



**A weekly list of good news in the Johnston County Public Schools**  
*(For general information or to schedule interviews, please feel free to contact the Office of Communication and Engagement at 919.934.2016, extension 1001.)*

**Week of July 30, 2018**

**Johnston County Public Schools is on summer work schedule through Friday, August 10, 2018. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, closed on Fridays.**

JCPS schools will begin holding **Orientations** this month. A full list of orientation times can be found at [JCPS Orientations](#).

**Watch Dr. Ross Renfrow's vlog** this week entitled, "Just Around the Corner" as he speaks about the upcoming start of school! Fall sports started on Monday, July 30th, orientation dates are available online, and with the onboarding process, students and parents will have the ability starting August 8 to complete the required forms needed to be fully enrolled in school. He speaks about the upcoming Ignite symposium, where teachers will learn more about standards-based teaching and learning, standards-based grading, JOCO 2020, and personalized competency-based education. He also shares information about Convocation on Monday, August 20, 2018, and the first day of school is Monday, August 27, 2018. Dr. Renfrow says so much preparation goes into that first day of school on your part as a student and parent, but also on the school system's part. What does a JOCO 2020 classroom look like on the first day? A caring, compassionate, competent adult who wants to build relationships with each of our students. He assures us that teachers are working to build a successful first day of school. He ends with a big shout-out to Patricia Gaye Renfrow who celebrated her 24th birthday on Monday, July 30th! To stay informed about JCPS, follow us on:

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BlogSpot: <http://rossrenfrow.blogspot.com>

Congratulations to West Johnston High School's **Martha Diaz**. She placed **8th** in the national competition of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) in Spreadsheet Applications. **For more information, please contact WJHS at 919-934-7333.**

Meadow Middle School will host a "**Screen on the Green**" movie night on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. on the baseball field. Vote for your movie preference by Aug. 8 at: [https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfPK4HW\\_07aHu0\\_r.../viewform...](https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfPK4HW_07aHu0_r.../viewform...) Fee admission and the concessions will be open. **For more information, please contact Meadow Middle School at 919-894-4226.**

**Johnston County Public Schools Nutrition Services continues to offer free meals during the summer months to children and teens 18 and younger through USDA Food and Nutrition Services.** Meals are being served at Cooper Academy, West Smithfield Elementary, and Micro Elementary schools. All three locations will serve meals Monday through Thursday through August 10, with breakfast being served at 8 a.m. and lunch being served at 11:30 a.m. **For more information, please call Child Nutrition Services at 919-934-1304.**

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, **four schools--Selma Elementary, Selma Middle, South Smithfield Elementary, and West Smithfield Elementary--have been approved to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students at their schools** under the Community Eligibility Provision. **For more information, please call Child Nutrition Services at 919-934-1304.**

**Online registration** will go live for returning students on August 8. **For more information, please contact your student's current school or the Office of Communication and Engagement at 919-934-2016, extension 1029.**

**South Johnston High School** is currently reaching out to all local business owners to partner in providing real-world information about careers for an upcoming event. They would like for companies to allow a small group of students to visit and ask questions. **For more information, please contact SJHS at 919-894-3146.**

**Also at South Johnston**, save the date: SJHS's **1st Annual Sadie Hawkins Dance** will be held on **October 20, 2018** for grades 9-12. The event is being held to raise money for the life skills classroom. **For more information, please contact SJHS at 919-894-3146.**

**West Smithfield Elementary** is having an amazing time during their Summer Reading Camp. They have exceptionally creative reading presentations during Cafe Read Aloud at lunch time. Check out their Twitter page to see Ms. Sheppard's jazzy presentation and also what a treat for the site director to rap to a favorite Dr. Seuss book! **For more information, please call West Smithfield Elementary School at 919-989-6418.**

**Cleveland Middle School's Summer Reading Program** about Yoga and Books has one last day left on 8/8 for Cleveland Middle School Students Only (registration required). This is a great opportunity for students to put away the devices and enjoy some quiet time in a safe place. **For more information, please contact Cleveland Middle School at 919-553-7500.**

The registration for the **K-8 Mathematics SCOS Implementation Summer meetings** is now open for all North Carolina K-8 Math teachers and instructional support personnel hosted by NCDPI Math Section and Tools for Teachers MSP. This will be two days of professional development designed for teacher leaders and math coaches centered around the implementation of the new K-8 Math Standards. **For more information, please contact the Office of Academic Innovation at 919-934-4361 ext. 4000.**

