

# Johnstown High School

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August 2, 2024

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome back, we hope you had a great summer, and we are looking forward to the start of the 2024-25 school year! There are many exciting events and opportunities for students at J.H.S. to participate in and show their Johnnie Pride throughout the community. Parents, please remember to log into PowerSchool and update your student's emergency contact information and complete the acceptable internet use form prior to the first day of school on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Below you will find a few familiar reminders concerning schedules, parking passes, locker usage, and dress code.

## **Student Schedules and Parking Pass Information**

High School student schedules will be released on PowerSchool on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Students will have until August 9<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm to turn in a paper schedule change request to Ms. Merrill; changes will not be accepted via email.

Parking pass information for student drivers will be released on August 5<sup>th</sup> for Junior and Senior students only and students will have until August 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm to complete the registration information. Students will be notified by Mr. Grove on August 13<sup>th</sup> of their assigned parking lot location.

## **Student Code of Conduct**

We know our students will continue to do an outstanding job following all the rules outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

## **Cell Phones/Backpacks/Bags/Outerwear**

Students will be required to place all cell phones, backpacks, purses, bags, outerwear, and other non-instructional personal belongings in the locker that has been assigned to them before the first period of the day, or upon entering the building if the student arrives after the school day begins. These items shall remain in each student's locker until the end of the school day, or until that student signs out of the building. Students will be permitted to visit their lockers before and after the school day, between class periods, or with permission from a staff member.

**Dress Code (Johnnie Wear)** – Please refer to the following information for a copy of the Student Dress Code from the Student Code of Conduct to see what is acceptable to wear.

The required “Johnnie Wear” shall consist of the following clothing:

### **Pants**

Colors: khaki, tan, black, gray, red or navy blue

Style: Dockers or dress type; no overly tight or “skinny” pants, yoga pants, or leggings

Fabric (acceptable): cotton, cotton blend or twill

Fabric (unacceptable): blue denim, sweats, velour, or spandex

Length: cannot drag on floor

### **Shorts**

Colors: khaki, tan, black, gray, red or navy blue

Fabric (acceptable): cotton, cotton blend or twill

Fabric (unacceptable): blue denim, sweats, velour, or spandex

Length: at least touching the top of the knee, no overly tight or “skinny” shorts

### **Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers**

Colors: khaki, black, gray, red or navy blue

Length – at least touching the top of the knee, straight or pleated; no slits

In addition, all pants, shorts, skirts, dresses, and jumpers will be fitted and hemmed

### **Shirts**

Colors: colors of white, black, red, gray, tan, or navy blue (no blue denim, stripes, or patterns)

Style: short or long-sleeved polos with a collar, turtlenecks, short or long-sleeved oxfords; no more than top two buttons unbuttoned

### **Sweaters**

Colors: colors of white, black, red, gray, tan, or navy blue (no stripes or patterns)

Style – V-neck, crewneck or cardigan, shirts, as defined above, must be worn under all sweaters and vests

### **Sweatshirts**

Colors: colors of white, black, red, gray, tan, or navy blue (no stripes or patterns)

Style: crew neck (no hoods), shirts, as defined above, must be worn under all sweatshirts

### **The following items are prohibited:**

- Tattered, dirty, torn clothing
- Sunglasses without a physicians note
- Exposed undergarments (excluding t-shirt collars)
- Head gear (caps, hats, sweatbands, bandanas, etc.) worn inside
- See-through clothing
- Exposed midriffs
- Outerwear worn inside
- Scarves or infinity scarves
- Heavy metal chains
- Clothing with hoods
- Slippers
- Clothing with pictures and/or wording unless it is school spirit wear (clothing that promotes school and/or athletic community)
- Unnatural hair colors or styles that draw attention away from instruction
- Tattoos that include language or images not aligned with our student code of conduct

Exceptions to the aforementioned “Johnnie Wear” policy requirements shall be provided as follows: (1) students participating in a nationally recognized youth organization that establishes its own uniform shall be permitted to wear such uniform on the days that the organization has scheduled functions; (2) school spirit wear, as approved by the building principal; (3) students who are participating on a school-sponsored athletic team who are required to dress formally on game days may be granted exceptions on color and pattern of clothing on those days, (4) students shall be permitted to wear religiously significant clothing which is part of the student’s religious practice. Students must notify the school principal, in writing, at the beginning of the school year of the religious requirement pertaining to dress. Approval must be by the building principal; and (5) exceptions, other than those on religious grounds, may be approved only upon the prior approval of the building principal. Staff members will be given notice of any exceptions to the “Johnnie Wear” policy.

The following are some highlights of students’ dress that is unacceptable:

- Flannel Shirts
- Hooded Sweatshirts
- Leggings
- Large logos on shirts
- non-collared shirts

We continue to value your partnership in ensuring that this school year starts off on a positive note. We hope that this communication helps students avoid easily avoidable discipline issues to begin the school year. We will continue to make announcements like this regularly over the PA system to our students but we here in the building know that you being aware of these issues could spark a conversation between you and your student(s) that may be very helpful. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of this, please let us know.

Sincerely,

The JHS Administrative Team

Mr. Michael Shipton, Principal

Mr. Christian Grove, Dean of Students