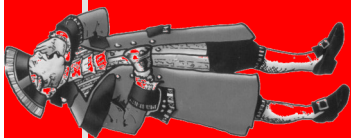


January 2012



JUANITA HIGH PTSA

Town Crier



President's Message:

Happy New Year!

I would like to extend a continuing thank you to all PTSA volunteers, chairpersons and board members for their work at Juanita. Thank you also to everyone who contacted their state legislators last month. Let's keep up the momentum! It is us with school-aged kids at home, and the professional educators who work with kids on a daily basis that can really give a clear picture of what's happening in public education to our legislators.

Next month there will be an excellent opportunity for kids, parents and educators to advocate for education. February 20th (President's Day), 2012, is Focus Day, Washington State PTA's Rally for Education in Olympia.

I hope you will join us at our next PTSA meeting, scheduled for January 18, 2012, at 7:00 PM, in the JHS library. Principal Gary Moed will be in attendance to present a school update, and be available to answer your questions. We will also provide updates for the upcoming state legislative session. You do not need to be a PTSA member to attend.

Jodi Linstead, JHS PTSA President 2011-2012

JHSPTSA@yahoo.com



Dear Juanita Parents and Family Members,

Happy 2012 to our extended Rebel family!

I am hoping that the New Year has great things in store for us all.

Of all the good things we can wish for our kids, doing well and reaching academic goals in high school is certainly on all of our lists. Our first semester ends on January 27th and between now and then, lots of quizzes, exams, assignments, projects, presentations, and final exams will be happening across our classrooms. Lots of points that go toward the calculation of grades will be out there as opportunities for students. Our message for students is to make the best use of these opportunities during the next couple of weeks.

We are also ready for second semester and the new chances, choices and opportunities it brings for students.

Registration for current 8th and 9th graders (next year's new students) and for our current 10th and 11th graders will be occurring earlier than usual this year so we have time prepare the system for the larger than usual influx of students for September 2012. The shift from a 10-12 high school to a 9-12 high school has both its challenges and opportunities. Registering the students earlier will give us some extra time to ensure that the faculty and staff are ready to go for the new school year. Part of this readiness is our professional focus on academic standards. Another part of this readiness is learning how to better use technology within the instructional day. Our focus on netbooks will continue for next year, in fact, we hope to equip each student with a netbook for the 2012-2013 school year.

Have a wonderful end of semester and new year.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Gary Moed, Principal

Upcoming Dates

Jan. 11 8th & 9th Parent Info Night

Jan. 16 No School MLK Day

Jan. 18 PTSA Meeting Library 7:00 PM

Jan. 24 PTSA Special Needs Meeting

Feb. 16 Mid Winter Break Begins





Spotlight on your PTSA

Our Juanita PTSA acts as an individual unit but belongs to the

larger network of PTAs throughout the nation.

The purpose of PTSA is to promote the Health, Safety and Education of all children at home, at school and in our neighborhood.

This month we turn our spotlight on PTA ADVOCACY.

The foundation of the PTA is advocacy. Advocacy means to speak up; to plead a cause; to make a case for another. Whether you are speaking up for your children with their teachers; speaking up for changes in curriculum in your school; speaking up for a crosswalk to make it safer for children to cross the street; or speaking up to reform the children's welfare system in the state, you are an advocate.

People who were concerned about children, particularly child labor, education and their health and safety, founded the PTA in the 1890s. The first convocation of the National Congress of Mothers in February 1897 resulted in:

- Resolution to establish U.S. Public Health Service
- Request implementation of parent-teacher conferences
- Preparation of parenting information

National PTA efforts have led to positive changes in child labor laws, public health services, federal education laws, parent involvement policies, school lunch programs, juvenile justice protections, and mandatory immunizations.

In Washington State, the PTA has been a leader in the fight for the education finance reform restructure (2261), anti-bullying policies, Graduated Drivers License law, Pesticide Notification law, along with improved funding for both schools and health and human services.

We cannot expect to completely wipe out hunger, racism, poverty, violence and illiteracy. But we can support nutrition programs, school reform, promote the teaching of tolerance and urge the passage of new safety and health programs. We can bring about change by creating incremental solutions to big problems.

We welcome new members all year long, here is the link to our membership form, or request one at JHSPTSA@yahoo.com

Do you work for a company that matches its employees' donations, such as Microsoft or Boeing? Since our PTSA is a 501(c) (3), your donation to us can be matched, contact your HR department for details. This can be done for donations that have already been given this school year.

WSPTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year, the Washington State PTA awards a limited number of scholarships to graduates from Washington State public high schools beginning their freshman year of postsecondary education in the United States.

Scholarships of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) are given to recipients entering four-year post-secondary institutions. One thousand (\$1,000) dollar scholarship will be awarded for community colleges, voc-tech schools or other accredited institutions. Washington State PTA scholarships are awarded on the basis

of: 1) financial need; 2) academic performance; 3) leadership & community service. Applications are available on the WSPTA website at www.wastatepta.org/programs/scholarship/application.html

GRAD NIGHT PARTY tickets on sale

NOW!

**CHECK THE WEBSITE ON THE PTSA
PAGE FOR ALL OF THE DETAILS!**

Washington State PTA Focus Day



Everyone is Welcome to the Rally for Education – Washington State PTA Focus Day

February 20, 2012, Olympia

Meet in the morning at the Urban Onion - 116 Legion Way, Olympia, WA 98501

More details coming soon http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html

Join hundreds of students, parents and educators from across Washington for Focus Day to rally on the Capitol steps. PTA volunteer advocates can make a difference when they come to the Capitol in large numbers.

Here is a look at Focus Day, 2010: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zCJsb28kDc&list=UU77zIH6In19w1ig8zIYxx_w&index=12&feature=plcp)

[v=1zCJsb28kDc&list=UU77zIH6In19w1ig8zIYxx_w&index=12&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zCJsb28kDc&list=UU77zIH6In19w1ig8zIYxx_w&index=12&feature=plcp)

Order your Focus Day Scarf today! <http://store.wastatepta.org>

Emergency Preparedness Corner

by Martha Smith/Margaret Adams, PTSA eprep co- chairs

Quiz on Eprep – Do you know?

How many kinds of drills does the school need to have each year to practice safety?

Where do the students and staff evacuate to?

How do they congregate in an organized fashion?

Is attendance taken?

If someone is not accounted for what will happen next?

Are the students allowed to bring coats outside during an evacuation?

Who is the Incident Commander?

Who decides if it is safe to re-enter the building?

What types of supplies would be asked for first?

Do I need to come sign out my student if there is an emergency requiring evacuation?

Answers:

1. 9 drills – 1- lock down, 6 – fire, 1 lockdown, and 1-earthquake
2. The football field
3. In their Homeroom time classes in designated places on the field
4. Yes – teachers hold up red (if someone is missing) and green cards (got everyone) to inform the Incident Commander of their class status
5. After radio verification of student missing, the Incident Commander may activate a search and rescue team will evaluate the situation
6. No coats are allowed since there is no time to get one. Evacuation occurs immediately
7. Usually the principal or assistant principals
8. The Incident Commander who is briefed by the Custodian
9. Shelter- ponchos, tarps; Sanitation toilets; First Aid supplies; Student Release gates
10. Yes, you do. Your student can't just go home.

Please wait an hour before coming to the school, and then report to the front of the school to either check out your student or to stay to volunteer.

PTSA Special Needs Group

At the next PTSA Special Needs Group meeting on **Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 7:00-8:30pm** the District will present the ***Dyslexia Training*** that all LWSD staff received on the May 6, 2011 LEAP Day. Come and learn what every single teacher and staff learned about dyslexia! Q&A included.

The meeting is at the LWSD Resource Center, 16250 NE 74th St, Redmond, WA 98052 (at Redmond Town Center)



Need homework help? Get FREE tutoring at the King County Library System!

The Study Zone is a great place for students to study, do homework and get help with their questions. Volunteer tutors provide **free homework help** during Study Zone hours. Students can find help in all subject areas, including Math, Science and MSP/HSPE and SAT test preparation. The library also offers Study Zone Online. Contact your local library for Study Zone hours, and when tutors who can help with high school level materials are available. www.kcls.org
Kingsgate Library – 425-821-7686

Meet Preferred Candidate for LWSD Superintendent

The Lake Washington School District (LWSD) and City of Redmond will host an opportunity for the public to meet and talk with Dr. Traci Pierce, the LWSD Board of Director's preferred candidate for its next District Superintendent.

