

JICHS NEWSLETTER

JAMES IRWIN CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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BIG WIN FOR ROBOTICS TEAM

In its inaugural season, the HS Robotics team has taken the robotics world by storm. They competed in November, December, and January where they took 1st place out of 28 teams in the Pikes Peak Region. This March they will compete for the title of State Champions. We extend our congratulations to team members John Marshall, Jackson Turner, Alex Bustamante, and Dillon Wheeler, and to coach Steve Finn. We look forward to watching and celebrating the future endeavors of our awesome robotics team.

JICHS RECEIVES AP AWARDS FROM COLLEGE BOARD

Due to the work put in to enroll more students in AP classes, James Irwin Charter High School has been placed on the AP Honor Roll for the 2023/2024 school year.

James Irwin Charter High school also won the AP Access Award which recognizes the work we've done to encourage more low income and underrepresented minority students to take AP courses.

JICHS has also been awarded the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award which honors our efforts to expand young women's access to the computer science field. We are one of 225 schools in the nation to receive this honor.

What Is Love?

A REFLECTION FROM THE PRINCIPAL

If each month had a theme, 'love' would certainly be the topic for February, largely due to Valentine's Day. It is an annual reminder to show that special someone how important they are to us. It is wonderful to feel your heart skip a beat when you meet the eyes of your significant other across the room. It is grand to feel the anticipation of reunion after a deployment or work related absence.

The feelings are to be longed for and experienced in their time, but there is also the practical side of love which these youngsters capture so poignantly in their innocent way:

- Love is when you give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs. - Chrissy, age 6
- Grandma has arthritis and can't bend over to paint her toenails anymore so Grandpa does it for her all the time, even though he has arthritis, too. That's love. - Rebecca, age 8
- Love is what makes you smile when you're tired. - Terri, age 4
- Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen. - Bobby, age 7
- Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other. - Karl, age 5
- Then there was the little boy who saw his elderly neighbor crying because the octogenarian had just lost his wife. He went and crawled up in his lap and just sat there. Later his mother asked what he had said to the old man. "Nothing." replied her son, "I just helped him cry."
- When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth. - Billy, age 4
- "You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." - Jessica, age 8

How do you say 'love' in your family? If you haven't taken the time to say it in a while, try it today, so they don't forget!





PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

When: Thursday, February
22nd @ 12:00pm to 7:00pm

You may sign up in the HS
front office beginning
February 6th or you can
schedule a time by
contacting the classroom
teacher.

Students will be released from
school at 11:05 on the 22nd.

9TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

When: Tuesday, February 13th

- Students will leave their 1st
period class to board the
busses at 8:20.
- We will be at the Air Force
Academy Planetarium from
9:30 until 12:30.
- Upon arrival at school, students
will eat lunch in the gym.
- Students should bring a sack
lunch.

TESTING IN APRIL

Information regarding PSAT,
SAT, and CMAS testing will be
released later this month. Look
for an email sent through
Infinite Campus regarding
testing dates and times. As
always, you may contact the
front office at 719-302-9000
with questions.



REMINDERS

- ✓ The student entrance has
permanently moved to the
Gym Lobby doors. Doors
will open at 7:30 and
remain open until 7:43.
Students arriving after 7:43
will use the office entrance.
If the weather is inclement,
we will open the gym
lobby doors earlier.
- ✓ All schools will be closed
on Monday, February 19th
in observance of
Presidents' Day

IMPORTANT DATES

March 4th - 12th

AP Mock Exams

March 18th - 20th

Spring MAPS testing

March 25th - 29th

Spring Break -- all
schools closed

