Dear JIA Students and Families,

I hope you are having a great start to the 2019-20 school year! As we move into Week 5 of the school year, I have enjoyed getting to know new families and catching up with returning students.

As we continue into September, please remember the importance of staying on track with the course calendars and communication with your teachers. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your teachers with questions and participate in Learning Center and Class Connects. The student-teacher interaction and communication is a critical component to student success. Learning Center is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00am-3:00pm and Friday 8:00am-12:00pm. I hope to see you in the building.

I encourage students and families to participate in community-building opportunities. From college visits to homecoming festivities, getting to know our students academically and socially is a top priority for our instructors and staff at JIA. With our new Student Leadership Team, I look forward to planning events for our students and families to connect. Please reference the Weekly Announcements regularly for dates and times of upcoming events, including homecoming activities.

It is truly a privilege to serve and work with the JIA students and families, along with our talented JIA staff. I look forward to all the possibilities and growth a new school year provides!

Take care,

Mrs. Krista Osterberg
JIA Junior/Senior High Principal

Notes from Mr. Wiersma, JIA Academic Dean

- **Progress Reports** - Your teachers will be sending out regular progress reports to all students and their parents displaying the student’s current grade and number of missing assignments. The teachers are the student’s mentors for each subject area, but Mr. Wiersma will act as the lead mentor for all students.

- **Count Day is October 2nd**! Be sure to log into each of your classes and complete each count day assignment. This includes every Michigan Virtual course.

- **Naviance** - This will be the online program that we use to review your Educational Development Plans as well as search and identify future college and career goals. This can be done independently, or with support from parents and staff at the JIA campus during informational sessions in early November. Look in the Mentor Memo for more information about this.

- **Click here** for a full greeting from the dean!
IMPORTANT DATES TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR - GRADES 7-12

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<td>Homecoming Spirit Week (Parade at 4:30 on Friday) Homecoming Assembly on Friday - see schedule in WA</td>
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<td>Parent - Teacher Conferences Sign - Up Available*</td>
<td>JIA Pick-a-time Link</td>
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<td>9/28</td>
<td>Homecoming Dance - 8pm - 11pm JHS Gym - students must have a JIA ID and guest must have a picture ID to get into the dance.</td>
<td>Guest forms now available; tickets available on 9/17 (call before picking up tickets - 616-457-8477)</td>
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<td>Fall Count Day - Students must submit an assignment in every class, includes Michigan Virtual classes.</td>
<td>Instructors will have “Count Day” assignments in Blackboard.</td>
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<td>School Picture/ID Make Up</td>
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<td>11th Graders only - NMSQT/PSAT testing</td>
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<td>JHS Parent-Teacher Conferences for students taking an on campus class(es).</td>
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Reminder to all athletes - Students must be logging in regularly and submitting assignments on time to remain eligible. If you are taking classes at JHS, you must be in class in order to practice or compete that day.

~ JIA PRIDE - JPS School Board Recognition ~

Hannah Licari (12th Grade)
Hannah has positively impacted the JIA building and her classmates. With her positive attitude and her leadership skills, she is a natural leader at JIA. Her time and energy invested in creating inspiring bulletin boards in the building and games to play with folks at Sunset Manor are greatly appreciated. Furthermore, her efforts in initiating a student leadership team will continue to positively impact the JIA learning community.

Nick Mersman (11th Grade)
With Nick's participation and leadership in the J-STEM club and engineering programs, he has positively impacted the entire building at JIA. Nick is a regular, positive presence at JIA who displays his dedication by regularly participating in on-campus activities. From the Paws Pod to the engineering designs, Nick's problem-solving and leadership skills are an inspiration for our students at JIA.
Mrs. Reynolds (English/History Instructor, GRCC Adjunct English Professor)

Mrs. Reynolds is an outstanding master teacher who positively impacts the lives of her students daily. With her expertise and experiences in online, face-to-face, and college-level education, Mrs. Reynolds is able to provide optimal and meaningful learning experiences for our students, including Dual Enrollment options on our JIA campus. Along with her repertoire of skills, Mrs. Reynolds is a huge advocate for each one of her students and goes above and beyond to make positive, meaningful connections with her students.

In order to facilitate efficient and purposeful lines of communication, please click on the following link for an overview of the JIA Communication Flow. This chart allows parents and students to understand who to contact at JIA, plus it lets parents and students know their responsibility in the communication process as well.

Miles of Smiles

No Cost Dental Services for Children

Please see the Miles of Smiles flyer for No Cost dental services for children 0-20 years old with Medicaid Insurance/HealthyKids Dental or uninsured. See more details on the Miles of Smiles Flyer. Here is the Miles of Form.