The community is invited to this informal open house on Tuesday, January 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Bytes Café, first floor, Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th Street. Dr. Pierce will say a few words to those gathered at 6:45 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information: <http://www.lwsd.org/News/News-and-Announcements/Pages/Meet-Preferred-Candidate-for-LWSD-Superintendent.aspx>



WWW.VOTE.WA.GOV

Register To Vote
Update Your Contact Information
Ask Your 18 Year Old Student To Register

Save the date for the first annual JHS Parent Prom/Mixer!!

Students will be planning and organizing this extraordinary event for us and you won't want to miss it!

Date and time: Saturday, February 25th, 8:00-11:00 PM

- This started as a small idea and is growing into an event that the kids and school staff are very excited about!
- Tickets will be \$15 per person.
- funds raised will benefit PTSA/Senior Celebration, and ASB!
- The students will put on a silent auction with opportunities to purchase items from the art, photography, etc. departments.
- Entertainment and food will be provided for us by our students



We will have an opportunity to relax, connect with parents and students, and appreciate the kids' hard work to make a fun night happen for us!

If you are interested in helping with this event, contact Maybeth Terashima at terashima.home@frontier.com

Juanita Rebel Stadium Blankets and Scarves

The JHS stadium blanket is the perfect companion to take along to those outdoor games. One side is a warm black fleece (with JHS embroidered on it) and the other side a waterproof nylon. The nylon side also has a handy zipper pocket and can be customized with class year or the Rebel flag. Blankets come red or navy and cost \$40.

The JHS fleece scarf will keep you warm while showing your rebel spirit. Scarves are made of a soft, red fleece with a blue JHS embroidered on it. The cost is \$20 each or 2 for \$30.

For more information on the blankets and scarves, and to print an order form, see the JHS website under PTSA forms or contact Amy Lofquist at alofquist@msn.com .

Washington State PTA Legislation in Action



48th District House Representative Ross Hunter, Chair of Ways-n-Means Committee, meeting with PTA volunteers on December 7, 2011.

Left to right:

Barb Billinghamurst, Juanita HS PTSA Co-Advocacy Chair, and ICS mom
Shelley Kloba, WSPTA State Legislative Director, and EAS mom
Ross Hunter, State Representative, and Bellevue School District dad
Matt Loschen, LWPTSA Council Advocacy Co-Advocacy Chair, and Redmond HS dad

Staff Appreciation for JHS

Dear JHS Community,

Staff Appreciation

A big thanks to everyone that brought in baked goods on December 15th. The JHS Staff is so appreciative of everyone's time and donation. We have received many thanks for providing these special days of treats each month for the staff. Thank you to all that have helped make our staff feel special and appreciated!!!

Looking ahead:

January 19th, Potato Bar



Thank you to Deanna Crowe and Patty Shinstrom for volunteering to bake and bring in the potatoes. If interested in providing a topping for the potatoes (sour cream, chives, butter, bacon bits, green onions, chile, broccoli/cheese sauce as examples) please email us by January 17th. All items would need to be in the main office by 11:15am on January 19th.

February 13th is Candy/Cookies



Any donations of candy or (one or two dozen) cookies is welcome. Please email us if you can donate something for this day. Thanks in advance. All items would need to be in the main office by 11:15am on February 13th.

Note: if you want to be on the contact list or have any fun staff appreciation ideas, please email us:

JHS PTSA Staff Appreciation Contacts for 2011-2012:

Marlene Vacknitz fun2talk2@comcast.net and Patty Richter ropacaza@comcast.net

We are your JHS PTSA!

**We welcome your comments and suggestions, please contact us
at JHSPTSA@yahoo.com**

LWPTSA Council News:

PTA leaders from the Lake Washington, Issaquah, Bellevue, Mercer Island, Snoqualmie Valley and Riverview school districts will meet on February 11, 2012, 9:30 AM, at The Overlake School in Redmond for the Region 2 Mid-Year Conference.

State PTA News:

3rd Annual Emerging Minority Leadership Conference
March 10, 2012
Puget Sound Educational Service District Renton

The Washington State PTA Emerging Minority Leaders Conference offers you an opportunity to enhance your leadership skills, network with community leaders from within and outside of PTA, and learn more about PTA and its vision that every child's potential become a reality. <http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/EML/index.html>

National PTA News: Become a Founding Supporter

The National PTA headquarters is now located in a new building in Alexandria, Virginia. Individual members and local PTA's from across the country who make a financial contribution of \$25 or more will have their names permanently listed in the new building as Founding Supporters. Please give to honor the PTA legacy and ensure that future generations of children are equally supported by PTA.

