

**Safe Graduation News**

Parents for a Safe Graduation Committee volunteers have been meeting and graduation events are taking shape. Families with seniors graduating from JDHS, TMHS, Yaa\_k\_oosgé and HomeBridge are encouraged to get involved to help celebrate and honor our graduates.

Be sure to mark your calendars with the dates below and contact Lisa Baker at 206-353-6405, 789-4486, [baker\\_boys@gci.net](mailto:baker_boys@gci.net) or Nancy Barto at 209-3454, 780-2080, 789-3598, [nancy\\_barto@jsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:nancy_barto@jsd.k12.ak.us) or [safegrad2010@hotmail.com](mailto:safegrad2010@hotmail.com) to volunteer.

<b>Now</b>	Send \$35 donation for the after-graduation party to: Parents for a Safe Graduation, PO Box 20797, Juneau, AK 99802.
<b>Now- May 15</b>	Help solicit prizes and contributions from employers, clubs, business and churches. Volunteer on a committee.
<b>Thurs., May 27</b>	Baccalaureate, JDHS Auditorium
<b>Mon., May 31</b>	Graduation, JDHS gymnasium
<b>Mon., May 31</b>	Safe Graduation Party, 10:00 pm – 2:10 am, Centennial Hall

**\*\_Healthy Relationships\_\***

Relationships with parents, friends or dating can be a struggle during teen years. Counseling is available through the Juneau Teen Health Center. For more information, please call 523-1634 (JDHS) or 780-1973 (TMHS).

**CAREER EXPO - Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:** The Career Expo Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14th at Juneau-Douglas High School main gym. Similar to last year, business and community members representing the sixteen national career pathways will be available to talk with students about their jobs and work experiences. Juneau-Douglas High School students will attend the morning sessions with their classes.

**Dance Group for Elective Credit:** Once approved the high school Native dance group called the Yaajinastan Dancers will receive .50 elective credit for participating and meeting the class requirements. Students need to see their school counselor to sign up for this credit. Dance practice is Sundays at Marie Drake Gym from 12 NOON to 2pm. For more information please contact Dinah Hobson, ISP Culture Specialist 523-1653.

**From the Principal's Desk.... Continued....**

Student participation in our athletic program continues to provide competitive opportunities. Student participation in the fall and winter activities and athletics was approximately 454 and 393 from a total of 921 students. Our football team played in the state quarterfinals, our volleyball team played at the state tournament, tennis was well represented at state where we earned a state championship in doubles play, our boys cross country team took second in state, and our swim/dive team took second place at state. We are looking forward to the successful completion of our girls and boys basketball teams. As we begin our spring sports, we wish successful seasons for boy's and girl's soccer, softball, baseball, and track and field teams.

Congratulations for the hard work of the students, the knowledge and skills of the advisors and coaches, for the financial support of the community, and for the strong support of our fans.

**Counseling Corner:** As Juneau-Douglas High School moves toward a new excellence we are encouraging all students to search for rigor and enroll in challenging classes. Juneau-Douglas High School offers a wide array of honors and Advanced Placement courses to select from. The College Board says that this is the best way to assure that a large number of our students possess the right skills, behaviors and attitudes to be successful when they graduate. In our current work establishing our academic framework around endorsements, we acknowledge the importance of the Vice President of the College Board, Dr. Al Mijares', words below.

Dr. Mijares recently quoted best selling author Daniel Pink in stating that students in our classrooms today are competing with a vast international market that is college educated, speaks fluent English, and has the potential to displace our work force now. Dr. Mijares insisted that there is therefore nothing more important facing our lives than reversing the current trend of student performance. We do find examples of students achieving at the highest levels of academic attainment, but they are the exception, not the norm, especially in districts serving large numbers of under-represented students. Because our country continues to slide and now ranks near the middle in college completion rates among industrialized nations and our K-12 performance rates in math, science and language arts struggle to achieve the mean on international exams, we must acknowledge that our quality of life today and the economic vitality of our country tomorrow is at stake. Dr. Mijares noted that urgency must be planted in the soul of every American educator to change the current face of education and assure that more of our students are taking challenging courses making them more prepared for college and or the workplace.