

Jordan High School PTSA  
June 2019

Hello and welcome to Jordan High School! The Jordan PTSA is excited that your son or daughter will be coming to Jordan in August. This is a long message, filled with a lot of helpful information that you need to know this summer, so please read through to the end.

Also, be sure to check the Jordan High School website for more information and updates. [http://jordan.dpsnc.net/pages/Jordan\\_High](http://jordan.dpsnc.net/pages/Jordan_High)

**Join the PTSA:** In addition to the website, another great source of information about Jordan is the PTSA: You can join online here: <https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/1582> . The Jordan PTSA is a great group of parents and teachers committed to making Jordan an amazing school for everyone. We send out regular emails and have a meeting at Jordan each month.

**Schedules:** Class schedules will be mailed in early August. In mid-August, there will be schedule reconciliation days at the media center at Jordan. You should attend if there is a duplicate class or missing class on your student's schedule or if you do not receive a schedule by that date. Check the website for dates.

**Freshman Orientation and Parent Night: Thursday, August 22:** On Thursday, August 22, the week before school starts, there will be Freshman Orientation during the day for students (without parents). There will also be an Orientation for parents/guardians that evening. If you don't have a "PowerSchool" account, you can get information about setting one up that evening. (PowerSchool gives you daily access to your student's grades.)

**Fall Sports:** As you may have heard, tryouts for fall sports start **August 1** and some teams are having workouts during the summer. For general information and for information about specific teams, including summer workouts for certain sports, see: <https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/626> Students need a "Ticket to Play" to tryout and participate in workouts. To get this, you must register your son or daughter on-line and fill out certain paper forms, including a "pre-participation" physical form completed by a physician (which is found on the website). Note that physicals are good for only 12 months, and an athlete's physical must be good for the entire sports season.

Once you have completed the on-line registration (under "Athletics Links" on website) and forms, your student should bring the completed forms to Ms. Shelba Levin's office at Jordan (near room 118) on one of the following dates:

July 31st (4-6PM)

August 1st (7-9AM) or (4-6PM) June 18th (2-4PM)

July 27th (3-6PM)

July 30th (7-9AM and 4-6PM)

For questions, email: [shelba.levins@dpsnc.net](mailto:shelba.levins@dpsnc.net)

You can follow Jordan Athletics at <https://twitter.com/JordanFalcons> or on the web: <http://nc.8to18.com/JordanHS>

Here is contact info for fall sports:

*Cross Country* -Contact Coach Brendan Murray (boys) - [Brendan.Murray@dpsnc.net](mailto:Brendan.Murray@dpsnc.net) or Coach John Gray (girls) [yargjb@earthlink.net](mailto:yargjb@earthlink.net)

*Boys Soccer* -Contact coach [Justin.Finger@dpsnc.com](mailto:Justin.Finger@dpsnc.com)

*Girls Tennis* - Contact Coach Katie Taylor- [reillytaylor@aol.com](mailto:reillytaylor@aol.com)

*Field Hockey*- Contact Coach Craig Daye- [Craig.Daye@dpsnc.net](mailto:Craig.Daye@dpsnc.net)

*Volleyball* -Contact Coach Erik Hofheinz - [erik.hofheinz@dpsnc.net](mailto:erik.hofheinz@dpsnc.net)

*Football* -Contact Coach Barbour- [Anthony.Barbour@dpsnc.net](mailto:Anthony.Barbour@dpsnc.net)

*Cheerleading* - Contact Kortnee McAdams - [Kortnee.mcadams@dpsnc.net](mailto:Kortnee.mcadams@dpsnc.net)

*Women's Golf*- Contact Coach Herbert Nowak- [Herbert.NowakIII@dpsnc.net](mailto:Herbert.NowakIII@dpsnc.net)

*Gymnastics* - Contact Cindy Cotton - [cindy@acrosportgymnasticsnc.com](mailto:cindy@acrosportgymnasticsnc.com)

#### **Performing Arts:**

*Marching band*- Band camp and pre-camp start **Aug 5**. The band is directed by Christopher Hathcock ( [Christopher.Hathcock@dpsnc.net](mailto:Christopher.Hathcock@dpsnc.net)). For more information see: <http://www.jordanband.org/>

*Color Guard* - For kids who enjoy dancing, performing and learning flag technique, the JHS Colorguard is looking for new members. No experience necessary. Guard pre-camp is on August 2-3 from 10am to 2pm. For more information see: <http://www.jordanband.org/>

*Musical theater*- To participate in the musical theater shows at Jordan, students must be in the Play Production class. This class requires an audition before enrollment. For more information or if your student would like to schedule a tryout before school starts, contact Olivia Bellido at: [Olivia.Bellido@dpsnc.net](mailto:Olivia.Bellido@dpsnc.net).

