

JDHS HOME NEWSLETTER

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Juneau-Douglas High School

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From the Principal's Desk

This past month many of our sophomores and juniors completed the PSAT exam. In September we received the results from the previous year. We were excited to learn the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced two of our students, George Skan and Melissa Axmann as National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists. Only 16,000 students nationally from a pool of 1.5 million high school juniors who took the PSAT/MNSQT exam last year become semi-finalists. JDHS also voices our congratulations to three commended students: Grayson Carlile, Hanna Schempf, and Robin Woodby.

The faculty of JDHS was pleased to meet parents/guardians during the parent/teacher conferences on October 19 and 20. The exchange of information between the parents/guardians and teachers is always a productive experience for the students involved. For all those who could attend, we thank you. A second round of parent/teacher conferences are scheduled in March. We will be investigating how better to format these conferences to encourage even more parents to attend. We appreciate your input. Just send your ideas to lisa_baker@jsd.k12.ak.us.

After the Thanksgiving holidays, the JDHS site council will be inviting public comment on our academic programs. Since the beginning of the school year, our faculty has been defining and redefining our core academic values. Please keep your self informed about our academic programs by attending the public hearing. The date of the public hearing will be announced very soon in multiple contexts.

PE MAKE-UPS DUE Jan 15th

ANOTHER A! FOR ACE: The ACE-Architecture, Construction and Engineering program is adding another "A" for an Auto Mechanics pathway. ACE students have many opportunities to earn UAS credits at the same time as high school credit, getting ahead start on an occupational certificate and college degrees in construction technology or mechanics programs. In addition, there are ACE endorsements for students to earn on their high school transcript for each career pathway.

The news from Ridgway's classes.....

- * Our Ceramics classes have been creating in leaps and bounds! We've got 5" tall coil pots - some of them taller! - collectible sculptures to represent the Alaska Native Corporations, and tiles featuring found textures. Some students have already succeeded in throwing a pot on the wheel, and we're underway with a set of decorative tiles designed in teams, and featuring our own personal stamps. We'll be experimenting with the available glazes now that we have lots to glaze.
- * The Digital Image Design class was exploring the effects of the white balance-setting on the camera and colored light gels in a Light Lab led by local film-artist, Brice Habeger. Now that we've completed several tutorials in our Photoshop program, we're mastering a layered collage technique that allows us to create exciting and creative surreal collages. Check-out our display in the commons, or stop by the studio and see what we're up to!