

8th Grade Conversations

**Parent Teacher Organization
Meeting
January 24, 2018**

Counseling Curriculum

September - Social Media

- ▶ Discussed the positive and negative aspects of social media and the impact of having 24/7 connectivity
- ▶ Through discussion and videos, responsible online use was discussed and highlighted

Counseling Curriculum

March/April -Gaining a Sense of Self - students will:

- ▶ Reflect upon their interests, hobbies, and extra curricular activities
- ▶ Review sample HS activity resumes and college essays
- ▶ Respond to a writing prompt introducing themselves to their HS counselor

Counseling Curriculum

- ▶ June - Tour and Information Sessions for 8th graders at the High School
- ▶ Counselors reinforce the concept of being a self-directed/independent learner and how these skills will be essential at the high school and beyond

Scheduling Process

- ▶ January 11th @ 7pm - JJHS Parent Curriculum Night (Grades 8-11)
- ▶ Mid-January - Counselors conduct scheduling classes in World Language classes
- ▶ February 2nd - Teacher recommendations on Interim Reports for Math, Science and Language
- ▶ Week of February 5th - 8th grade students input course requests for their electives on the Portal
- ▶ February 11th - Portal closes to 8th grade students for course elective selections
- ▶ Week of February 12th - Counselors meet with students during P.E. classes to review elective choices

Scheduling Process (cont'd)

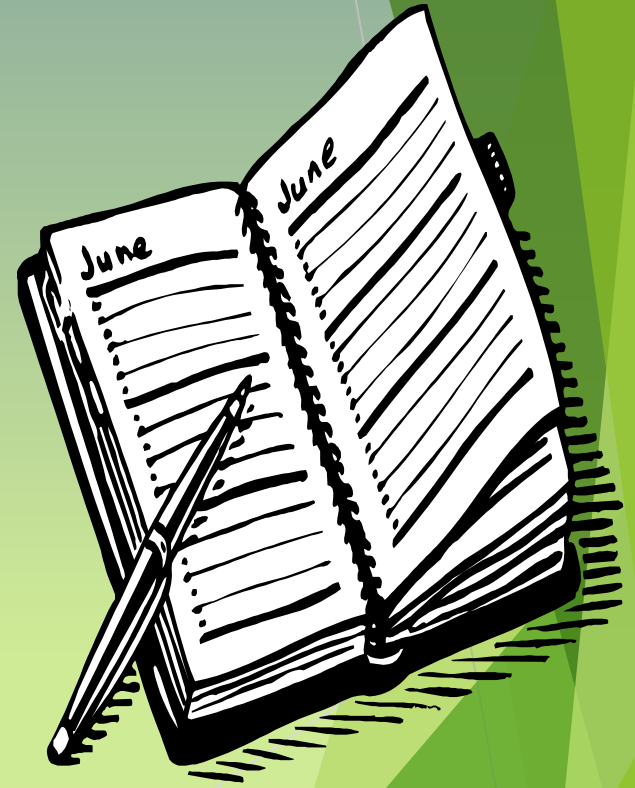
- ▶ March 5th - Course Verifications via Parent Portal
- ▶ March 23rd - 2nd Trimester Report Card - additional teacher math/science recommendations
- ▶ April 11th - 8th Grade Parent Orientation @ HS (for incoming 9th grade)
- ▶ April 13th - Deadline for parents to waive their child into a course that their child was not recommended for
- ▶ August - JJHS Schedules available via Parent Portal

Basic Scheduling Terms

- ▶ Graduation Requirements - in Course Description Guide (available on HS website)
- ▶ 1 or ½ Credit Courses
- ▶ Transcript

