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2022-23 Parent Newsletter # 1

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Welcome back,
STUDENTS!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I want to officially welcome you to the 2022-23 school year! For returning students, welcome back to another school year at JKO. For new students, our JKO family welcomes you to your new home.



This year promises to be great as we set high expectations for enriching, learning experiences. As a learning community focused on elevating the career and academic success of all our students, we have planned a very exciting business and academic program, additional AP classes, College Now courses, college classes with Berkeley College, AP for All, business partnerships, etc. The goal is to prepare students for college and a career via an academically challenging program that is supported with an enriching experiences outside the classroom.

The official date for all students to report to school is Thursday, September 8, at 8:20 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m. each day. The first parent newsletter for the school year can be found on our school website (JKOhighschool.org) under the "Parents" tab. I highly recommending reading the newsletter since it has an abundance of information pertaining to the new school year. Additionally, attached to this letter you can find important messages from our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Bernabel.

I want to take this moment to thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and school community.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Manuel A. Ureña', written over a light blue circular graphic element.

Manuel A. Ureña, Principal

PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the
Parent Coordinator
Ms. Bernabel
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Tel #929-617-0122

Announcements

- The first day of school for students to report to school is Thursday, September 8th.
- The following is the bell schedule for the 2021-22 school year:

PERIOD	BEGINS	Breakfast is available from 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM	ENDS
1	8:20		9:05
2	9:08		9:53
3	9:56		10:41
4(LUNCH)	10:44		11:29
5 (LUNCH)	11:32		12:17
6 (LUNCH)	12:20		1:05
7 (LUNCH)	1:08		1:53
8	1:55		2:40



- Student lockers will be assigned on the last week of September.
- Student metro cards will be distributed on the first day of school; September 8th.
- Your child's schedule is included in this mailing along with the transcript. Please review and contact me regarding any concerns you may want addressed.
- Welcome to our newest staff members at JKO who have now become part of the JKO family!!! They are: Victor De La Cruz (ENL), Charles Chen (Special Education), Yi Zhang (Math), Madeline Tomeo (Speech), and Delma Escobar Ramos (Psychologist),
- Reach out to Ms. Bernabel if you have not registered for your NYC Myschools account. This is very important for parents to receive information regularly from the DOE and to be able to access certain services available online. This is especially important now that we no longer have PupilPath. You can register for an account at:

<https://www.myschools.nyc/en/account/log-in/>



- **The Department of Education has issued a new Covid policy for this school year. Please see below:**

COVID-19 Guidance

This guidance provides best practice considerations for schools for the 2022-2023 school year to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19 among students and staff.

- ✓ **Vaccination:** Vaccination is the best way to reduce COVID-19 risk. Encourage up to date COVID-19 vaccination for everyone six months or older.
 - Visit the [Vaccine Finder page \(Open external link\)](#) or call 877-829-4692 to find a location near you.
 - Up to date includes boosters for everyone who is eligible and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people. See [At-A-Glance COVID-19 Vaccination Schedules \(cdc.gov\) \(Open external link\)](#).
 - **Vaccination Requirements:**
 - Vaccination is still required for all visitors entering school buildings
 - Vaccination is still required for all DOE employees
 - Vaccination is still required for other individuals who work in DOE buildings
 - Vaccinations is still required to participate in high-risk extracurricular activities (band, orchestra, chorus, musical theatre, dance/dance team, marching band, cheerleading, step teams, flag teams) including high-risk PSAL sports (football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, lacrosse, stunt, and rugby).
- ✓ **Daily Health Screener:**
 - No longer required to enter school buildings.
- ✓ **Stay home if sick:** Students and staff should stay home if they show any symptoms of COVID-19 or other illnesses and get tested for COVID-19.
- ✓ **Isolate if COVID-19 positive:** Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 5 days and can return to school on day 6 if they have no symptoms or symptoms are improving. They must wear mask until day 10 after symptom onset or date of positive test, whichever is earlier.
 - These cases should be reported to their school so they can be report into the sit room for exposure notifications.
- ✓ **Get tested if exposed to COVID-19:** Students and staff who are exposed to COVID-19 should get tested.
 - These individuals should receive home tests from their school and take two tests, at least 24 hours apart on day 4 and day 5 of their exposure. All exposed individuals should monitor for fever and other COVID-19 symptoms for 10 days after their exposure. If symptoms begin, they should not attend school and should isolate and get tested for COVID-19 again right away.
- ✓ **Testing:**
 - Starting the first day of school, schools will offer home test kits to those with a potential in-school exposure and those with symptoms
 - In addition, each staff and student will receive 4 tests per month to take home. These tests can be used by school families for testing due to symptoms, exposures, high-risk activity (such as travel and large gatherings), and can give staff and students immediate results.
 - In-school PCR surveillance testing will not be a part of the 2022-23 school year.

