

Seniors and Parents of Seniors-- For graduation, seniors will need a matte finish black cap and gown, plus a red and black tassel. These are available from Jostens, The Wedding Shop, and Martha's Flowers. A class graduation announcement will be chosen via student council. Graduation tickets will be given out on the last day of school after the mandatory commencement practice. Students will receive six tickets to the ceremony this year. There will be no extras available, so if you need additional tickets, you will have to find a senior who isn't using all of his or her tickets. Commencement Ceremony will be held on **Monday, May 31, at 2:00 P.M.** in the main gym. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Jordan, 523-1562 before or after school hours.

Congratulations to our Crimson Bear Musicians, selected to attend **Region V's Honor Music Festival** in Petersburg October 25 - 27: Teslin Benedict, Ian Andrews, Sammy Alex, Kelsey Kauffman, Colton Welch, Elliot Nankervis, Nick Banaszak, Fiona Brown, Maverick Yadao, Sam Cordero, Elizabeth Ringle, Andy Miles, Sam Kurland, Rebekah Peterson, Alan Young, Ariel Chamberlin, Nick Parker and Haley Nelson were selected for the band. Wendy Byrnes, Laurel Araki, Shane'a Moore, Katie Poor, Gabi Larson, Kylie Neunecher, Rebecca Badilla, Taylor Vidic, Callie Cummins, Maddie Nolan, Lael Rogers, Zoey Wilson, Monica Yost, Lydia Kline, JR Rosales, Derek Lail, Dawson Walker and Andre Bunton from the choir.

Attention College Bound Athletes

If you are planning to participate in a NCAA sport program in college, you need to be aware of required high school academic core classes. You can check the NCAA website for approved JDHS classes (www.ncaa.org). NCAA has not approved the following English classes for eligibility:

Readers/Writers Workshop
Extreme Writing
Writing for Publication I & II
English Language Success
Technical Communications

Please see your counselor if you are enrolled in any of the above English classes and are planning to compete in NCAA sports program or if you have any questions about NCAA eligibility.

Wishing Tree

A wishing tree is "growing" on the window to the library. Leaves are being attached to the wishing tree by faculty who are wishing for an item for their classroom or by staff who have indicated a need for something in the building. Please examine the requests hanging as leaves on the tree. If you are inclined, please purchase an item listed on a leaf and turn your purchase into Lisa Baker at the front desk. Thank you very much for your continued support of students and staff at JDHS.

Juneau School District implements new assessment – Measured Academic Progress (MAP):

Our number one goal is to increase student achievement and to make sure that every student experiences academic success and growth every year. Elsewhere in the country and in Alaska, schools are finding success using "common formative assessments." This means that all kids and schools across a district are using the same tool to check on student progress several times a year. Such regular "dipsticks" help teachers adjust their instruction in order to fit the learners.

This is the first year that the JSD is implementing MAP: Measured Academic Progress. Map is an electronic data base of test items linked to Alaska standards. Three times a year, youngsters in grades K-10 will participate in quick check (about 45 minutes per area) of key skills in language arts and math. (Little kids will wear headphones, as they may not be able to read what's on the screen.)

The questions automatically adjust in difficulty to an individual's skill level in real time in order to truly gauge each youngster's ability. Within 24 hours, a report is generated which summarizes a student's specific skills and suggests appropriate interventions or teaching strategies. This is expected to assist teachers as they adjust their teaching to ensure that children at all skill levels are learning. In order to assure that schools' computer lab time remains available for instruction, the district is using state grant money to purchase mobile carts to supplement technology capacity during the assessment periods.

We appreciate your patience and welcome your questions!

INERVICE DAYS October 15th and 16th – NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE on those days!