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WELCOME From Principal Jim Seitz

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

This is always such an exciting time of year for educators and this school year is no exception. In the past five years John Adams High School has seen an increase in nearly every academic category and a major decrease in the number of suspensions. During the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years, the students, faculty and parents helped JA earn a state accountability letter grade of A. This past school year John Adams High School ranked #44 in the State of Indiana, in the top 12% Nationally in the U.S. News Best High School rankings. John Adams High School is one of two High Schools in St. Joseph County to rank in Indiana's top 50. Our graduation rate has soared over 90% the past five years, while the number of students earning International Baccalaureate Diplomas and Certificates is at an all-time high. As our students excel in the classroom, our extra-curricular activities are also soaring. We hosted the 2019 Mock Trial Regional Competition sending eight teams to the state competition. The band, choir and orchestra won several state awards while our visual arts won many state and national awards. Finally, our athletic teams enjoyed great success in the classroom and in competition.

We pride ourselves at John Adams High School on maintaining the same level of excellence that was started in 1940. As we look forward to this school year, we will hold our students to high expectations and build positive relationships with them. Our ultimate goal is for each student who enters our building to graduate from John Adams High School as we prepare them for life after high school. We will prepare each graduate for success in college and/or careers so they can become productive members of society. We take great pride in our community at John Adams High School as we are all members of TEAM SOUTH BEND.

To help measure the success of each graduating class we have set three numeric goals for each class:

- **90% of our student body will graduate from John Adams High School**

Year	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Graduation Rate	81.10%	88.90%	91.10%	92.14%	92.71%	93.44%	90.57%
State Average	88.60%	90.00%	88.90%	89.07%	87.19%	88.10%	N/A

- **60% of our Graduates are deemed College or Career Ready by the IDOE**

Earn a score of 4, 5, 6, or 7 (passing) on an International Baccalaureate exam
Earn a score of 3, 4, or 5 (passing) on an Advanced Placement exam
Earn at least three dual credit hours from an approved IDOE course
Earn an approved Industry Certification from the Department of Work Force Development

- **30% of our Graduates pass either an AP or IB exam.**

We look forward to meeting with each of you over the next few weeks at our back to school events. Thank you for entrusting us with your child and believing in John Adams High School.

GO EAGLES!

James R. Seitz

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Mr. James Seitz	Principal
Ms. Jeanne Dietrich	Assistant Principal
Ms. Cristina Campos	Assistant Principal
Mr. Chris Berg	Assistant Principal
Mrs. Beckie Hernandez	IB Coordinator
Ms. Tammy Berebitsky	Director of Counseling
Mr. Bob Tull	Dean of Students and Athletics
Ms. Paola Polo-O'Neill	Bilingual Specialist

BACK TO SCHOOL DAY

All students are invited to a back to school day on **August 8th from 1:00pm – 6:00pm** at school.

You and your student can drop in at any time during these hours and get a head start on the following:

- Class Schedules. Pick up your schedules and talk to your counselor if there is a conflict or problem. Also walk the halls to find your classes.
- Locker assignments. Get your locker number and go find it.
- Clubs, Sports and Student Groups sign ups. The best way for new students to meet new friends and become part of the Eagle family is to get involved in clubs, sports etc. Studies also show that students who are involved perform better academically.
- Class material lists (some teachers may have certain materials they require for their classes)
- Eagle Gear. Get your student decked out in all the latest Eagle Gear (shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, sweatpants etc)
- Purchase all sports passes and more...

FRESHMEN AND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Also, on August 8th from 6:00pm – 7:30pm we will hold our annual "Freshman and New Student Orientation" for *parents and students*. This is an exciting night and a great way to get a jump start on the new school year. This is the same night as our Back to School Day! **(Enter through door 20 off Wall Street)**

FROM OUR COUNSELING DEPARTMENT – DROP AND ADD DAYS

AUGUST 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Freshmen and Senior Students

AUGUST 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Juniors and Sophomore Students

AUGUST 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All Students

- Must call to schedule an appointment 393-5315
- No Walk-ins

Please enter through door 20.

These dates and times are to accommodate the following situations:

- an incomplete schedule
- new student with no schedule
- student who attended summer school and needs a schedule adjustment
- senior who needs specific classes to meet graduation requirements

***All Schedule changes must be requested before Friday, August 23rd.**

SBCSC HIGH SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

All student and staff expectations are put in place in order to ensure the safety of each student, faculty member and guest of John Adams High School. Behavior that comprises this safety will not be tolerated. It is the expectation that each student acts appropriately at all times. All school expectations apply the moment a student leaves their home until the moment they arrive home at the end of the day.

*All students are expected to properly wear their **ID Cards** at all times while on the school campus. ID's will be issued during the first weeks of school. This ID is free. The cost of a replacement ID is \$5.00. The cost of a temporary 24 hour ID is \$1.00 and can only be worn on the day of purchase. ID's must be worn all day and are required for lunch.

