Good afternoon JFA Family,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are so excited to have another opportunity to work with our scholars are they all transition back face to face. Our staff have been hard at work to ensure that we are prepared to receive our scholars. We look forward to a continuing partnership!

**HISD’s Back to School Plan**

Safety is our priority for our scholars and staff. We require masks for all students, staff and essential visitors. We are limited to pre-scheduled visitors, appointments must be made in advance prior to conferences. Food deliveries are not allowed but scholars are welcomed to bring their own food/water bottles. Water fountains will be open for only refills of his/her water bottle. Assigned seating is required in all classrooms and the lunchroom. HISD will continue to monitor conditions and work closely with local public health officials to ensure the district is prioritizing the safety of our students and staff. You can read more about our district’s protocol by clicking on the link: [Ready, Set, Go! Back to School Plan](#).

**JFA Arrival and Dismissal**

School starts at 7:50 a.m. and scholars are dismissed at 3:25 p.m. Parents may drop off scholars beginning at 7:15 a.m. Scholars may be dropped off on Van Fleet/St. Lo or Southwind/St.Lo. Please note that student drivers are not allowed to park in the staff parking lot. Student parking is located at the very end of Van Fleet/St. Lo, pass the cafeteria.

**JFA Dress Code**

While we do not have a uniform policy, students are required to adhere to our dress code policy. Students should be dressed in such a manner that their appearance in the school contributes to the learning process, doesn’t interrupt the learning process, and represents our school in a positive manner. The dress code is always in effect while on the campus or while attending any HISD/Jones Futures Academy sponsored event. The JFA dress code is established to ensure the health and safety of everyone on campus and to avoid any disruptions to the learning environment. Please see the attachment for further information on our dress code.

**District Forms**

Please help us capture accurate information by filling out all forms sent home on 8/23/2021. We truly appreciate your support with this!

**JFA Parent and Student Handbook**

We strive to effectively communicate and ensure that parents/scholars are aware of our school policies, please see attachment for JFA’s Parent and Student Handbook.

**JFA Bell Schedule for the 2021-2022**
Please see attachment.

**Student Schedules**

Students will receive their schedules during Advocacy. Schedule change request will be processed through Ms. Thomas, school counselor. Please feel free to contact her at Bthomas3@houstonisd.org. Please note that we will attempt to expedite all scheduling requests but there is a 15- day window in which schedules may be changed.

**HISD 2021-2022 Academic Calendar**

Please click on the link to view the calendar year: [HISD 2021-2022 Academic Calendar](#)

**Laptop Distribution**

Please note that before we can issue a laptop, the loan agreement must be completed by a parent/guardian and a $25.00 fee must be paid. Please see attached for HISD’s PowerUp loan agreement form. You can pay in person or use school pay. Please see attached flyer. School pay link: [SchoolPay - Checkout](#)

**Faculty E-mail**

Teachers are unable to meet parents during their instructional time, but they should be available for parent-student-teacher conferences, when arranged in advance. Please keep in mind that staff members’ days are very full. Advanced notice is necessary for staff members to adequately prepare to assist you when you arrive for your conference. Please allow our staff 48 hours to return an e-mail for phone call. Thank you for your understanding.

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Pearce, Gretchen  AP Human Geography/ World Geography
Lotspeich, Robert  Government/Economics/World History
Basileh, Maha  Principles of Architecture/Design I
Head, William  Design II/Practicum
Williams-Quary, Nedra  English I/Reading
Simmons, Jordyn  English II/Reading
Mims, Deborah  English III/Dual Credit
Guillory, Leah  Business English/College Prep English
Barrientos, Cynthia  Spanish, I, II
Shelton, Sandra  Theatre Arts
Santos, Alexander  Art
Alves, Antenor  Physical Education/Health
Caldwell, Vickie  Special Education /PSI
Nguyen, An  Special Education/18 Plus
Cooper, Shadavia  Special Populations Coordinator

Jones Futures Academy Support Staff
Silva, Alma  Technology Specialist
Barreda, Yazmin  Administrative Assistant
Zenon, Linnette  Front Office Clerk/ Activity fund Clerk
Ortiz, Araceli  Magnet Clerk
Garza, Sandra  SIRS
McGlockton, Doris  Reading Interventionist
Brito, Noemi  College Career Advisor
Mendoza, Marissa  Wraparound Specialist
Jackson, Jerome  Police Officer

Jones Futures Academy Health and Medical Services
Ahmad, Rania  Nurse
Walton, Annie  Nurse – Special Education

Jones Futures Academy Paraprofessionals
Ford, Jevoisha  Teaching Assistant
Montano, Valerie  Special Education Employment Rep

We strive to ensure that parents/guardians are involved at JFA, please feel to e-mail, contact me at (713)733-1111, or my Google number (832)942-8407. Please leave a message with your name, scholar’s name, and call back number, thank you.
Take care and stay safe!