

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
ISLANDER PRIDE

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE ISLANDER AT A TIME”

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Preparing JFK Students for the 21st Century

Mr. Kenneth P. Chargualaf, Principal

John F. Kennedy High School's (JFKHS) mission is to educate students who will be responsible, caring citizens prepared for the 21st century. The JFKHS Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLR's) state that students will be responsible citizens, problem solvers, effective communicators, and technologically literate. This should be the focus of public education. As Karl Fisch noted in his futuristic Power Point presentation, "We are currently preparing students for jobs that don't exist, using technologies that haven't been invented in order to solve problems we don't know are problems yet."

We must ensure that our students receive the 21st century education and skills necessary for them to succeed in a global economy no matter which pathway they select. JFKHS strives to produce graduates who are academically primed, community-minded, and groomed to lead our island and society into new frontiers.

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To that end, one of the many events the JFKHS community has to look forward to in 2009, is the visit by a three member team from the Western Association of Schools and College (WASC) in late April. This visit is vital in that it validates the quality of the educational program offered to our JFK Islanders.

Recently, we held the Luchan Families and Schools Together workshop for our parents. It was designed to provide the parents with valuable information to help them assist their child in his/her high school life. Opportunities available for our students upon graduation were also shared.

The primary key to student success rests with our parents and school staff, and our ability to motivate students to higher plateaus. I recently met a parent whose child is out of district and enrolled at JFK. He explained that JFK is one of the best high schools on island and, indeed, it is.

Families bring their children to JFK and place them carefully in our hands. They do so because of JFK's reputation for excellence. They do so because of you, the faculty and staff. Because of what you do everyday and because of what you stand for. When new families choose JFKHS, they choose you. Because you are the professionals. I wish all of you a wonderful new year! Continue to keep the islander spirit alive.



Freshman Academy Continues to Shine

Joshlyn Velasco, Freshman Academy Teacher

The Freshman Academy concept was first introduced in SY 2005-2006, as an attempt to address the 50% failure rate of incoming freshman and the increasing number of behavioral problems at JFK. Based on research, a factor affecting first year freshmen was their inability to transition both academically and socially from middle to high school. In SY06-07, the first academy was attempted. The academy here at John F. Kennedy High School is a cohort of energetic teachers from five core-content areas (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education). In total, we have four teams- Maga'lahi, Ta'ga, Gadao, and Che'lu. All team teachers share a common prep period to collaboratively plan inter-disciplinary lessons and discuss student issues or concerns.

The primary goals of the academy are to provide continuous academic guidance and a specialized social environment, and a personalized student learning experience. The Freshman Academy is proud of the many accomplishments it has made throughout this school year 2008-09. The academy conducts monthly advisory periods in which teachers and guest speakers talk to students about different issues ranging from drugs and alcohol to career choices. The academy is also proud of the daily study hall program whereby teachers assist students who need help in their core-content areas and electives as well. Collaborative learning and team building is strongly developed and highly encouraged with their peers in the classroom. Students are expected to effectively use these skills during activities such as Academy Field Day.

Upcoming Freshman Academy activities include a fieldtrip this month to Fort Juan Muna where students will attend workshops and be engaged in multiple team building activities. In April, our Social Studies students will be conducting presentations on different environmental issues as part of an Earth Day celebration that will be open to all interested students and classes to view in the D-wing section of our school. To conclude the end of the school year, the academy will have Field Day activities. Students will be awarded for academic behavior and good citizenship as well as E.S.L.R recognition.

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 PUENGI**
February 9 - May 11
9:30 A.M. — 11:30 A.M.
JFK Annex Building

Important Dates

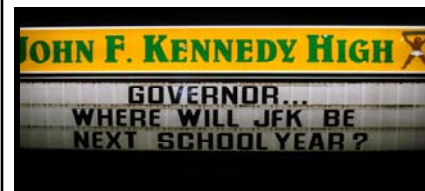
- Feb. 9- May 11 Eskuelan Puengi 9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.
JFK Main Campus Annex
- Feb. 9-26 Pre-Registration for 9th-11th grade for SY 2009-10
- Feb. 12 PTSA Meeting at the Dededo Senior Citizen Center- 7p.m.
- Feb. 14-21 Read-A-Thon Week
"Feed the Need to Read"
- Feb. 16 **KENNEDY CELEBRATION**
- Feb. 19 3rd Quarter Progress Report Distribution
- Feb. 27 Professional Development—
NO CLASSES

Reminders/Notices

A tentative graduation list is posted in the Counseling Office B-200.

ESL (English as a Second Language) retesting is ongoing. Please contact the school at 642-2100 ext. 2111-12 if you have any concerns regarding your child's participation in the ESL program.

