

Bronchogram

Jefferson High School

August 2011

WELCOME TO JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

It is with a great sense of pride and excitement that the faculty, staff, and administration welcome you and your child to Jefferson High School for the 2011-2012 school year! We believe that our students are in store for a wonderful year of excitement, opportunities, and growth. Thank you for choosing Jefferson High School for your child's educational opportunity! We will endeavor to make that choice pay huge dividends for your child.

Our focus remains the same as in the past: academic achievement by ALL of our students is our number one priority. This focus on achievement began in earnest two years ago and has already created an increase in student achievement. Our test scores and graduation rate have improved significantly! Even though we have seen statistical improvements, we believe we can still do better. To that end, we are committed to the ideal that all members of our school community learn and grow every day...that we are never finished learning!

We need your help! You, as the parent, play the most pivotal role in our partnership to educate your child. We need you to insist that your child attend school every day, that they do their homework and study, and that they give their absolute best effort every day. We need for you to ask us questions and to be involved in our school. You are on the same journey with your child...be an active participant along the ride so the destination is as wonderful as we all hope it to be for your child.

We are also very excited about our new Modified Block 8 Schedule that will be used this year! With the new schedule, your student will meet with each of their teachers on Monday. Tuesday and Thursday will be Red Days, and Wednesday and Friday will be Black Days. We feel strongly that this schedule will allow us to see students more often during the week while still providing everyone with the benefits of being on the Block 8 Schedule.

Have a wonderful year at Jefferson High School!



Jeffery A. Studebaker
Principal
Jefferson High School

El Noticiero en Español

Si usted desea recibir el Noticiero para los padres en Español, por favor comuníquese con la línea hispana en 772-4700.

If you would like to receive the parent newsletter in Spanish, please contact the Hispanic Line at 772-4700.

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ADMINISTRATION

Jeffery Studebaker, Principal
John Forville, Assistant Principal
Roger Francis, Assistant Principal
Stefani Goetz, Dean of Student Services
Mark Preston, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director
Randy Sly, Assistant Principal
Laura Speicher, Director of Attendance
Cheryl Wiles, Assistant Principal

The extra degree of effort will make all the difference.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 16th	Freshman/New Student Transition Day
August 22nd	First Day of School (Broncho Day) - 8:05 a.m.
August 25th & 26th	Picture Day for Underclassmen (Order forms will be mailed home)
August 31st	Back to School Open House - 6:00 p.m.
September 5th	Labor Day - No School
September 10th	Star City Marching Band Festival - Scheumann
September 23rd	Homecoming
September 24th	Dodgeball Tournament - Join us in this fun fundraising activity! To help support JHS by forming your own team or donating your time or funds, contact Mrs. Goetz at sgoetz@lsc.k12.in.us .
September 28th	College Fair - 6:00 p.m. - Dennis Blind Gym

The complete school calendar is available online at www.lafayettejeff.org
Athletic schedules are available online at www.lafayettejeff.org/athletic

TEXTBOOK, SCHEDULE, & I.D. PICK-UP

Students are asked to pick up their class schedule, 2011-2012 I.D., books, and course materials on their assigned day from the Book Rental Office. Please note that lines are long between 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Students should bring their locker number with them (have been mailed to your home).

Seniors:	Thursday, August 11 th	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Juniors:	Friday, August 12 th	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sophomores:	Monday, August 15 th	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Freshmen:	Tuesday, August 16 th	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
All classes:	Wednesday, August 17 th	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
All classes:	Thursday, August 18 th	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Students planning to drive to school and park on school property must purchase a parking permit. Parking permit applications will be available during book distribution. The required window permit will cost \$10.00 and can be purchased with a valid driver's license, 2011-2012 school I.D., and a completed parking permit application.

NEW LIBRARY/COMPUTER LAB HOURS

The school library, along with a computer lab, will be open after school on Wednesdays on a trial basis during first semester. Hours will be 3:20 - 4:50 p.m. Librarian Diana Hoke will be available to assist students with reading and research needs.