- ✓ **Masking- Face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn when indoors.** Masks will be made available at the school for all those who need/want them.
 - Students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask when:
 - Returning to school on the sixth day after testing positive for COVID-19, through day 10 after symptom onset or date of positive test, whichever is earlier, including when traveling on a school bus.
 - Entering the school medical room, nurse's office, or school-based health center.
 - Exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 at school.
 - Students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, are strongly recommended to wear a mask:
 - When they were exposed to someone with COVID-19, whether the exposure occurred in school or outside of school. The person should wear a mask for 10 days after their last day of exposure and get tested at least 24 hours apart on day 4 and day 5 of their exposure.
 - When they are moderately-to-severely immunocompromised, and masking is recommended by their healthcare provider.
 - In crowded indoor settings
- Please complete the NYC financial forms, formerly known as Lunch Forms. While lunch is currently given to all students regardless of income, schools still need parents to complete in order to qualify for federal Title I funding. All information submitted by parents is completely confidential. A hard copy will be given to students on the first day of school to be completed and returned to Ms. Bernabel.
- PTA/SLT Meetings: PTA/SLT meetings are held on the first Monday of every month. Stay tuned for the time and day of the September meeting which sometimes takes place later in the month. SLT commences at 4 pm and ends at 5 pm. PTA meetings commence at 6 pm to 7 pm. Additionally, meetings will be held virtually and in person (hybrid) until further notice from the DOE on any changes or options for the new school year. An email with the Zoom links will be sent to parents the prior week.
- Computers/Laptops will be distributed to students who need one on the first day of classes. These laptops should be carried to school daily since they will be needed for instructional use while in the building.
- The following are documents students will be given on the first day of school which must be completed by parents and handed to Ms. Bernabel:
 - Emergency Contact Card
 - Military Parent Letter: This form requests information regarding the military active-duty status of parents and guardians. Parents who are not on active duty can disregard this form. Parents who completed this form in prior years must complete it again. For every family who submits a survey response indicating that the student's parent or guardian is on military active duty, you or your designees must use the BINU screen in ATS to enter 'M' in the District C field.
 - Housing Questionnaire
 - CH-205 Child & Adolescent Health Examination Form
 - Parent Ethnicity Survey



- Home Language Identification Survey
- Financial Forms (AKA Lunch Forms)
- Many of our sports take place at the Graphics Campus. Please review the information below:

Athletic Director: Clarence Tennell
 Email: Graphicscampusathletics0625@gmail.com
 Phone: 212-246-2183
 Principal of Athletics: Dr. Joshua Solomon
 Email: Solomon@nycboss.org

VARSITY BOWLING:

Students that are interested in Bowling this fall please email Coach Gialis or Coach McCabe at Ngialis@schools.nyc.gov or Gmccabe@schools.nyc.gov as soon as possible. No experience is needed. Season starts September 15th. (You can obtain the paperwork on our school website at JKOhighschool.org under the Students/Sports tab.)

FALL SPORTS @ GRAPHICS CAMPUS

DON'T WAIT!!! GET YOUR SPORTS PHYSICAL NOW! YOU MUST USE THE PSAL PAPERWORK

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FALL SPORTS:

Team	Coach	School	Email
Varsity Girls Volleyball	Alicia Roedl Tim Mcshan	BOSS BOSS	ARoedl@schools.nyc.gov TMcshan@schools.nyc.gov
Varsity Girls Soccer	Craig Schackner	BOSS	CSchackner@schools.nyc.gov
Varsity Boys Soccer	Younes Taoufik	UAG	YTaoufik@uagateway.org



- The following is the DOE 2022-23 School Year Calendar:

NYC Department of Education School Year Calendar

2022–2023

This is the 2022–23 school year calendar for all 3K–12 NYCDOE public schools. If your child attends a private, parochial, charter school, NYCEEC Early Childhood Community-Based Organization or Family Childcare Program, please contact your child's school for information about their calendar. Please note the following:

- November 8, Election Day, is a non-attendance day for students. No in-person or remote instruction will be provided.
- On "Snow days" or days when school buildings are closed due to an emergency, all students and families should plan on participating in remote learning.
- Individual schools' Parent-Teacher Conference dates might be different from the dates below. Your child's teacher will work with you to schedule your conference.
- On this schedule, elementary schools are defined as programs that serve kindergarten (K) through grade 8, including schools with 3K and Pre-K, as well as those that end in grade 5. Middle schools are defined as programs that serve grades 6–8, and high schools are defined as programs that serve grades 9–12.