*Any student in the hall during class must have a pass from their period teacher.

*Students are to move efficiently from one class to another and behave appropriately during passing periods.

*Cell phones are **NOT** to be in use during instruction unless directed by a teacher. Violation will result in confiscation and/or additional consequences. Cooperation of students and parents is critical to eliminate the distraction of cell phones and other electronic devices at school.

*Book bags and backpacks are not to be carried in the hallway, cafeteria or to class. They are to be kept in the students' locker during the school day.

*Coats are not to be worn or carried during the school day. Coats must remain in lockers.

*Students are to follow all classroom, Adams High School, and SBCSC rules and policies at all times.

*Profanity and inappropriate, disrespectful, or abusive language are not permitted and will not be tolerated. Failure to comply will result in consequences.

*If a parent needs to contact their student please call the Student Management Office, 393-5308, and a message will be delivered.

SBCSC ATTENDANCE POLICY

The School Board, as an agency of the State, is required to enforce regular attendance of students. The Board recognizes that the presence in the classroom enables the student to participate in instruction, class discussions, and other related activities. As such, regular attendance and classroom participation are integral to instilling incentives for the student to excel.

Attendance shall mean to be physically present in a school or at another location where the school's educational program is being conducted during regular school hours on a day in which the educational program in which the student is enrolled is being offered.

Attendance shall be required of all Corporation students, except those exempted under other provisions of State law, during the days and hours that the school is in session or during the attendance sessions to which s/he has been assigned.

The School Board policy requires a note from the parent of each student who has been absent for any reason. A written statement of the cause for such absence must be submitted within 48 hours of the absence to the Office of Student Management (Mrs. Hackett) to be considered excused. Administration reserves the right to verify such statements and to investigate the cause of each. This attendance policy holds the student responsible for his or her own absences. Students who choose not to bring in a note will be considered truant. Students must bring in a note for all absences and even though some may be considered unexcused those absences will not be considered trancies.

TARDIES

Students have five minutes for each passing period. In order to minimize classroom disruptions, we expect all students to arrive on time for class. Students who do not make it to class on time will be considered tardy. Chronic tardiness will be managed on an individual basis.

EXIT PASSES

All students are required to have an exit pass before leaving school. The nurse will issue exit passes for illnesses and the student management office will issue them for all other appointments. Please call the student management office at 393-5308 in advance to obtain an exit pass for appointments.

DRESS CODE

John Adams will not have required uniforms this year but will follow the SBCSC dress code. The following items, apparel or appearance are prohibited during the school day or at school functions or activities. Any student violating the dress code the first time will be allowed to correct the violation. If a student cannot correct the violation at school he or she will be sent home to change or removed from the school activity immediately. Any future violations may result in suspension. All decisions regarding the appropriateness and inappropriateness of student clothing made by JAHS administrators are final!

- revealing or suggestive clothing
- clothing and jewelry with messages about alcohol, tobacco, cults, racism or profanity
- clothing and jewelry affiliated with gang membership
- hats, bandanas, hairnets, and "dew rags"
- pajamas, boxer shorts, biker shorts, hip huggers or low waist pants, micro mini skirts, short shorts, (shorts and skirts must be one inch below fingertips)
- holes in pants must be one inch below fingertips and no larger than three fingers wide
- bare midriffs, tube tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps
- sunglasses
- slippers (shoes, sneakers or sandals must be worn at all times and appropriately fastened)
- saggy pants or clothing that reveals/displays undergarments
- hairstyles or hair coloring that disrupt the education of others
- No visible shoulders

It is expected that John Adams students will dress for success while attending school and school activities.

PARKING

Parking Passes can be purchased from Mr. Cass for \$30.00. All students must have a parking pass to park in the school lot and the parking spaces on the street adjacent to the school. Each student who purchases a parking pass will be issued a space and assigned a number.

***Only Juniors and Seniors will be allowed to purchase a parking pass and park in the school parking spots. Underclassman wishing to drive to school will not be able to park in any school spots. Cars parked without a pass or in the incorrect spot are subject to towing.**

PICTURE INFORMATION

Students will have school and ID pictures taken on Tuesday, August 20th (9th and 10th grade) and Wednesday, August 21st (11th and 12th grade) during English classes. Picture packets will be distributed prior to the August 20th with instructions to bring them home to their parents and/or guardians. If interested in purchasing school pictures, please select a package, enclose your method of payment and return it with your student to school on the 20th or 21st. Seniors will need to have at least a headshot photo taken through McDonalds Studios, as soon as possible, for the yearbook. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call school.

MEAL PRICES

Breakfast - Free for all students

Milk - \$0.50

Regular lunch - \$2.25

Reduced lunch - \$0.40

Free and reduced lunch/textbook applications can be completed online at

<http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?page=lunchapps&sid=0208112348231284>.

This form needs to be completed by the parent or guardian and returned as soon as possible.

