

November Events

Nov. 11—Midterms Home

Nov. 21—Saturday School 1:00—4:00

Nov. 24—Ms. JCHS 9:30

Nov. 25—29 Thanksgiving Break

MOTIVATION AND GOAL SETTING

JCHS is working hard to implement the new, more rigorous standards that have been set by the state. These standards go hand in hand with the new “Diploma Project” that has been implemented with this year’s freshman. The criteria to graduate has been changed by the state as well as a stricter sequence of classes in each of the academic areas.

With all of this in mind, our greatest challenge at JCHS seems to be the lack of motivation by many of our students. High school has changed drastically and the amount of work that has to be done to receive a high

school diploma is huge. High school cannot be entered into lightly. Please sit down with your student. Discuss their goals. What do they want to do after graduation and how are they going to go about doing it? Make sure the amount of effort being put forth at school is going to be enough to reach those goals.

As strange as it may seem we still have students entering our building thinking they are going to quit school. This is not an option any more. All Tennessee students are required to stay in school until graduation or their 18th birthday. We have numerous programs

and assistance available to help these students be successful in high school, but they must be willing to put forth the effort.

It is more important than ever that parents stay on top of their students academically as well as socially. Teenagers need parent input just as much as younger students.

Attendance

Please remember: Upon the 5th absence to a class the student has lost credit for the class.

Time may be made up after school Monday through Thursday in the library. Saturday school is held monthly.



ACT

The ACT is given numerous times throughout the school year. We encourage students to take the test several times with interventions in between, in order to improve their scores.

Presidential Academic awards are determined by ACT scores. Students must have a 28 in Reading and a

27 in Math in order to receive the award.

The Explore test is given in 8th grade and the Plan test is given in 10th grade in order to prepare for the ACT.

Please note the new state standards are correlated with the ACT. This should improve our End of

Course and old Gateway exams.

Tutoring is provided the Friday afternoon before students take the ACT on Saturday.