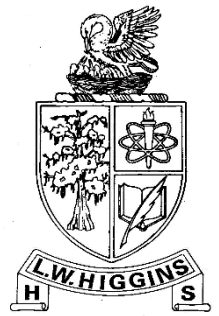




The Hurricane Parent Newsletter
L.W. Higgins High School
504-341-2273
December 2020



The Mission of L. W. Higgins High School is to advance the character development of all learners by providing a rigorous education in a safe and culturally diverse environment.

We strive to eradicate achievement gaps in order to motivate students to become life-long learners, civically engaged, and college & career ready, so they can reach their full potential.

We have one principle: Excellence is the only option!

From the Desk of the Principal

First of all, I want to let the Higgins family know to be safe during the Holiday break. Please make sure that you update your email and phone numbers with the front office. We sent out communication via email and robocalls. Interim reports were distributed on December 8th. Please be diligent in checking your child's portal for grades and attendance.

Attendance—please be sure to send parent letters or doctors notes to excuse your child's absences

COUNSELOR'S CORNER UPDATE:

COUNSELORS ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS DURING THEIR ASSIGNED LUNCH PERIOD.

Diploma Selection

Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education offers **two diploma** pathways to our public school students:

TOPS University Pathway and ***Jumpstart TOPS Tech Career Diploma***. Each student must make a selection by the end of their second year of high school.

Compulsory Attendance

• **Children between the ages of seven and eighteen must be enrolled in a public or private school.**

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: Louisiana Truancy Law R.S. 17:233

Compulsory Attendance Days: High school students shall be in attendance a minimum of 83.5 days, or the equivalent, per semester or 167 days per school year for schools not operating on a semester basis. High school students who accrue more than 5 absences in a whole credit course and/or more than 2.5 absences in a half-credit course will not be eligible to earn Carnegie credit for the course.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Absences due to a personal illness or serious illness in the family may be excused. **Four days** in each course per semester may be excused by submitting a **parent note** if total days missed do not exceed 5 days in a whole credit course or 2.5 days in a 1/2 credit course.

STUDENT PROGRESS CENTER

Both students and parents can monitor grades and attendance throughout the school year at

<https://jpsis.jpschools.org/progress/>

Student login: Student's lunch number
Password: Student's date of birth (MMDDYYYY)

CREDIT RECOVERY:

If your student has failed a class/classes please direct him/her to contact their respective guidance counselor via **telephone**, **email**, or **message through the counselor's google classroom** to discuss recovery options.

FRESHMEN

A-G	Mrs. Donna Mashia	donna.mashia@jpschools.org	504.762.8312
H-P	Mrs. Jasmine Scott	jasmine.scott@jpschools.org	504.762.8313
Q-Z	Mrs. C. Stewart-Davis	carmen.stewart-davis@jpschools.org	504.762.8311

All 9th grade families must complete the student's Individual Graduation Plan that was not completed in the 8th grade due to the pandemic. Please click on the appropriate link below to begin the process.

- English Version: <https://ccla9thcopy.paperform.co>
- Spanish Version: <https://ccla9thgradees.paperform.co>

If you have questions from the activity, please email the Career Compass Coach, Courtney Mathews at cmathews@careercompassla.org

SOPHOMORES

10th Grade Donna Mashia donna.mashia@jpschools.org 504.762.8312
*Mandatory Select Your Diploma: Students please remind your parents to make an appointment with your counselor by clicking this link [Parent Appointment Google Meet Link 9.1.20.](#)

JUNIORS

11th Grade Carmen Stewart-Davis carmen.stewart-davis@jpschools.org 504.762.8311

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Students who did not meet with the counselor to select a diploma pathway during the 2019-2020 school year will need to do so by January 4, 2021.

ACT - Every student must take the ACT test prior to graduation. Register online at act.org/bts

Students who qualify for FREE or REDUCED LUNCH are entitled to FOUR(4) Fee Waiver Requests to cover registration and late fees. Please see the counselor for waiver(s).

Upcoming ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021
June 7, 2021	May 7, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021

SENIORS

12th Grade Mrs. Jasmine Scott jasmine.scott@jpschools.org 504.762.8313
ACT Waivers are available for seniors who qualify for FREE or Reduced Lunch. Please see your counselor. College application fee waivers are also available as well.

Remember to complete the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. You will have to create a FSA ID for you and your parents/guardian first. Then, proceed to complete the application. All of this vital information is posted in our google classroom. Lastly, please forward your counselor your FAFSA completion email. This documentation of completion is a STATE graduation requirement.

