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Progress of the New JHS (photo taken March 2014)

An update on Joplin High School/Franklin Technology Center

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Without a doubt, the number one question I hear from parents, community members, and anyone who knows that I'm the principal at Joplin High School is "will the new school be done by the start of school in August?" As I am writing this, the answer is yes, or at least most of it. The performing arts center, which is the concrete structure going up now at the north side of the site, will be done later in the fall. A portion of that structure will also serve as a community safe room.

I don't mind the question. It shows me how excited and anxious our community is for their new school and to mark another milestone in our recovery efforts. I'm excited too! It's going to be an amazing building designed to support education now and in the future. But, as excited as I am about the physical space and moving our staff and students into their permanent home, I am more excited about what is going to take place within (and beyond) the walls of our new school.

Creating paths to success

For the last two years, while construction has been underway at the school, a team of educators and local business partners has been working together to create the [next generation of JHS/FTC](#)- a comprehensive college, career, and technology focused high school designed to prepare students for a successful life. Students attending JHS/FTC will have an opportunity to choose one of five general [Career Paths](#). These paths center around core foundational knowledge and skills plus the soft skills employers demand from their employees, including attendance, completing work on time, and other characteristics necessary for success in the real

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10-12	Spring Musical
April 11	Project Graduation Chicken Annie's Fundraiser
April 18	NO School
April 22	JROTC Awards Night
April 26	JHS Prom
April 30	FTC Awards Assembly
May 2	Senior Mtg & Senior Awards at 11/12 campus
May 3	Project Graduation Golf Tourney @ Schifferdecker
May 6	Spring Band Concert
May 8	Spring Vocal Concert-9/10
May 12	Spring Orchestra Concert
May 13	Varsity Vocal Concert-9/10
May 14	Baccalaureate
May 16	Graduation Practice -MSSU
May 18	Graduation-MSSU (3pm)

work world.

The goal of the Career Path approach to learning is to provide a more relevant education for Joplin students through real-world experiences in various fields and occupations without students giving up all the activities and events that give them a true "high school" experience. Through Career Paths, students will have an opportunity to explore a variety of potential careers while completing their core studies and participating in co-curricular and extracurricular activities if they choose. With this approach to learning, we believe students will be more successful in school and in life and more prepared, whether they go directly into the work force or continue their education through college or a trade school.

Increased opportunities for students

While the approach to teaching and learning may be changing, students will still be challenged to meet both district and state standards regardless of their post-secondary plans. We are increasing the number of AP and dual credit opportunities for students. This means a student at JHS/FTC could earn an associate degree while in high school. Students will also have more class options including online courses taught by JHS instructors and blended courses that mix online and traditional instruction. They will also enjoy a more flexible schedule and a variety of internships and unique personalized learning experiences, all designed to help them graduate as productive, responsible, innovative citizens.

Relationships key to successful transitions

We know that relationships are a key to success in school and in life. To address the needs of students and provide guidance during high school and beyond, we created a new required course called Transitions. Students will be assigned to one teacher/advisor for all four years. Students will meet with their teacher/advisor several times every week to encourage a positive and supportive relationship. Students will have a prescribed set of activities they will be responsible for in each class to help them prepare for each transition in high school - and after school. Activities such as resume writing, career interest inventories, college applications, job shadowing, goal setting, and applying for jobs are just a few of the activities that will be immersed into the Transitions curriculum.

As we get closer to the August opening of the new JHS/FTC, you'll be hearing more about the grand-opening plans to celebrate what will surely be a historic moment for our district and our community. We are certainly ready to say "goodbye" to the challenges of the last few years and "welcome" to the challenges that lay ahead. The quieter celebration for our district and our community will happen in three or four years when our students - Joplin's children - step across the stage at graduation fully prepared and confident to take the next step for a successful future.

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For more information about the new JHS/FTC, visit www.joplineagles.org

FTC students qualify for state at SkillsUSA district competitions

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SkillsUSA district competitions were held Feb. 21 at MSSU and 47 Franklin Technology Center students qualified for state.

The theme for this year's competition was "Prepared with the Skills America Needs." Students displayed knowledge in the areas of architecture and construction; arts; air/ventilation; technology and communication; health sciences; hospitality and tourism; information technology; manufacturing; science, technology, engineering and math; and transportation, distribution and logistics.

"Our students claimed 71 medals and 47 qualified to advance to state competition. They competed against students from all over southwest Missouri to earn this right," said Deonna Anderson, SkillsUSA advisor.

The state competition will be held at Linn State Technical College in Linn, Mo., April 3-5.

"SkillsUSA members are preparing for leadership in the world of work. We have 450 students enrolled as SkillsUSA members, the largest organization on all of the high school campuses," said Anderson.

SkillsUSA is a co-curricular activity and only registered members are eligible to compete. It is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations, including health occupations.

[Click here for a full list of the winners.](#)

JHS Speech and Debate Team sending three to state

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The JHS Speech and Debate Team competed at the MSHSAA district tournament on Feb. 28 and March 1 at Carthage High School.

Three students qualified for the state tournament April 25-26 at the University of Missouri

at Columbia:

- Saniya Ablatt (district champion in Prose, 2nd place Storytelling)
- Grace White (3rd place Public Forum Debate)
- Veronica Wynhausen (3rd place Public Forum Debate)

Five students placed at districts in the following events:

- Veronica Wynhausen (Radio Speaking and International Extemporaneous Speaking)
- Grace White (Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking)
- Tess Harmon (Original Oratory)
- Rylee Hartwell (Policy Debate)
- Ashley Nicholson (Policy Debate)

"These students represented JHS extremely well. I am very proud of them," said Bobby Stackhouse, JHS speech and debate coach.

Healthcare Exploration Summer Day Camps give students hands-on experience

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Students interested in careers in health professions can get a head start at Freeman Health System's Healthcare Exploration Summer Day Camps.

All sessions are free to attend and offer first-hand education in areas of triaging, trauma simulations, healthcare administration, obstetrics/pediatrics rotation, phlebotomy, CPR/first-aid certification, and many more.

To be eligible, students must reside in Jasper, Newton, or McDonald counties, must have completed 9th grade, and must be at least 15 years old.

Sessions will be held at Freeman Hospital East, Freeman Hospital West, and the Freeman Business Center. Students must provide their own transportation.

Applications are due by March 31.

Dates for the day camps are:

- June 3-6, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- June 24-27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- July 15-18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information, call 417-347-5865 or click [here](#).

To apply, visit freemanhealth.com/healthacademy



Sports seasons get into full swing

JHS boys tennis, girls soccer, baseball, track and field teams are practicing in anticipation of successful spring.

Follow all of our sport teams on facebook at facebook.com/joplineagles or [twitter@JHS_Athletics](https://twitter.com/JHS_Athletics)

JHS/FTC Mission Statement

Empowering all learners by engaging in college and career readiness through rigorous and relevant opportunities that foster a passion for learning and a strong work ethic in responsible and innovative citizens.

JHS/FTC Vision Statement

We pursue excellence by

providing a safe, rigorous, innovative and career-focused learning environment
inspiring self-discovery
embracing diversity and collaboration
bridging the transition to post-secondary aspirations
developing world-class leaders

... so learners emerge as productive, responsible citizens.