Join JHS PTSA TODAY!

Membership forms can be located at :

<http://www.lwsd.org/school/jhs/ptsa/Pages/default.aspx>

From the Counseling Department

The second semester starts on Monday, January 30, 2012.

The staff from the Counseling Office and Career Center wishes all Juanita families a Happy New Year!!

The beginning of January marks not only the time to reflect on new personal and professional goals for the coming year, but it is also the time when perspective college students start applying for financial student aid. Students going to a 2-year or 4-year college after high school are, for the most part, well along in the college application process. Now is the time to also get busy with the financial aid piece of the college puzzle. Although the process may feel daunting initially, millions of families every year apply successfully for financial aid. The most important rules to follow are: Apply early (as in...now!), and pay attention to the instructions. How's that for simple?

Financial aid is intended to make up the difference between what the family can afford to pay for college and the actual cost of attendance. The federal government and/or individual colleges are the ones who decide how much your family is able to contribute, and they make this decision based on the information you provide on the FAFSA (Free Application for Financial Student Aid). This means that, if you need to apply for federal and state student grants, work-study, and/or loans, FAFSA is your first stop.

The FAFSA form

FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, and the graduating class of 2012 can start completing the FAFSA form starting on 1/1/2012. Complete and submit financial aid forms and scholarship applications by the end of February in order to get priority consideration. You can also request a paper application by calling 800-433-3243, but online is the easiest way to apply. With the online application you'll be able to apply, track and submit the form faster and more accurately, as the program automatically checks for errors. Do not worry if you get stuck on a question, or need more information or documentation to continue. You can always save what you've done and come back later with the right information. However, there are two steps you can take to expedite this process and make it smoother. First, get a PIN number from the U.S. Department of education. You'll need this number as long as you attend college, so make it your friend and stash it in a safe place. Then, you and your family should complete your income tax returns before filling out the FAFSA. You don't have to file your income tax return before submitting the FAFSA, but you do need the information. If in 2011 your family income was similar than in 2010, you can start completing the FAFSA with the information on last year's tax return, but before submitting the application you'll need to update it with the 2011 Income Tax Return information.

The following is a list of resources you can access online if you have questions about any part of the FAFSA application or about Financial Aid in general.

www.collegeboard.com Click on the Pay for College tab to access information on FAFSA, a financial aid calendar, the different types of financial aid, and much, much, more.

<http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp>

This is where you apply for your U.S. Department of Education PIN number. You will get your PIN immediately by email.

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Here is where you complete your FAFSA form. Do not enter **fafsa.com**, or any **.com** version of this name, as it will direct you to scams and for-profit websites that will charge you for completing the form. Remember FAFSA stands for **Free** Application for Financial Student Aid. It's free, free, and free. If they ask you for money, run.

A few days after you submit your application you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR). This is a summary of the information you entered on the FAFSA, and it will notify you of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), and of whether you are eligible for a Pell Grant.

Check the information immediately!

www.fastweb.com.

The *FastWeb website* is a great source of information and explains the SAR and the EFC. It is also one of the most comprehensive databases of scholarships.

Programs of Study. Thinking ahead!

In mid February students will sign up for their 2012-2013 classes. This is a good time to start thinking about their options, and to familiarize themselves with the special programs we offer to enhance the students' high school program of study.

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program administered by the College Board. It includes courses for highly motivated students who wish to pursue college-level studies in the high school setting. Qualifying grades on end-of-year AP examinations can be submitted for college credit and/or waiver of course requirements in the freshman year of college. JHS offers AP classes in English, mathematics, music, science, social studies, and world languages.

WaNIC is a consortium that offers a wide range of professional/technical classes to high school students in participating school districts like Lake Washington School District. Courses are intended for juniors and seniors. Information about WaNIC will be presented in homerooms. See the CRC page in this newsletter for a list of WaNIC programs available.

Running Start is a dual enrollment program through which participating students may take college-level courses, tuition-free, at one of the area community colleges. Students simultaneously earn high school credit and college credit in eligible Running Start course work. Students qualify for Running Start through an assessment done at the community college. Information sessions about Running Start will be held in March.

