



Dates to Remember:

November 3rd

SAT I & II Exams

8:00 a.m. (Not in Jericho)

November 3rd

Architecture & Design

College Fair

@ the Center for Architecture

536 LaGuardia Place, NYC

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

November 9th

End of 1st Marking Period

November 17th

SUNY Financial Aid Workshop

@ SUNY Old Westbury

Click [here](#) to register

December 1st

SAT I & II Exams

8:00 a.m.

(Not in Jericho)

December 4th

Post-Secondary Transition Fair

High School Lobby

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

December 4th

Grade 11 Students & Parents

Meeting

MS/HS Auditorium

7:00 p.m.

December 8th

ACT Exam

8:00 a.m. (Not in Jericho)

December 11th

H.S. Orientation

Incoming Gr. 9 Parent Meeting

MS/HS Auditorium

7:00 p.m.

The latest from the High School...

- ⇒ The high school counselors will be meeting with 9th graders in small groups in the month of November to discuss “Freshman Year Survival Tips”. Topics of discussion include the importance of studying, extra help, involvement in extracurricular activities, goal setting and much more.
- ⇒ 138 college admissions representatives visited with counselors and 12th grade students in the Counseling Center this semester.
- ⇒ As of October 31st, 80% of seniors have submitted applications to approximately 320 different colleges and universities.



PSAT results will be mailed home by mid-December. **See page 3 for dates of upcoming ACT and SAT exams.**

Post-Secondary Transition Fair: December 4th

This year, Jericho SEPTA is joining the High School Counseling Center in presenting our annual **Post-Secondary Transition Night**. Though this meeting will take place prior to the meeting with juniors and their parents regarding the college planning process (Navigating the Road to College), parents and students **of all grades** will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from colleges that offer support programs, vocational schools, agencies, and organizations that may assist with post-secondary planning. The transition fair will take place from 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. in Jericho High School’s Main Lobby. More information will follow regarding the format of the evening.

Navigating the Road to College & Post-Secondary Planning Junior Meeting: December 4th

All juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend this very important meeting to learn about the college admissions process. Topics of discussion will include post-secondary opportunities, standardized testing, the Common Application, college essay and Naviance. The school counselors will meet with their respective students in small groups starting at 7:00p.m. Counselor room assignments will be posted in front of the auditorium on the night of the presentation. Please make every attempt to attend!!

The latest from the Middle School...



The Middle School Counseling Center was very busy registering new students the first few weeks of school. This trend often continues throughout the school year with new students entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. There is so much excitement starting a new school! There are also a myriad of questions.

The middle school support staff facilitate New Student Groups during the first few weeks, in an effort to help them assimilate to their new school. This includes: friendships, schedules, clubs, Canvas, PowerSchool and any problems they may be experiencing.

The middle school counselors also completed BRAVE (Bully Reduction Antiviolence Education) training for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade ambassadors at the end of September. The training included: 1. team-building, 2. identification of verbal, social, cyber and physical bullying, 3. what motivates students to bully, 4. effects of bullying, and 5. teaching strategies to empower students to stand up and planning for school-wide programs such as “Mix-It-Up Day” and “No Name Calling Week.”

The BRAVE Program was the first systematic research on bullying as part of Norway’s national campaign against bullying in the early 1970’s. Dr. Dan Olweus is a research professor of psychology from Norway and is often considered the “pioneer” of bullying research. He is best known for the most researched and widely adopted bully prevention program in the world.

The research also supports the Safe School Ambassadors Program. It found that peer bystanders were present in 85% of bullying situations, and they play a role in resolving conflicts and preventing cruelty and violence. The Ambassador Program is an integral part of our school climate. As part of our BRAVE Program we have an Olweus Kick Off at the start of every school year. It is an opportunity to express our commitment to stand up to bullying.

Our 7th Annual Olweus Kickoff was on Thursday October 18th, 2018. Our guest speaker, Taylor Hudson, is a three-time NCAA All-American Wrestler and former wrestling coach at Columbia University. He vaulted into the spotlight when he began wearing the Human Rights Campaign equality sticker on his wrestling headgear during his days at the University of Maryland. Today, Hudson is considered one of the preeminent straight allies of the equality movement.

