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Happy Summer!

Dear Parents, Students, and Friends of James River High School,

Welcome to summer! The school year has come to a successful close and, in many ways, it seems like we just started the 2016-2017 school year. There have been so many wonderful experiences and student successes to celebrate – I’m so fortunate to serve as your principal! As we wind down the school year and begin summer, I wanted to share a few thoughts about the age-old question, “What do I do this summer?”

Of course, summer is a time to rest and recover from a busy, full academic year. Many will work, volunteer, take classes, travel, and visit colleges. With these activities, you will have opportunities to develop your skills, enhance your strengths, explore your interests, and strengthen your resumes and college applications. With so many opportunities to enrich your summer, Eileen Cody, online blogger, reminds us that it is important to find a balance between having fun and building one’s academic skills and resume. She shares these great ways to completely waste your summer vacation:

1. **Breaking the world record for most consecutive hours of video games.** Instead, develop and market your own game or app – certainly impressive!
2. **Memorizing the lyrics to every song on Billboard's Top 40** (this will not convince any college to "call you, maybe.") Instead, enhance your musical skills or write your own musical number.
3. **Hosting the 74th annual Hunger Games in your backyard.** You could, however, organize a book club or check with your local library to see how you can help support literacy in your community.
4. **Marathoning all seasons of *Toddlers and Tiaras* or *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*.** Instead of watching, why not invest in children, families, and other members of your neighborhood through community service and volunteer work.

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5. **Trying to hit 10,000 followers on Twitter.** That is, unless you're using social media for a noble cause or entrepreneurial endeavor. Colleges will, in fact, be impressed by applicants who can effectively use social media for productive purposes.
6. **Averaging 14 hours of sleep per night.** Try to find something that interests you. That much time in bed could mean you haven't found something that motivates you to get out of bed or perhaps that you are dealing with something more serious than just being bored.
7. **Tanning until you're at least six skin tones darker.** While a tan may be all the rage, try the "tan in a bottle" options. Your future skin will thank you!
8. **Watching cat videos on YouTube.** Well, not really. Please do watch cat videos – or dog videos. Who doesn't love animal videos? But don't waste half of your summer on YouTube. However, if you create some of your own interesting, high quality viral videos, they can be come part of the supplemental materials for your college application.
9. **Testing every theory the Mythbusters have ever busted.** Feel free, though, to attend a summer science camp or to assist in scientific research with a local teacher or college professor.

So enjoy your summer – fill your time away from school with relaxation, play, and your continued development of the best YOU that you can be.

Stay safe and be well – see you in the fall!

~Dr. Jennifer C. Coleman

JRHS Summer Camp Experience

Week-long programs begin June 19

For boys and girls grades K-8

Drills Skill Work Games Competitions Prizes

Register Online!

<https://www.regpacks.com/JRHSAthletics>

- **June 19-22: Boys and Girls Basketball**
- **June 26-30: Baseball**
- **June 26-30: Softball**
- **June 25-29: Football (Night Camp)**
- **July 10-14: Boys and Girls Tennis**
- **July 9-13: Boys Lacrosse (Night Camp)**
- **July 24-28: Boys and Girls Soccer**
- **July 23-27: Boys and Girls Volleyball (Night Camp)**

Visit www.jrhsathletics.com for more information

Price: \$125 per camp

Find It @ Your Library

Do you and/or your student find it more and more difficult to lose yourself in a weighty book or article? In *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains*, author Nicholas Carr presents a compelling argument that using the Internet is the equivalent of reading a book while doing a crossword puzzle. Because the Internet is a medium based on interruption, it is changing the way people read and process information, yielding lower comprehension than reading from a printed page. Carr first observed this sabotaging of our attention in his article in *The Atlantic*, "Is Google Making Us Stupid?" (You can access it through Google!)

Additionally, a recent blog dealt with the topic "Googling is NOT College and Career Readiness." The author believes that teachers should ask themselves the following three questions when assigning research: 1) Is your assignment answerable on Google? If yes, it needs an essential question for investigation that is NOT answerable on Google. 2) Where is the information coming from? Google does not foster college and career readiness. 3) Does your assignment require that students transform and not just "transfer" information? Transferring data does not require deep understanding. College and career readiness requires the synthesis of information and the drawing of conclusions.

