

JEFFERSON

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear JAHS Student & Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! This letter is for parents and students who are attending school in person this year. Due to the COVID-19 situation, this will be a unique experience. Teachers, support staff, and I will do our best to make this a safe and successful school year. However, if you are uncomfortable attending school in person this year, you can still take advantage of our online option. You can register students by following the link on the district website.

This contains important information you and your child need to begin the school year for in-person classes. Because of COVID-19, we will be changing much of our normal beginning of the year routine:

- We will **not** have an in-person freshmen orientation.
 - Please take your temperature before coming to school. We will be taking temperatures upon entrance and we will send students home if the temperature is too high.
 - Bus routes are posted online.
 - **Grades 9 and 11** will report to school on August 20 and 21.
 - **Grades 10 and 12** will report to school on August 24 and 25.
 - Online schooling through ACE will be fully implemented by August 26.
 - This year we will not have students pay for a parking pass.
 - Students will receive schedules on their first day of school; students can review their schedules online via Google Classroom and Progress Book. Schedule changes are limited due to social distancing requirements.
 - Masks are mandated for students, K-12.
 - While in hallways and using stairs, stay to the right and follow posted rules. Some staircases may be labeled up or down only.
 - We will **not be using lockers** to start the year so all students will need a **book bag**.
 - SUPPLIES---Book bag items should be limited to the following:
 - Chromebook and charger
 - Pencil and pen
 - Lunch if you choose to pack
 - Notebook
 - Clear water bottle (no soda, energy drinks, juice)
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School drop off:

- Students who ride the bus (masks are mandated) will be dropped off in the front of the building and students will enter through two entrances, main entrance and athletic building entrance.
- Students who ride to school with a parent or guardian will enter through the main entrance.
- Drivers will enter through the door near Mr. Locy's office.
- Doors will open at 7:25 a.m. for student drop off.
- Students will report directly to their **first period class**.
- Students eating a school breakfast will purchase it in the cafeteria and then take it to first period.

Student pick up:

- As in the past, if you have to pick up students during the school day, please send in a note, email or call as normal and the student will sign themselves out and meet their parent in the parking lot.
- As in the past, student pick up is in the south parking lot. There is no change.
- Parents and guardians remain in their cars.
- We will begin dismissing students who ride to school in small groups between 2:20 and 2:25.
- Times will likely change if we see the need for adjustments
- Students who ride the bus will be dismissed in small groups around 2:30 p.m.

Lunch and breakfast

- There is no cash. CHECKS ONLY
- If you have not done so, please create a lunch account through Payforit.net.
- Students will grab their breakfast and then eat in their first period.
- Desks have replaced tables in the cafeteria and we will use the gym to eat.
- Students will remain in their seats during lunch.

ACE Software Online Option

- Students using ACE software will have their schedules posted August 26.
- Beginning of the year packets will be mailed home. Forms that apply to the student will need to be signed and sent back to the school by 8/28/20.

During these COVID-19 times, I have found the best way to keep parents informed throughout the school year is by a robocall and the school webpage. Please call the high school office, 576-4731 ext.1346, if you have changed your phone number since last year. You may also email Tammy Pestello at tammy.pestello@jalsd.org. You should expect a robocall from me a few days before classes start.

Please email Tammy Pestello if you have changed your email address. We want to create an accurate distribution list for disseminating information. Please include this on the emergency medical form.

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In conclusion, the staff and I know students are anxious to be back in school again and we are looking forward to getting back to in person classes while making our school as safe as possible. Thank you and stay safe.

Thank you,

Jeremy Huber
Jefferson Area High School