

Welcome to Jefferson Township High School

8th Grade Parent Presentation

**Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders
Class of 2029!**

Mrs. Josephine Ramirez
Supervisor of Student Personnel Services

K-12 Department Supervisors



- Mrs. Jessica Brennan - English Language Arts, Media, Tech Ed & Multimedia, Broadcasting & Journalism Academy Supervisor
- Mr. Christopher Hiben – Science, Math 6-12, Academy for Environmental Science Supervisor, and STEM Academy Supervisor
- Mrs. Jodi Reinstein– Special Education, Family & Consumer Science, Gifted Education,
- Mr. Derek Sica – ESL, Music, Social Studies, and World Languages
- Mrs. Maria Dunbar – Instructional Technology, Business, and Fine Arts, and Business and Finance Academy Supervisor
- Mr. Bill Koch – Director of Athletics and Supervisor of Health, Nurses, and Physical Education
- Ms. Jilliana Carille- JTHS School Counselor

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Kevin Lipton
Principal

Dr. Andrea Padelsky
Assistant Principal

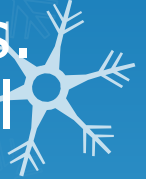
Mr. Michael Lonie
Assistant Principal



Student Activities



Co-curricular activities have been organized in keeping with the interest and request of students. Organized activities and other special groups will meet after school.



Some general student activity opportunities are:

Student Council & Class Councils	Represents your class or school and student voice in high school affairs.
Civic & Outreach Programs	Habitat for Humanity, Falcon Ambassadors, SADD, Peer Development Program (PDP), Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)
Student Interest Groups	Video Game Club, DECA, FBLA, Table Top Games Club, Yearbook, Academic Bowl
Honor Societies	National Honor Society Subject Area Honor Societies World Language Honor Societies



Student Leadership



Students also have the opportunity to develop leadership skills in a variety of ways:



Student Focus Groups	A group of student leaders dedicated to recognizing and improving culture and climate at the high school.
Jefferson Township Youth Coalition	A group of student leaders who coordinate with the Town to create substance abuse awareness programming
Ad Hoc Committees	Raising Student Voice Through Participation
Student Service Events	The Confetti Project, Community Food Bank of NJ, Operation Gratitude



Academic Assistance



There are a wide variety of support systems to ensure your student is academically successful in high school.



- ❖ The media center is open Monday-Thursday after school
 - ❖ Subject area teacher on duty
 - ❖ National Honor Society tutors available for assistance
- ❖ Academic Support Center: students with a scheduled study hall period can receive tutoring from an English, mathematics, science, and/or social studies teacher.



Athletic Opportunities



Fall Sports

- Football
- Soccer
- X-Country
- Field Hockey
- Cheerleading
- Girls' Volleyball

Jennifer Kish
Athletics
Secretary



Winter Sports

- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Ice Hockey
- Swimming
- Ski Racing
- Indoor Track
- Bowling

Bill Koch
Director of
Athletics



Spring Sports

- Baseball
- Softball
- Golf
- Track
- Lacrosse
- Boys' Volleyball

Kendall
Machak
Athletic Trainer

Eligibility for Student Activities and Athletics



- ❖ All Freshmen are eligible for fall and winter sports and clubs/activities. Students must be passing at least 15 credits/6 classes to be eligible for spring sports.
- ❖ All student athletes must adhere to the district academic probation/suspension regulations.
- ❖ Mr. Koch - WKoch@jefftwp.org
- ❖ Mrs. Jennifer Kish - JKish@jefftwp.org

The Process Begins.....

- 8th Grade Parent Night held
- Parents and students complete course requests in Realtime January 22 -28
- Course selection meetings with high school counselors – Week of February 3rd.
- PDP Outreaches – Spring, 2025
- Freshman orientation program - August, 2025
- Freshman year begins – September, 2025

What Is Different?

- **Counselor Assignments**
- **Elective Choices**
- **Mixed Classes**
- **Lunch Period**
- **Transcript**
- **GPA and Rank**
- **Credits**
- **Attendance**
- **Interscholastic Athletics**

Independence/Responsibility

Master Schedule

Block	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom
A	Period 1	Period 4	Period 3	Period 2
B	Period 2	Period 1	Period 4	Period 3
C	Period 3	Period 2	Period 1	Period 4
Lunch/ Academic				
D	Period 5	Period 8	Period 7	Period 6
E	Period 6	Period 5	Period 8	Period 7
F	Period 7	Period 6	Period 5	Period 8

Mon & Fri

Tues

Wed

Thurs.