TRANSITION DAY

Freshmen and new students are invited to get acquainted with Jefferson High School on Tuesday, August 16, 2011. Students will have the opportunity to:

- Pick up student I.D., textbooks, and schedule
- Find locker and classrooms
- Take a guided tour of the building
- Meet guidance counselor and administrators

Suggested time slots are divided by student's last name:

A - Cl	8:00 - 9:30
Co - Gar	9:30 - 11:00
Gas - J	11:00 - 12:30
K - My	12:30 - 2:00
Na - Si	2:00 - 3:30
Sm - Z	3:30 - 5:00

GUIDANCE DEPT. HOURS

Guidance Counselors will be available August 12th, 15th, 17th, and 18th. Appointments will be made between 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon for new students enrolling at JHS by calling 772-4700 ext. 2736. Students currently enrolled at JHS who have scheduling issues will be served on a first-come basis between 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Students are assigned to counselors by grade level and last name:

<u>9th & 11th Grades</u>	A - Kol	Mrs. J. Smith
	Kom - Z	Mrs. Condrey
<u>10th & 12th Grades</u>	A - Kol	Mrs. Burke
	Kom - Z	Ms. Campagna
<u>Students with a Teacher of Record:</u>		Mrs. S. Smith

OPEN HOUSE

Jefferson High School will be hosting a Back to School Open House on Wednesday, August 31st at 6:00 p.m. Parents will have the opportunity to walk through their student's Broncho Day schedule. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers, receive contact information, and learn about course expectations. You can also find out how to become more involved with your child and the school. Help make your child's year a success; see you at the Open House!

GRADE REPORT CHANGES

All grade reports will be available for parents/guardians to view on PowerSchool. Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, grade reports will be emailed or mailed **by request only**. Please contact Mr. Rayner 772-4700 ext. 2733 to request that grades reports be sent through the U.S. Postal Service or for questions regarding using email.

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

The Indiana State Department of Health requires all 6th-12th grade students to have the following immunizations:

- 5 - DPT
- 4 - Polio
- 2 - MMR
- 3 - Hepatitis B
- 2 - Varicella (or date of disease)
- 1 - Meningitis
- 1 - Tdap

These immunizations are required in order to attend school in the State of Indiana. Make an appointment with your physician or call the Tippecanoe County Department of Health at 423-9221 to learn about the Vaccines for Children Program.

ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

Jefferson High School's Student Services Department will continue the attendance rewards program for the 2011-2012 school year! In the past, students with exemplary school attendance were awarded prizes each semester. At the end of the 2010-2011 school year, 10 students received MP3 players and two received laptop computers. Please support Jefferson High School in making sure your student attends school on a consistent basis. All absences need to be reported at 772-4702. Thank you for making your child's attendance a priority.

ONLINE MEAL PAYMENTS

LSC offers parents the option to manage their student's school meal account online. Payments made by 7:00 a.m. will be available for the student's use by 10:30 a.m. on the same day. To learn more about this convenient option, please visit www.lsc.k12.in.us and click on the online lunch payment link.

SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

A complete copy of the school policies can be found in the Broncho Board which is distributed to all students when they receive their textbooks. The school policies can also be found online at www.lafayettejeff.org.

Cell phones, I-pods, head sets, and other electronic devices: Technology is an ever-growing part of our society. While electronic devices are a useful part of our everyday lives, they can be a major distraction during school hours. Given the advanced capabilities, there may be an academic integrity issue at stake. Therefore, students are to have those items turned off between 8:05 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. with the following exception: Students may use electronic devices during a student's lunch in the lunch room and corral areas **only**. At all other times, pagers, cell phones, and other communication devices are to be turned off and out of sight. At all other times, radios, CDs, Mp3s, iPods, and other audio recording/playback equipment are to be placed in a student's locker. Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary penalty and the item being confiscated and returned only to the parent or guardian. Information contained on devices is subject to inspection. Parents, please help your student comply with this policy by reminding them of it and by not calling or texting them during the regular school day.

Student electronic files: A student's files, web history, and data stored on LSC servers are subject to searches at the discretion of the administration.

Dress Code: As you do your back to school clothes shopping, please keep in mind the dress code for JHS. Highlights include: No midriff is allowed to show; spaghetti straps, halter tops, bare shoulders, bare backs, and low necklines are not appropriate; shorts and skirts should extend to finger tip length; pants should be worn at or above the hip bone and covering all underwear.

