

## JCHS October Newsletter

JCHS gave the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) to eighth and ninth grade students the second week of October. Our tenth grade students will take the test during the spring semester. Many of us in this part of the country took the ACT our junior and senior years of high school. However, high school juniors in Illinois are now required to take the SAT. The SAT, similar to the ACT, are tests that colleges and universities use as part of their entrance requirements. The better a student does on these tests, the more post secondary choices and scholarships that are available.

There are several reasons why JCHS gives the PSAT. First, it helps our students prepare for the SAT. Shortly after the test is completed, the students receive their individual score reports that are linked to the College Board website. There, the students will be able to see the questions they missed and will be armed with the knowledge about where to target their studying. Second, it puts JCHS students on the radar of colleges. At no cost, students can choose to share pertinent information with colleges, universities, and scholarship boards. As a final benefit to our students, SAT reports that students who take the PSAT twice prior to taking the SAT as a junior, score 3.5 points higher on each section of the test.

JCHS, as a school, also benefits from students taking the PSAT. We receive detailed reports that allow us to make changes to our curriculum and instruction and to place students in the appropriate math, science, and English courses. In English, for example, if a student is on track to meet the college readiness benchmark, they can be placed in our Honors English track. This placement allows students to take dual credit college English their senior year in high school, which saves students time and money in the future.

### JCHS Tidbits:

The Jersey 100 Foundation is providing an additional \$4500 for JCHS this year. The money will be used to purchase 8th grade STEM supplies and supplemental materials to support our online English textbook and further engage students. The work of this organization, lead by Mr. Bob Manns, works extremely hard providing these extra funds for Jersey students and providing scholarships for our graduates. Thank you to all those who are a part of the Foundation for giving your time and money in support of Jersey CUSD No. 100.

JCHS recently created a wall honoring and promoting our Fine Arts in the main lobby. These students and sponsors, like many in our other activities, put in many hours after the school day. In addition, the cast and crew recently performed *George Washington Slept Here*. Stay tuned for more information regarding the spring musical.

Congratulations and thank you to all of our senior fall athletes'. The effort and commitment you gave to Jersey the last four years is very much appreciated.

Thank You,  
Cory Breden, Jersey Community High School Principal

