



Dates to Remember:

November 2nd

SAT I & II Exams

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

November 2nd

Architecture & Design
College Fair

@ the Center for Architecture
536 LaGuardia Place, NYC
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

November 8th

End of 1st Marking Period

November 9th

SUNY Financial Aid Workshop
@ SUNY Old Westbury
Click [here](#) to register

December 7th

SAT I & II Exams

8:00 a.m.

(Not in Jericho)

December 10th

Post-Secondary Transition Fair
High School Lobby
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

December 10th

Grade 11 Students & Parents
Meeting

MS/HS Auditorium

7:00 p.m.

December 14th

ACT Exam

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

The latest from the High School...

- ⇒ The high school counselors will be meeting with 9th graders in small groups during 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 (see page 5 for survival tips).
- ⇒ Over 130 college admissions representatives visited with counselors and 11th and 12th grade students in the Counseling Center this semester. For the first time 11th graders were able to attend up to 5 college visits, with permission from their teacher(s), during classroom time (unlimited during free/lunch periods)



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 10th

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 10th

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 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 standup and planning for school-wide programs such as “Mix-It-Up Day” and “No Name Calling Week.” Our 6th grade ambassadors will complete BRAVE training in November.

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.

Our 8th Annual Olweus Kickoff was on Thursday October 17th, 2019. This year’s theme is “We can be heroes!” Collectively, we walked 3,442 miles around the track (that’s the distance from New York to the North Pole!) to again show unity in our commitment to “WE DON’T STAND BY- WE STAND UP!”

Our guest speaker, Rohan Murphy, is a nationally recognized youth speaker that has spoken in over 40 states. Rohan, who lost his legs at birth, started to wrestle in his freshman year of high school. After a successful high school wrestling career he went on to wrestle at Penn State University. In addition to wrestling, Rohan Murphy is also an accomplished powerlifter, competing in international competitions all over the world. Rohan’s life story is a gripping tale of adversity, dedication, and living life with purpose. Rohan spoke to our middle school students in the auditorium, followed by breakout sessions at each grade level with our staff and HS students. They shared powerful stories of what a hero is to them.

We celebrated Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 28th-November 1st, 2019. Red Ribbon Week is a call to action to speak out in support of healthy choices and a reminder that by staying drug free, students are sending a message to themselves and others about how much they value themselves, their overall health, and community at large. Students wore red to school and wore their pajamas to “Put Drugs to Bed.” To wrap up Halloween festivities, students are saying, “Boo to Drugs” and ending the week with their favorite sports jersey to “Team Up Against Drugs!”

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, help them learn about themselves, and can be fun. Most college applications ask about activities as they believe that 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](#).
If you want to become a peer tutor [Click here](#).

ACT Test Dates: 2019-2020

Register at www.act.org

<u>Exam Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 22, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 22, 2020
July 18, 2020 (<i>not given in NY</i>)	June 19, 2020	June 26, 2020

SAT Test Dates: 2019-2020

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)
November 2, 2019	October 3, 2019	October 22, 2019
December 7, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 26, 2019
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020	March 3, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 21, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27, 2020
August 29, 2020	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 found on the CollegeBoard.org website. The [CSS Profile](#) takes into consideration additional financial responsibilities beyond those on the [FAFSA](#).

Pay close attention to financial aid deadlines and to what each school requires from you once your application is submitted. October 1st is the date you can begin to work on your [FAFSA](#).

Scholarships:

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

Please check your Canvas account and Naviance for announcements and 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 applications.

Jericho Community Scholarships: Local organizations offer scholarship money based upon a variety of factors. Each scholarship will require a separate application with varying degrees of additional work. Notification of the release of the packet containing scholarship information and application details for the Class of 2020 will be emailed during late December/early January.

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. Allow the college 10 days post deadline to check on status.
2. Students must send their ACT and/or SAT scores from their online accounts. Scores will not be sent through the Counseling Center.
3. Records Release Form for colleges with January 2020 deadline must be submitted to the Counseling Center no later than December 9th.
4. Be mindful of what you post on your social networking sites.
5. Follow up via email or applicant portal (check your email for portal instructions after you submit). Colleges may request additional information such as your 1st quarter grades or submission of the CSS Profile. Many colleges require mid-year (1st and 2nd quarter grades) be submitted.
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 time of acceptance.
7. Communicate with your counselor and teachers if you apply to additional colleges.
8. Check admissions websites/portal to learn method of releasing admissions decisions.

The Freshman Year Checklist

Welcome to High School

Here's a list of items to work on (BUT not stress about) during your freshman year of high school. These are items that will help you stay on track for your future endeavors. Whether you choose to go to college, the military, attend a trade school or go into the workforce this checklist will help you to graduate and be prepared to enter the next phase of your life. If you have questions or need help feel free to contact your counselor in the high school Counseling Center.

Things to Remember to be a Successful 9th grader

- √ Keep a list of all your passwords (in a safe place)
- √ Find things you are passionate about.
- √ Get involved, start an activities resume in Naviance.
- √ Learn how you study best (i.e. need to read information more than once, flashcards, etc.).
- √ Know your learning style
- √ Think about the courses you would like to take while attending high school, speak to your counselor if you need help.
- √ Start to explore interests and possible career paths related to these interests and keep updating them as your interests evolve.

High School Drop/Add Deadlines...

October 11	Full year and 1st semester courses Deadline to drop or change levels in course without penalty.
December 2	Full year and 1st semester courses Deadline to drop or change levels in course. Withdrawal-Passing (WP) or Withdrawal-Failing (WF) entered on permanent transcript.
March 13	2nd semester courses only Deadline to drop or change levels in course without penalty.
April 30	2nd semester courses only Deadline to drop or change levels in course. Withdrawal-Passing (WP) or Withdrawal-Failing (WF) entered on permanent transcript.