College and Careers Network is a program that combines high school and community/technical college classes in one course of study taken at the high school. Students who are successful in a C&CN class can receive community college or technical college credit by submitting an application for credit. Many of the courses offered in the Occupational Education department at JHS are eligible for college credit. These courses have a special designation in the *Course Catalog 2011 - 2012*

PARENTS – PSAT results are back!

Students received their PSAT scores before leaving for winter break. If your student was absent and did not get his/her scores, they can still get them from the counseling office. Included with this packet will be a parent tutorial to make the score report more understandable to you and your child. We are pleased that nearly 400 of our sophomore and juniors took this exam. The PSAT provides a great preparation for the SAT which most juniors will take this spring. Go to Collegeboard.com for more details on signing up for this test.

Everything you always wanted to know about the SAT/ACT but were afraid to ask!

Now that PSAT scores are back, it's time for juniors to start practicing and registering for the SAT and ACT. The following are some of the most commonly asked questions about these two tests:

When and How do students register for Standardized Tests?

Students register online through the College Board (www.collegeboard.org) or ACT (actstudent.org) websites. In the Counseling Office students can get SAT and ACT booklets, which contain tests and registration deadlines, as well as test fees and contact information.

When should students take a test?

When should students take, or retake, a test varies, depending on the students' goals, results, and individual colleges' admission requirements. Generally speaking, however, it is best for students to take their first test no later than the spring of their junior year to allow enough time to retake a test if necessary in June and/or October. Ideally, students will have completed three years of English, three years of science, Algebra, Geometry and Advanced algebra by the end of their junior year. Students who have not completed these courses may not be fully prepared or be as successful on either the ACT or SAT as students who have completed such coursework.

Should a student take the SAT or the ACT?

All Colleges and Universities accept both the SAT and the ACT and consider them equally valid. Roughly one-third of students score higher on the SAT than on the ACT, one-third score higher on the ACT and one-third performs about the same on both. So generally speaking, it is a good strategy for students to take both tests if possible. The ACT is an achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school. The SAT is more of an aptitude test, testing reasoning and verbal abilities.

What are the differences between the ACT and the SAT?

- The **ACT** has up to 5 components: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test. The **SAT** has only 3 components: Critical Reasoning, Mathematics, and a required Writing Test.
- The College Board has a **mandatory** writing test. ACT has a general English test plus an **optional** writing test. The **SAT** has a correction for guessing. That is, they take off a fraction of a point for wrong answers. The **ACT** is scored based on the number of correct answers with no penalty for guessing.

What about fee waivers?

Students who can demonstrate a financial need may request fee waivers from their counselors. To demonstrate financial need students should have already applied and qualified for free/reduced lunch. The College Board will not accept waivers for late or standby SAT registration, only for regular registration.

How do colleges decide which scores to use?

Admission practices vary significantly regarding test scores, so students should always check with the admission office of the specific college to find out how they handle multiple test results. Some universities will use the highest composite score; other schools will use the student's highest score from any and all test administration. The College Board now offers students the option of choosing which scores and from which administration they want to submit to colleges. You can find more information at <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-score-choice>

Do all colleges and Universities require standardized tests for admissions?

While most colleges and universities do require either the SAT or ACT, recent trends have made it optional to submit test scores in some schools. An organization called Fair Test maintains a data base of these test-optional colleges and universities on its website (www.fairtest.org), along with information about the debate over standardize testing. Many art schools, most two-year colleges and technical and business schools do not require standardized testing.

What about nonstandard administration?

If a student has a documented learning disability or physical handicap that would make it difficult to complete a test under standard administration, the student and the school psychologist should fill out an application for nonstandard administration through the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) for the SAT tests, or through ACT. To qualify for a nonstandard administration a student must have a 504 Plan or an IEP on file that supports the requested accommodations. The application for nonstandard administration is lengthy (about 6 weeks), so parents and students should plan early and contact their school counselor for more information.

What about SAT Subject Tests? Should all students take a Subject Test?

Not all students will need to take SAT Subject Tests; students should check with the colleges in which they are interested to see if the tests are required or recommended (and if so, which ones). Students who plan to take Subjects tests should plan on doing so after the completion of their highest level of high school preparation in that subject, regardless of their grade level.

What is the best form of test preparation?

