**“Good to know” Items for Rising 9th Grade Parents**

From Johns Creek HS PTSA

* **Update your contact information** - Make sure both guardians’ contact information is current – emails, cell phones, etc. School Messenger uses these for important messages such as emergency school closings.
* **School website announcements** - Frequently check the daily announcements on the JohnsCreekHS.net website.
* **PTSA Website** - Frequently check the JCHSPTSA.com website for membership info, volunteer opportunities and to sign up for our weekly eblast.
* **PTSA Weekly Eblast** - The JCHS PTSA weekly eblast is our school’s primary means of communication about current events in all areas of the school except for sports.
* **JCHS Sports Information** - To learn more about sports at Johns Creek HS, go to http://johnscreekathletics.org/hq/gladiator-athletic-association/. GAA also has a newsletter that focuses on our sports teams. Membership in GAA is available on their website as well.
* **JCHS Spirit Wear** - Visit our school store for Gladiator spirit wear and other items. It is staffed by our Marketing students and open daily during lunches (11:35 – 1:25).
* **Parking** - When visiting the school, remember DO NOT PARK on the red painted curb in front of the school at any time!
* **Student communication** - JCHS stresses the importance of having your child handle their responsibilities when possible. For instance, requesting Certificates of Enrollment/ADAP forms from the front office (required to obtain a driver's permit) and using Home Access to view class schedules, assignment due dates and grades.
* **Attendance Alerts** – A regular check of HAC can confirm your student attends class and is on time.
* **Attendance Office** – Located just beyond the Front office on the right. Your student may check themselves in/out with the appropriate note. Items may be brought into the Attendance office for your student to pick up there. They will not be delivered. This includes lunches.
* **Student/Teacher communication** - Have your child become familiar with their teachers’ website. Each teacher has one and shares it with their students. Those websites can be found on our JohnsCreekHS.net also. Have your child communicate with the teacher via email and cc you when there is a concern. For best results, we recommend that concerns are communicated to the teacher first, then the department chair, then the Assistant Principal for your grade, then the Principal.
* **Lunch Accounts** - Keep a minimum balance of $10 on your student’s lunch account. You may bring lunch to your student and leave it on the lunch cart at the Attendance Office. Outside food deliveries from restaurants/delivery companies are prohibited.
* **Lockers** – Locker purchase is not required in high school. Locker locations are not assigned based on your student's class locations. Sometimes lockers are not conveniently located for each student to access books between classes. Students often carry their books throughout the day or until lunch.
* **Open House** - Attend the Open House in August and Curriculum Night soon after.
* **College and Career Center** - After the school year starts, encourage your child to become familiar with our JCHS College and Career Center (CCC). The CCC is located right inside the Guidance Counseling office to the left as you enter the school. PTSA is in the process of making it a “self-serve” informational source to supplement the work of our Guidance Counselors. Also, be sure to familiarize yourself and your student with Georgia Futures which has resources for college planning and Hope scholarship information. www.GAFutures.org.
* **Johnscreekguidance.com** – Use our Guidance office’s site for great resources and to stay on track at every grade level.
* **Join JCHS PTSA** - Support our Johns Creek HS students, staff and administration with your membership in JCHS PTSA. Please start your school year by joining JCHS PTSA!