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Special Points of Interest

August 11 First day for Freshmen and New Students to JICHS 8:00a.m.

August 14 First Day for returning students

August 17 Picture Day see enclosed flyer for details

Free & Reduced Lunch Forms are in. Please come by to complete one for 06-07.

All freshmen have summer reading assignments. Has your student picked up his or hers?

Supply Update: If you have not all ready purchased supplies for your student, feel free to bring in the general education and office supplies and wait to purchase other items after classes begin.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear JICS parents and students:

Yikes! It's the back to school letter...and back to school shopping...and classes... and, and homework! Yikes! It's not that bad, right? We have just a few items to discuss and some things to share and then you can get back to your summer.

For all new students and 9th graders to JICS you have an orientation on August 11th from 8:00AM-12:00 here in the high school. This will be a great time to meet fellow new students, some teachers, and the administration and to learn the basics about the school before the first day of classes on August 14th.

Summer reading...are you doing it? The teachers are instructed to start teaching on the first day of school so please have your reading finished (and if you are only watching the movies to the book or only reading study notes, the tests are designed to be very detailed—do the reading!).

All returning students will be given schedules, lockers, books, etc., on the first day of school. Also, please find the enclosed new daily class schedule. The 7-12 grades will be on the same daily schedule. Note that every Friday will be a 2:15 PM dismissal (7-12th grades) to allow for teacher professional develop-

ment. Parents please make plans to have your students picked up at that time as there will be no supervision by the teaching staff after 2:15PM.

The road information is approved. We will have a **one way** into the school, **one way out** and **three very desirable drop off points** to keep the snarls down to a minimum. Stay tuned for another mailing and a posting and map on the school's web page. Also JICS is utilizing a much better administrative software this year. This new program is called **Infinite Campus**. It is used by such local districts as Academy 20 so we know it will serve our community well. It will have the ability to email all of you any up dates, changes in calendar events, sports delays, times, etc. In short, if you have an email address, the school can communicate with you on a much more consistent basis, and communication is the name of the game and this is an area in which we need to grow. Thanks for your patience.

Cling to the remaining days of summer with joy, rest deeply, do your summer reading, and we will see all new students August 11 and August 14 for everyone, first day of school.

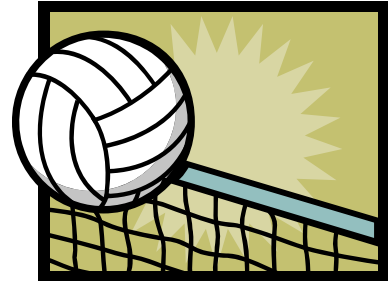
Yours, Mr. Kim Will,

MS and HS principal

Attention Middle School Athletes!!



Cross Country and Volleyball tryouts will start the 1st day of school. Please make sure to have a physical into the school so you can tryout. If you have any questions contact Ms. Holt.



7th and 8th Grade Camp Golden Bell

The details of Camp Golden Bell are in the works!! This will be a “mini” Frontier Ranch Day for the 7th and 8th graders. We are tentatively scheduled for the 7th and 8th graders to attend on August 31, and September 1.

This is not an overnight trip, the girls will attend one day and the boys on the other date.

Our hope is that everyone would be able to take advantage of this unique opportunity. It will include a climbing wall; challenge course; zipline; archery, mini-golf; frisbee golf; and other activities for the students. The cost will be approximately \$40 for the day, which will include the transportation and lunch.

Packets will be available at the HS office after July 21.

All details will be included in this packet.

Diploma of Distinction

The following is an explanation of the Diploma of Distinction. This program will enable your student to compete with top students across the nation for acceptance into some of the most prestigious colleges. We are excited in working with you to obtain your educational goals, and feel this is a beneficial addition to our present curriculum. Please take time to review this program, and write down any questions you may have. **An informational meeting is scheduled on August 10th at 6:00 p.m. prior to the fall sports meeting.** Along with the basic graduation requirements the following will be included to be awarded the Diploma of Distinction. Many of our students already participate in these activities, it's just a matter of organizing them and preparing a portfolio. These additional requirements are:

Service hours:

20 hours each year a student is eligible for the Diploma of Distinction. For example, if you are a junior you will be required to have 20 hours of volunteer work your Jr. and Sr. year to qualify.

Accelerated Studies:

Seniors will be required to have at least one of the following types of classes:

Dual enrollment

AP class; including taking the AP test

Honors class

7th – 11th upon graduation from HS you will be required to have taken 2 of the above listed classes.