<p>A 07:45 AM - 08:38 AM</p>	<p>World History CP 2120/01 J. Boyle M. Lau B008 + - x</p>	<p>Earth Science CP 4120/04 D. Bruseo K. Afflerbach G105 + - x</p>	<p>General Home Repairs 8400/02 J. Takacs E009 + - x</p>	<p>Health/PE 9 9100/02 K. Musilli ATH + - x</p>
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<p>LA1 10:35 AM - 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Academic 200/05 M. Moya B007 + - x</p>	<p>Academic 200/05 M. Moya B007 + - x</p>	<p>Academic 200/05 M. Moya B007 + - x</p>	<p>Earth Science CP 4120/04 D. Bruseo K. Afflerbach G105 + - x Academic 200/05 M. Moya B007 + - x</p>
<p>LA2 11:00 AM - 11:25 AM</p>	<p>Lunch 199/02 S. Staff CAFE + - x</p>	<p>Lunch 199/02 S. Staff CAFE + - x</p>	<p>Lunch 199/02 S. Staff CAFE + - x</p>	<p>Lunch 199/02 S. Staff CAFE + - x</p>
<p>D 11:28 AM - 12:21 PM</p>	<p>English 9 CP 1120/02 C. von Essen D002 + - x</p>	<p>American Sign 1 5410/02 M. Moutis C010 + - x</p>	<p>Algebra 1 CP 3120/04 T. Hartig G201 + - x</p>	<p>Art and Design 8100/03 K. Canales C016 + - x</p>
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Scheduling Requirements

Freshmen must take at least 35 credits.

Each full-year class is 5 credits

Each half-year class is 2.5 credits

**Science classes with a lab period
are 6 credits.**

*Students earn credits both with their grades and
through their daily class attendance.*

Academic Standing




Graduation Requirements



Students must earn a minimum of 140 credits:

Including the following graduation requirements ...

- ◆ 20 Credits in English
 - ◆ 15 Credits in Math
 - ◆ 15 Credits in Social Studies
 - ◆ 15 Credits in Science
 - ◆ 5 Credits in World Languages
 - ◆ 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ Credits in Health/Physical Education for each year enrolled
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Graduation Requirements

continued...

- ❖ 5 Credits in Visual & Performing Arts
- ❖ 5 Credits in 21st Century Skills
- ❖ 2.5 Credits in Financial & Economic Literacy

Students will also be required to meet NJ State testing requirements as outlined by the NJDOE.





School counselors monitor course selections to be sure every student meets all graduation requirements.

However, it is your child's responsibility to know where they stand in terms of graduation requirements.

Course Selection



Students will be scheduled for 8 classes:

- 1. English – Teacher Placement**
 - 2. Math – Teacher Placement**
 - 3. Science – Teacher Placement**
 - 4. Social Studies – Teacher Placement**
 - 5. World Language – Teacher Placement**
 - 6. Physical Education/Health – Requirement**
 - 7. Elective - Student Choice**
 - 8. Elective – Student Choice**
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Students may choose or be recommended for an Academic Study Period

JTHS Academies

MULTIMEDIA BROADCASTING ACADEMY:

Supervisor: Mrs. Brennan
Counselor: Ms. Halczli

STEM ACADEMY:

Supervisor: Mr. Hiben
Counselor: Ms. Carille

BUSINESS & FINANCE ACADEMY:

Supervisor: Mrs. Dunbar
Counselor: Mrs. Gonzalez

*MCVSD: Environmental Science:

Supervisor: Mr. Hiben
Counselor: Mrs. Leondi



Teacher Placements



English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and
World Language



College Prep Level (CP)

Honors Level (H)

Advanced Placement (AP)



Which Level is Right for You?



Teachers make recommendations based on the following:

- ◆ **Grades**
- ◆ **Homework**
- ◆ **Attendance**
- ◆ **Tests and Quizzes**
- ◆ **Department Criteria**
- ◆ **Prerequisites**
- ◆ **Honors Requirements**

Level Change Requests:

If you wish to override the teacher's placement, your child may submit a level change request. If denied, then the parent may Petition their child into a course.

Must be completed prior to June 1.

Choosing Electives



Freshman Elective Choices

*indicates a half-year course

ART

Art & Design
Digital Visual Media1
Fine Art

MUSIC

Symphonic Band (CP and H)
Lunch/Academic Band

Chorus CP (CP and H)
Lunch/Academic Chorus

BUSINESS

Fundamentals of Business
Economics*
Personal Finance *
Marketing 1H
Accounting 1H
Sports & Entertainment Marketing H*

ENGLISH

Fundamentals of Communications CP
Principles of Dramatic Study

Mathematics

Basic Coding & Web Design*
AP Computer Science Principles

MUSIC

Intro to Music Production *
Guitar- *
Piano/Keyboard Lab- *

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Robotics 1*
Intro. to Woodworking*
Video Production 1*

