band

Prerequisite: Audition and Middle School Band Director's recommendation

Students will apply advanced musical knowledge and skills to advanced high school, college, and professional band literature through performance. The course includes concerts, clinics, field trips, parades, and home football games.

Music Appreciation

Students will examine, listen to, and evaluate music from the classical music traditions of the past, as well as of today's society. The content of the specific musical style will be described and explained based on the standards of the genre. In addition to analysis, this class will use music as a tool for connection and application of other studies.

Mixed Chorus

Students will experience singing in a large choral group setting with a focus on mixed rather than single gender literature. Throughout this course, students will benefit from proper vocal training in a variety of musical styles including classical, gospel, jazz, pop, and ethnic music. Students will also be a part of at least two concerts per year, as well as field trips, and/or contests, and clinics.

Ensemble

Students within this non-audition ensemble with a focus on single gender literature will demonstrate basic proper local production and knowledge of various genres including classical, gospel, jazz, pop, and Broadway musicals. Students will perform in at least two concerts a year and participate in field trips. Students will also participate in contests and/or clinics.

Concert Choir

Students who have a musical background and are looking for a challenging choral experience will progress further in the study of advanced vocal production in this audition-only group. Throughout this course, students will perform more sophisticated repertoire ranging from Baroque up through the 21st Century, including non-classical music, as well as Broadway, and Jazz. Students will also experience clinics, concerts, and/or guest artists as part of the class.

Business Education:

Orientation to Business

Prerequisite: None

During the first semester, students will identify and evaluate personal goals, priorities, aptitudes, and interests with the goal of helping them make informed decisions about their careers. These courses expose students to various sources of information on career and training options and may also assist them in developing job search and employability skills. During the second semester, students will survey an array of topics and concepts related to the field of business. These courses introduce business concepts such as banking and finance, the role of government in business consumerism, credit, investment, and management. They usually provide a brief overview of the American economic system and corporate organization.

Introductory Business courses may also expose students to t<mark>he</mark> varied opportunities in secretarial, accounting, management, and r<mark>elat</mark>ed fi<mark>elds.</mark>

AP Computer Science Principles

Students will learn various programming languages and create digital artifacts with practical, personal, and social intent. This course is recommended for all students interested in a career within the Information Technology pathway. Students will use computing to explore and discover the connections within information; practice using mathematical and logical programming concepts; and explore the building blocks behind the Internet while learning how the Internet functions. Students will have the opportunity to investigate the links between Information Technology and other career pathways such as medicine, engineering, business, human services, and the arts.

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Family & Consumer Science:

Orientation to Family & Public Services Prerequisite: None During the first semester, students will identify and evaluate personal goals, priorities, aptitudes, and interests with the goal of helping them make informed decisions about their careers. These courses expose students to various sources of information on career and training options and may also assist them in developing job search and employability skills.

During the second semester, students will be introduced to the field of family and consumer sciences and the many career opportunities available in this broad field. The course includes theory and laboratory experiences in the following content areas: Nutrition and culinary arts; textiles and design; family, career, and community leadership development; resource management; human development and life-long learning; facility design, care, and management; and interpersonal relationships and life management skills.

Social Science:

The African and Latin Experience to 1865

Students will analyze the political, economic, social, and cultural experiences of African Americans and Latinos from Ancient African civilizations to the conquest of the Americas through the Mexican American War and the absolution of Slavery. Emphasis will be placed on critical thinking, writing, and research skills while paying special attention to the application and synthesis of course content.

The African and Latin Experience from 1865

Students will analyze the political, economic, social, and cultural experiences of African Americans and Latinos from reconstruction in the United States and the rise of Caudillaje in Latin America to contemporary issues facing Blacks and Latinos throughout the world. Emphasis will be placed on critical thinking, writing, and research skills while paying special attention to the application and synthesis of course content.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ACCESS THE REQUIRED FORMS, VISIT: <u>HTTPS://BIT.LY/3TBWSQC</u>

OR SCAN THE OR CODE USING A SMART DEVICE.