Please make sure that you've joined(invite your parents as well) the L.W. Higgins Seniors 2021 google classroom to receive important information about graduation requirements, senior fees and all things related to seniors.

OPERATIONS SPOTLIGHT:

ALL JPSchools and Higgins rules are in effect, regardless if you are a Virtual student.

Passwords are confidential. Do not share passwords.

Masks are to be worn on campus at all times, UNLESS you are eating lunch. Masks are to be worn on school buses as well.

Dress Code Policy is in effect. Hoodies, pullovers and baseball caps are not to be worn. All restricted items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Please make sure you have read the district's Interim Virtual Policy and returned the Acknowledgement form to school.

Reminders:

Faculty and staff are Mandated Reporters

Safety and Security of our students will be important.

Learning environments outside of school should be free of major distractions and disturbances.

CURRICULUM:

- Grades can be viewed in the Student Progress Center.
- Students must be logged in to the live Google Meet for each class in order to be marked present.
- Completing assignments in Google Classroom does not constitute being present in class.

GOOGLE USERNAME/PASSWORD

If a student needs his or her Google username and/or password, he or she can go to and follow these steps:

1. Higgins.jpschools.org
2. Then select the Google Classroom tab at the top
3. Then please click on the link under the student Google Classroom username and password request.

TECHNOLOGY:

Students, don't forget to make sure you have a school-issued laptop that you can bring to school. You cannot bring any personal computers on the school's campus.

If you do not have a school-issued computer you can go to: <https://www.jpschools.org/higgins>

Click on the google classroom tab, print the computer loan agreement form, fill it out and please bring it to the school.

Laptops cannot leave the United States. Chromebooks cannot be used till the battery runs out. If this happens then we need to do a refresh on the battery.

STUDENT SERVICES:

- Each student is required to submit an emergency card at the beginning of the school year. If you have not completed an emergency card for the 2020-2021 school year, please do so immediately. The school must be able to contact you in the event of an emergency. The emergency cards are located in the front office. Please have your child pick one up.
- If you have moved or have changed your phone number, please inform the school.
- Earbuds and headphones are prohibited on campus. Parents, please ensure that your child does not have these items in their possession while on campus. In addition, cellphones must be turned off and not visible during the school day.
- Each grade level is assigned a specific uniform color. All students must wear the uniform assigned to their grade level. Students are not permitted to switch back and forth between uniform shirts. In addition, students are not permitted to wear
- "Hooded" jackets. All jackets must have a zipper or buttons that run the entire length of the jacket.

- Parents, if your child is experiencing a conflict with another student, please notify the school immediately. In addition, please encourage your child to report any issue he or she may be having with another student. We are working diligently to maintain a safe campus for all students. As part of our effort to reduce the number of student to student conflict on campus, we have reinstated our Peer Mediation Program. This program allows students to confidentially report a conflict they are experiencing and work towards a peaceful resolution.
- Parents, car pick up is on Hurricane Pathway. Please do not enter the gates.
- Student drivers must pick up a parking permit from Operations. The cost is \$20. If your child is parking in the apartment area, his/her cars will be towed away.

Dates to Remember

December 23--1/1/2021 Winter Break

January 13-15, 2021 2nd Quarter Exams

January 15, 2021 End of 2nd Quarter

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email or call the teacher directly by using their first name dot last name@ jpschools.org. If you need to contact me, please email me at Faith.Joseph@jpschools.org

Thanks for your usual cooperation.

Faith Morris-Joseph
Principal

The Newsletter will also be on the L.W. Higgins School website higgins.jpschools.org

MUST Fall '20

Make-Up Seat Time

ONLINE WORKKEYS COURSE ON PLATO

(Work Place Documents, Applied Math & Graphic Literacy)

Work must be completed:

BEFORE SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL

WEEKENDS/HOLIDAYS

**90 Minutes of Coursework
Equal 1 Day of Recovery**

**Students with more than 7 absences must
participate!**

Deadline to MUST: January 22, 2021, 11:59 PM

MUST Otoño del '20

Make-Up Seat Time (Tiempo de asiento de recuperación)

**CURSO EN LINEA DE LLAVES DE TRABAJO EN PLATO
(Documentos del lugar de trabajo, matemáticas aplicadas y alfabetización gráfica)**

El trabajo debe completarse:

**ANTES DE LA ESCUELA
DESPUÉS DE LA ESCUELA
FINES DE SEMANA / DIAS FESTIVOS**

**90 minutos de trabajo del curso
Igual a un (1) día de recuperación**

Los estudiantes con más de 7 ausencias deben participar!

Fecha límite para el programa MUST: 22 de enero del 2021, 11:59 PM