Attendance/Tardies: Regular attendance is critical for success. Prompt arrival is just as important, though. Please support our efforts to have students arrive to class on time and attend regularly.

ATTENTION SENIORS

All participants in Commencement exercises must be completely finished with their diploma requirements. This means that courses must be complete and all credits and requirements must be earned prior to 11:00 a.m. on the Friday before Commencement.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering at Jefferson High School is a great way to actively contribute to the success of our school. **Parent Greeters** are always needed at the Parent Greeter Welcome Desk. Parents welcome and direct guests to locations within the building. Volunteers commit to a 2 1/2 hour shift at least once a month. **Lunchroom supervisors** are needed between 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every day that school is in session. All volunteers will need to complete a security background check before volunteering. To learn more, please contact Judy Dellinger via e-mail jedellinger@comcast.net or phone 426-5234. Please visit www.help.lsc.com to view more volunteer opportunities or to donate items to JHS.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Library Offers Online Research Tools Students Can Access at Home

With information coming at us 24/7, it can be very difficult for students to sort out valuable sources from all the other questionable material that is available, especially on the internet. Colleges and employers value students who know where and how to seek the most reliable, current information. Reputable online research databases offer students the means to do that. The J.H.S. Library subscribes to several research databases that all J.H.S. students can access on the internet at school, home, and elsewhere. Two new additions this fall will be Britannica Online and Britannica Image Quest. Also, to aid students with the research process and with proper documentation of resources, the library will offer EasyBib School Edition Online.

Teachers and parents should actively encourage students to use such tools that are specifically designed to support their education. All of the J.H.S. Library's research tools are accessible from the J.H.S. website. Students may obtain handouts with login instructions from the library.

POWERSCHOOL ACCESS

The Lafayette School Corporation uses PowerSchool to keep student records for attendance, grades, and other pertinent information. PowerSchool allows each parent to access their child's grades and attendance. You can access the Parent Portal by going to <https://parents.lsc.k12.in.us/public/> and entering your username and password. If you have questions concerning accessing this site, please email Mr. Rayner at trayner@lsc.k12.in.us. The Parent Portal is a wonderful way for you to keep updated on your child's progress.

ATHLETIC TICKET INFORMATION

The school year is just around the corner, which brings new classes, friends, cool fall weather, and exciting Broncho sports action! Now is the time to get the red & black out of the closet and purchase your sports passes! Below are ticket options for regular season home events. The boys' basketball season pass includes the boys J&C Hoops ticket. No other passes include the J&C Hoops tickets. No passes can be used for IHSAA and HCC tournaments. Senior Citizen passes may be obtained in the Athletic Office. To qualify for a senior citizen pass, an individual must be 60 years of age, AND either live within the boundaries of the Lafayette School Corporation or be a graduate of Jefferson High School. This pass is good for all home athletic events EXCEPT IHSAA tournaments, HCC tournaments and the J&C Hoops Classic.

Boys' Basketball Season Pass, \$45

Good for all regular season home JV/Varsity boys' basketball games and the boys' J&C Hoops Classic.

All Sports Pass, \$85

Good for all regular season home events.

10 Event Ticket, \$40

Good for your choice of 10 regular season home events. This can be punched for multiple people at a time.

LSC Staff All Sports Pass, \$50

2 All Sport Passes, good for all regular season home events.

Jeff Students can purchase a Sports Pass for \$40.00 per year.

Jeff students will have a "J" put on their student ID. Jeff Athletes who paid the \$40 participation fee will receive a Sports Pass at no additional charge. These passes cannot be used for IHSAA tournaments, HCC tournaments, or J&C Hoops Classic.

LSC students in grades K-8 can purchase tickets to home Jeff athletic events for \$1.00 from all LSC Schools. These tickets WILL NOT be available at the gate and are not valid for IHSAA tournaments, HCC tournaments, or J&C Hoops Classic.

Gate Prices (ages 5 and up) Gate prices for tourneys will vary by the event and/or prices set by the IHSAA.

Varsity & JV/Varsity Events \$5.00

Freshman and/or JV only Events \$3.00