COMMUNITY Health Resources

Physicals dated no earlier than August 21, 2023 will be accepted for freshmen entering the 2024-2025 school year. To ensure a seamless educational experience for your child, kindly schedule appointments before the October 15th deadline. This proactive approach will help avoid disruptions in your child's education.

You will find information about community-based clinics in our area if you require assistance in arranging a physical examination and/or immunization appointment.



WILL COUNTY HEALTH CLINICS

JOLIET MAIN OFFICE

501 Ella Avenue Joliet, IL 60433 www.willcountyhealth.org Phone: 815-740-8143 (Vaccines Only) Phone: 815-727-8480 (Physical & Vaccines)

BOLINGBROOK NORTHERN BRANCH

PHYSICAL & VACCINES 323 Quardrangle Drive Suite 323 Bolingbrook, IL 60440 www.willcountyhealth.org Phone: 630-679-7000

MONEE EASTERN BRANCH

VACCINES ONLY 5601 West Monee-Manhattan Road Suite 110 Monee, IL 60449 www.willcountyhealth.org Phone: 815-727-8803



VNA HEALTH CARE CLINICS

JOLIET CLINIC 1501 West Jefferson Street Joliet, IL 60433 www.vnahealth.com Phone: 630-562-7952

ROMEOVILLE CLINIC

160 North Independence Boulevard Romeoville, IL 60446 www.vnahealth.com Phone: 630-892-4355

BOLINGBROOK CLINIC

396 Remington Boulevard Suite 396 Bolingbrook, IL 60440 www.vnahealth.com Phone: 630-892-4355



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HTTPS://WWW.JTHS.ORG/JOLIET-CENTRAL-HIGH-SCHOOL/INCOMING-FRESHMEN

JTHS Internet Homepage: www.jths.org

JTHS Information Line: In an emergency situation, please do not contact the school directly because this blocks phone lines. JTHS will deliver emergency information in a variety of ways including phone messages, email, website, social media, print media, radio and more. In addition, JTHS has a phone line to direct parents to these mediums when phones messages are delivered. The JTHS Information Line phone number is: 815-724-1800.

School Violence Tip Line: JTHS believes in a proactive approach to school security. Parents and students can contribute greatly to school security and safety. Please call the School Violence Tip Line at 1-800-477-0024 if you know of a security or safety issue. This is a way for students and parents to anonymously alert school officials of threats of violence in school.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: The 9-8-8 Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones.

Text "Reach" to 741741: The Crisis Text Line is free, anonymous support, and is available at your fingertips 24/7. Text with a trained Crisis Counselor anytime you need someone to talk to.

Mission Statement

The mission of Joliet Township High School, a historically rich, inclusive, and innovative learning community that values and embraces diversity, is to maximize every student's potential to positively impact our community and thrive in a global society by providing an equitable, personalized, and rigorous education.

Our Beliefs

- High quality schools are essential to the quality of life for the whole community.
- Each individual possesses inherent worth and equal value.
- A safe environment is essential for every individual.
- Every individual deserves to be supported.
- Diversity strengthens and enriches society.
- An inclusive school community acknowledges, celebrates, and respects all cultures.
- Empathy, honesty, integrity, respect, and mutual trust are essential in building and maintaining a strong community.
- Life-long learning is necessary to thrive in a continuously changing world.
- Individuals learn at different rates, in different ways, and in a variety of settings.
- High expectations positively influence individual growth.
- Individuals are accountable for their own choices.
- Motivation, perseverance, determination, and a growth mindset strengthen the ability of an individual to reach potential.
- The family environment has a strong influence on the development of each of its members.
- Education is a collaborative responsibility among students, family, staff, and the community.
- An educated and informed public enriches our democracy.
- All people can learn.

Joliet Township High School ensures equal educational opportunities are offered to students, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender, religion, disability, veteran's status, or marital status

STUDENT A CLUBS ORGANIZATIONS

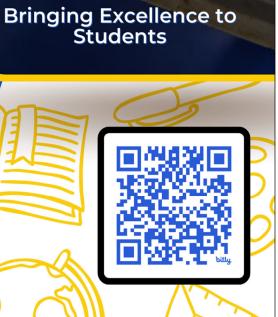
All students are encouraged to join a club or activity. There is something for everyone!

