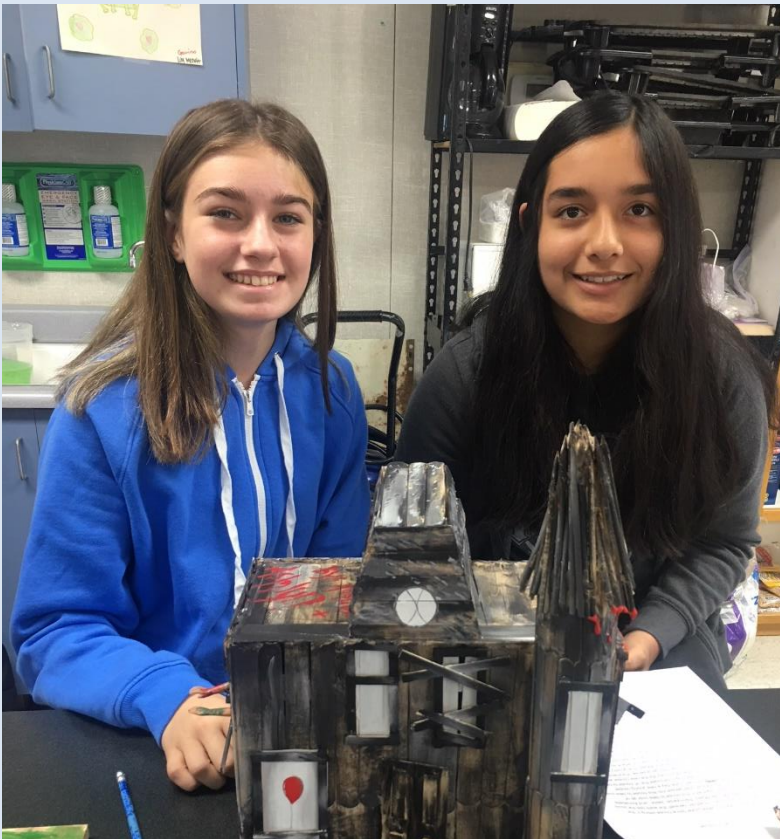


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"Living and learning with purpose"

Principal's Corner

By Christina Orsi

There was a palpable positive feeling on the Hawkins campus during the Halloween Parade! What added to the enthusiasm of the event was the presence of so many family members. Thank you for attending. You made the day very special! This week we celebrate College Week. The ASB Student Council chose to celebrate military academies this year. This will also be a great opportunity to usher in Veterans Day by honoring service members. The purpose of College Week is to expose students to the opportunities provided by a college education.

College may seem far away for your young scholars, but time goes by very quickly. Speaking as the mom of a college sophomore, preparing for college starts even before children begin kindergarten. This week, take the opportunity to speak with your kids about their plans for college. Remind your students of your academic expectations for them. Visit a college campus. Start saving for college and involve your child in that process. It even helps to talk to your kids about different career paths and what degree is needed for that profession. Together we can get them pumped up and ready for college!



Upcoming Events

- Nov 5-9 – [College Week](#)
- Nov 5-9 – [Volleyball Tournaments](#)
- Nov 5 – Signing Day – Wear colors of favorite college
- Nov 5 – Jr. Bulldog Project @1:30PM
- Nov 6 – Honor Tom Hawkins – Wear **Orange** and **Black**
- Nov 6 – Election Day
- Nov 6 – [GATE Testing](#)
- Nov 7 – Jr. Bulldog Project @3:30PM
- Nov 7 – Honor Your Teachers College
- Nov 8 – Dress for Success Day – Wear professional attire
- Nov 8 – District Spelling Bee
- Nov 8 – Tracy High Enrollment Packets Due
- Nov 9 – Extreme College Spirit – See colleges below
- Nov 9 – College Week Rally
- Nov 12 – Veterans Day – No School
- Nov 13 – Bulldog Project Assembly
- Nov 13 – Board Meeting
- Nov 13-30 – Sees Candy Sale
- Nov 14 – Fall Band Concert
- Nov 14 – Graduation Sub Committee Meeting
- Nov 15 – [Tracy High Academies Night](#)
- Nov 16 – Trimester 1 Award Ceremonies
- Nov 19 – 23 – Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 27 – Multi-Cultural Night
- Nov 28 – HPFC Meeting
- Nov 30 – Hearing Screening
- Dec 8 – Holiday Vendor Fair
- Dec 12 – TK-4th Winter Program
- Dec 13 – 5th-8th Winter Program
- Dec 20 – Pajama Day
- Dec 21-Jan 6 – Winter Break

