Dear Academy families:

We are halfway through the semester! Can you believe it? Where has the time gone! Often, this is the most difficult time of the year for many students as they begin to feel the pressure of assignments, projects, and tests piling up. I encourage you to spend the time when driving home to talk with your student about his/her classes and what he/she is learning. Also, take the time to discuss an action plan to help your student manage his/her time, workload, and stress.

A great way to cope with stress is by developing and maintaining healthy routines. As parents, you know that established routines are necessary to do many things in a little time. Consider bedtimes, eating schedules, wake-up times, school morning/evening routines, homework checks, etc. All of these are good routine examples and help parents run their homes effectively. At school, we work to help students establish new routines. One that I would encourage you to include in your school preparation routine is the use of eSchool. eSchool provides an avenue for you to view your student’s attendance and grades in real-time. This is a great way to engage in factual conversation about your student’s assignments, tests, and effort. If you have lost your log-in information, please call Mrs. Case at 517-266-6982 for new log-in information. Students who are enrolled in college classes may find a similar tool by the name of eServices or Jetnet, depending on the professor’s preference and use. We find that our most successful students review this with their parents on a weekly basis.

Inclement weather is coming and we don’t want you to be confused about our expectations for student attendance. We follow Adrian Public School’s delays and cancellations. If Adrian cancels, we are cancelled. If Adrian delays, we are also delayed. However, since Adrian starts much earlier than we do, whenever you hear there is a two hour delay, it means the JC/LISD Academy will be delayed one hour.

Finally, please welcome our new faculty member: Mrs. Kathy Ewing, Social Studies teacher. Mrs. Ewing is a graduate of Grand Valley State University, majoring in Group Social Studies and minoring in Political Science and Psychology. Additionally, she holds a Master’s in integrating Technology into the classroom. She has experience teaching high school U.S. History, World History, Civics, Current Events, and Economics. Most recently she taught at Adrian High School where she was known for instructional excellence and cultivating warm relationships with her students and their families. She has 7 years of teaching experience and has taught in both South Carolina and Michigan. Even though Mrs. Ewing was hired a month into the start of the school year, she has already impressed with her warm approach and sound instructional design. We are so pleased to welcome her to the Academy team.

November Reminders:

- **November 13**, Suicide Prevention Awareness Training for parents @3pm, LISD TECH Center
- **November 14**, Credentialing - No school for students
- **November 26-28**, Thanksgiving Break - No school for students, offices will be open Nov. 26

Thank you for helping us keep a safe and respectful learning environment for our students.

Warmly,
Jonathan Tobar, Principal
Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Presentation

Suicide is the third leading cause of death for 15-24 year-olds and therefore brings a serious need for awareness and prevention with our High School and College aged kids. Students can experience strong feelings of stress, fear, confusion, self-doubt, pressure to succeed, and social difficulties while growing up. If those stressors go unnoticed or unattended, it may place those students at risk of taking extreme measures; like suicide.

In an effort to raise awareness for our Middle College community we have invited Kathryn Szewczuk, Community Outreach Director at Community Mental Health, to come and speak to students and staff on suicide awareness and prevention. This will take place on Monday, November 17, 2014 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Kathryn is scheduled to present to interested parents and staff on Thursday, November 13, 2014 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Classroom 3 at the LISD TECH Center as well. These presentations will provide information about suicide warning signs and what can be done with those concerns. Attendance is not mandatory for parent or student. If you would prefer not to have your student attend, that is certainly your choice.

The best time to raise awareness is before this hits close to home. We believe that these presentations will provide students, staff and support community with valuable information on how to recognize problems as well as know who and where to go for help.

If you or your students should have questions about this opportunity, please feel free to direct them to Mr. Cripe, School Social Worker, at 266-6985.

Guest Speaker

Tecumseh native Robert Maverick, who works as a Hollywood makeup artist, spoke with students about his road to success. Robert is most famous for his work in The Hunger Games and Pirates of the Caribbean movies.

In addition to his motivational speech, Robert demonstrated his talents on Morgan Laut and Jonathan Tobar.
**Chemistry:**

In chemistry, students have been learning about various chemical bonds as well as how to name different types of molecules. We have been looking at ionic and covalent bonds, and have just starting getting a taste of basic organic chemistry. The naming of hydrocarbons is our most recent section.

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**Biology**

The Ecology project has been underway for the last several weeks and the weather has been mostly great. Students have taken their choice of an area and are making field observations, documenting the changes that happen over time as well as identifying different species.

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**Economics**

Students in economics class created consumer journals. The consumer journals were created to describe the process used when purchasing high priced products.

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**English**

Students in English 9 & 10 have studied narrative writing and composed short memoirs about a meaningful event in their lives. We are now diving into a new unit. During this unit, each student will choose a social issue, conduct research, and compose an argumentative essay. Additionally, students continue to make progress on their 20 Time projects and post weekly blog updates. If you would like to peruse the blogs for our class, you can find the list of websites at classwithkuhn.weebly.com.

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**Algebra 2**

Students in Algebra 2 completed their first modeling project. They each chose their “dream car” and researched the value of the car for various years. They then used the data to make a table, write an equation, and create a graph. With that information, students were able to analyze what year of a car they could afford with a limited amount of money. They also made predictions about the value of the car in the future.
Counselor’s Corner

College Advising New Students – for winter semester

Credentialed students planning to enroll in a winter term college course are required to attend a November 12 or 13, 2014, advising session at JC with Marianne Finch and Mrs. Tommelein. Please use the email invitation sent to you to select a scheduling time. Advising will take place during the school day so students will want to have an active role in determining the appointment. Appointments are held at Jackson College across from the office and be approximately 30 minutes in length. If you can’t attend the meeting with your child, please contact me in advance to discuss options or perhaps we can do a conference call during the meeting. Students need to bring their 5-year plan and Social Security number.

Classes are selected based on your student’s five-year plan. We will look at course work that meets Michigan Merit Curriculum as well as requirements needed for an Associate’s degree. During the advising appointment students will learn about:

- Course content, rigor of college course, add/drop periods
- Dual enrollment form (students will need Social Security Number)
- Creating an academic transcript
- Services, like tutoring, that are available to each student to promote success in classes

College Advising Returning Students Advising - for winter semester

Please sign up for your November 10, 2014 college advising meeting. Your student will receive an email invitation. Students are required to bring their 5 year plan, Social Security Number and dual enrollment paperwork.

Highlights from Jackson College

If your student needs help with test anxiety, organization or study strategies contact Christine Brown, JC Academic Support Services, at JC@LISD TECH.

Students are also welcome to join SI Labs Monday - Thursday to study the same course content. Schedules are available at the main office.

Tutors are available for many subjects. Simply go to the office and ask for a tutor for a particular subject. JC staff will provide you with several tutors you can contact to make a plan. Arrange a time when you can both meet here at school.

Christine Brown
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