Hudson spoke to our middle school students in the auditorium, followed by breakout sessions at each grade level. Due to the cold weather we had to postpone the outside portion of the program. We walk miles around the track to again show unity in our commitment to “WE DON’T STAND BY- WE STAND UP!”

We will keep you posted about Phase II of Kick-Off! We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

The Importance of Extra Curricular Activities...

Getting involved in clubs, sports, work or other pursuits outside the classroom can give students new skills and helps students learn about themselves, and can be fun. Most college applications ask about activities.

That's because the things students do in their free time reveal a lot about the student in ways that grades and test scores can't. Accomplishments

outside the classroom show what students are passionate about and that they have qualities valued by colleges. Here are a few examples:

- Serving in student government shows leadership skills.
- Being on the track team shows that a student is able to make a long-term commitment.
- Doing volunteer work at a hospital shows that a student is dedicated to helping others.
- Working a part-time job while keeping grades up shows that the student is responsible and can manage their time.

[Click here](#) for the most up to date Jericho High School club calendar.

To view the current club calendar at JMS, visit the Middle School [homepage](#).



ATTEND EXTRA HELP WITH YOUR TEACHERS: [Click here](#) (JHS) or [here](#) (JMS) to find out about the dates and times that extra help is offered by your classroom teacher.

PEER TUTORING is available to high school students through the Peer Tutoring Club. To request a Peer Tutor: [Click here](#).

ACT Test Dates: 2018-2019

Register at www.act.org

<u>Exam Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 19, 2018
February 9, 2019 (<i>not given in NY</i>)	January 11, 2019	January 18, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 25, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 20, 2019
July 13, 2019 (<i>not given in NY</i>)	June 14, 2019	June 24, 2019

SAT Test Dates: 2018-2019

Register at www.collegeboard.org

<u>Exam Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u> (for registrations made online or by phone)
December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 20, 2018
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019	February 27, 2019
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	April 24, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 22, 2019
August 25, 2019	TBA	TBA

College Scholarships and Financial Aid



Financial Aid:

To Apply for Federal Financial Aid, parents and students must complete the Free Application for Student Financial Aid ([FAFSA](#)). Parents are encouraged to view the website to learn more about the process. Please be aware that some private colleges and universities also require the [CSS Profile](#), which is an additional financial aid form.

Pay close attention to financial aid deadlines and to what each school requires from you once your application is submitted.

Scholarships:

There is a great deal of scholarship money available for students, but it does require research.

Please check Naviance daily for updates on new scholarships being offered. It is important to be knowledgeable of the different scholarship programs available to high school students.

Need Based Scholarships: Money awarded based on financial need; as demonstrated on the FAFSA. Packages are mailed home in early spring of senior year after electronic submission of FAFSA form.

Merit Scholarships: Money awarded based upon academic achievement during high school and standardized test scores. Generally, no additional work is required and notification comes with (or shortly after) admissions offer.

College Based Scholarships: Money awarded by a specific college. Many competitive colleges award money based on additional requirements that are fulfilled on separate scholarship application.

General College Scholarships: Many organizations offer scholarship money based upon a variety of factors. Each scholarship will require a separate application with varying degrees of additional work.

College Admissions Reminders

1. It is the student's responsibility to check his/her application status for missing documents. Wait approximately one/two weeks for documents to upload on status screen from the time of Naviance submission.
2. Students must send their ACT and/or SAT scores from their online accounts. Scores will not be sent through Counseling Center.
3. Records Release Form for colleges with January 2019 deadline must be submitted to the Counseling Center no later than December 10th.
4. Be mindful of what you post on your social networking sites.
5. Follow up with your emails! Colleges may request additional information such as your 1st quarter grades or submission of the CSS Profile.
6. Keep up your grades the entire year! Admission to every college is contingent on successful high school completion. Your final GPA must be similar to the GPA at acceptance time.
7. Communicate with your counselor and teachers if you apply to additional colleges.
8. Check websites and/or call admissions office to learn method of releasing admissions decisions.

****DON'T FORGET TO LET YOUR COUNSELOR KNOW ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES!****