Happy New Year!

I trust this letter finds our JC/LISD Academy families well rested, rejuvenated, and full of holiday memories spent with loved ones!

This is a fun time of the year, as we get to turn the calendar page and look forward to a new year with new beginnings. For many, this is a time to set goals for themselves, their families, their jobs, their health, and in many ways, develop new aspirations with the intention of making improvements in life. In education, we also take this time as an opportunity to reflect and refine upon our practice, and collaborate with others to renew our efforts. As always, this will be a busy time of the year, so be sure to carefully read through information included in our newsletters.

Please note:

- Friday, February 13, no school for students. The college offices and building will be closed.
- Friday, February 20, is our next credentialing meeting. Please take the time to review and celebrate your student’s progress and look for areas where you can help your student set goals for improvement. Students have been working extremely hard; it’s important to praise the effort put forth in each of their achievements and remind them how important credentialing is in transitioning to, and remaining in college.
- Looking ahead, Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 26, from 3:30-5:30 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm. Also, on Friday, March 27, from 8:30-11:30 am. Please remember, that in an effort to respect everyone’s time, you will need to schedule appointments to meet with each individual instructor. An invitation will be sent to the email address we have on file during the last week of February; sign-ups will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. A reminder of your appointment date(s) and time(s) will be sent via email the week before. If you have not received an appointment invitation by Friday, February 27, please call the Academy office to verify your email address listing.
- March 2 - March 6, Mid-Semester Break. There is no school for students on those days. The Academy offices will be closed.
- ACT Testing will take place on March 17 and 18. Students that are scheduled to take the test will receive a letter detailing the necessary specifics.

Finally, remember to take the time to engage in meaningful conversations as a family regarding social and academic maturity. Recently, I read an article regarding the link between college success and time management at home. I would encourage you to limit the amount of television, video games, and social networking and be intentional about having a healthy study environment. In fact, research shows that the better your student manages his/her time at home, the more successful they will be at school.

As we begin this New Year, we look forward to all that 2015 holds for the Academy. We are refreshed, renewed and re-energized to continue this educational partnership with you. As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns along the way.

Cordially,
Jonathan
Teen Court

On March 12, 2015, Middle College students will have the opportunity to serve on a teen court at the Lenawee County Court House. Fourteen student volunteers are needed to serve on a jury which will decide two cases of county juveniles who were involved in minor violations of the law. These cases are formally deliberated in the courtroom of Judge Gregg Iddings. Juried students will be posing questions to the accused and will ultimately decide the disposition (consequences).

Fourteen student volunteers from second to fifth year, who were not involved last year and college schedule allows, will be able to sign up first along with three to four alternate volunteers. Alternates will be called in the event a space becomes available. First year students will be given the opportunity to volunteer if space is available. A lottery system will be used in the event of excess volunteers.

Students participating in this experience will begin the day at the Rex B Martin Judicial Building, 425 N. Main St., Adrian at 8:30 a.m. on March 12, 2015. Transportation from the Courthouse back to the Jackson College campus at 12:00 will be provided. Students will be receiving further instruction and preparation for the experience as the day approaches.

Students may also have the opportunity to tour Maurice Spear Campus and have lunch. This option is currently being explored. Participating students will be advised accordingly. Sign up will be available soon. If students or parents have questions please contact Mr. Cripe.

One bad tweet can be costly to a student athlete

Text much? Wonder what the implication can be for college? Check out the article below:

Happy New Year! We hope everyone is feeling well rested after a long winter break. We are looking forward to making this another great semester!

- Ms. Kuhn, Mr. Zemper, Mrs. Ewing, & Mrs. Spiteri

Changes in Bronze & Silver Transitions

For the majority of the semester (weeks 3 – 14), the bronze and silver transitions groups will meet as a class on only Wednesdays during 6 hour. Students will also have a fifteen minute appointment every other week during 6 hour when they will meet individually with their transitions teacher. Students will bring a grade update and a goal update to the meeting. We also encourage them to bring any questions or concerns that they would like to discuss. We are confident that this new structure will be a more meaningful use of students’ time.

Changes in Communication Regarding Credentialing

In the past, parents have received a phone call on every credentialing day from the student’s teacher in which we informed the parent of the student’s credentialing status. This semester, we will be contacting parents on credentialing day only if there is a concern that needs to be discussed. If you do not receive a phone call on credentialing day, it is safe to assume that no news is good news. As always, if you have a question or concern about your student’s credentialing status, progress, or performance at the Academy, please do not hesitate to reach out to us through an email or phone call.
On Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 9:00 -11:00 am at the LISD TECH Center there will be assistance in writing an essay and practice interviewing for scholarships. Over $350,000 in scholarships are available in Lenawee County. Also, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. you will be provided assistance in completing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). To complete the FAFSA please bring either your completed 2014 or 2013 tax statements and your FAFSA pin number. If you do not have a pin number go to www.fafsa.ed.gov click on “Pin Site” located near the top of the page. On the pin site click on “apply now” and follow the steps.

In order to make this day run more smoothly please RSVP to mary.tommelein@lisd.us.

By taking part in these activities on February 7th you will be able to check a few more items off your to do list as your student’s senior year moves along.

If you have questions please contact Mrs. Tommelein or email Lenawee-CAN@lenaweecf.com.

Midwest Energy Cooperative looks for meaningful ways to support our local communities and one of the most important aspects is to work with schools to enhance the ability of students to lead successful lives. We offer many different and free programs ranging from safety and energy-related education to leadership development. Attached are two such offerings.

**Midwest Scholarship Application** – (4) $1000 scholarships are available to students whose parents or guardians currently receive monthly electric service from Midwest Energy Cooperative to use for post-high school education. Scholarships can be for a 4-year, 2-year or technical/trade school programs.

**Youth Leadership Summit Application** – (4) Students wishing to develop their leadership skills are selected to attend Youth Leadership Summit in Evart, MI in April 2015. Of the four students, two will then be selected to attend an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June 2015. This program assists students in developing self-managing and strong leadership habits that will have lifelong benefit. Students do not have to receive Midwest to be eligible to attend.

All of our program applications are available for download or electronic submission on our website at TeamMidwest.com.
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2015-2016 JC/LISD Academy applications are now available. If you know someone who is interested, would benefit from attending, or would be a great addition to the Academy, now is the time for them to apply. For more information, direct students to our website at [http://www.jccmi.edu/theacademy](http://www.jccmi.edu/theacademy), or have them call (517) 266-6982. Also, if you or your business would like JC/LISD Academy informational brochures to display, please stop by the Main Office at the LISD TECH Center.

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