

Student Services Newsletter

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Events:

- Homecoming Spirit week (see first article)
- Financial Aid Informational Night (juniors & seniors), Sept. 20, JHS Auditorium
- Varsity Football vs. Lanphier Sept. 28, 7pm

Home Sweet Homecoming!

Homecoming is approaching very fast! Student government has been working very hard on making everything perfect. They have planned a fun week full of activities and spirit. The week will go like this:

Monday- "Make yourself at home" wear your favorite school appropriate pajamas

Tuesday- "Homerun" wear

your favorite sports themed apparel

Wednesday- "Somewhere over the rainbow" Class color day, **freshmen are pink, sophomores are blue, juniors are yellow**, seniors are black. Also on Wednesday at 4 at the track. Come out and support your class!

Thursday- "Home for the Holidays" Christmas has come early! Wear your fa-

vorite Christmas clothes. Then at 7 in the West gym come to the pep rally for a good time!

Friday- "There's no place like home" Crimson pride. Come all decked out in school spirit. Come to the parade at 4 the come cheer on the football team that night at 7!

Saturday- Dance starts at 8!

Go Crimsons!



Golden Apple Teaching Program

Rachel Edwards and JD Lindley, 2018 graduates of JHS, are members of the Golden Apple Teaching Program. They received their awards this summer in Chicago with all of the other members of the 2018 Golden Apple recipients. The Golden Apple Teaching program

requires all recipients to attend summer institutes, earn a bachelor's degree in education, and teach for three years in a low income or at-risk school district upon graduation. In turn for this unique opportunity, tuition and fees are paid by the program for all four years of



their undergraduate education. Congratulations to both Rachel and JD!

ACT Test Dates

With school starting again, we start thinking about post high school plans. One way we can get prepared for those plans is taking the ACT and SAT. You can register online at act.org. The cost for the test is \$42 for no writing or \$62 with writing.

Registration usually ends around a month before the test date, however you can register late for thirty dollars more. Remember to study weeks prior to taking the test and get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast right before. Good luck!

ACT Test Dates:

September 8, 2018

October 27, 2018

December 8, 2018

February 9, 2019

April 13, 2019

June 8, 2018

SAT Test Dates

Just like the ACT, the SAT can be a crucial part of preparing for college. The price for the SAT \$47.50 with no writing or \$64.50 with writing. You can register online

or through another way for an additional fee. Registration ends usually a month before the test. The dates for the SAT are: Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, March 9, May 4, and

June 1. Remember to prepare in advance and do your best!

Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Awareness

The Morgan Scott Suicide Prevention Coalition hosted the 4th annual “Out of the Darkness” suicide prevention awareness walk on Thursday, September 6, 2018. The family members of Jeffrey Thomas lit the memorial candle in memory of Jeffrey. Dianna Castleberry, Bursting Bubbles Mental Health Peer Support Organization, was the keynote speaker. She urged all people that are struggling with suicidal thoughts to reach out and talk with someone. “You are not alone,” said Dianna. “Please break the silence and let someone know what you are thinking and feeling”. Dianna told supporters to “just listen”. We all need someone to listen to us and not judge us.

Jacksonville Police Department Chaplain, Alan Bradish opened the ceremonies with a warm welcome to community members, area college students, students and their families, and community agencies. Pastor Robin Lyons, Winchester United

Methodist Church lead the opening prayer and Pastor Jared Reno lead the concluding prayer before the candlelight walk. Music was provided by Worship minister, Perry Case of the First Christian Church of Jacksonville. Refreshments were provided by the Jacksonville High School Foods classes, County Market, and Wal-Mart.

A number of families created loving chalk artwork in memory of a lost loved one to suicide in addition to lighting a luminary candle in his or her memory. Friends

of lost friends also participated by doing the same and walking around the downtown square in the candlelight walk to bring hope and awareness to others.

Lost lives to suicide is a tragedy. There are resources for people of all ages, gender, race, and ethnicity to prevent losing lives to suicide. Call the Suicide Hotline at 1—800-273-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 741741. Watch for possible warnings signs such as: talking about wanting to die, looking for a way to kill oneself, talking about feeling hopeless or having



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no reason to live, talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain, talking about being a burden to others, increasing the use of alcohol or drugs, acting anxious or agitated, behaving recklessly, sleeping too little or too much, withdrawing of feeling isolated, showing rage or talking about seeking revenge, and/or displaying extreme mood swings.

Together we can help others to "Walk Out of the Darkness" and seek help during the low times in their lives and help to prevent suicide.

A special thank you to Crimson Courage members that attended the walk and showed their support for suicide prevention and awareness. In addition, thank you to All Occasion Flowers and the City of Jacksonville for their contributions to the event. A huge thank you to the Morgan Scott Suicide Prevention Coalition. If you are interested in joining the coalition, please contact Julia at Memorial Behavioral Health at 217-243-6702.

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ATTENTION ALL FRESHMEN AND SENIORS!

There are vaccine requirements for 9th and 12th grade.

Please check with your parent/guardian to see if your immunizations are up-to-date.

ALL FRESHMEN ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO HAVE A PHYSICAL EXAM COMPLETED!

Physical exam forms and vaccination records are due in the nurse's office ASAP!