**Smithfield Middle School will host a Mini Camp for rising 6th graders** on Thursday, August 2, 2018 from 8 am to noon. Students will be introduced to middle school life. Topics covered will include: dress code, combination locks, a tour of the school, and where to go to for help. A light snack and drink will be provided. Registration is required. **For more information, please contact Smithfield Middle School at 919-934-4696.**

**JCPS Educators are invited to attend 2018 IGNITE, an optional two-day symposium at Cleveland High School on August 14-15 or at Corinth Holders High School on August 16-17.** This symposium will be organized into four quests that allow participants to learn around a specific theme. The themed structures provide participants with a focus to guide their learning over two days so that each person walks away with a plan of implementation in the 2018-19 school year. **For more information, please contact Amy Stanley, [amystanley@johnston.k12.nc.us](mailto:amystanley@johnston.k12.nc.us), Patty Whittington, [pattywhittington@johnston.k12.nc.us](mailto:pattywhittington@johnston.k12.nc.us) or Dr. Jamie Lanier, [jamielanier@johnston.k12.nc.us](mailto:jamielanier@johnston.k12.nc.us).**

**Cooper Academy will unveil its \$176K STEAM Playground on August 21 after Open House.** Built by more than 100 volunteers on the Novo Nordisk Diabetes Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (DAPI) US Project team. The new playground will allow Cooper Academy students to continue to learn about STEAM in a fun, hands-on approach. Cooper Academy Principal Jocell Flores said "The student's reactions are going to be priceless!" This is community engagement, employee volunteerism and

philanthropy at its finest from the Fluor-Cooper partnership. **For more information, please contact Cooper Academy at 919-553-0256.**

Please join the Princeton Bulldogs on August 15, 2018 at a **Portrait Reveal of Kirk Denning**, who served as the school's principal from 1999 to 2016 in the Princeton High school cafeteria. Denning recently retired as the district's Administrative Officer. **For more information, please contact Princeton High School at 919-936-5011.**

NOJO Family's faith partners will host a **Community School Prayer Walk** to pray for staff, parents, volunteers, building, and grounds on Sunday, August 19, 2018 Glendale-Kenly Elementary at 2 p.m.; North Johnston High at 4 p.m.; North Johnston Middle at 5 p.m.; and on Sunday, August 26, 2018 at Pine-Level Elementary at 2 p.m. and Micro Elementary at 3:30 p.m. **For more information, please contact North Johnston High School at 919-284-3374.**

**Micro Elementary will host "Fresh Cuts and Fresh Starts" on August 20 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.** Students will be welcomed back to school with haircuts, new outfits, school supplies, books and activities for kids. Refreshments including hot dogs will be included. This event will kick off the 2018-2019 school year with positive energy and community support. There is a need for barbers, hair stylists, monetary sponsors, clothing donations, schools supplies and volunteers. **For more information, please contact Micro Elementary School at 919-588-4300.**

Johnston County Public Schools is holding a district wide **Convocation** on Monday, August 20, 2018 at Five County Stadium. All JCPS employees are encouraged to come and kick off the start of the 2018 school year at the event. The convocation program will highlight the start of JOCO 2020 Phase III and serve as a formal commitment to the implementation of the initiative's tenets of relevance, relationships, and innovation throughout the district from the classroom to the boardroom. **For more information, please contact Crystal Roberts, Chief of Communication and Engagement, at 919-437-3651.**

Johnston Education Foundation will host **Idea Expo Open House** showcasing fantastic Teacher Projects funded by Johnston County Education Foundation Grants on September 16, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at JCPS Facility Services Bldg. **For more information, please contact Crystal Roberts, Chief of Communication and Engagement, at 919-437-3651.**

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#### **About Johnston County Public Schools**

**We serve more than 36,000 students, pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade, in 47 schools, including an Early College, Career and Technical Leadership Academy and a sixth grade laboratory school. We enjoy consistent growth and strong community support through funding for new schools, partnerships with business and faith based organizations, and parental involvement. Our graduation rate has climbed by more than 13 percent in the past four years, while our dropout rate has fallen by nearly 50 percent in the same period. We are proud to have more than 250 Nationally Board Certified teachers. We are also accredited by AdvancEd, meaning that our graduates are prepared to be accepted into the finest universities and colleges. Our diverse population speaks more than 66 languages. Through a partnership with The Visiting International Faculty Program, we host teachers from around the world, and we are committed to hiring the best and brightest to ensure excellence in teaching and learning.**