For a list of activity offerings, please visit: https://bit.ly/4aDo1VZ

ACTIVITY BUS SCHEDULE:	Activity	Departure Time
After-school shuttle between schools		3:20 p.m.
Home from each school	Activities and Athletics	4:30 p.m.
Shuttle between schools	Activities and Athletics	5:45 p.m.
Homes from each school	Activities and Athletics	6:00 p.m.

Activity Bus Regulations:

- Activity buses are operated for Joliet Township High School students only. Students must be enrolled in a schoolsponsored program or be a participant/spectator at a school-sponsored activity.
- Students should report directly to the bus loading area at the conclusion of the program/activity and ride the first available bus.
- Students must show the driver a Joliet Township High School ID to get on the bus. Students without an ID may
 ride the bus if the coach/sponsor/security person or school staff completes a referral and the student gives the
 referral to the driver. The driver will forward the referral to the dean.
- Students more than 1.5 miles from school should be dropped within three blocks of their home. Students who
 reside within 1.5 miles of the school should be dropped within five blocks of their home.
- 5. Activity routes operate in designated attendance areas only. Drives are not allowed to transport students from one school attendance areas to another. Students must ride activity buses from their respective school (i.e. West students cannot ride a Central bus unless pre-approved by the Transportation Office).









JOLIET TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS Athletic Contacts

www.jths.org

Joliet Central High School 201 E. Jefferson St. Joliet, IL 60432 Principal- Shad Hallihan <u>shallihan@jths.org</u>

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Joliet Central Asst Athletic Director Kevin Fitzgerald 815-727-6720 815-727-6833 fax kfitzgerald@jths.org

Central Athletic Office Secretary Renee Rink 815-727-6720 815-727-6833 fax rrink@jths.org Joliet West High School 401 N. Larkin Ave. Joliet, IL 60435 Principal-Tecara Parker teparker@jths.org

Joliet West Athletic Director Steve Millsaps 815-727-6920 815-727-6567 fax smillsaps@jths.org

Joliet West Asst Athletic Director Chuck Rumpf 815-774-1650 815-774-6567 fax crumpf@jths.org

West Athletic Office Secretary Christi Cardwell 815-774-6568 815-774-6567 fax ccardwell@jths.org

Off-Campus Facilities

Channahon Park: McClintock Road, 1 mile east of I-55, Channahon - 815-467-7275

Strike N Spare II: 811 Northern Dr, Lockport - 815-838-2450

Inwood Athletic Complex: 3000 W Jefferson St, Joliet - 815-741-7114

Inwood Golf Course: 3200 W Jefferson St, Joliet - 815-741-7265

Joliet Town & Country Lanes: 2231 W Jefferson St, Joliet - 815-725-1231

Wedgewood Golf Course: 5001 Caton Farm Rd, Plainfield - 815-741-7270

Woodruff Golf Course: 621 N Gougar Rd, Joliet - 815-741-7272



ATHLETIC OFFERINGS AT JOLIET CENTRAL

FALL SPORTS

Boys Cross Country - August 14, 2024 Girls Cross Country - August 14, 2024 Football - August 14, 2024 Boys Golf - August 14, 2024 Girls Golf - August 14, 2024 Boys Soccer - August 14, 2024 Girls Swimming - August 14, 2024 Girls Tennis - August 14, 2024 Girls Volleyball - August 14, 2024

WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball - Novemner 11, 2024 Girls Basketball - November 4, 2024 Boys Bowling - October 28, 2024 Girls Bowling - November 18, 2024 Boys Swimming - November 18, 2024 Boys Wrestling - November 11, 2024 Girls Wrestling - November 11, 2024 Competitive Cheer - October 28, 2024





SPRING SPORTS

Badminton - March 3, 2025 Baseball - March 3, 2025 Girls Soccer - March 3, 2025 Softball - March 3, 2025 Boys Tennis - March 3, 2025 Boys Track - January 20, 2025 Girls Track - January 20, 2025 Boys Volleyball - March 10, 2025