Athletics Update

We are still looking for a coach for the girls 5th basketball team. We need a coach in order to have a 5th grade team. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Mrs. Bessette at fbessette@sjcoe.net or via phone at 209-839-2380.

Every Day Counts

Chronic absenteeism is a serious problem on our campus. Many students are absent or tardy on a regular basis and this has a huge impact on their learning. We want you to join us in making school attendance a high priority for your family. We are partnering with HPFC to incentivize perfect attendance. Students with perfect attendance each month will be entered into a drawing to win a special prize. Remember, school is your child's first and most important job. Please support them by getting them here on time and scheduling appointments and vacations outside the school day.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Day Counts in another way. Schools are funded through their Average Daily Attendance.

Did you know that in our district, each day a child is absent, the school loses

\$47.36

That means if just 1 student from each classroom is absent, our school loses \$1,326 a

*day or **\$238,694***

per year! Every day counts!

Gifted and Talented Education Program (GATE) Testing

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) testing is open to all third through eighth graders who have not taken the OLSAT 8 in the past three years. The three possible ways to qualify for GATE for 2018-2019, will be through the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT), CAASPP Score criteria met, or through the teacher recommendation / portfolio process. The OLSAT test will be given to eligible 3rd - 8th graders in November. Testing will occur after school at your child's school site. The testing schedule can be found below. Parents are responsible for student transportation. If you would like your child to participate in the upcoming GATE testing, please contact the school office and ask for a GATE application or go to the Jefferson School District Website (www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com) for the application. The application can be found under Academic Programs, Gifted and Talented, GATE student application or click: <http://www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com/site/default.aspx?pageid=53>

The application must be completed and returned to the school office by Friday, October 26th

Testing Schedule:

- Friday, November 2, 2018 at Jefferson
- Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at Hawkins
- Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at Traina
- TBD at Monticello

If you have any questions, please contact Student Services at (209) 836-4531.

College Week 2018

U.S. Military Academy Westpoint (USMA)	U.S. Naval Academy (USNA)	U.S. Air Force Academy (USFA)
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<u>College Information:</u>	<u>College Information:</u>	<u>College Information:</u>
Location: West Point, New York Colors: Black and Gold Website: www.usma.edu Mascot: Army Mules Nickname: Black Knights Conference: Division: NCAA Division I Fight Song: <i>On, Brave Old Army Team</i> Motto: Duty – Honor - Country	Location: Annapolis, Maryland Colors: Navy Blue and Gold Website: www.usna.edu Mascot: Bill the Goat Nickname: Midshipmen Conference: Division: NCAA Division I Fight Song: <i>Anchors Aweigh</i> Motto: From Knowledge, Seapower Virtual Tour:	Location: Colorado Springs, Colorado Colors: Blue and Silver Website: www.usafa.edu Mascot: Aurora the Gyrfalcon Nickname: Falcons Conference: Division: NCAA Division I Fight Song: <i>The US Air Force</i> Motto: Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence In All We Do Virtual Tour:
 	 	 

College Week 2018

College Week is a time for our school to place a focus on College and Career Readiness. Throughout the week, students will be participating in Spirit Dress-Up days and college awareness events. The week will culminate with a college themed rally on Friday, November 9th. Each class has been assigned a college for Friday's spirit day and rally. Please see the attached list to find your assigned college. The list is built to group students. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about academic expectations for admission to college.

I hope you take this opportunity to discuss your college experience with the students, give them a virtual tour of a college, or show them memorabilia. The more we talk about college as an attainable goal for our kids the more they are going to believe they can accomplish it. Please see below for the spirit days of College Week. This should be a fun and educational experience for all!

