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Dear 2026 JHS Graduates and Families:

It is hard to imagine that the end of four short years of high school is almost here. It seems to have flown by very quickly. These last weeks of school will undoubtedly be a whirlwind as well. In an effort to make sure you do not miss any of the important events in the upcoming weeks, we have included some dates and reminders to help ensure a smooth transition from Jacksonville High School into the next exciting phase of your life.

If you have any questions about these dates and reminders or anything else for that matter, please contact the main office at 243-4384 ext. 2234.

Sincerely,

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JHS Seniors – Class of 2026 – End of Year Bulletin

- Cap and Gown** Jostens delivered caps and gowns on Tuesday, March 3. Please pick up your cap and gown in the JHS main office if you have not done so already. All orders must be paid in full at the time of pickup. Take your cap and gown out and hang it up to get the wrinkles out. The cap and gown are yours to keep.
- Friday, April 24** **Senior Trip** – to Six Flags, St. Louis. Senior students must use the provided transportation. Buses will leave at 7:00am and return around 7:00pm. Any student not going on the trip and not excused from school is expected to be in attendance. Note: Senior sponsors will provide more details. The deadline to sign up is April 1st. If you have questions, please email Mrs. Koss or Mrs. Maher.
- Saturday, May 2** **JHS Prom** – 8:00pm – 11:00pm at Hamilton’s. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets will go on sale April 27. Watch the announcements for additional details. Tickets are \$10.
- Monday, May 4** **Senior Awards – 7:00pm** at the JHS Auditorium – Seniors receiving awards will be notified in advance.
- Thursday, May 7** **Senior Love Feast** – at JHS – 6:00pm at the JHS Cafeteria. Watch the announcements for sign-up details.
- Baccalaureate** This is a spiritual service of blessing organized/sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance. When more information is available we will pass along an update for this event. Seniors are invited to attend, but it is not mandatory.
- May 11 – May 15** Last week of school for seniors. Senior Final Exams (May 12, 13, 14). Seniors must have a total of 24.5 credits, pass all required classes, pass the U. S. constitution exam, complete the FAFSA or waiver and take the ACT exam in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. The final exam schedule will be posted on the JHS website.
- Friday, May 15** **Commencement Practice** – 10:00am at The Bowl. **Mandatory for all graduates intending to participate in the ceremony.** Caps and gowns will not be expected for commencement practices.
- Commencement (Graduation)** – 7:00pm. We will begin lining up (in your cap and gown) at 6:30pm. The doors to The Bowl will open at 6:00pm.
- Reminder:** Payment of all outstanding fines and fees should be made by 4:00pm, Thursday, May 14th.



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College Transcripts: All colleges and universities require a final 8-semester transcript. All transcripts should be requested through www.parchment.com. Final transcripts will be available after June 1, 2026. If you are requesting final transcripts on Parchment prior to this date, please select "Hold for Grades." You may also request on Parchment for a final transcript to be sent to your email. All electronic transcripts are free for current students. There is a fee starting August 1 after a student graduates from Jacksonville High School.

Graduation Photographs: The school photographer from Lifetouch will take two pictures of each graduate: one as he/she receives their diploma and one posed picture just off the stage. A proof sheet will be mailed to the home address of each graduate and the photos as well as ordering information can be viewed online at the Lifetouch website. Therefore, no one is allowed on the gym floor to take pictures during the ceremony. Family and friends are welcome to take pictures of the graduate on the stage after the ceremony.

Recommended attire for the Commencement (Graduation) Ceremony:

MEN: Dress pants, dress shoes, dark dress socks and shirt with a collar (tie preferred)
LADIES: A dress or an appropriate pant and blouse outfit with dress shoes or dress sandals.

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