DATE	WEEKDAY	EVENT
September 8	Thursday	First day of school
September 15	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers
September 22	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools
September 26–27	Monday–Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah, schools closed
September 29	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
October 5	Wednesday	Yom Kippur, schools closed
October 10	Monday	Italian Heritage / Indigenous Peoples' Day, schools closed
November 3	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
November 8	Tuesday	Election Day, students do not attend school
November 9	Wednesday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
November 11	Friday	Veterans Day, schools closed
November 17	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
November 18	Friday	Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
November 24–25	Thursday–Friday	Thanksgiving Recess, schools closed



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DATE	WEEKDAY	EVENT
December 26–January 2	Monday–Monday	Winter Recess, schools closed
January 16	Monday	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, schools closed
January 24–27	Tuesday–Friday	Regents Administration
January 30	Monday	Professional Development Day for high schools and 6–12 schools; students in these schools do not attend.
January 31	Tuesday	Spring Semester begins
February 20–24	Monday–Friday	Midwinter Recess, schools closed
March 9	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
March 16	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
March 23	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
March 24	Friday	Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
April 6	Thursday	First Day of Passover, schools closed
April 7	Friday	Second Day of Passover / Good Friday, schools closed
April 10–14	Monday–Friday	Spring Recess, schools closed
April 21	Friday	Eid al-Fitr, schools closed
May 4	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers
May 11	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools
May 18	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
May 29	Monday	Memorial Day, schools closed
June 8	Thursday	Anniversary Day / Chancellor's Conference Day for staff development; students do not attend.
June 9	Friday	Clerical Day for elementary schools, middle schools, K–12 schools, and standalone D75 programs; students in these schools do not attend.
June 14–23	Wednesday–Friday	Regents Administration (excluding June 19, when schools are closed)
June 19	Monday	Juneteenth, schools closed
June 27	Tuesday	Last day of school for students



Congratulations to the class of 2021 who graduated last June. We are very proud of you all!!!



Congratulations!

The logo features a stylized black and white portrait of a woman with dark hair, positioned above the text "JKO". Below "JKO" is the phrase "In the Spotlight" in a large, black, sans-serif font. Two yellow spotlights with black beams are positioned on either side of the text, pointing towards the center.

In the Spotlight



As one group leaves we welcome another. Welcome to the new students at JKO!!! During the last week of August we welcomed our new students as they engaged in our New Student Summer Bridge Program. See pictures below as they participated in the Roundabout Theatre Post Card Production on day one and a host of other activities on day two and three. During day one, students were broken up into groups (Lighting, Set Design, Costuming, Sound, etc.) which culminated in a production performance at the end of this special day.





A message from Ms. DeGregorio:

Dear JKO Community,

Thank you to all for making Friday's "**Bee an Ally**" event successful! Students and staff had fun, and I even had students who identify as gay smiling and asking me for Pride flags. All the carnival games were made by Smash Arts students from the "junk" stockpile in my room that were donations from many of you.

Special Thanks to:

The Parent's Association for the food and Ms. Bernabel for ordering it and coordinating the distribution of the sandwiches, salad and chips, and helping to clean up.

Ms. Acosta for also helping with the food and clean up.

Ms. Jimenez for helping to set up & clean up.

Ms. Vega for "beeing" a Queen Bee at the door collecting tickets & donations.

Ms. Okwabi for lending us her popcorn maker & ballon blower, and for bringing her sense of humor MC'ing the pie throwing.

Mr. Williams for "beeing" a good sport as our pie throwing target!

"Pie makers" Ms. Wicks & Ms. Kadison.

Ms. Nicoletta who was on deck as a pie target and for joining in on the carnival games.

Ms. Milan & Ms. Garcia for "beeing" there.

Ms. Gordon for letting us use tables & chairs from your classroom.

Ms. Rushford for lending us your speaker.

Mr. Urena for supporting the event & for helping with moving tables.

Noel & Monty for helping with setup/clean-up of the tables & chairs in the courtyard

We were able to raise \$125 for The Trevor Project.

Thank you for wearing the stickers, for your donations, and kind support of Smash arts Productions and NHS throughout the year.

It takes a hive!

Thanks!

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Congratulations to **Mr. Vincent, Ms. DeGergorio, and Ms. Acosta!!!** They all celebrate birthdays the first week of September.