Monday, November 5	Signing Day – wear the colors or clothes of the college you wish to attend
Tuesday, November 6	Honor Tom Hawkins' College – wear Orange and Black for UOP, Tom Hawkins' college
Wednesday, November 7	Honor Your Teacher's College Day – wear the college colors from your teacher's college
Thursday, November 8	Dress for Success Day – dress in professional attire (shirts, ties, suits, dresses, skirts)
Friday, November 9	Extreme College Spirit – wear EXTREME colors and clothes from your assigned college team. There will be spirit awards given at the rally for wearing the most EXTREME college spirit wear.

*For all of these special dress days, the dress code still applies.

College Week Essay and Pennant Contest 2018

Essay Contest

Each year, around 20 million students apply to American colleges and universities. With this much competition, students must make their applications stand out. Colleges ask students to write personal insights or short essays to help them set themselves apart from other applicants.

In 350 words or less, answer ONE of the following personal insight questions taken from the University of California application. Answers must be typed and include your first and last name and grade. All entries are due to the office by Wednesday, November 7th at 3:00pm. Winners will be announced at the rally on Friday.

- ✓ Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?

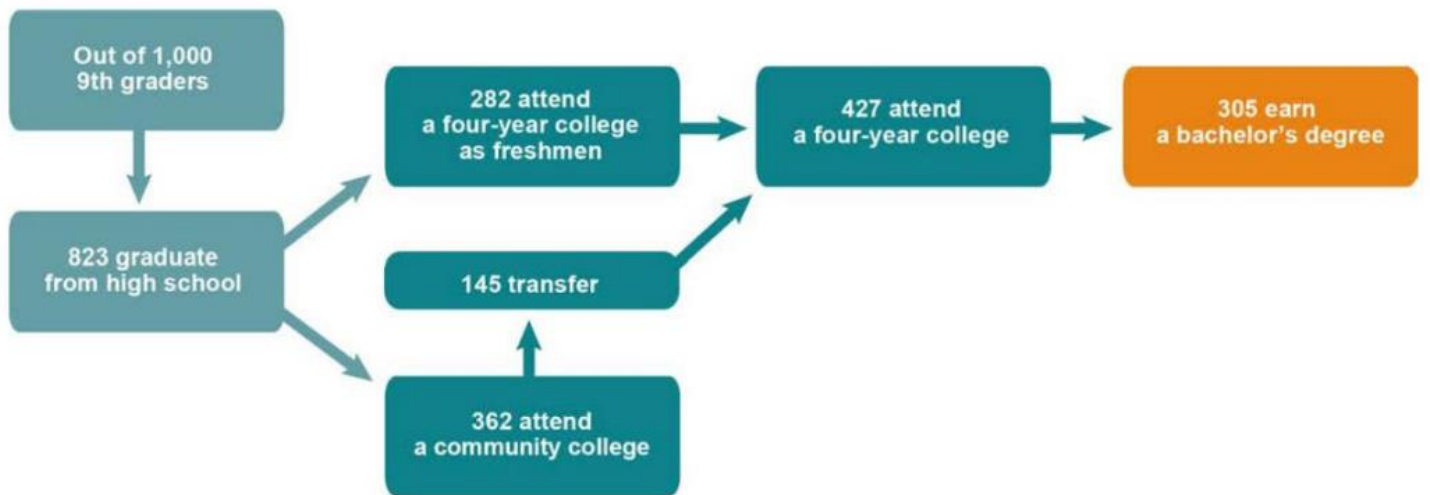
- ✓ What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

Pennant Contest

A pennant is a type of flag used to support favorite sports or college teams. Traditionally, they were made of felt and were in the shape of a triangle. A pennant shows school colors along with the mascot. Create and decorate a pennant for the college you wish to attend. Your pennant should include:

- School colors
- Name or acronym of the college or university
- Picture of the mascot of the college or university

Entries are due to the office by Wednesday, November 7th at 3:00pm. Winners will be announced at the rally on Friday.



SOURCE: PPIC calculations, based on current rates of high school completion, college enrollment, and college completion; rates calculated using data from the California Department of Education (2015–16), the California Community Colleges (2015), the California State University (2015), the University of California (2015), and the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (2014).