Students can prepare on their own, often using free or inexpensive materials such as SAT or ACT Prep Guides from the College Board, Kaplan or the Princeton Review, and computer programs. Practicing standardized tests online affords students the opportunity to enhance test-taking skills, and take sample tests.

Students should definitely visit the College Board and ACT websites for practice activities, questions and vocabulary building. Even though a preparatory course is not essential to score well on standardized tests, it can be helpful. A good prep course will help students decrease test anxiety, familiarize students with test directions, and teach them strategies and analytical tools to help them earn higher scores in the math, essay, essential writing, and reading comprehension and grammar sections. With that understanding, pricey test courses or private coaching sessions are not required. SAT Prep has been offering very affordable prep courses in our district for many years (<http://satprep.org/>)

Additionally, students will enjoy practicing using the following sources:

Free SAT/ACT practice and vocabulary building activities at <http://www.number2.com/>

College Board “Question of the Day”

Free Podcasts from the iTunes Store, such as “A way with words” or “Merriam-Webster word of the day”

VocabDaily App for the iPhone

Resources

Collegeboard.com

ACT.org

National Association for College Admission Counseling

Contact the Counseling Office at (425) 936-1610, or visit us at www.lwsd.org/jhs.

Important Dates for January/February 2012

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| January 4 | Cambridge Program Orientation at JHS |
| January 11 | Eight and Ninth Grade Orientation at JHS |
| January 13 | Registration deadline for the February 11th ACT test |
| January 25-27 | JHS Finals |
| January 27 | Last day of the semester |
| January 28 | SAT test |
| February 10 | Registration deadline for the March 10th SAT |
| February 14 | Registration at JHS for 2012-2013 |

8th & 9th Grade Parent Info Night–
January 11, 2012

Find out more about Juanita High School. Find out about programs, student and parent expectations , plans for the transition to the four year high school and more. 8th Grade starts at 6:45 PM, 9th Grade at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.



Music Department News

The choirs were fairly busy in December with holiday gatherings around the community. The concert choir performed at Country Village, our regular concert, Redmond Town Center, and Sandburg Elementary. The jazz choir performed for all those events in addition to Kamiakin Junior High's choir concert, The Baymont Inn and Suites for a business association gathering, the Crab Cracker for the Rotary Club of Kirkland Downtown, and Redmond Senior Center. They represented JHS well, spreading holiday joy wherever they went.

The JHS Pep Bands had a great time performing with the 8th and 9th grade Band students from Finn Hill and Kamiakin Junior Highs this past Friday night. We turned into one giant superband, and it was a blast!

Students are preparing solos and small group (chamber music) performances for our Northlake Region Solo and Ensemble Contest, which will take place on Saturday, February 11th at Eastlake HS. Winners at Regionals will move on to the WIAA/WMEA State Solo and Ensemble Contest in April at CWU.

The JHS Bands, Choir, and Orchestra will combine to perform John Williams' "Dry Your Tears, Afrika" from the movie *Amistad* for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly this Thursday, January 12th. It promises to be a fun and thrilling performance with over 150 performers!

Friday, 3/2 – Symphonic Band @ CWU Wind Ensemble Festival in Ellensburg

Tuesday, 3/27 – Orchestra @ Northlake Orchestra Festival

Wednesday, 3/28 – Choir @ Northlake Choir Festival

Thursday, 3/29 – Concert and Symphonic Bands @ Northlake Band Festival

Friday, 5/18 – Choir and Symphonic Band to CWU, Spokane, and Idaho for spring Tour



From Behind the Stacks

If you are still in the “giving spirit”, our library maintains a Wishlist on Amazon.

Search for “Juanita High Library” on Amazon’s Wishlist and you’ll see a list of books students and teachers have requested or those needed for classroom projects. Periodically, I include DVD’s on the list because teachers are find this format works better in the classroom presentation equipment. Given that our high school will be welcoming 9th grade students next year, I am working to expand our nonfiction and fiction collection for projects and reading materials appropriate to that grade level.

For every donation, I place a placard in the book or DVD case designating that item as donated by your family. If you want your donation to go even farther, click the link below for purchasing materials from Amazon. The Lake Washington Schools Foundation receives a small benefit for purchases made from their website at <http://www.lwsf.org/>. You can make it a favorite for all your Amazon purchases from the link on their website.