JOLIET CENTRAL HS STEELMEN

Athletics Online Registration Instructions

All JCHS Athletes are <u>REQUIRED</u> to complete an online registration every school year and for every team To register online use the following instructions:

Visit https://jolietcentral.8to18.com (no www.) and select the registration tab

- FIRST TIME USERS: Click on "Create an Account" and enter your own email and create your own password. (Please be sure to remember this password as you will use this for the years to come for all of your children.)
- RETURNING USERS: Enter email/username and password, then click "Let's go"
 Forget your Password https://jolietcentral.8to18.com/accounts/forgot_password
- **Returning users- If you are unable to access the email associated with your 8to18 account please contact 8to18 Support with a new email to update your account.
- 8to18 Support 630-324-8501 or email support@8to18.com
- Click on "Begin Registration"
- "Select Activity"
 - Choose the sport your child will be trying out or participating
- "Select Participant"
 - Add a New Participant (or choose your child once created)
 - All information on this page is for the student, i.e. cell phone, email
- "Roster Details"
 - You may be asked for t-shirt size and/or short size
 - Height and Weight will be used for rosters
- "Primary Parent/Guardian Information"
 - Fill out the Parent information on the next page
- "Physical Form"
 - If you need a form to take to the doctor you may print it here
 - Remember your athlete must have a current physical in order to begin tryouts/practice
- "Legal Form"
 - · At this time by clicking on the boxes, you are agreeing and consenting to all information provided
 - You may click on the form to read or print. Please note that when there is a parent/guardian and student check box, they must both be checked to move forward
 - Please DO NOT turn in any forms filled out
- Click on "Finish" to complete your registrations

Staff Name	Title	Contact Info
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STUDENT SERVICES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

WHY IDEA IS IMPORTANT?



¿WHAT IS IDEA?

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children.

In keeping with the vision and mission of the district, we are committed to providing services to students in the district who have individual and unique needs by partnering with families and community.

An Individual Education Plan (IEP), which includes transitional services and determines the least restrictive environment to meet the individual needs of the student, will be developed and implemented by the IEP team which includes, parents/guardians, students, and staff. In addition, to providing academic supports, the district provides related services at the **Central, West, and Pathway** campuses to further assist students' educational needs. Joliet Township District 204 provides a continuum of services based on the needs of the individual student with an IEP, which are determined by the IEP team.

Special Service programs include special education, home/hospital instruction, homeless education, and educational services at River Valley Detention Center. These programs provide students with instruction, social emotional supports, as well as other resources that enable students to acquire skills and knowledge that will prepare them to become lifelong learners and empower them to be successful responsible citizens of Joliet as well as in a global information driven society.



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ARTICLE 504 OF THE REHABILITATION LAW OF 1973

LSection 504 is a statute that prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving federal financial assistance. Joliet Township High School District 204 recognizes a responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability will knowingly be permitted in any of the programs or practices in the school system.

Students with disabilities who do not qualify for an individualized education program, as required by the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and implementing provisions of the School Code, may qualify for services under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 if the child (i) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, (ii) has a record of a physical or mental impairment, or (iii) is regarded as having a physical or mental impairment. 105 ILCS 5/14-6.01.

The Section 504 Grievance Coordinator is Jamila Cage. Ms. Cage can be reached at (815)727-6984.



JOLIET CENTRAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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https://www.jths.org/district-departments/special-services

Student & Family Supports

JTHS partners with community agencies to address life issues that significantly impacts a student's education. Through these partnerships, students receives services both during and outside of school day to empower them to become successful in life. The partnerships also work with the entire family to help ensure success. Below are some examples of the services we offer. Please note that they may vary from campuses. Please contact the PPS office for more information.



