



JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear JDHS Families,

I hope this notice finds you well and that you are enjoying a fantastic summer! The new school year is quickly approaching, and I am excited to welcome everyone back. The start of a new school year is always full of promise and excitement. I sincerely believe that every student who walks through the doors of Jonathan Dayton High School this September is embarking on a journey that will be both meaningful and successful.

As we prepare for the new year, I want to share three key messages to guide and encourage our students: ***Be Prepared!*** ***Be Present!*** ***Be Purposeful!*** These simple statements encompass volumes of advice, and I'd like to offer a few points on each.

- ***Be Prepared:*** Review and understand school expectations. Make sure you have all the materials you need and know your schedule. Complete required assignments on time and be ready to actively participate in learning. Avoid “last-minute stress.”
- ***Be Present:*** Arrive on time for school and each class daily. (Be early!) Remove distractions and be present of mind in class and in social interactions. Don’t let smartphones and social media rob you of meaningful interactions with peers, teachers, and advisors. School is not just about academics but also about forming relationships.
- ***Be Purposeful:*** Create goals, make plans, and follow through. Have clear, achievable objectives for the year, both academically and personally (Your school counselor will help you with this.) Time is limited, so use it wisely and intentionally (Use a calendar and planner). Remember that each day is an opportunity to move one step closer to your goal.

I encourage parents and students to use the statements above as starting points for discussion as they begin discussing the upcoming school year.

Below are important updates and information regarding the 2024-2025 school year. Please review this information carefully.

Annual Registration

Sometime in August, parents will receive an email regarding the Annual Registration process in Genesis. This process must be completed to ensure that parents and students have access to the Genesis platform. This is also the means by which you can ensure that we have accurate family/emergency contact information and medical information for students. Please note that all district families will receive a notice regarding the **district-wide re-registration process**. Re-registration must also be completed before access to Genesis is granted.

Student Parent Handbook

We ask that parents and students review the JDHS 2024-2025 Student/Parent Handbook posted on the JDHS webpage. It is important that students and parents are aware of student expectations and that there is a lot of support available to

ensure a successful experience at JDHS. Please pay special attention to expectations regarding *Attendance, Student IDs, Electronic Devices, Dress Code, Restroom Use Protocol, and Academic Integrity*, as these are issues frequently addressed by our disciplinary process.

Teaching Staff Updates

We are thrilled to welcome new teaching staff members to JDHS. The new teachers are Joshua Boyle (Mathematics), Rebekah Butler (Social Studies), Christine Lynskey (Special Education), Daiana Permison (Spanish), Tracy Ruitenberg (Biology), and Jaclene Santone (Practical Arts). Each new teacher brings a passion for teaching and learning, and they are excited to begin working with JDHS students and families.

Building Projects Updates

Exciting changes are happening at JDHS! The basement restrooms have undergone a complete renovation, ensuring modern and comfortable facilities for all. The main gym floor has been resurfaced, offering a brighter and perfectly leveled playing surface, complete with refreshed center court art and baseline signage that adds an exciting touch. New windows are slated to be installed in the main gym, enhancing natural lighting and improving climate control, creating a more pleasant learning and competing space. Enhanced security measures will be in place with additional state-of-the-art security cameras. Additionally, 20 classrooms have been upgraded with Newline Smart Boards, creating dynamic, interactive, and engaging lesson learning spaces.

Student Schedules

We are happy to announce that student schedules will be available on our new student information platform, **Genesis**, on September 1st! Students should email their assigned school counselor if they have any questions or concerns about their schedule. School counselor contact information can be found here: [School Counseling Staff](#). Please note that schedule change requests will not be attended to during the summer break, but students can make appointments to see their School Counselor starting September 6th.

Summer Assignments

Summer assignments are posted at the following link: [SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS_2024](#). Please be sure to review the list. Students must complete the assigned work according to the requirements and due dates specified. Teachers have provided the email addresses for students who may have questions regarding posted assignments.

Student iPad Distribution

We are excited to announce that JDHS students will receive brand-new iPads for the 2024-2025 school year. The iPads will come complete with a keyboard and all the school-related technology resources students are accustomed to. The specific dates for iPad distribution are to be announced. Distribution will occur during the school day. Parents are reminded to complete the technology Acceptable Use Policy agreement, which is part of the Annual Registration. Parents and students are expected to review this policy thoroughly.

Student Identification Cards

All students must wear identification badges at all times while in the building. The identification cards are a critical component of our security and safety measures. All staff and students must wear identification cards and lanyards to indicate they are authorized to be in the building. In emergencies, the IDs and lanyards facilitate quick identification of individuals by first responders. Additionally, the ID cards allow students to print documents in our Instructional Media Center (IMC). Failure to comply with the ID card requirement will result in disciplinary consequences. Students needing a new or replacement ID must report to the JDHS guidance office from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on the appropriate date below.

- Last names A through H: Monday, August 19th
- Last names I through Q: Tuesday, August 20th
- Last names R through Z: Wednesday, August 21st

Breakfast and Lunch Program

Per the USDA's National School Lunch Program, the district will provide breakfast and lunch programs at a paid or reduced rate. Please see the information at the following link for more details on how to pay for student meals: [PAID and](#)

[FREE/REDUCED MEALS](#). Please be advised that all families must complete the Application for Free and Reduced Priced Meals found at this link: [Free/Reduced Meals](#).

Freshman & New Student Orientation

Welcome, *Class of 2028*, and all students new to our high school! On Wednesday, September 4th, an Orientation for Freshmen and new students will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the JDHS auditorium. All new students are invited to attend the orientation to become familiar with the school before the first formal day of classes. Students attending the orientation are asked to enter the school through the auditorium doors. Staff and peer leaders will be present to assist attendees. There is no need to bring anything to the orientation. A printed copy of students' schedules will be provided at the orientation.

First Day of School

The first day of school is Thursday, September 5th, and will be a full day of school. School start time is 7:40 a.m. and ends at 2:31 p.m.

Morning Arrival Procedures

For morning arrival, all students (walkers, those transported by private vehicle, and those transported by the district) must enter the building through designated doors between 7:20 am and 7:40 am.

- Door 5: Seniors and Students purchasing breakfast. Door 5 is located on the east side of the building, across from visitor and senior student parking. Drivers dropping off students at Door 5 must use the right lane as they enter the school driveway and drive around to the drop-off point. Students entering Door 5 will report to the cafeteria.
- Door 18: Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen. Door 18 is located in the rear of the building. Drivers dropping off students at this door are to use the left lane as they enter the school driveway and drive around to the drop-off point in the rear of the building, which a sign will indicate. Students will enter Door 18 and report to the Main Gym.

Students will remain in these reporting areas until 7:35 am, at which time a bell will sound, and students will be released to report to Period 1. Students who arrive at school after 7:40 am must report to Door 1, the main entrance under the clock tower, to be buzzed into the building.

Back to School Night

The JDHS Back to School night will be held on Thursday, September 19th. The evening will consist of an athletics and student activities fair at 6 pm. There will also be an opportunity to purchase spirit wear and other items from a student store table. The JDHS PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) will also have a parent sign-up table. We encourage all parents to join the PTSO! A forthcoming notice will provide more details about Back to School Night. Please save the date!

Thank you for your attention to these important updates. We look forward to a great year of cultivating compassionate and extraordinary learners! Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Regards,

Dr. Francis
Principal, JDHS

Choose Compassion! Be Extraordinary!



Go Bulldogs!