



JOHNSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Over the next few weeks, I will be working with your students remotely to begin the scheduling process for 2020-2021. This will be a new process for everyone. I will be available via email and also host several live streams in the mornings and evenings to help guide families through this process. I will host these through the JHS Facebook page. The official profile name for Facebook is jhsjohnnies.

On the back of this letter is a username and password for the scheduling portal. You and your student will use this information to select the electives your student would like to take next school year. When you log into the portal, you will see the core classes that have been recommended by your student's current teachers. The required core courses in English, Math, Social Studies and Science have been pre-scheduled based upon academic performance and teacher recommendation. A total of five (5) elective credits are required for graduation with one of those having to be a fine art. Fine art credits are any music classes and any traditional art classes. Chorale and Apogee have been added to the requests per Ms. Warner's recommendations. We have also loaded Mr. Zirille's recommendation for band. If you have questions about your placement, please contact these teachers.

Health is required to graduate and is offered only online. Students have the option of taking Health over the summer as well.

In order to exempt the required .50 credits of physical education, students must complete 4 seasons of band and/or sports. This can be a combination of sports and band. Students who took PE in the 8th grade for 1 semester have completed .25 credits. Students who took PE the entire year in 8th grade have completed the PE requirement for graduation.

Students are not permitted to take English, Math, Science, and Social Studies through JOLT unless you are already a full/part time JOLT student. JOLT is an education option for students to explore other course options that may or may not be offered face to face. Seniors are permitted to take their 4th year of math online through JOLT.

On the guidance website, there is a scheduling PowerPoint that goes over the steps to be able to enter your course choices. We have included in this mailing, your username and password for the scheduling portal, and a list of all course options you can select during the scheduling window. We would like all requests to be entered by March 27, 2020.

If you have any questions about this information, please feel free to contact me at damerrill@jmk12.org. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Because of the regulations of no mass group gatherings, and the encouragement to limit groups over 10, we are not going to be able to host an evening meeting this year. I will do my best to be available and help guide you through this process. Again, thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Debbie Merrill
School Counselor