WHAT CAN STUDENTS AND PARENTS DO NOW TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE?

Academics:

High school graduation, college and career may seem like something far away but it's not. Challenge your children academically and aim for high grades. Classes taken now are geared to prepare students for college coursework. Expand their knowledge base by having students take time to read and expose them to new words and vocabulary.

Attendance:

Show up for class. It may sound simple, but it's critical. If students are not in class they are at a disadvantage to those you are. Employers don't want to hire someone who is not going to show up at work. Every day counts!

Attitude:

You may think that it has no impact on a future career, but future employers will differ with you. A person's attitude about themselves, others and life can be a huge influence on landing that dream job. Someone who has a positive attitude will strive to achieve greater success in their job and be an asset to their employer...and who wants to go to work and have to listen to someone who is unhappy and negative?

Work Ethic:

A person's work ethic reflects their passion and dedication. If you are interested in the work you do it shows. That's why it's important to take time to investigate interests and pursue your passions. It's as simple as doing something you love and stick with it. Perseverance and grit make a difference!

IMPORTANT 8TH GRADE INFORMATION

Upcoming Important Events for 8th Graders

November 8 – Tracy High Enrollment Packets Due to Office

November 9 – Academies Presentation at Hawkins

November 14 - Sub Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

November 15 – Tracy High Academies Night

November 27 – Tracy High School Parent Night

January 9 - Committee Chair Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

January 23 – Sub Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

February 6 - Committee Chair Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

February 20 - Sub Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

March 6 - Committee Chair Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

March 20 - Sub Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

April 3 - Committee Chair Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

April 17 - Sub Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

May 1 – Sub Committee Chair Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

May 8 – Sub Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

May 16 - Honors Night Set Up 2:00pm in the MPR

May 16 - Honors Night 6:00pm in the MPR

May 17 - Ice Cream Social Set Up 11:00am (Ice Cream Social Committee)

May 17 - Ice Cream Social 1:30pm in MPR (Date change due to Great America availability)

CLASS OF 2019



International Baccalaureate Academy



Ag/Science Academy



Performing Arts Magnet

ACADEMY INFORMATION NIGHT FOR THE INCOMING 9TH GRADERS

WHEN: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018 FROM 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

WHERE: TRACY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

WHY: MEET THE COORDINATORS OF THE PERFORMING ARTS MAGNET, AGRICULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY AND THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ACADEMY TO FIND OUT IF OUR PROGRAMS ARE RIGHT FOR YOU!

WHO: OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS AND THEIR GUARDIANS WHO LIVE IN AND AROUND THE TRACY AREA. THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF INTRA-DISTRICT TRANSFERS AVAILABLE FOR OUR ACADEMIES.

INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICATIONS, DUE DATES, TRANSFERS AND REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED. INTERESTED STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME AND JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION! THIS IS YOUR FUTURE!