2nd Qtr. report cards distributed since Jan.29



JFKHS Mock Trial Team



- First Row (l-r):** Haruko Matsui (coach), Joanie Tomasiak (coach), Rosella Campos, Jonah Concepcion (coach).
- Second Row (l-r):** Shruti Nagarajan, Angelica Agahan, Jessica Lazatin, Irene deVera.
- Third Row (l-r):** Kento Yasukawa, Jaemin Yoon.
- Not Shown:** Jostin Cruz
- Attorney Coach:** Stephen Leon Guerrero
- Assistant Coach:** Jason Denena and Carlo Branch

FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 -Girl's Basketball Team Carwash Shell Dededo 9a.m. -4p.m. -Class of 2011 Carwash Tamuning Mayors Office 9a.m.- 4p.m.
8 Class of 2009 Carwash Tumon Shell 9a.m. - 4p.m.			11 Freshman Academy Advisory Day (2nd per)	12 PTSA Meeting at Dededo Senior Citizen Center 7P.M.	13 SPIRIT DAY Valentines Day Theme	14 -Sweethearts Ball "Midnight Serenade" Marriott Hotel 6P.M.-11P.M. -Mock Trial (JFK v. FD) Superior Court 8:45 a.m.
15	16 KENNEDY CELEBRATION Feeder School Visits (16-20)	17	18 	19 3rd Quarter Student Progress Report Distribution	20	21 JFK National Forensic League Match at Harvest (HCA) Library 8:30 A.M. Class of 2010 Carwash Compadres Mall 9a.m.-4p.m.
22 UFGA Carwash at KFC Tamuning 9A.M.-4P.M. Class of 2009 Trash-A-Thon Dededo Flea Market 8a.m.—1p.m.	23	24	25 Freshman Academy Advisory Day (4th per)	26	27 Professional Development Day—No Classes	28 2K11 Carwash (\$5.00) Tamuning Mayor's Office 9A.M. – 4P.M.
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READ-A-THON WEEK "FEED THE NEED TO READ"

Note: Calendar is subject to change as emergent circumstance arise. Call JFK at 642-2100 ext. 2611-12 for more information regarding each event.



Get Involved with JFK's PTSA

Joe Benavente, President PTSA

The John F. Kennedy High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) consists of parents, teachers and students. Our Executive members include Matt Primacio (Vice-President), Arianne Primacio (Secretary), Marc Pido (Treasurer), Neeti Prakash (Public Relations Officer), and myself as your president. The goal of the PTSA is to provide an alternate venue for parents, teachers and students to meet and discuss matters that will help improve JFK. Our executive PTSA meetings are held every first Thursday of every month at Mr. Chargualaf's office at 6:00 pm and our general membership meetings are held every second Thursday of every month at the Dededo Senior Citizens Center at 7:00 pm. All parents, teachers, and students are encouraged to attend. Kings restaurant continues to support our school by donating refreshments for our monthly PTSA meetings. I would like to THANK the staff and management of Kings restaurant for their generosity. The JFK PTSA is in the process of planning a Trash-A-Thon and a school bus stop beautification project for the remainder of the school year. We welcome the student body and parents of JFK to participate. Special Olympics Guam will be holding its 33rd Annual Track and Field events on March 14, 2009, at Okkodo High School. The students and teachers at JFK have always provided tremendous volunteer support for Special Olympics Guam. JFK's PTSA would like to continue assisting Special Olympics Guam. Volunteers are still needed for the clean up and break down committee. If you would to help out for the community improvement projects or for the Special Olympics, please leave a message for me at the school office. Thank you and hope to see you at our next meeting on February 12. Go Islanders!



A Month Filled with School Spirit and Pride

Gertrude Biliran, Class of 2009 P.R.O.

Greetings Islanders! The We Are You (W.A.Y.) student body association would like you all to share in the love and friendship this month has to offer. Last month we welcomed the New Year with a few activities and the beginning of Third Quarter Sports. We are now in the month of romance. You know what that means... more school spirit, happiness, and love in the air. W.A.Y. is excited to announce some special events and fundraisers that are forthcoming, such as Valentine balloon, gram, and flower sales, carwashes, and a Spirit Day hosted by WAY. The Sweethearts Ball is also just around the corner so start preparing for that fun-filled event. Oh, and gentlemen, build up the courage to ask that special someone to the ball... she'll appreciate the gesture. This won't be all Islanders, so hold on tight and prepare for more fun-filled events yet to come!

THIRD QUARTER SPORTS- KEY MATCHES

Boy's Basketball

Tues. 2/3 G.W. vs. JFK at G.W. 6:30 p.m.
Tues. 2/24 FD vs. JFK at Sports Complex 6:30 p.m.

Girl's Softball

Sat. 2/7 JFK vs. G.W. at G.W. 12:00 p.m.
Sat. 2/14 JFK vs. Notre Dame at Southern 10:00 a.m.

Boy's & Girl's Tennis

Mon. 2/9 F.D. vs. JFK at JFK 4:00 p.m.
Thurs. 2/12 JFK vs. Academy at TBA 4:00 p.m.
Thurs. 2/26 St. John's vs. JFK at JFK 4:00 p.m.

Call JFK at 642-2100 ext. 2611-12 for more information. TBA- To Be Announced