

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

We have a lot of community building experiences coming up this week! The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be an event to remember with a welcome from our School Board Member, Angela Cobian, and speeches from our students. Dinner will be served in the cafeteria, student work will be displayed, and student performances will entertain as we enjoy a meal together. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony begins at 5PM at our new front entrance. See the **IMPORTANT DATES** box below and/or the [JFK calendar](#) on the website for all of the fun events that will bring us together as a Commander Community this week.

Congratulations to Jason Clymer and his family for welcoming a beautiful baby boy into the world! See pic below -- he is 9lbs 2oz. :)

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" – Helen Keller.

With Gratitude,
Tiffany Almon
Principal

UPDATES and REMINDERS:

- ★ College Track interviews are in the cafeteria from 2:45 - 4:45 on MONDAY 9/23. Many of you received an email with the invitation to participate. Some emails bounced back because they were entered on your application incorrectly. If you did not receive an invitation and completed an online and hard copy application, see Mrs. Almon.
- ★ Homecoming week begins the week of 9/30. The Homecoming Dance is on 10/5, you must have a 93% attendance to attend.
- ★ Students can earn 1.0% point towards their attendance by attending City Year Afterschool tutoring from 3 - 4 in the cafe. You must have a permission slip signed by parent/guardian to attend after school (you can get a permission slip from Ambrosia in the main office). If you have an off period, you can work with City Year in the cafeteria on homework or Khan Academy and earn 0.5% points towards your attendance. You must work the entire off period to earn this 0.5% point.
- ★ Students are welcome to join their teachers or other staff members for lunch AND to receive support before, after school, and during lunch; but, **a pass is required**. Students can receive a reusable pass from the teacher/staff member they wish to visit or the library and Future Center during the school day.
- ★ Student Council and the CTE Business classes are working on a proposal for Senior Parking Spots.

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- ★ The pot holes in the student lot will be patched and lines will be repainted (with numbers to identify senior spots) asap. We are also looking into drainage issues in that lot.
- ★ I have asked our Facilities Supervisor to ensure winter maintenance is happening in our school lots whenever snow falls.
- ★ Robo calls will go home when a student has an unexcused absence. Please excuse absences within 24 hours. Reach out to Tiffany (720-423-4330) if you are experiencing issues with our attendance line. We aim to provide excellent customer service, and I need to know when we are not meeting this expectation.
- ★ Seniors will only be required to take 4 credits Semester 2 if they are on track to graduate.
- ★ Some Freshmen Parents have requested that their child be allowed to leave campus with older siblings during lunch time. If you would like for your Freshmen to be able to leave campus, please print and complete this [permission slip](#). Hard copies will be available at our main office if you do not have easy printing access.
- ★ If you need to pick up your student, please **come into the main office** and we will call your student's class to send them down. For security reasons, we prefer that you come in rather than calling our main line.
- ★ Students are required to wear **lanyards** and bring their ID each day so that staff can easily identify upperclassmen and Freshmen with permission who can leave campus for lunch. This also helps to quickly identify who has an off period when schedules are printed on the back of student i.d.s.
- ★ Students with a valid driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance can purchase a parking pass for \$20 in the main lobby beginning Monday. We require students who park in our student lot to have a parking pass.
- ★ If you would like to join the Commander Connection, our parent/guardian teacher student association, please email Tiffany at tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org.

Important Dates (these will be updated on the rcalendar on the website as well)

9/24: **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** for cafeteria and front entrance 5 - 6 PM. If you cannot make the ceremony, you are welcome to tour the school at 9am on Tuesday.

9/27 - Picture Retakes

9/27 - **End of Six Weeks!!** We will not send home hard copy progress reports unless requested by families, final grades will be given at the end of the trimester

9/30 - 10/5 -- HOMECOMING WEEK see [rcalendar](#) for details

10/8: P/SAT SAT Practice Testing day, DETAILS COMING

10/15: Parent Teacher Conferences 4 - 7PM

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10/18: No school for students -- Exchange Day for Conferences

10/21: No school for students -- teacher professional development

10/22: No school for students -- teacher professional development

HOME GAMES THIS WEEK

VOLLEYBALL --

9/24 -- Vista Peak at JFK 4/5/6:30PM

9/27 -- Gateway at JFK 4/5/6:30PM

FOOTBALL --

9/23 -- JV Denver West at JFK 4:15PM

SOFTBALL --

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9/26 -- Pack the House GREEN Game Denver South at JFK 4:15PM

CROSS COUNTRY --

9/17 -- Multiple Schools at City Park 2:30PM

SOCCER --

9/27 -- Northfield at JFK 4:00/5:30PM

CHEERLEADING --

Cheerleading at the 9/27 SOCCER game!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COLLEGE PREP SAT COURSE:

Low-Cost SAT Prep Course at JFK this Fall

Do you need to take the SAT but can't afford to spend \$1000+ on prep classes?

We've got you covered. There will be a special low-cost, high-quality, SAT prep course at JFK High.

This comprehensive prep course will take place at JFK from mid-October through mid-November.

The entire 28+ hour course with 3 proctored practice exams costs just \$145 (plus course materials) and SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED if you cannot cover this cost (EMAIL MRS. ALMON TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP). Please apply ASAP at campusprep.org, as space is limited.

We have partnered with University of Denver and provided SAT/ACT courses there for over 5 years. This is the first time we will be bringing the course directly to you at JFK. The teacher for the course is a top-scorer on the SAT, who has taught the SAT for several years.

Schedule:

Wednesdays 2:50-5:50pm

10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20

Proctored practice exams: TBD

Please apply ASAP at campusprep.org, as there will be more applications than spaces available. Email any questions to testprep@colorado.edu.

*Please direct all questions about the course to us and not to the school.

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SEE THIS [LINK](#) FOR A LIST OF STUDENTS WHO WERE HONORED
AT OUR STUDENT CELEBRATIONS FOR DEMONSTRATING
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