Student Supports

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBITS) & Trauma Support
- Sharing the Dream (Undocumented Student Support)
- Grief & Loss/Loss & Terminal Illness
- Stress & Coping/Coping Strategies
- Empower Me/Self-esteem Building



Family Supports

- Healthy Relationships
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- Grief & Loss/Loss & Terminal Illness
- Environmental issues



Group Supports

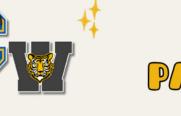
- YMCA Teen Achievers
- Children of Addiction (COA)
- Young Parent/Teen Mother Support
- Gender Group/Transgender Support
- Leadership, Self-esteem & College Tours

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FORM

If you have concerns about a JTHS student, or if you are a student in need of help or support, please fill out the Request for Support Form for the appropriate campus. Completion of this form initiates a request and a team of school support personnel will review the situation to assign appropriate supports. Please be as specific as possible when completing the form and know that you can reach out to the PPS Coordinators for direct and immediate assistance.

'ou can fill out the form by visiting t our student's campus:		
ttps://www.jths.org/family-resour	es/request-for-support Joliet Central Requ	lest for Support Form
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	This form is a referral form to request se form has been received by staff it will be	rvices from the campus triangle teams. Once the sent to the student's triangle team to review. After for additional information or requests in order to or the student.
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Pps Coordinator Joliet Central	Best Contact Email *	
jrand@jths.org	Your answer	
School: 815-727-6736		

www.jths.org Q $\mathbf{O} \mathbf{O} \mathbf{O}$ **TECHNOLOGY AT JTHS** At Joliet Township High School, all students receive a laptop computer as a part of the 1:1 Technology Program. Students use these computers to do research, complete homework, problem-solve, communicate with teachers, and engage collaboratively in team projects. They gain valuable technology skills that enhance their education and promote lifelong computer literacy. 1:1 also allows for learning online in the event of a school closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic. Devices are generally distributed during Welcome Back Tigers/Steelmen week. If your student does not receive a device during this time, it will be issued to them on their first week of school. $\mathbf{O} \mathbf{O} \mathbf{O}$ $\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$ **CHANGING THE DEFAULT** LANGUAGE ON THE JTHS WEBSITE Did you know that you change the default language of our website to French, Spanish, or Vietnamese? If you need another language that is . * not featured on our website, please contact the Bilingual Communications Specialist for further assistance. **MARCIE FLORES JTHS Technology Contact Information:** BILINGUAL COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST Phone: (815) 727-6860 MFLORES@JTHS.ORG **Central Help Desk:** centralhelpdesk@jths.org West Help Desk: HELP westhelpdesk@jths.org





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Parents Classroom information at your fingertips.	 A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A

Our Infinite Campus Parent Portal is the best way to stay informed about all aspects of your student's education. Campus Parent allows parents/guardians to view student schedules, assignments, grades, and attendance. Campus Parent can be accessed online or through an app.

Please note: Families of Incoming Freshmen students will not be able to access the Campus Parent Portal until they receive an ACTIVATION CODE. The activation code will be mailed to families in LATE AUGUST. Please ensure that you have provided your email address during the enrollment process to ensure delivery of the information.

Joliet Township HSD 204	
Campus Student	
or	
Campus Parent	

How do I access Campus Parent?

Joliet Township has created short video tutorials and step by step instructions which are featured on our Campus Parent webpage within the JTHS website.

Scan the QR below or visit the Campus Parent webpage: <u>https://bit.ly/3v52khn</u>



Accessing Campus Parent Using a Web Browser

To access Campus Parent using a web browser, please scan the QR Code below or visit: <u>http://bit.ly/3Tswkht</u>



You can download the app using a mobile device by searching "Infinite Campus Parent Portal" in the Apple App Store for iPhones/iPads or the Google Play Store using an Android device.







Need assistance?

If you need assistance using the portal, Family Engagement Liaisons at the Central and West Campus can assist in English and Spanish. Their contact information can be found on page xx of this booklet.







CASHIER PHONE NUMBER: 815-727-6811

From Textbooks to Fees, A Guide for Parents

The textbook department is responsible for purchasing and distributing textbooks and collecting all student fees. To notify parents of outstanding debt, invoices are sent six times each school year in July, October, January, April, May and June. Parents can pay fees on-line, by mail or making an in-person payment in the textbook center. The textbook center accepts cash, debit and credit card payments.

