

JICHS Leadership Team Report

27 January 2020



LEADERSHIP TEAM:

- ❑ The leadership team is excited to be back to tackle the spring semester! A few things we are working on:
 - ❑ We are currently reviewing action plans for each chart goal. This is our 2nd check-in to ensure we are making appropriate decisions based on our progress.
 - ❑ A subcommittee will study current JICHS grading policies to make sure that we are maintaining legal standards as well as practices that best serve our students.
- ❑ Several departments & teachers will participate in a presentation by Holocaust survivor Joe Engel on Friday, Feb 21 from 12:30-2 PM in the JICHS auditorium. BoD Trustees and the community are invited to attend. Thanks to Ms. Scruggs for coordinating this event.

CTE:

- ❑ Once again, our Health Science club (HOSA) has been able to successfully partner with the American Red Cross to realize the agreed-upon goal to complete a successful blood drive. Prior to the day of the drive, the goal was set to collect 55 pints of blood and the students, faculty, staff, and members of the community at large rallied to do just that - collecting 55 pints and providing life-saving blood and blood products for up to 165 patients in need during this time of critical shortage.
- ❑ FBLA will be competing at the FBLA District Conference this weekend. Students who place at District will compete at State Conference in March.



- ❑ Our Image Editing, Animation and Web Design classes, through Perkins Funding, received Certiport licensing for our

students to take the Adobe Certification Associate Exams at the end of the semester. These exams are rigorous but the result is a national certification for each student who passes the exam.

ROTC:

- ❑ In last month's report, ROTC advised of a pending unit holiday party and a Christmas Caroling event at the Savannah Place Assisted Living Center on Secessionville Road. For this month's report, I am happy to report that both events were well attended and an enjoyable time was had by all involved.



LIBRARY:

- ❑ We have selected our panel of JI Reads books for 2020! These books are full of adventure, family, and diversity, and as a whole were chosen so all of our students will find at least one they would choose to read. So far we are planning on bringing in Scott Reintgen, author of Nyxia, and are looking at Skype visits or in-person visits for other authors. We are appreciative of the ongoing support the Board has shown to our students as they provide money and personal involvement for JI Reads and Project Lit.
- ❑ Save the date for Feb 20 - our next Project Lit discussion on Pride by Ibi Zoboi in concert with UBASA and an event focused on Historically Black Colleges and Universities starring our own faculty. Contact Amy Ball if you'd like an invitation.

VISUAL ARTS:

- ❑ The unified art students created macchia forms, inspired by the artist Dale Chihuly. Macchia is the Italian word for "dot" so students incorporated this into their pieces in some way. Dale Chihuly is a glass artist, based out of Seattle, Washington, however, he has art displays all over the world. Students created their macchia forms using coffee filters, markers, and spraying their pieces with liquid starch, before allowing them to dry in the macchia shape. Each student's piece is unique and colorful, just like Dale Chihuly's work!



PERFORMING ARTS:

- ❑ 70 Piano 1, 2, 3H students participated in our Semi-Annual Piano recital! 300+ were in attendance and it was a rousing success! Check it out here on our James Island Charter HS Strings & Piano FB page:
 - ❑ <https://www.facebook.com/JICHSmusic/videos/1410740665771590/>
- ❑ JICHS Jazz Band Performed the National Anthem and some Intermission music at the Stingrays game on Friday, January 17, 2020. This is the Band's 20th community performance this year alone! Check out the JICHS Pride of the Island FB Page for more news, pictures and performances:
 - ❑ https://www.facebook.com/JICHSband/videos/166697867994830/?q=jichs%20pride%20of%20the%20island%20band&epa=SEARCH_BOX
- ❑ 5 students participated in Region Choir at Charleston Southern University
- ❑ All new students for Piano 1-4H, Guitar 1, and Advanced Choir. We're in for a great semester!
- ❑ Preparations for spring JICHS Musical with our Advanced Drama and Choir classes. Our show 2020 is the fun and hysterical...drumroll, please: Once Upon A Mattress!!!
- ❑ The various JICHS performance groups performed @ a number of local events in the fall:
 - ❑ ICHS Open House (Jazz Band), JIPSD Community Event @ Lowe's (Jazz Band), Folly Beach Arts & Crafts Guild Fall Festival (Jazz Band), Charleston County Library Staff Reception (Jazz Band), James Island Library Ribbon Cutting (Pep Band), Stiles Point Elementary Fall Festival (Pep Band), 7 Football Games (Pep Band), Fall Band Concert, Publix Ribbon Cutting (Drumline), Holiday Festival of Lights (Jazz Band), James Island Christmas Tree Lighting (Jazz Band), Holiday Band Concert, Folly Beach Christmas Parade (Pep Band), Stingray's Hockey Game (Jazz Band)
 - ❑ Upcoming Events -- High School Informational Night (Jazz Band), Jazz Performance Assessment, Pre-Festival Concert, Concert Performance Assessment