PARENT GROUP EMAIL LIST and SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS:

Please sign up for the JA Parent Group online at their homepage: www.JohnAdamsParentGroup.com Our email is: JohnAdamsParentGroup@gmail.com if you need to reach out to us.. Check our website regularly for many helpful resources about JAHS, Back to School info, college preparation, summer programs and more. Also follow us via Facebook (www.Facebook.com/JohnAdamsParentGroup) and Twitter (www.Twitter.com/JAParentGroup)

OPEN HOUSE – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 @ 6:00 P.M.

The annual Open House for parents will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with John Adams and your students' teachers. All parents should enter the school through Door 20.

DEPARTMENTAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

STUDENT MANAGEMENT – 393-5308

Assistant Principals, absence reporting, attendance questions, student discipline, truancy, change of student address or phone number, district bussing questions, enrollments and withdrawals.

Mrs. Hackett	Secretary	393-5308
Mrs. Newman	Data Technician	393-5308
Mr. Berg	Asst Principal	393-5308
Ms. Campos	Asst Principal	393-5308
Ms. Dietrich	Asst Principal	393-5308
Ofc. Jones	SRO	393-5304

MAIN OFFICE – 393-5300

Mr. James Seitz	Principal
Mrs. Karen Berk	Secretary to Principal

COUNSELING CENTER 393-5315

Registrar, schedule changes, student records, transcripts, work permits, counselors (see above)

Ms. Tadejewski	Registrar
Ms. Berebitsky	Director of Counseling
Mrs. Freel	Counselor
Mrs. Johnson	Counselor
Mrs. Gaines	Counselor
Ms. Hernandez	Counselor

ADDITIONAL STAFF

Mrs. Hernandez	IB Coordinator	393-5321
Mrs. Brady	Librarian	393-5329
Mr. Cass	Bookkeeper	393-5435
Mr. Geissler	Social Worker	393-5326
Mr. Tull	Dean of Students and Athletics	393-5323
Ms. Rulli	Athletic Secretary	393-5324
Mrs. Milovich	Nurse	393-5349
Mrs. Jeffers	CTE Guidance	393-5322
	Cafeteria	393-5348
Transportation	Bussing	393-7000
Ms. Polo-O'Neill	Bilingual Specialist	393-

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES 2019-20

Back to School Day 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM	August 8, 2019
Freshmen and New Student Orientation @ 6:00	August 8, 2019
Classes begin for all students	August 15, 2019
Picture Day/English classes	August 20 & 21, 2019
Labor Day – schools and offices closed	September 2, 2019
Open House-6:00 PM	September 4, 2019
Homecoming Parade @ 6:00 PM	September 27, 2019
Homecoming vs. New Prairie at TCU School Field @ 7:30 PM	September 27, 2019
Teacher Record Day – No school for students	October 16, 2019
Fall Break – No school for students	October 17 & 18, 2019
Thanksgiving Break	November 27, 28, & 29, 2019
Teacher Record Day - No school for students	December 20, 2019
Winter Recess begins (Last day on 12/20)	December 23, 2019
Classes resume	January 6, 2020
Dr. Martin Luther King Day - schools and offices closed	January 20, 2020
Presidents' Day - schools and offices closed	February 17, 2020
Teacher Record Day – No school for students	March 13, 2020
Spring Recess	April 6-10, 2020
Snow Day #1 - No school unless needed for make-up	April 13, 2020
Snow Day #2 - No school unless needed for make-up	May 22, 2020
Memorial Day - schools and offices closed	May 25, 2020
Last day for students	June 2, 2020
Commencement at Notre Dame @ 6:30 p.m.	June 11, 2020

JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL
Athletic Department
808 S. Twyckenham Dr. South Bend, Indiana 46615 Phone: 574-393-5324 Fax:
574-283-7704

All-Sport Pass Application Form

The John Adams High School 2019-2020 All-Sport Pass application is below. The all-sport pass is good for **all regular season home games**; however, it does not include tournament games. The price is as follows.

\$65.00	Adult
\$45.00	Students
\$50.00	Senior Citizen (60 years and older)
\$185.00	Family

All-Sport passes can either be purchased at John Adams High School in the Student Management Office, you may order them by completing the form below, or on your FamilyID account. ***Note: last year's cards can be reactivated, do not throw away**

You must show your sports pass at all games you attend. All passes are non-transferable. There is a \$5.00 replacement fee for lost cards.

We appreciate your support of John Adams Athletics.

Bob Tull
Dean of Students and Athletics

All-Sport Passes
John Adams High School
808 S. Twyckenham Dr.
South Bend, IN 46615

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Type of All Sport Pass: Adult _____ Student _____ Sr. Citizen _____ Family _____

Email: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

If purchasing family pass, please list family members
(please circle adult or student)

Adult/Student _____ Adult/Student _____

Adult/Student _____ Adult/Student _____

Adult/Student _____ Adult/Student _____

Make Checks Payable to John Adams High School

Office Use Only: Check#: _____ Cash _____ Pass Number _____

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