Eligibility for college scholarship:

This is required for all recipients

Portfolio:

This begins in your 7th grade to include:

Service learning log

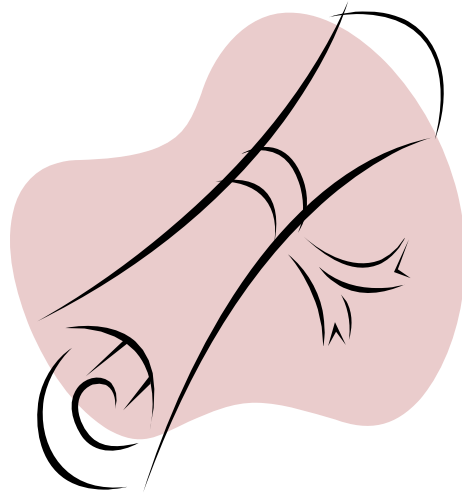
Personal experiences gained from service

Personal goals

Test scores (ACT, PSAT, etc.)

Grade cards

Awards



**JAMES IRWIN CHARTER SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

July 14, 2006

Dear Parents and Students:

I hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation and that you are anticipating the new school year of music making at James Irwin. The hard work, talent and dedication to the James Irwin Charter music program is becoming quite an institution on campus! I hope that you share my excitement and enthusiasm for the opportunities ahead of us as we continue the tradition of excellence that has typified the James Irwin Charter music program.

To kick off this year, I'd like to proudly announce our new associate director of bands, Mr. Chris Argotsinger. Mr. Argotsinger is fresh out of the University of Northern Colorado and will be spear heading the orchestra and beginning band program as well as teaching middle school fine arts survey class. I invite all of you to come by the James Irwin campus to introduce yourself and get acquainted with our new associate director.

I wanted to highlight some very important announcements and dates that are important to former and new music students at James Irwin Charter School. Audition dates for **all** students will be held **Tuesday, August 1-Thursday, August 3 from 2-6pm.** *All band , orchestra and choir students are required to audition in order to insure proper placement.* The make up date for auditions will be held **Friday, August 11 from 2-6pm.** Band and orchestra students should come prepared to play an etude of his/her choice, two scales of the director's choice and be ready for sight reading. Choral students should come prepared to sing a song solo or they may use CD accompaniment, and do some sight reading as well. A few interview questions will be asked from the directors to each student to determine their

Musically,

Tommy Juarez, Chris Argotsinger
Conductors

P.S. The James Irwin website is in the process of up to date announcements regarding the Instrumental and Choral programs. We will have all parent and student information as well as the music calendar for the 06-07 year. Go to www.jamesirwin.org for more information.

FRONTIER RANCH 2006

August 23rd (Seniors), 24th and 25th

The components for Frontier Ranch are in the works: all we need is YOU! This will be our fifth annual all school retreat to Buena Vista. It is a wonderful trip for students and staff to come together as a school. Frontier Ranch is one of 25 camps owned and operated by Young Life, a Christian youth ministry headquartered in Colorado Springs. The camp has a year-round, hot springs heated swimming pool and hot tub, billiards, ping pong, foosball, volleyball, basketball and 18 hole disc golf course. We will be taking advantage of the high elements ropes course and 2 person giant swing, affectionately called "The Screamer."

Our hope is that everyone would be able to take advantage of this unique opportunity. In order to keep costs down and to ensure proper supervision, we are asking for parent volunteers to help make the trip a success! The main areas where you can help include: Scholarships, Fundraising and Work Crew. If you are interested in coming along and helping out, please contact Mr. Everette (ext. 264) as soon as possible.

The cost this year will be \$130 for seniors, who go up one day early and have the camp to themselves, and \$100 for freshmen, sophomores & juniors. Full information packets are available in the front office, including the required Camp Rules Contract & Permission Slip that need to be signed. Please note that these forms along with payment in full will need to be turned in NO LATER THAN August 18th...don't miss out on this exciting kick-off for 2006!

PARENTS STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION ON TUTORING! Students can receive extra tutoring during the day 3:30-4:30 in math and English for a small fee.

DAILY SCHEDULE FOR 2006-2007

Period 1	7:45 - 8:40
Period 2	8:45 - 9:40
Period 3	9:45 - 10:40
Announcements	10:40-10:45 (Dress Code Check)
Period 4a	10:50 - 11:20 Lunch
	11:20 - 12:15 Class
Period 4b	10:50 - 11:45 Class
	11:45 - 12:15 Lunch
Period 5	12:20 - 1:15
Period 6	1:20 - 2:15
Period 7	2:20 - 3:15 Activity Period

*CLASSES ARE 55 MINUTES, PASSING PERIODS 5 MINUTES.

TWO-HOUR DELAY

Period 1	9:45 - 10:29
Period 2	10:34 - 11:18
Period 3	11:23 - 12:07
Announcements	12:07-12:12 (Dress Code Check)
Period 4a	12:17 - 12:47 Lunch
	12:52 - 1:36 Class
Period 4b	12:17 - 1:01 Class
	1:06 - 1:36 Lunch
Period 5	1:41 - 2:25
Period 6	2:30 - 3:15