

Class of 2022



Senior Information

Graduation



Believe it or not, graduation is not far away, and it is very important that you focus on your remaining courses and keep your grades as high as you can. Don't let up now and don't give in to senioritis! You are on the home stretch, so finish strong!

1. Keep up with your standing in your classes. Know your grades and stay up with your assignments.
2. Graduation Testing: If you have not passed both parts of the **ISTEP+**, you will have 2 more opportunities this year. It is very important that you take this seriously and do your best.
3. Graduation Pathways: A backup to ISTEP+ could be a Graduation Pathway. As a part of this, the **ASVAB** will be offered. Again, it is very important that you do your best on this test. A score of 31 is the minimum required for that part of the pathway.

Senior Questionnaire

We have distributed Senior Questionnaires in the Senior Meeting on August 12, 2021. Every senior (or junior graduate) *must* complete the form and return it to the Guidance Office by **Wednesday, September 8**. **This is critical, because we need to know the legal name you want printed on your diploma.** If you have not completed the form, it is available in guidance.



College and Career Information



Time to apply to your colleges/universities of choice- Go to the websites of these schools and complete their online applications. Review the instructions and make sure you are aware of any application deadlines. For example, IU has an early action deadline of November 1. Other schools may have similar types of deadlines, so we encourage students to apply early.

Requesting your high school transcript- Colleges/Universities will need your high school transcript as part of their admissions decision. The State of Indiana requires that we use a service called *Parchment* to send all transcripts. This is a free service to you but requires that you create a profile before ordering your transcript. Instructions are on the next slide:

Parchment Instructions

1. Register for your Free Account

- a. Visit Parchment.com
- b. Find our school
- c. Build your profile

2. Request your Transcript

- a. Choose “Order”
- b. Select destinations such as colleges or yourself
- c. Review your order and check out

3. Track your Transcript

- a. Your counselor receives an email within 24-48 hours that you have ordered a transcript
- b. Your counselor fulfills the order through Parchment
- c. Watch your email for updates



SAT/ACT

Determine whether you need to take or retake the SAT or ACT.

Some colleges/universities are now “test-optional,” so check with your school’s admissions office to find out more.

SAT DATES for 2021-22 (All dates offered at JCHS are in **bold**)

August 28, 2021

December 4, 2021

June 4, 2022

October 2, 2021

March 12, 2022

November 6, 2021

May 7, 2022

ACT is available at some area high schools.



College Visits



Mrs. LeAna Matern, our College and Career Coach, will be coordinating with colleges and universities to provide information about their schools. We will host in-person visits, if possible, but the admissions representatives from many schools will be sharing videos or hosting virtual meetings to share important details about their programs, as well. In-person presentations will be held in Room 106. Interested students must sign up through a Google Form for each meeting. Please follow the announcements and school website for more information. At this time, the following presentations are scheduled: **September 9- Trine University @ 2 PM**

September 22- Ball State @ 1 PM, Hanover @ 1:45 PM, IUPUC @ 2:25 PM

September 23- Purdue Polytechnic @ 8:30 AM, Franklin @ 9:15 AM, Ivy Tech @ 10 AM

Additional visits could be added for later dates.

College Visit Procedures

Also, as a senior, you are allowed 3 college visit days. To take a college visit day, follow these procedures:

1. Contact your school of choice to set up an appointment. Some schools are beginning to resume in-person tours, so you will need to verify if that is the case.
2. Have a parent or guardian contact our attendance office about the date, time, and school you are visiting.
3. Attend the visit. Make sure to ask the school for a verification, noting that you visited, including date and time.
4. Return the verification to the attendance office upon your return to school.



Career/Work Information

Mrs. Matern will also be coordinating with local businesses and industries to provide information about job and career opportunities that are available in our community and surrounding communities. Please pay attention to the announcements and to the school website for future information.



Military Branch Visits

At various times throughout the school year, representatives from branches of the military will visit JCHS to provide information to interested students. Mrs. LeAna Matern will be setting these up, as well, so please check the announcements and the school website for additional information.



FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the foundation for your financial aid. You will be able to submit your FAFSA as early as **Oct. 1, 2021**.

Log onto www.fafsa.gov to file this essential form. **All** seniors or early graduates who are considering attending post-secondary education should file the FAFSA.

21st Century Scholars are required to file a FAFSA! Your FAFSA form must be received by the federal processor on or before **April 15, 2022**, to be considered "on-time" for Indiana state grant funding.



College Goal Sunday

Filling out financial aid paperwork can be perceived as being complicated and time-consuming, but College Goal Sunday makes it easy. College Goal Sunday is a program that helps college-bound Indiana students who qualify for undergraduate admission to a college or technical school and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). College Goal Sunday provides help from financial aid experts, primarily from Indiana colleges and universities.

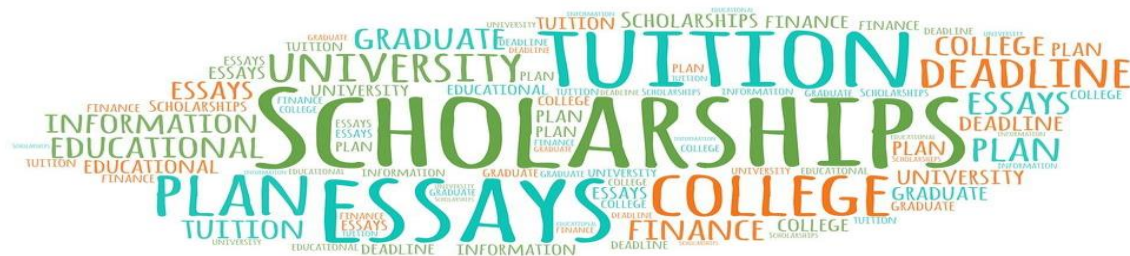
The dates and times for this event have not been released yet, but we will share that information with you as soon as it becomes available.



Scholarships

Pay attention to the JCSC website and to the announcements for any information regarding local, regional, or national scholarship opportunities. Information we receive will be posted on those two platforms.

More specific information about community scholarships will be released around the first week of February. In coordination with the Jennings County Community Foundation, JCHS will distribute descriptions of the local scholarships that are available for this year.



Letters of Recommendation

Many scholarship applications require letters of recommendation. Out of fairness and respect for those you plan to ask, please provide them with a list of your activities and honors at least two weeks in advance of a deadline.



Generally speaking, letters of recommendation are best when they come from individuals who are not family members, such as teachers, coaches, employers, or organizational leaders. Creating a resume or a list of your activities and honors is a good idea, because it can be used for many purposes, including scholarship applications.

Governor's Work Ethic Certificate

The Governor's Work Ethic Certificate is a critical secondary education program for high school graduates who are committed to delivering employer-recognized employability skills as they prepare to join today's workforce. Please click the link to access detailed information.



[link](#)



Cap and Gown Orders

Jostens is the company that services cap and gown orders for JCHS graduates. Those orders can be placed at [Jostens](#). If you have any questions, you can contact our Jostens representative Mike Long at 317-736-9114 or mike.long@sakelcampus.com.



Seniors: Class of 2022

The last couple of years have been unlike any that we could have predicted. Your sophomore and junior years were interrupted, but we are slowly emerging from those events. In the middle of all of that, you continue to show flexibility, cooperation, and determination as we have maneuvered through the changes we all have faced. Thank you for maintaining your focus and drive as we navigate what is ahead! Your JCHS Guidance Team is here to help you along the way.

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