

JOHANSEN HIGH SCHOOL



Principal's Welcome

Dear Johansen Students and Parents,

The 2018-2019 school year is upon us and I want to make sure you are ready. I hope you are looking forward to this year as much as I am. There are lots of exciting things happening so make sure you read through this entire newsletter so you don't miss any important dates or events.

The first day of school is Monday, August 13th this year. We are requiring that all students attend Jump Start before school starts, so everyone is prepared for the first day of school. Jump Start is the student orientation when we take pictures, check out laptops, and students learn how to get digital access to their class schedules. This opportunity will give everyone a chance to familiarize themselves with the campus, buy PE clothes, and student body cards so they don't have to worry about it on the first day.

Last school year was very successful with our implementation of many new initiatives. We have decided to continue with the following because we feel it gives all of our students the best opportunity to learn.

- JUMP START - August 9th and 10th
- WOW—Week of Welcome
- BLOCK SCHEDULE - Johansen has switched to a modified block bell schedule.
- ONE-to-ONE devices for all students - Every student will have a laptop for school and home.
- FRESHMAN SEMINAR

(More detailed information on all of our initiatives is included in the next few pages)*

As always, I have very high expectations for this school year. I expect all students to come ready to learn and be prepared to become better citizens. I need everyone's help to make Johansen High School the best school in Modesto.

Sincerely,
Nathan Schar
Principal

First Day of School is August 13, 2018

Jump Start

Jump Start is a chance for students to return emergency card, get their new laptop computer, take student ID photo, receive lunch identification number, and purchase PE clothes, yearbook and deluxe ASB card. Class schedules will be distributed on the first day of school during the **"Week of Welcome" (WOW)** activities.

Juniors and Seniors

Thursday, August 9th 2018

Juniors - 8:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.

Seniors - 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Freshmen and Sophomores

Friday, August 10th, 2018

Freshmen - 8:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

Parent Orientation 8:15 a.m. in theater.

Sophomores - 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Please arrive **ONLY** during your designated time (by grade) on your Jump Start date.

WEEK OF WELCOME "WOW"

"WOW" will provide opportunities for students to:

- ◆ Practice Viking Pride, our school-wide expectations of: Respect, Responsibility, and Safety
- ◆ Build positive relationships with staff and peers
- ◆ Utilize resources to encourage academic achievement and extracurricular involvement
- ◆ Practice foundational skills to promote effective educational use of their laptops

"WOW" at a Glance:

- ◆ Lessons that promote Viking Pride: Respect, Responsibility, and Safety
- ◆ Technology lessons that outline proper care of student laptops and outline the use of a variety of computer programs
- ◆ Grade-level programs that encourage student engagement and involvement as well as college and/or career readiness
- ◆ Monday: Students attend 2 "WOW" rotations and a Viking Pride Rally
- ◆ Tuesday: Students attend 2 "WOW" rotations and a motivational speaker
- ◆ Wednesday: Students attend all their assigned classes per their student schedule, it is a Viking Day schedule.
- ◆ Thursday: Students attend 1st, 3rd, and 7th periods (odd block schedule) and 8th period
- ◆ Friday: Students attend 2nd, 4th, and 6th periods (even block schedule) and 8th period

During "WOW", ZERO and EIGHTH periods will meet EVERY DAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 "WOW" Rotations	2 "WOW" Rotations	Viking Day	1st period block	2nd period block
LUNCH	LUNCH	All Periods	3rd period block	4th period block
1 "WOW" Rotation	1 "WOW" Rotation		LUNCH	LUNCH
			7th period block	6th period block

First Day of School Procedures:

- ◆ Alphabetical lists will be posted in the courtyard to inform students of their first "WOW" rotation room number and teacher. During their first "WOW" rotation, students will receive instructions about "WOW" rotations and a copy of their current class schedule.
- ◆ Freshmen will report directly to the gym where they will meet with their Link Crew leaders. They will also receive their Schedules and WOW rotation teachers.

**** ALL JHS STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE LUNCH THIS SCHOOL YEAR, A LA CARTE ITEMS MAY BE PURCHASED ****

****Students will receive their lunch ID number during Jump Start Days on August 9th and 10th.****

PARENTS: GETTING INVOLVED

Johansen staff shares the goal with our parents in that we want to provide the best possible environment for all of our students to succeed. Our school is always open to providing opportunities that include our parents in the educational process and in offering opportunities for parents to better access information on how their children are doing in school in order to assist and motivate them to do their very best. Enclosed in this mailer, please find the “Parent Involvement Sign-Up” form and “Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy”. Please consider supporting our school and getting involved. Below are some other ways to make this possible.