<http://www.amazon.com/?&tag=lakewashschof-20&camp=15345&creative=331689&linkCode=ur1&adid=1CTGHGVRE6JPSN4BRMQH&>

Nancy Kuta, JHS Teacher-Librarian
National Board Certified



Community Bulletin Board

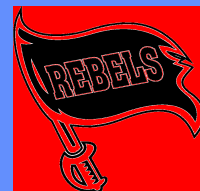
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- • Qualify as non-profit, charitable, or civic organization
- Present materials of educational, civic, or cultural value
- <http://www.lwsd.org/For-Community/Flier-Distribution-Procedure/Pages/Community-Bulletin-Board.aspx>

**Next PTSA Meeting
January 18, 2012**

7:00 PM

in the cafeteria



News from Yearbook.

Thanks to all the parents who submitted your baby ads by the December deadline! If you need any clarification about your submittals, please e-mail our baby ad editor Sara Holden directly at s-saholden@lwsd.org

Yearbooks sales are still underway – January 20th is the date by which you must pre-order. It is \$60 if you order by that date. A limited number of extras will be ordered and available for \$70 in June but it is a good idea to pre-order- last year we did run out.

Bookkeeper Jodi Hill will be posting a list of who has paid on her door on MONDAY Jan 8 in case you are not sure if you paid!



Let Us Know If You'd Like To Volunteer at School

Are you on our volunteer list? Most volunteer requests are made using email and not posted in the Town Crier, since the Town Crier is distributed only once a month. Please contact us if you'd like to be notified when volunteers are needed at school, JHSPTSA@yahoo.com

Career Resource Center

Attention 10th and 11th Grade Special Education Students

The **University of Washington** is taking applications for The ***DO-IT Scholars*** program which prepares young people with disabilities for college, careers, independent living, and leadership roles in society.

DO-IT Scholars will experience college life on a university campus in the summer, explore careers and the world of work, learn to select and use adaptive technology, applications software, and Internet resources, learn about reasonable accommodations at school and in the workplace, network with peers and working professionals with disabilities, gain requisite knowledge to enter and succeed in college and challenging careers, participate in leadership opportunities that promote accessible environments, worksites, and community activities.

Application Process

Washington State high school students with disabilities are encouraged to apply on or before January 10th to be considered at the first meeting of the Advisory Board. Priority is given to students in their sophomore year in high school, followed by students in their junior year. After January 10th, applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed until all available openings are filled.

Only [complete application packets](#) are reviewed by the Advisory Board. They include:

- Student application
- Parent/Guardian Recommendation and Consent
- High School Teacher, Administrator, or Counselor Recommendation
- Student's Current Grade Report/Transcript

Grade Report/Transcript Request Form

Students can apply pick up an application in the ***Juanita High School Career Resource Center*** or Apply at:

DO-IT

University of Washington

Box 354842

Seattle, WA 98195-4842

doit@uw.edu

<http://www.washington.edu/doit/>

206-685-DOIT (3648) (voice/TTY)

888-972-DOIT (3648) (toll free voice/TTY)

206-221-4171 (FAX)

Scholarship Information- Check out scholarship opportunities through the daily bulletin or on the JHS website, click on Career Center. Students may visit the CRC for application forms.

Let's get ASL in our high schools

American
Sign
Language

Foreign Language requirements are changing in the LWSD.

There is a new graduation requirement starting with the current 8th graders requiring 2 consecutive years of the same foreign language. The district is looking into new foreign language options to help the 30% of students who would not otherwise take a foreign language. We want them to add American Sign Language.

School Board Meeting

January 9th, 2012

7:00 pm

LWSD Resource Center

Redmond Town Center
16250 NE 74th Street
Redmond, WA 98052

How can you help?

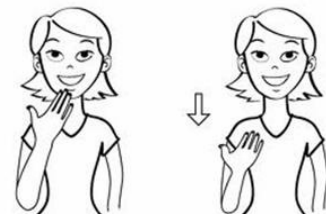
- Attend the January 9th school board meeting to show your support
- Invite a friend to join you
- Email your school board representative in favor of ASL in the high schools
<http://www.lwsd.org/About/School-Board/Pages/default.aspx>
- Share with your high school principal your support of ASL
- Spread the news

Time To Rally!



ASL:

- *is accepted to enter most colleges*
- *is offered at all Northshore High Schools*
- *is a good option for students with different learning abilities*



Thank You!

ASL makes ALL students college ready

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