

This school year 2009-2010 has brought many new faces to the JDHS Counseling Office. Mr. Frank Coenraad and Ms. Barb Conant still remain as our long-time counselors. We have added a new counselor, Erin DeLlamas to round out the counseling staff. Erin comes from a high school counseling office in Utah. We are very glad to have her with us. Finally, we are hosting an MAT Counselor, Bethany Burgess, learning all she can from our excellent staff to one day be a fully certified counselor in Juneau.

We also have Dawn Koldan, our Student Assistant Counselor. She will assist students and families with sensitive issues concerning drugs and alcohol. She will be sponsoring a Family Night for Signs and Symptoms of Drug Abuse with Officers Hatch and Van Sickle Oct 21, 5:30-7 JDHS Commons –Special Performance by Ms. Moore’s Advanced Drama Class.

Terry Calvin is now the one in-the-know in our Career Center. Dee Greene is our new Registrar and Karen Boddy is the new Admin. Assistant. We will soon have a new data entry clerk as Carol Allain is moving to Kentucky as a new bride. Congrats Carol! And welcome Jennifer Knaggs.

We are all here to help you with any questions you might have. And if we don’t know the answer, we will find it for you. We want everyone, students and families to have a great year !!

Juneau Teen Health Center

The Juneau Teen Health Center needs two parent representatives from Juneau-Douglas High School for the JTHC Advisory Board. The Advisory meets four times per school year on Wednesdays at 5 pm; for more information please call Mary Tonsmeire at 523-1635.

The JTHC consent was part of your registration packet. We offer a wide variety of services by appointment on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Our services include mental health counseling, sports physicals, strep throat testing, immunizations, full reproductive health and more. We encourage parents to call regarding the status of your consent form, questions about our services or to schedule an appointment for your teen.

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In an effort to better define our General Studies Program, Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) were formed to create discussion groups of teachers with similar interests. Academic clusters such as ACE and Jocs & Docs will be outlining courses of study that may generate endorsements in such areas as architecture, communication, construction, engineering, pre-medicine, and recreational management. Our examination of these programs will develop pathways for students to “dip” into these clusters for classes while maintaining progress toward meeting graduation requirements in General Studies. Other PLCs may generate endorsements in finance / accounting, marketing, media production, instrumental music, vocal music, dramatic performance, and visual arts.

The Early Scholars Program is seeking to build a stronger linkage to the Extended Learning Program. Our Extended Learning Programs will be working to define a three-year to five-year program of study. We will be considering Pre-AP course offerings as well as strengthening the current AP offerings.

CHOICE is the first program at JDHS to pilot a new formative assessment, Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Information about MAP is contained in this newsletter. Through the analysis of student data from MAP, CHOICE teachers will be guided by the results to better understand the academic needs of their students and plan lessons to meet student needs. We are excited that CHOICE students will have the opportunity to track their own learning and be motivated to improve their own achievement.

Juneau-Douglas High School is a great school working toward a new excellence. We honor all those who continue to support our efforts and encourage you to offer ideas that enhance our programs so all students can reach their potential, increase their achievement, and celebrate with others at graduation.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Faculty will be available at Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for **October 19th and 20th**. There is no school scheduled on these days. Please come talk with your student's teachers in a 1 -1 confidential setting. Conference times are Monday from **12-3 & 4-7** and Tuesday from **9-12:30**. Mark your calendars!