SAVE THE DATES

- ◆ Back to School Night will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet your child's teachers and learn about the wonderful happenings at Johansen High School.
- ◆ Open House & Parent Night will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Return to the campus in the spring semester to see all of the wonderful things your student accomplished during the fall semester.

Future Ready Initiative

A “take -home” 1:1 device

For the second year, all 9-12 students will be issued a device to use during the school day and at home. It is important for students to charge the device at home nightly and bring the device to school daily. To learn more about the Future Ready Initiative, access the guide at:

<https://www.mcs4kids.com/documents/FutureReadyHandbook.pdf>



Online Resources

PowerSchool



Parents can create a PowerSchool account that will allow you to log in to monitor your students grades and attendance. To get started, all you need is an access code and a valid email address. Experiencing difficulties? Just call our clerical staff who will be able to assist you. We encourage you to utilize this powerful tool that allows you to stay on top of your students’ progress as you guide them toward their personal goals. To create your account, see the enclosed document in this mailer.

Schoology



Schoology is an application where teachers can post class notes, homework assignments, calendars for due dates, worksheets, and where students can electronically submit work. Parents can create a login too! All you need is a valid email address and a code supplied by your student from one of their teachers.

Johansen Website:
<https://johansen.mcs4kids.com>

VIKING POLICIES

Attendance Policy

Every day counts as research shows that school attendance matters, student achievement is negatively impacted by higher absenteeism rates. Good habits will follow students from high school to college and beyond. It has been well demonstrated that regular attendance is a key factor in the success a student achieves at school.

Important to note:

- ◆ Students shall be given two school-days for each day of an EXCUSED absence to make up work.
- ◆ Requesting work for EXCUSED absences is the responsibility of the student.
- ◆ Absences must be cleared within seven (7) school days.
- ◆ UNEXCUSED absences may affect extra-curricular eligibility and the ability to make-up missing assignments for full credit.
- ◆ Students will need to attend Saturday School for TRUANCY/UNEXCUSED absences.

Missing Ten (10) or fewer days in a school year exhibits your Viking Pride.

Visit the MCS Conduct Code & Information Handbook for the full district policy.

Electronic Devices/Cellular Phone Policy

Students may possess an electronic or communication device during the school day or at a school sponsored activity. The device shall be turned off and not be visible during class time, unless used for instructional purposes. Should a parent/guardian need to contact a student during the school day a message can be delivered to a student by calling the school. Due to student safety concerns ear buds and/or headphones may only be used before school, at lunch, and after school. Ear buds and headphones must not be visible during passing periods and in the classroom, unless used for instructional purposes.

The following policy will be enforced:

- ◆ 1st Offense: Warning (Student Pick Up After School)
- ◆ 2nd Offense: 30 Minute Detention (Student Pick Up After School)
- ◆ 3rd Offense: 30 Minute Detention (Parent Pick Up Only)
- ◆ 4th Offense: 60 Minute Detention (Parent Pick Up Only)
- ◆ 5th Offense: Saturday School (Parent Pick Up Only)

* Further electronic device violations will result in additional discipline to be determined by the Administrator.

**Students must turn in device to Supervision Staff otherwise resulting in further disciplinary action. **

Dress Code Policy

The Johansen dress code sets a standard that promotes a positive and safe learning environment for all students. Students shall dress appropriately for the educational setting so as not to endanger their health, safety, their welfare, and the welfare that of others, or cause a disruption to the learning process. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments when sitting, standing, or bending.

Appropriate dress at Johansen includes:

- ◆ Dresses/Shirts/Tops that cover the abdomen, midriff, shoulders, back, and cleavage
- ◆ Pants/Shorts/Skirts that are worn around the waist and conceal undergarments and bottom
- ◆ During inclement weather a solid color knit cap with the exception of red or blue may be worn outdoors (An announcement will be made when knit caps may be worn at school).
- ◆ Only one article of red or blue clothing
- ◆ Shirts or backpacks that portray writing or symbols referring to drugs or alcohol are NOT permitted such as LRG, Dope, Cookies, Hustle Trees, Henney, and Thizz.

**See MCS Conduct Code & Information Handbook for the full district dress code standards and the Johansen High School Dress Code on the school's website for a full list approved by the School Safety Committee. **

Tardy Policy

One responsibility of each student is to be in the classroom in his/her seat when the bell rings or when class begins. Being tardy is irresponsible behavior because it is disruptive to the learning process. Five (5) or more unexcused tardies in a quarter will result in an unsatisfactory citizenship mark for the class. More than one "U" Citizenship mark will make a student ineligible for extra-curricular activities.