The textbook cashiers will accept deposits to student pre-paid meal accounts. It takes 24 hours for deposits to process, so the money CANNOT be used the same day it is deposited. The funds will be available the following school day. All fees must be paid prior to purchasing a parking permit, purchasing a dance ticket or attending any dance, or participating in the graduation ceremony.

Having trouble paying for school fees?

The Free & Reduced Lunch Application is also used to verify whether a family qualifies for a waiver of school fees.

The application can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting: https://nlappscloud.com/Default.aspx

Payment Methods Accepted at the Textbook Center



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Available on the App Store

Google play

• Cash

- Visa/Mastercard Debit & Credit Cards
- Personal Checks & Money Orders

Families can also pay fees and add funds to a student's account using "MySchoolBucks."

- Scan the QR Code
- Visit: https://bit.ly/48e3FkO
- Or Download the App

MY SCHOOL BUCKS









ELL COORDINATOR: LOURDES PARAMO

ESL/BILINGUAL PROGRAM

At Joliet Township High School, we are committed to providing all of our students with equitable access to ELL programming so we are very excited to begin to offer our ELL Program at both Joliet Central and Joliet West.

We are very excited that you are considering our program for your student. As a transitional bilingual program, our goal is to help our students excel in learning English while continuing their development in math, science, and the social sciences. In addition, our goal is for our ELL students to explore post-secondary career options by participating in electives, dual-credit, and Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

Students will receive services for as long as necessary and will continue to be monitored once they exit the program to maintain academic and social-emotional success. Our goal is to make sure that all our ELL students are successful being able to compete and contribute in an all English environment.

Program Description

Joliet Township High School services nearly 400 students in our ELL program each year with support coming from all stakeholders including administrators, teachers, counselors, support staff, and the Board of Education.

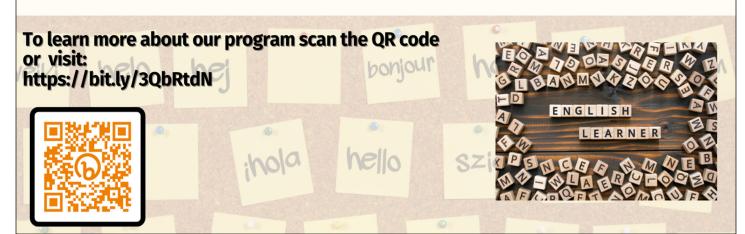
JTHS Newcomer Program

The newcomer program is designed to provide transitional support for newcomer English learners. Not only do we want to provide curricular support, but also programmatic practices that are designed to integrate EL students and their families into a welcoming and supportive school community.

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We believe that an effective ELL Program consists of the following four components:

- Providing transitional support for newcomer ELLs.
- Providing high-quality instruction and materials that facilitate deep understanding of the English language and content-area concepts.
- Ensuring ELL students have access to the entire curriculum that emphasizes content learning as well as language acquisition.
- Providing a welcoming and supportive environment for all our ELL students and their families.



Neet Our Family Engagement Liaisons

Family Engagement Liaisons are dedicated to welcoming parents and helping them find ways to support their child's success. Strategy 3 of our Strategic Plan reads, "We will implement a holistic approach to supporting students through family, community, and student engagement, targeted supports, and flexible learning opportunities to improve student attendance and academic performance."

Family Engagement Liaisons are excited to help families learn about how to succeed at JTHS and can help in many ways including:



Together we can bridge the communication gap between school and home. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have regarding your involvement and participation in your student's education.



Alicia Rojas 815.727.6774 arojas@jths.org Maria Castaneda 815.727.6764 mcastaneda@jths.org

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR TRANSPORTATION?

