

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

One of my tasks in the attendance office involves communications with families. The auto-caller will attempt to contact you if your child has an unexcused absence. You can designate which number is called...your home, cell or work number. The purpose of the call is to alert parents if a student is skipping, remind parents to excuse a student when they have forgotten to call, and to catch any mistakes in entering attendance. If your student believes there is an error in the attendance, he/she should pick up a correction slip from the attendance office and have it signed by the teacher. Remember families have five (5) days to excuse an absence.

Another way the attendance office helps with communication is by setting up the information calls made to remind families about schedule changes or special events. I generally send those calls out on Saturday afternoon so they won't be confused with the normal attendance calls. The phone system will also be used in the event of a snow day or an emergency. We also have the option this year of sending out email notices and have begun to use this tool. Knowing how busy families are, I promise to try to balance sharing important information with limiting family interruptions by limiting messages to the most important ones or consolidating them. Please be sure your family phone and email contact is current so you don't miss out on any important information. To update your information, contact our new data entry specialist Jennifer Knaggs at 523-1601.

One final reminder as you begin planning for the New Year...the week of April 6 through 9 is testing at JDHS. All ninth graders will be taking standards based assessments. All sophomores will take the high school graduation qualifying exam, along with upperclassmen that have not already passed a portion of it. It is critically important for the individual student and for our school to be present for the test. If your student is scheduled to test, please do not plan a trip or any appointments during that time.

Thank you! Mrs. Willis

Construction-Related After School Classes offered second semester, held at JDHS: Open to all high school students, earn high school and UAS credits. See Barb Conant for details.

- **Computer Assisted Drafting, CAD 1:** January 26-March 18; Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 4-6 pm
- **Metals:** January 25-March 18, M-TH, 4-6 pm

UAS sponsored classes, tuition free for high school students, earn UAS and high school credits:

- **CT 181, Intermediate AutoCAD class (CAD 2), 3 credits**
Where: Bill Ray Center (2 blocks from JDHS),
When: Starting Jan. 19 through May 4th. Tues-Thurs 4:00 to 5:00 pm; Contact Robin Gilcrist, Asst. Prof. 796-6141
or robin.gilcrist@uas.alaska.edu*
- **DESL 101 Intro to Heavy Duty Mechanics, 3 credits**
Where: UAS TEC 212
When: January 22 – May 8, Fridays, 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Contact: Chuck Craig, chuck.craig@uas.alaska.edu, 796-6129

To enroll, contact the counseling department. For more information contact: Carin Smolin, Career and Technical Education Coordinator, 523-1877, carin_smolin@jsd.k12.ak.us

ALL PE MAKEUPS DUE BY 4:15PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2010. See your PE Teacher for the number of make-ups and when you can do them!

Seniors and Parents of Seniors: The graduation ceremony for this school year will be held on Monday, May 31, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the main gym. Each senior participating in the ceremony will need a matte finish black cap and gown, a red and black tassel, and red cords, which are available from Jostens, The Wedding Shop, and Martha's Flowers. Graduation tickets will be limited to six per graduate. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Jordan, 523-1562 before or after school hours.

Health Sciences After School Courses offered Second Semester:

Open to all high school students in the Juneau School District, earn high school and UAS credits

Emergency Trauma Technician Training (ETT) to be held at TMHS, from 4-6 pm, four days a week
Students must be 14 and older to enroll and able to attend all classes.

Emergency Medical Technician Training (EMT 1) to be held at the Bill Ray Center, three days a week, 4- 8 pm, Dinner included.
Students must be 17 and turning 18 a year from the end of the course in late April to be eligible for the EMT state certification.

Goldbelt Heritage Corp is sponsoring these classes in partnership with the JDS and would like to encourage Alaska Native students to participate. All students in each class are eligible to earn 3 UAS credits for ETT and up to 6 UAS credits for EMT training.