Family and Consumer Science

Intro. to Culinary Arts

NON-CREDIT COURSES

Academic Study Fall*
Academic Study Spring*

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

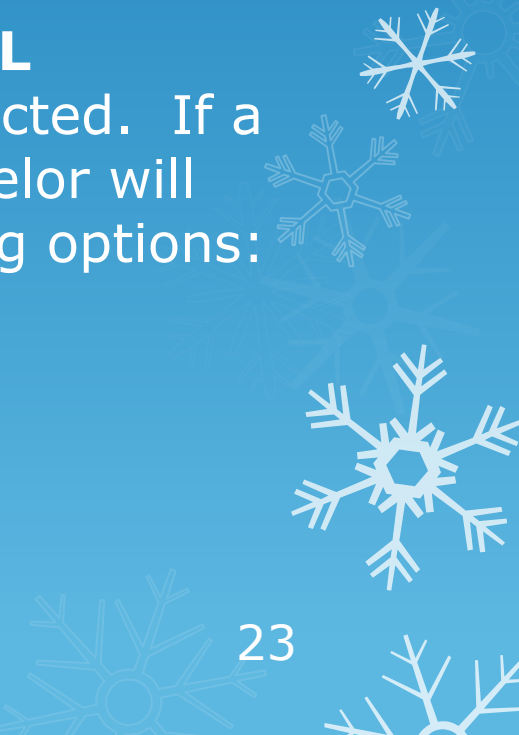
General Home Repairs*
Creation and Design Studio 1 CP/H
Architecture 1 CP/H
Engineering 1 CP/H

Departmental Approval



Students will be able to choose electives at the AP and Honors level when choosing electives on the Realtime Portal.

These classes will require **DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL** after the course has been selected. If a course request is denied, the school counselor will meet with the student to discuss scheduling options:

- Petition into the course
 - Choosing a different elective
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Review of Scheduling Process

January 22-28: Course selection through the parent portal.

Feb. 3- Feb. 7: Students meet with high school counselors to finalize course requests.

*Parents and students will receive an email with a list of the courses requested. You have three days to request a change via email.

May 19-May 23 Portal open for students and parents to see courses scheduled for next year.

May 31: Deadline to submit level change requests and/or petitions. (Requests will be received via Google Forms prior to June 1)

First Day of School: Students receive final schedules.

Scheduling Process

9th Grade Orientation and First Day of School: Students receive final schedule

Last week of September: (9/23-9/27) Non-Honors/AP Elective Add/Drop Period

Last week of September: (9/23-9/27) Add/drop for AP/Honors Courses. (May drop AP/Honors Electives and add non-AP or Honors Electives)

End of first marking period: Change of Level Requests.

Schedules will not be changed to accommodate a teacher request, specific lunch period, or social request.

Schedules may only be changed if there is space available in requested courses.

Program of Studies:

- ❖ Visit [Jefferson Township High School website-
www.jefftwp.org/Domain/8](http://www.jefftwp.org/Domain/8)
- ❖ Click on the "Students & Parents" tab
- ❖ Then click on "Guidance & Counseling" tab
- ❖ Go to the bottom left hand side of the page and click on "Program of Studies"
- ❖ From here, you can review the Program of Studies for the **25-26 School Year**

- ❖ **THIS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND.**



Counseling Program

Groups

College and Career Planning

Scheduling

Social/Emotional Support



School Counselors:

- ❖ Heather Halczli
- ❖ Andrea Leondi
- ❖ Christine Gonzalez
- ❖ Jilliana Carille
- ❖ Lyndsay Vesia, SAC/ABS

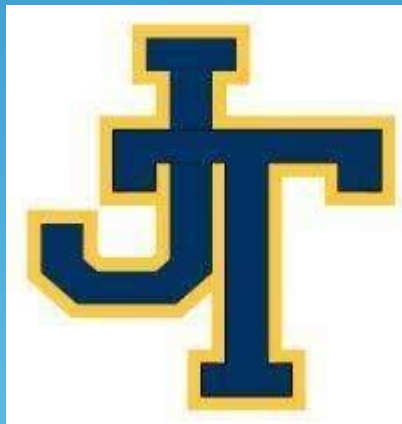
Secretaries:

- ❖ Judi Jahn
- ❖ Dawn Bublitz
- ❖ Susan Hollander

Please stop in to the Upper Class Cafeteria

We are here to support you:

- Supervisors for subject specific questions
- JTHS Counselor & Supervisor for any scheduling questions
- Supervisor of Special Education for special education questions



“Good things come to those who wait but best things come to those that do”- author unknown

Final Thoughts

Thank you and have a wonderful evening.

