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**The Hurricane Parent Newsletter**  
**L.W. Higgins High School**  
**504-341-2273**  
**October 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**

We are excited about this year. We have made changes to ensure that all of our students are successful. Please ensure that your child is in school daily, virtually, face to face or hybrid. Our student information system automatically notifies parents of absences from classes and school.

Students' high school career is four short years. We want to make their time with us productive and fun. We need your help. We need students to come to school prepared to learn every day. That means that they need their supplies as well as their minds ready to work. We urge you to keep abreast of all the information submitted by the school by checking our website weekly.

I would like to thank all parents that participated in Open House. Please feel free to email with any questions or concerns. We are easily accessible. Our emails are our first name dot our last name @jpschools.org. For Example, [faith.joseph@jpschools.org](mailto:faith.joseph@jpschools.org).

Thanks for your allowing us to educate your child.

**Counselors Corner**

**Counselor Assignments:**

9th Grade	A-G	Mashia	
	H-P	Scott	<a href="mailto:jasmine.scott@jpschools.org">jasmine.scott@jpschools.org</a> 504.762.8313
	Q-Z	Stewart-Davis	<a href="mailto:carmen.stewart-davis@jpschools.org">carmen.stewart-davis@jpschools.org</a> 504.762.8311
10th Grade	ALL	Mashia	
11th Grade	ALL	Stewart-Davis	<a href="mailto:carmen.stewart-davis@jpschools.org">carmen.stewart-davis@jpschools.org</a> 504.762.8311



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12th Grade ALL Scott

[jasmine.scott@jpschools.org](mailto:jasmine.scott@jpschools.org)

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.

### **Freshman Counselor:**

The best advice I can offer to students is to be present, both mentally and physically. Students who are in class every day, doing the work, and putting away distractions (cell phones, earbuds, etc) are most likely to be successful.

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 (MM/DD/YYYY)

### **Junior Counselor:**

Keep attending class; remain in class, maintain good grades' receive passes when allowed to exit the classroom, and be courteous to all faculty and staff.

Create a professional email only for college and career applications.

Begin researching and comparing 2 college choices and/or 2 career options.

### **9th Grade**

- **LOSFA**, Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance consent form, ALL STUDENTS must have a signed form on file. Please visit your counselor's Google Classroom for more information.
- **IGP**, Individual Graduation Plan, forthcoming information will be provided at a later date regarding your child's individual graduation plan meeting.



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- **Google Classroom**, students have been invited by their counselor to join their Google Classroom. To stay connected be sure to join.

### 10th Grade

- **LOSFA**, did you turn in your LOSFA form???? The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance consent form is a form that ALL STUDENTS must have this form on file. Please visit my Google Classroom under "FORMS" for more information.
- **Diploma Selection**, sophomores this is the year you select your diploma! Students please have your parents schedule an appointment at [Mashia's Parent Appointment Link](#).
- **Google Classroom**, I will utilize this platform to send out important information and post helpful resources. Students please be sure to join!

### 11th Grade

- I have created a google classroom for the Class of 2022. Please be sure to join the classroom, as I will use this platform to post important information related to your cohort.
- If you have not already done so, you will need to select your diploma pathway before December 31, 2020. Use the Counselor Appointment Calendar link in the Class of 2022 classroom.  
[Class of 2022 Appointment Calendar](#)
- ACT waivers are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Please visit my office during YOUR scheduled lunch period if you are hybrid and email your request if you are virtual.  
**Students are now allowed 4 waivers instead of 2!!** Click this link to explore scenarios for waiver usage.  
[Fee-Waiver-User-Scenarios](#)

### 12th Grade

- Students are strongly encouraged to create a FAFSA ID along with your parent/guardian in order to be able to complete the Free Application for Federal Student aid (FAFSA) which is a graduation requirement.



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- Reminder: Tuesday, October 6th Higgins Senior ACT Day. All students testing are expected to be present and attend school this day. This timed test is scheduled to last for 3.5 hours ( ACT waivers and booklets are available)
- Please remember to join my Counseling google classroom to remain informed about all things related to senior news.

## OPERATIONS SPOTLIGHT:

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. All bullying can be reported anonymously by placing a note in the Bullying Box located in the front office.

ALL JPSchools and Higgins rules are in effect, regardless if you are a Virtual student. Passwords are confidential. Do not share passwords. Consequences are issued to students who disrupt their class or visit another class that is not their own. Continuous disruptions can lead to suspension and upwards to a recommendation for expulsion.

IDs: Are forthcoming. If you have submitted your photo, we are waiting on JWP Studios for more information. Virtual students will receive an online ID that will be available on mobile devices ONLY.



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# Curriculum:

## ACT TESTING

- ACT testing will take place on October 6, 2020. Virtual and A day students who do not have transportation will be allowed to ride the bus in order to take the ACT.
- All students must report to school by 8:15a.m. The test is scheduled from 9:00a.m. to 12:30p.m. for all standard time tests. Accommodated testing may take longer.
- Students who have not completed pre-coding must contact Mrs. Scott ASAP.
- Students who do not have transportation after testing will be allowed to remain on campus and report to their scheduled classes.
- All students testing must have an I.D. with them.
- Virtual students who are testing must be in full uniform when they arrive on campus.
- Students are encouraged to eat a full breakfast on the day of testing.
- Students are encouraged to do their best.

## STUDENT PROGRESS CENTER

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

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

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**Password:** Student's date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

## 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](http://Higgins.jpschools.org)
2. Then select the Google Classroom tab at the top



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3. Then please click on the link under the student Google Classroom username and password request.

## Technology:

Students if you cannot login because you need your password reset or forgot it please follow the following directions:

### Following Steps

If a student needs their google username and/or password, they can go to and follow these steps:

1. [Higgins.jpschools.org](http://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.

If you cannot get into your google classroom or google meet, please email your teacher. You can find our emails on [Higgins.jpschools.org](http://Higgins.jpschools.org), under about us, and then click on staff.

## 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.



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- Earbuds and headphones are not 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.

## 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.

**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.



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### Dates to Remember

October 1 Interim Reports

### **Football Games**

October 2 Higgins v Hahnville @ Hahnville 7pm  
October 8 Higgins v Bonnabel @ Muss Bertolino 6:30pm  
October 16 Higgins v West Jefferson @ West Jefferson 7pm  
**October 23 Higgins v Riverdale @ West Jefferson 7pm**  
**October 29 Higgins v Grace King @ West Jefferson (Homecoming) 6:30pm**  
**November 6 Higgins v Chalmette @ West Jefferson 7pm**  
November 12 Higgins v East Jefferson @ Joe Yenni 6:30pm  
**November 20 Higgins v John Ehret @ West Jefferson 7pm**

Home Games in **BOLD**

### **Volleyball Games**

**October 6 Higgins v Bonnabel @ Bonnabel 4:30pm**  
October 7 Higgins v A. J. Ellender @ A. J. Ellender 4pm  
October 13 Higgins v Patrick Taylor @ Higgins 4:30pm  
October 14 Higgins v Fisher @ Higgins 4:30pm  
**October 20 Higgins v Dominican @ Higgins 4:30pm**  
October 21 Higgins v M. L. King @ M.L.King 4:30pm  
**October 22 Higgins v Mt. Carmel @ Higgins 4:30pm**  
October 23 Higgins v B.T. Washington @ Higgins 4:30pm  
**October 27 Higgins v Chalmette @ Higgins 4:30pm**  
**October 29 Higgins v West Jefferson @ West Jefferson 4pm**

**Bold = District Games**

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





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