Scan the QR Code using a smart device or visit: http://bit.ly/45XoPkY



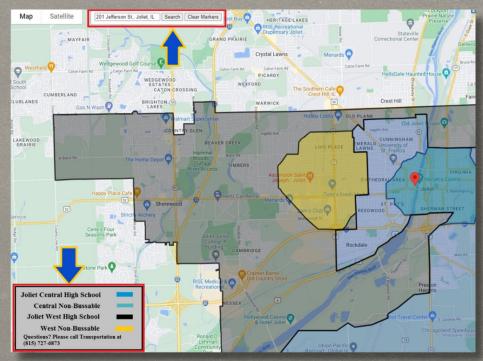


Once you have landed on the webpage, type your home address in the white text bar.

Click the "Search" button.

Use the key legend on the website to determine if your address qualifies for transportation.

Do you have questions? Contact the Transportation Department by dialing 815-727-6873 and press "0" for further assistance.





~	ATTENDANCE POLICY
	24 HOUR ATTENDANCE HOTLINE: 815-727-6801
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	Absence Policy
	If your child is absent, you must call the attendance office. Only a parent or legal guardian can call in an
	absent student. Please refer to the student handbook found at www.jths.org for what constitutes an
_	excused absence. When calling in absences, please be prepared to give the following information:
	Student's full name
_	Student's ID number
	Student's year in school
	Date of absence (month/date)
	 Reason for absence Derived (c) the student will miss (full day, individual periods, etc.)
	 Period (s) the student will miss (full day, individual periods, etc.) Your relationship to the student
	 Phone number where you (parent/guardian) can be reached
	Regular attendance is essential for academic success. The laws of Illinois are very specific concerning the matter of pupil attendance in public schools. It is assumed that students will always be in school except
	for cases of illness or serious family crisis. The following provisions have been made to govern attendance
	policy:
_	If a student is absent or tardy to school, the parent or guardian should telephone the attendance
	office the same day stating the reason for the student's absence or tardiness (24 hour voice mail is available).
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	Failure to contact the attendance office by telephone on the day of non-attendance may result in an
	unexcused absence or tardy. The absence may also be considered truancy unless there is parental
	contact. In any case, parents are requested to call when they receive a truancy notice. At no time are
	students to leave the school campus while school is in session. No student may leave school before the regular day ends unless excused by the dean, scheduled for early release, or sent home by the health
	service. Any other early departures will be listed as truancy and will be treated as unexcused absences.
	In order for an absence to be considered excused, the student's parent/guardian must call the campus
_	attendance telephone number to report the absence.
	Acceptable reasons for excused absences will include but may not be limited to:
	• Illness
	Death in the immediate family
_	Family emergency Drespressed family upgation
	 Pre-arranged family vacation Pre-arranged college visits
	Prom-related absence
	Unexcused absences/tardies will include, but may not be limited to: • Habitual car trouble
	Habitual car trouble No transportation
	Court/traffic ticket
	Oversleeping
	• Truancy
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USE OUR QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR ASSISTANCE

	Where to go for:	Location	
	Attendance Issues	Attendance Office - Room 282/284	
	I arrived late/ I am leaving Early	Attendance Office - Room 282/284	
	Locker Information	Room 280	
	College Information/College Testing	College and Career Counselor's Office	
	Community Service Form	Counselor's Office/Principal's Office	
	Computer Issues	Student Help Desk	
	Elevator Key	Principal's Office	
	Free Lunch Information	Cafeteria	
	Good Driver Forms	PPS Coordinator - Room 280	
	Health Records/Feeling Sick?	Health Office	
	Parking Permits	Room 282	
	Schedule Problems	Counselor's Office	
	Scholarship Information	College and Career Counselor's Office	
	School Fees/Payments	Textbook Center	
	Sports Physical Information	Athletics Office	
	Student ID	Textbook Center	
	Summer School Information	Counselor's Office	
	Testing Questions	Counselor's Office	7
	Transcripts	PPS Asst - Room 280	1
	Withdraw from School	Dean's Office	
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STUDENT HANDBOOK

The latest student handbook can be viewed by scanning the QR code or visiting: https://bit.ly/41IJdG7

We encourage parents/guardians and students to read the handbook and get familiarized with school policies, curriculum, discipline, directory information, attendance and more.



