

Principal's Report January 27, 2020

Charter Goals

Goal #1 Show an annual increase in the percentage of graduates that are college and career ready as defined by the state.

Goal #2 Show an annual increase in student participation in additional rigorous coursework through positive relationships, community building activities, family engagement, and student support.

Goal #3 Show an annual decrease in the achievement gap for historically underachieving populations (SPED, ELL, socio-economically disadvantaged, and minority students).

Academics/School Update of Events

12/19 Winter Showcase

All of our Performance Arts groups performed for our staff and students as internal field trip. This is an opportunity for all students in the Performing Arts to show off their talent and hardwork in front of our staff and students.

1/13/2020 Semester Exams

Midterms and final were the week of 1/13/2020. Due to our new schedule and busing situation, we used a new exam schedule that worked well. We will make some minor adjustments going forward; regardless, the week went extremely well.

1/21/2020- First day of the second semester

1/30/2020 Spring Open from 5:00-6:00 pm

Student Recruitment

We are once again using the School Choice Application through CCSD. Please see their important dates below. (<https://www.ccsdschools.com/schoolchoice>).

Important Dates

The CCSD School Choice online applications will open on January 28, 2020, at 12:00 p.m (NOON). Paper applications will also be available for printing and available at selected schools by 12:00 p.m. The School Choice online application submission deadline is February 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Paper applications must be received at one of the designated receiving schools or the CCSD District reception desk on February 28, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

The timeline below provides the dates, deadlines, and events related to the application process for the 2020-2021 school year.

- **January 28, 2020** - Online and paper application window opens at 12 p.m. (NOON)
- **February 1, 2020** - Choice Fair: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 4 locations:
 1. C.E. Williams Middle School, 640 Butte Street, Charleston SC
 2. Laing Middle School, 2705 Bulrush Basket Lane, Mt. Pleasant SC
 3. Military Magnet Academy, 2950 Carner Avenue, North Charleston SC
 4. St. John's High School, 1518 Main Road, Johns Island SC
- **February 28, 2020** - Online and paper application window closes (4 p.m. for paper application drop offs; 6:00 p.m. for online application submissions)
- **April 3, 2020** - Families notified of acceptance
- **April 23, 2020** - Offered seat must be accepted or declined

School Choice Fair

The annual CCSD School Choice Fair will be held simultaneously at four school sites (C.E. Williams Middle, Laing Middle, Military Magnet Academy, and St. John's High) on **February 1, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** Families will be able to visit with school representatives from all neighborhood schools serving their zone, including the constituent and countywide magnet schools and programs.

Spanish language translation will be available at these events.

Note: we are sending a team of staff members and AVID students to C.E. Williams and St. John's High School. **As always, the BoD is invited to all of our events.**

2/6/2020 High School Information Night 6:00-&7:00 pm.

The event will begin with a brief presentation in the PAC. The Students Ambassadors will give guided tours. All departments, clubs, and sports will be represented. I am offering staff comp time to attend Open House and High School Information Night. I expect excellent attendance at both events.

The Guidance Department will be going to CRMS, HGMS, and C.E. Williams during the school choice window. Members of the AVID site and AVID students will be going to CRMS to recruit the next cohort during this time also.

ESOL- WIDA Testing in February

Mrs. Morillo and I once again are meeting with all of our ESOL students that will be taking the WIDA test. The results of these tests go on our school report card. We will be offering the same incentive as last year, which is \$10 card for each section they pass or \$50 if they exit the program. Last year we had 24 students exit the program, and we doubled the points in the category on the state report card (3.5 to 7 out of 10 pts). We will also buy them lunch when we meet with them, which they really enjoyed last year. Mrs. Morillo and I will continue to emphasize to the students the importance of them receiving their necessary accommodations from their teachers. We want them to be successful on the test and in the classroom. These accommodations are a legal requirement just like a 504 or special education services.

2/14/2020 Staff Professional Development Day

Ms. Ballard is planning PD for staff based on their feedback. Staff members may also attend PD sessions offered by CCSD.

2/22/2020 CCSD Teacher Recruitment Fair 8:00 am-12:00 pm

We will be sending several administrators and Leadership Team members to this event.

Spring Test Dates (Third-Year Students)

2/25/2020 ACT Testing

3/4/2020 SAT Testing

WIN

Yondr Pilot

What light through yonder window breaks? It is not the light of my cell phone.

Yondr creates phone-free spaces (see device). They are used in many schools now and even at rock concerts. Ms. Spann and Mrs. Holland convinced me to buy some YONDR sets for testing. Now the EOC testing is over, teachers that won the Yondr lottery are now piloting them in their classes.

School Safety Update (Mr. Edwards)

CCSD has moved to a new safety program called the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). This program is from the I Luv You Guys group. It uses current best practices for school safety such as plain language versus color codes (see poster). As a school, we are completely onboard with this program. We have been using this program for years. It has recently been updated and the changes are all common sense and understandable. I am proud that we have helped lead the district in this direction over the years. Mr. Edwards is planning student safety trainings for February.

Vape Detectors

Mr. Edwards has been pricing out vape detectors for our restrooms. He and Mrs. Holland visited Bishop England (BE) to see them in action. They were extremely impressed. The admin BE raved about the devices. We are exploring these for our school.

Enrollment Update

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
12/16/19	390	395	382	345	1512
11/18/19	389	395	383	344	1511
10/21/19	392	396	382	345	1515
9/23/19	392	398	385	348	1523
8/26/19	393	402	393	351	1539
6/10/19	401	397	366	332	1496
1/28/19	430	406	385	334	1555
8/20/18	436	422	406	337	1601
6/1/2018	430	412	342	370	1554

Construction Update

CTE Wing and Competition Gym

We recently met with CCSD, Cumming, and the Architects to review the timeline, location of trailers, and summer logistics. The trailer in-use will be relocated on the Band practice field. Construction is expected to last a year and a half. The new CTE wing and Gym are expected to be completed by the winter of 2021.

James Island Bus Lot

The City of Charleston BZA Zoning Board voted down the JI Bus Lot Project. They did approve the CTE wing and Gym project. At this point, CCSD could take legal action. I am not sure if they will or not. This is a link to the cost projections that I shared with the BZA and our staff

(<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xbq7MSJrc-6dJwXCrFaiJN5XWLuYBrqwz-4dIS5BKIU/edit?usp=sharing>).

The lack of a centralized bus will negatively impact all schools on James Island for years to come (service, safety, financially, and educationally). I strongly encourage this board to advocate for a centralized bus on the James Island whether it is at our school or not. I plan on advocating for bus lot until there is a solution. This community needs and deserves a bus lot.

JICHS Board of Directors Meeting Dates

2019-20 Board of Directors- 5:30 pm on the third Monday of the month.

8/26, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/27, 2/24, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/22

2019-20 Finance Committee- **4:00 pm** on the second Monday of the month.

8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/9, **4/14 (Tuesday)**, 5/11, 6/8

Calendar of Events

2/14 District Professional Development Day 2/17 President's Day- No school 2/27 CCSD Meeting 3/3 Orchestra Pre-Performance Assessment 7 pm 3/10 JICHS and CRMS Pre-Performance Assessment Concert 7 pm 3/12 CCSD Meeting	
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6/6/20 JICHS 2020 Graduation Ceremony North Charleston Coliseum at 11:00 am	
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Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)

Meeting Notes

Topic	Notes	Vote
Legal Update		