Future Bulldogs

**INCOMING
9TH GRADE**

Parent Night

Jefferson & Hawkins

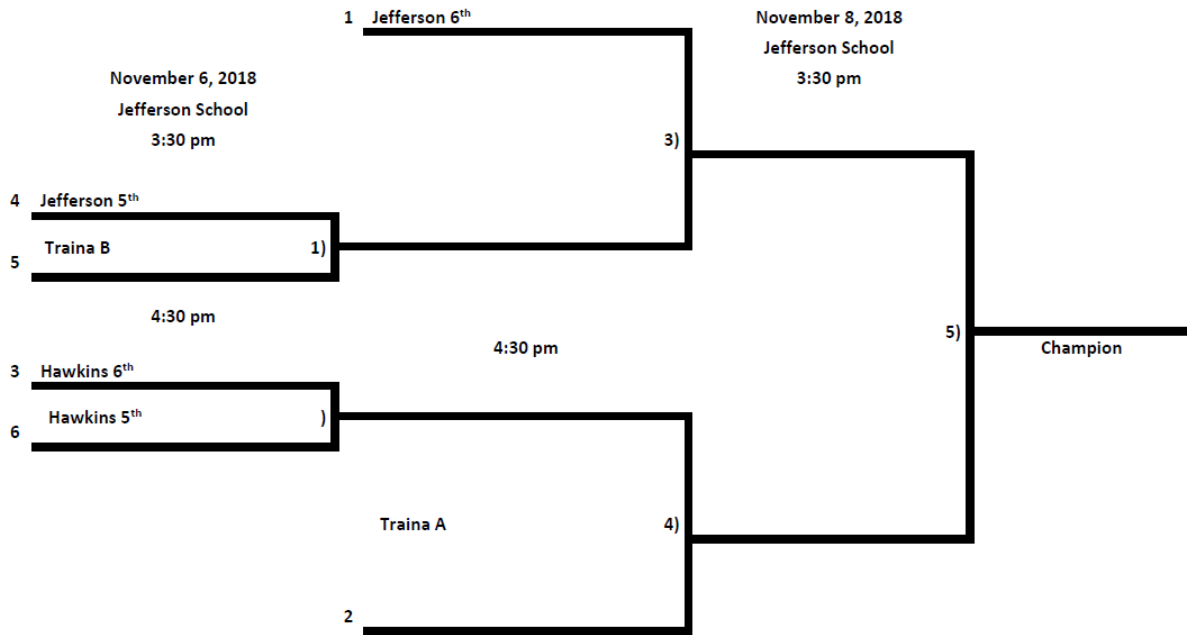
NOVEMBER 27, 2018

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

TRACY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

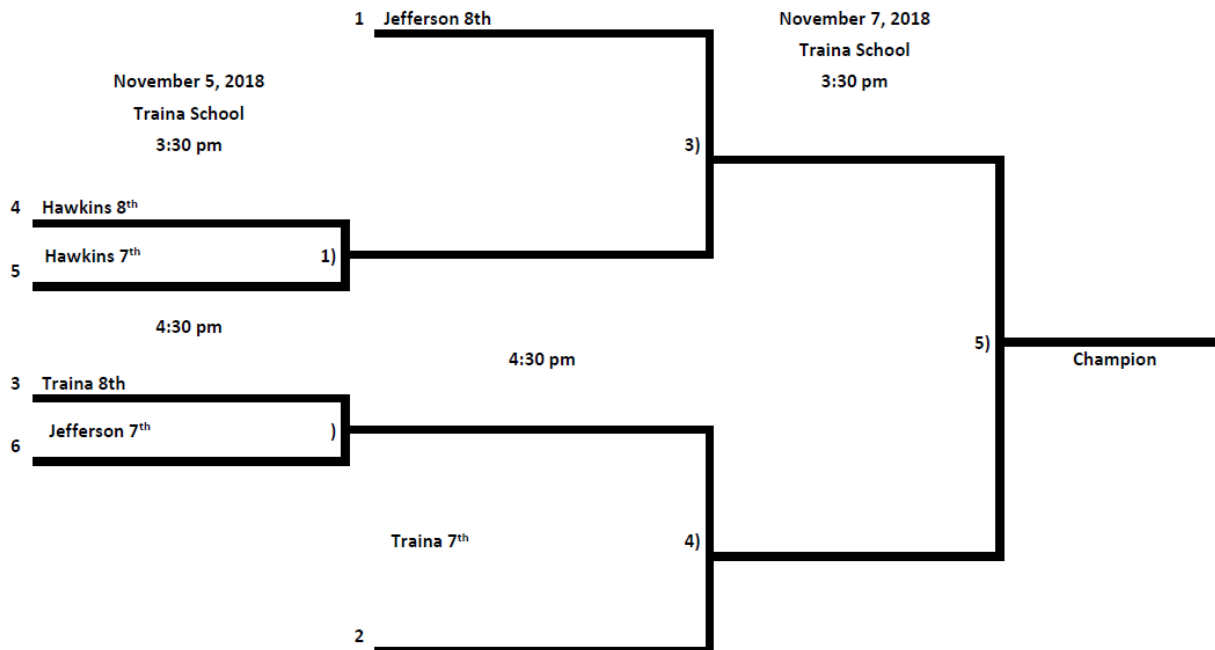
**JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
5th/6th Volleyball Tournament**

November 7, 2018
Jefferson School
3:30 pm



**JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
7th/8th Volleyball Tournament**

November 6, 2018
Traina School
3:30 pm



TOM HAWKINS

HPFC HAPPENINGS

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The Hawkins Parent Faculty Club (HPFC) is a group of volunteers dedicated to assisting staff and parents with programs to enrich communication and activities that allow students to thrive.

