



James Island Charter High School

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Dear JICHS Family,

The JICHS Summer Staff has been preparing for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year.

The JICHS Board of Directors voted to follow the CCSD Safe School Restart Plan that was approved by the State Department. **The first day of school for students will be September 8, 2020.** The next JICHS Board of Directors meeting is on August 17, 2020, at 8:00 am via Zoom. At that meeting, the board will review the health metrics from DHEC and the recommendations from local medical experts (doctors from DHEC and MUSC) and vote on how JICHS will start the school year, either in a temporary remote start or in a hybrid model (AA/BB). In addition to this decision, JICHS will also have an all-online learning option through the JICHS Virtual Academy.

In preparation for the upcoming school year, we have scheduled Fact and Fee and Device/Textbook pickup days at JICHS between August 25th and August 28th based on grade level. Students and/or parents are encouraged to pay fees at home through the RevTrak link on our website beginning August 21st. Students and families may come to the school to use computer resources, resolve any outstanding obligations, check-out textbooks or other electronic devices on the date and times listed below:

Seniors: Tuesday, August 25th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Juniors: Wednesday, August 26th from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Sophomores: Thursday, August 27th from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Freshmen: Friday, August 28th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

You can print schedules at home using the PowerSchool Portal beginning August 25th. Although schedules may be viewed in the portal before August 25th, families should not print schedules until this date. Please understand that our master schedule has been built and teachers have been hired according to our students' original course requests. Please complete the JICHS Course Drop/Add request Google Form located on our website.

If you are not able to come on your designated day, you may come any day after your scheduled grade-level day.

All upperclassmen (10th-12th) ID pictures will be last year's yearbook photo.

All incoming 9th grade students who are new to our school or any upperclassmen who did not take a yearbook picture last year must submit a school appropriate head-shot photo to jirollment@gmail.com by Thursday, August 20, 2020.

***Incoming students from CRMS do not have to submit a photo as we will use your yearbook photo from last year if it was taken.*

Required Fee:

- **Student Fee***. The student activity fee for all students is **\$50.00**. This fee is used to support student assemblies, career exploration events, clubs, cultural events, guest speakers, and technology.

Supplemental Fees:

- **Senior Fee***. Students who are in the 12th Grade will pay an additional **\$40.00**. Senior Fee supports senior-specific events, activities, t-shirts, and graduation.
- **AP/IB Fee***. Students who are enrolled in one or more AP/IB courses will pay **\$50.00**. The AP/IB Fee, which will be added to RevTrak by September 22nd, supports AP/IB student registration and test fees, additional books and resources, and AP/IB Professional Development.
- **Parking Fee**. Pending board approval on how school will begin, the parking fee will be prorated based on the number of days the school is open for in-person instruction. The amount is TBD but will not exceed \$100 for students in grades 10-12. *More information will be forthcoming regarding parking application, registration, payment amount and receiving parking decals.*

- **Magnet Bus Fee.** Pending board approval on how school will begin, the magnet bus fee will be prorated based on the number of days the school is open for in-person instruction. The amount is TBD but will not exceed \$200 for students who would like to ride the West Ashley / Johns Island bus and who have completed the bus application on the JICHHS website. If you currently have a seat on the bus you will receive an email from Mrs. Doane (jodyann_doane@charleston.k12.sc.us) with instructions.
- **Athletic Booster Club.** Parents who would like to support and be a part of the Athletic Booster Club will pay **\$20.00** for membership.
- **All Sports Pass.** Passes will be accepted at all home (non-playoff) games the entire school year. Student passes will be **\$30.00** and parent passes will be **\$60.00**.

**Students who receive free or reduced-price meals will pay reduced fee amounts on these items.*

- **2021 JICHHS Yearbook.** Students who would like to order a yearbook should visit www.jostensyearbooks.com. The Back to School Sale ends on September 24, 2020, and includes one yearbook with personalization and up to three icons for \$75.00 plus tax.

All required and supplemental fees may be paid with a debit/credit card, or Echeck on RevTrak. **Cash payments, money orders and physical checks will not be accepted at the school.** You may pay fees through the RevTrak link on our school's website at www.ccsdschools.com/jichs beginning August 14th or use our computers to pay via debit/credit card or Echeck during your designated Fact and Fee Day. (If you do not have a debit/credit card, we recommend purchasing a reloadable Visa/Mastercard credit card at your local CVS/Walgreens to pay.)

Students with outstanding school fees or obligations will not be able to checkout textbooks, Chromebooks, or other school issued resources. We understand that many families find themselves in very difficult situations. Please reach out to your student's administrator if you have concerns about any outstanding school fees or obligations.

Remember, if you have any outstanding obligations, you will not be given a parking decal to park on campus. Parking on campus is a privilege extended to Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores who have no outstanding obligations to the school. As the student parking lot reaches capacity throughout the year, overflow parking will be available along the athletic drive with additional stipulations (see application for more details). This will alleviate capacity issues in the student parking lot.

Participation Fees: Various participation fees are paid during the school year and **NOT** during Fact and Fee days. Some examples include:

- **Band Fee.** Students who participate in the Band pay **\$50.00**. Band fee supports uniforms, equipment, and supplemental instruction.
- **Athletic Activity Fee.** Students who participate in one or more athletic teams pay **\$50.00**. The athletic fee supports uniform, equipment, transportation, and other sports-related costs. This fee is in addition to sports insurance fees.

Other Announcements:

Students enrolled in a Fall Dual Enrollment course must view the TTC webinar for more information. Click here: <https://bit.ly/TTCdualcredit>. Parents are welcome and are encouraged to view as well. Fall Session 1 courses begin on August 24th. Students should log in their TTC student portal at <http://my.tridenttech.edu/>. A separate email and letter will be sent to those students. Your JICHHS guidance counselor will reach out with more information on Dual Enrollment beginning August 11th.

Please don't forget to look at our website for the required summer reading.

As always, please check out our school's website (jichs.ccsdschools.com) or the James Island Charter High School Communication Facebook page for the most up-to-date information. You may also call our Main Office at 843-762-2754.

I am looking forward to a great year!



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