#### **Logistics:**

*Backpacks* - Many students find it helpful to have TWO backpacks, one for “A” day classes and the other for “B” day classes. Lockers are available for a small fee, but most kids don’t use them because they are often not easy to get to between classes. *Lunch*- It’s probably easier to pack your student’s lunch at least the first couple of days until they can figure out whether they will have enough time to get through the cafeteria line and eat during the 30 minute lunch period.

*Drop off*- Car Line Drop Off and Pick Up line is at the back of the school using the entrance by the soccer field. It is NOT the main parking lot entrance in front of the school.

*Bus* - If your student will be taking the bus to and/or from school, daily or even occasionally, you will need to get a bus assignment. After bus assignments are finalized later this summer, they will be updated on the Durham Public Schools website

<https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/126> . If your child rode a bus within DPS last year, it should automatically update. Whether or not your child rode a DPS school bus last year, if you do not see a bus assignment by mid-August, please contact Assistant Principal Roger Ganim: [Roger.Ganim@dpsnc.net](mailto:Roger.Ganim@dpsnc.net) for assistance.

### **Academics:**

If your student is taking Honors English 1, the summer assignment is here: <https://www.dpsnc.net/cms/lib/NC01911152/Centricity/ModuleInstance/2038/ENG%20%20Honors%20Summer%20Reading%20Assignment.pdf>

If your student is taking AP Human Geography, see the Jordan website for the summer assignment: <https://www.dpsnc.net/Page/3831>

### **Get Involved!**

*Volunteer opportunities through the PTSA:* Contact one of the committee chairs on the 2019-20 leadership team to find out how to get involved this year! Names and email addresses can be found on the Jordan website here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JZrqRKu7W8CROXgZNRJBIK3o4yZ2O16qjaF7\\_GzMZ8A/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JZrqRKu7W8CROXgZNRJBIK3o4yZ2O16qjaF7_GzMZ8A/edit)

### **Financial support:**

Finally, you are probably aware that Jordan, like the rest of North Carolina public schools, is struggling to meet the needs of students within its budget. The PTSA is committed to helping. There are several ways you can help our efforts.

1. **Link your Harris Teeter card to Jordan.** Linking your Harris Teeter VIC card to Jordan (and asking friends and family to do the same) means these companies will contribute money to Jordan. It’s easy *and doesn’t cost you a thing*:

Link one of two ways:

- Ask the cashier at checkout or at the customer service desk to link your VIC card to Jordan (1191)

- Link your VIC card online at [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com). You must first sign-in or create an account and enter your VIC card information. Then click on “Together in Education” and link to CE Jordan High School (1191).
- 2. **When shopping on Amazon, use smile.amazon.com.** Instead of purchasing through Amazon.com, shop through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select “**Charles E. Jordan High School PTSA.**” The website works and looks exactly the same as Amazon.com, but Amazon donates a percentage of all purchases made through smile.amazon.com to the organization you select.
- 3. **Donate money.** Every dollar donated to the PTSA makes a big difference in the life of students and teachers at Jordan. The PTSA provides classroom equipment and supplies and supports the student pantry, teacher appreciation efforts, the theater and arts departments, and important projects like school beautification and scholarships for students to use for college.

Any amount you can spare will be GREATLY appreciated. You can donate to the PTSA through the website: <https://jhsfalcons.memberhub.store/shopping/categories/6350> If you have any questions or would like to donate with a check, please contact one of the Jordan PTSA Parents below.

Thank you for your consideration. Together we can make a big difference!

Sincerely,  
The Jordan High School PTSA

Please reach out to anyone on the PTSA Board with questions! [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JZrqRKu7W8CROXgZNRJBIK3o4yZ2O16qjaF7\\_GzMZ8A/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JZrqRKu7W8CROXgZNRJBIK3o4yZ2O16qjaF7_GzMZ8A/edit)