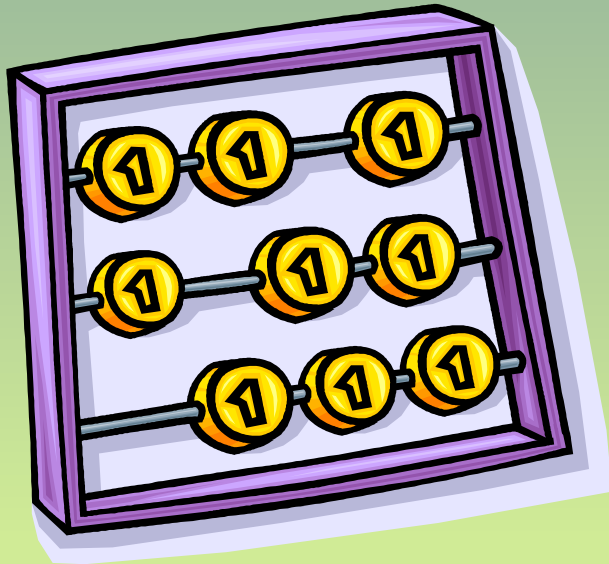
Traditional 9th Grade Schedule

- ▶ English
- ▶ Social Studies
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Science
- ▶ World Language
- ▶ Physical Education \ Science Lab
- ▶ Elective - Fine & Performing Arts
- ▶ Elective
- ▶ Lunch



Notes: Peer Leadership, Special Education Classes

Mathematics Program



- ▶ Geometry Honors
- ▶ Geometry
- ▶ Algebra 1
- ▶ Algebra 1 Extended
(everyday plus alternate day lab)

Science Program



- ▶ Biology Honors
- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Earth Science

Humanities Program

- ▶ English
- ▶ Social Studies
- ▶ World Languages
 - Spanish 2
 - Spanish 2A
 - Spanish 1
 - French 2
 - Mandarin 1 (pending enrollment)
 - Latin 1 (pending enrollment)



Humanities, cont.

- ▶ Fine & Performing Arts
 - ▶ Art
 - Studio Art and Design
 - Filmmaking and Animation 1
 - Filmmaking and Animation 2
 - Photography 1
 - Photography 2
 - ▶ Performing Arts
 - Concert Choir, Concert Band, & String Orchestra (Auditions for select programs)
 - Introduction to Theatre
 - Music History & Theory
 - ▶ Social Studies
 - Contemporary Global Issues



Business & Technology

► Business and Technology

- Business Dynamics
- Computer Science 1
- Computer Science 2
- Design & Draw for Production



Elective Choices for 9th Grade

Full Year Daily-1Credit

- ▶ Studio Art and Design*
- ▶ Music History and Theory *
- ▶ Additional World Language
- ▶ Business Dynamics
- ▶ Design & Draw for Production*
- ▶ Concert Choir *
- ▶ Concert Band *
- ▶ String Orchestra *
- ▶ Study Hall (No Credit)

*Classes that fulfill the 1 Credit
Art/Music Requirement

½ Credit Courses

Every other day All year

- ▶ Introduction to Theatre *
- ▶ Contemporary Global Issues
- ▶ Study Hall (No Credit)

Every day Half year

- ▶ Computer Science 1
- ▶ Computer Science 2
- ▶ Photography 1
- ▶ Photography 2
- ▶ Filmmaking and Animation 1
- ▶ Filmmaking and Animation 2
- ▶ Study Hall (No Credit)

Things to consider

- ▶ Time management
- ▶ Organization (e.g., use of a daily planner)
- ▶ Self-advocacy
- ▶ Establishing an early relationship with your school counselor
- ▶ Establishing a positive relationship with teachers
- ▶ Getting involved
- ▶ Pursuing your passions

Grade 8 - 2018 Calendar of Events

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Event</i></u>
4/11/18	Gr. 8 Parent Orientation at JJHS - 7:00 p.m.
5/17/18	Gr. 8 Boat Trip - 2:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
5/23/18	NYS ILS Performance Test
6/04/18	NYS ILS Written Test
6/06/18	Earth Science Regents Lab Performance Test
6/12/18	Algebra Regents - 12:00 p.m.
6/13/18 - 6/19/18	Local Exams (9:45 a.m. dismissal)
6/14/18	Earth Science Regents - 8:00 a.m.
6/20/18	Gr. 8 Moving Up Ceremony - 9:30 a.m. - New Gym
6/22/18	Last Day for Students (9:45 a.m. dismissal)

Questions?