Tardy Consequences:

- ◆ 3rd Tardy ~ Warning Card mailed home
- ◆ 4th Tardy ~ 30 minute Lunch Detention
- ◆ 5th Tardy ~ 30 minute Lunch Detention
- ◆ 6th Tardy ~ 30 minute Detention (Before/After School)
- ◆ 7th Tardy ~ 30 minute Detention (Before/After School)
- ◆ 8th Tardy ~ 60 minute Detention (Before/After School)
- ◆ 9th Tardy ~ 60 minute Detention (Before/After School)
- ◆ 10th Tardy ~ Saturday School
- ◆ 11th Tardy ~ Saturday School

*Failure to show for Saturday School will result in further disciplinary action to be determined by the Administrator.

FRESHMAN SEMINAR

Johansen High School recognizes that some students may have difficulty transitioning from junior high to high school. Freshman Seminar is a program that ensures all freshmen have a successful first year of high school. The program is designed to address many of the challenges freshmen face and to provide them with the tools they need to make them successful throughout their high school career and beyond.

The Challenge

Teachers often say that students enter high school not knowing how to take notes, study, organize their time, or work in a positive manner with peers and adults. These same teachers, however, know they rarely have the time or the opportunity to meet these very real needs as they focus on their own curricula, and it's true. Too many students enter large, comprehensive high schools without the necessary social and academic skills for moving them through the high school curriculum to the post-secondary path that will prepare them for the world of work. Often the fear of the unknown created by this lack of knowledge reveals itself in hostility, frustration, resentment, and apathy. The Freshman Seminar program was created, in part, to expose students to that path and, through this exposure, defuse the hostility and frustration.

The Solution

Freshman Seminar is a year long course offered during ninth grade, designed to address and remedy these problems. In-depth lessons use a variety of both innovative and traditional teaching techniques including: long-range projects, cooperative learning activities, and reflective journal writing. Students practice note-taking, time management, and student social and human relation skills. These are skills that they need every day in their academic and elective subjects, as well as in their "real" lives outside of school. They learn more about themselves and their future as we prepare them to pursue a post-secondary education and/or a career.

See the Results

Schools where Freshman Seminar is in place report that students:

- ◆ Acquire better student habits and time management skills
- ◆ Are better able to handle work in 10th grade and beyond
- ◆ Have acquired or improved their technology skills
- ◆ Work more seriously and with more self-understanding toward graduation and career
- ◆ Have fewer absences
- ◆ Have fewer disciplinary incidents

STUDENT STORE INFORMATION

Prices for all items that may be purchased during **JUMP START DAYS** and throughout the month of August:



Yearbooks **\$65**

(If ordered during August price is \$65 including embossing on the cover with up to four icons)

Online ordering available at www.jostens.com

PE Clothing (shirt/shorts) **\$20**

Deluxe Student Body Card **\$45**

Student ID cards are free for all students and are used for ID only.

Deluxe ASB cards must be purchased.

Our Student Store accepts Visa/MasterCard, checks (made out to JHS) or cash as payment for any purchase.

WORK PERMITS & WORK EXPERIENCE

All work permits must be renewed at the start of the school year regardless of when the permit was issued. **Work permits can be renewed during the Jump Start Days, August 9th and 10th. Be sure to stop by the Career Center to pick up the necessary paperwork.** While you're renewing your permit, ask Ms. Lodi about enrolling in Work Experience Education. This class meets once per week and can help satisfy the elective requirement for graduation.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION 2018-2019

If you plan to participate in a sport during the 2018-2019 season:

YOU MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL dated after June 15, 2018

Please calendar these **TWO** important dates:

Monday, July 30, 2018

Official start of fall sports: Football, Volleyball, Girls Tennis, Girls Golf, Boys & Girls Cross Country

Monday, August 13, 2018

Official start of Boys & Girls Water Polo

BEFORE AN ATHLETE CAN PARTICIPATE, SPORTS NET REGISTRATION, CURRENT PHYSICAL, AND INSURANCE WAIVER MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE ASB OFFICE.

The insurance waiver must be signed in the presence of a school official.

ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE ACCURATELY COMPLETED AND TURNED IN BEFORE THE ATHLETE MAY PARTICIPATE.

**For more information, contact our Athletic Director, Scott Sacuskie
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