Your contributions, whether it is your time, knowledge, or resources, make a difference. We would like to invite you to join us to make this the best year possible for our children!

Calendar of Events

~~Aug 28th – FUN RUN Kick-Off Pep Rally!~~

~~Sept 7 – FUN RUN~~

Sept 21 – Outdoor Movie Night, 6:30-9:00

Oct 26 – Movie Night, 6:00-8:00

Nov 13-30 – See's Candy Sale

Dec 8 – Holiday Vendor Fair, 8:00-3:00

Dec 12 – TK-4th Winter Program

Dec 13 – 5th-8th Winter Program

Jan 18 – Dads N Donuts, 7:15-8:10

Feb 15 – Parent Child Dance

Mar 4-15 – See's Candy Sale

Mar 15 – Movie Night, 6:00-8:00

Mar 27 – Open House, 6:00-7:00

May 8 – Teacher Appreciation

May 10 – Moms N Muffins, 7:15-8:10

HPFC MEETING

Library 6:30 pm

August 22

September 19

October 17

November 28

December 19

January 16

February 20

March 20

April 17

May 15

Purchase **Spiritwear** at Back to School events. If we don't have your size in stock, we can order it for you! Orders will be taken until September 21.



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Tom Hawkins has partnered with Amazon to give back to our school. Go to smile.amazon.com and select Hawkins Elementary Parent Faculty Club as your charitable organization and help us earn as you shop!

DID YOU KNOW?

We accept cash, check, and credit card at most events?

Keep in Touch!

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hawkinshuskies
Email us at tomhawkinspfc@gmail.com

Tom Hawkins Drop-Off/Pick-Up Routes



PICK UP PROCEDURES:

TK & KINDERGARTEN – ALL TK AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ARE PICKED UP FROM THE GATES NEXT TO THE KINDERGARTEN BUILDING

1ST-3RD GRADERS – BE SURE TO DESIGNATE YOUR CHILD’S PICK UP AREA WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR SCHEDULE OR ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

ALL OTHER STUDENTS – PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD AND LET THEM KNOW WHERE YOU WILL BE PICKING THEM UP

OPTIONS FOR PICK UP:

KINDERGARTEN GATE – PARENTS PARK/WALK UP TO GET THEIR CHILD. ADULT ON DUTY MUST HAVE VISUAL CONTACT WITH PARENT IN ORDER TO RELEASE THE CHILD

CAR LOOPS – PARENTS STAY IN THE CAR AND CHILDREN WAIT IN LINE FOR THEIR PARENT TO PULL UP. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK YOUR CAR IN THE CAR LINE AND GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE.**

GYM DOORS – PARENTS PARK/WALK UP TO RETRIEVE THEIR CHILD

WALKERS – STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO WALK HOME

DRESS CODE

Please review the Dress Code in our Handbook on the Jefferson District Website. Please see the graphic below for examples.

Per the district policy, the consequences for dress code violations are:

First offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes.

Second offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes. The student shall be assigned detention as determined appropriate by the principal or the designee.

Third offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes. The principal or the designee shall assign the student ten hours of community service to be performed within thirty calendar days.

Fourth and subsequent offenses: The student shall be suspended for a period of 1-5 days as determined by the principal or the designee.


JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

<p>ACCEPTABLE TOPS</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE TOPS</p> 
<p>ACCEPTABLE BOTTOMS</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE BOTTOMS</p> 
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The bralette, the cold shoulder style shirt, and the cut-off style shirt are recent fashion trends that have become very popular. Parents may be wondering if they are dress code compliant. Basically, with a bralette, the shirt worn on top of the bralette must meet the dress code requirements. For cold shoulder shirts, the shoulder straps must follow the 4-finger rule. For cut-off shirts, no mid-drift should be exposed. They can be worn with an undershirt to cover the mid-drift area.