Research shows the highest achieving students attend schools with good library media centers. A poll conducted for the American Library Association found that 92% of respondents expect libraries to be needed in the future, despite the increased availability of information via the Internet. Did you know Americans spend nearly ten times as much money on home video games (\$9.9 billion) as they do on school library materials for their children (\$1 billion)? Did you know students make 1.5 billion visits to school library media centers during the school year? Did you know 63% of adults in the U.S. have public library cards?

"The house was quiet and the world was calm. The reader became the book."

Wallace Stevens

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and it comes at a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Why not get a jump start on this important school supply by visiting one of the Chesterfield Public Libraries this summer? Library cards are free to those living in the library's service area. In most cases, borrowing privileges are granted on the spot and provide access to a wealth of print and electronic resources. Ask the librarians for a copy of the James River High School summer reading list and share some reading with your student. You will also find the reading list posted on the JRHS website.

In addition to checking out reading material at your public library, check out the many reading lists for teens on the ALA website, www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook.cfm. Perhaps you and your student could share a good beach read from the listed Alex Awards, books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18. Teens' Top Ten, Fabulous Films for Young Adults, Great Graphic Novels for Teens, and Outstanding Books for the College Bound are just a sampling of other lists compiled by the ALA.

Encourage your student to suggest titles, authors, or subjects in the fall to help improve and expand the JRHS library's ever evolving collection. Have a wonderful, relaxing, scintillating summer as you GO READ together @ **your library** and at home.

Ann Reinke
Librarian

Graduates

Graduation Photos and Video!

Professional Graduation Photos
Podium Candid and Crossing the Stage Photos
Available online at www.candidcolor.net
LOGIN CODE: **JRVG17**

News From Counseling and the College & Career Center

Summer Hours

The School Counseling Office will be open Monday – Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., beginning the week of June 19. Registration hours will run from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and are by appointment only. Parents or guardians wishing to register new students at James River should call Registrar **Elizabeth Burke** at 378-2420, ext. 4110 to make an appointment. New student registration requirements include proof of residency with a photo I.D., original birth certificate, immunization records, Social Security number, and of course, all pertinent academic information.

Scheduling Update for 2017-2018

Parents are reminded that student course requests for the 2017 – 2018 school year have been finalized. Letters were sent home with students in April to remind students and parents about course selections for the upcoming school year. **Students had until May 1, 2017, to make any changes to their course requests.** The only exceptions to this deadline include courses failed at the end of this school year that must be repeated for graduation requirements, level changes made by instructors after further review of recommendations made in January, and conflicts that arise as schedules are being finalized. For specific questions about this timeline, please contact your child's school counselor or administrator (378-2420).

Summer SOL Testing

Students who have passed an SOL class and still need to pass the corresponding SOL test are encouraged to register for the SOL review classes held during the SOL Academy this summer. **The SOL Academy will once again be held at Manchester High School, and there is no cost for this program.** For students needing the SOL review classes, **letters and registration information were mailed home in June.**

Rising Freshmen Orientation

Once again, James River High School will be offering **Rapid Kick-Off** as a freshmen transition experience. **Rapid Kick-Off 2017 begins with a one-day orientation for incoming ninth graders**, led by a staff of James River High School students and teachers. The orientation is scheduled for **Thursday, August 31, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to pre-register for this event.**

Please **see page 6** for more details.

Registration forms were mailed to all

rising ninth graders the last week of school and will be located on the JRHS website. (<http://sites.google.com/a/ccpsnet.net/jrhs/home>)

Rising 10th—12th Graders NEW to JRHS

All rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors who will be new to JRHS for the 2017 – 2018 school year are invited to a New Student Orientation on Tuesday, August 29, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the library. New students will learn about James River, get a copy of their schedules, be given a tour of the building, and meet current JRHS students who can answer questions about the school. A letter to all eligible new students will be mailed in August, reminding students about the orientation. If students and/or parents have questions, please contact **Amy Cook** in the School Counseling Office, 378-2420, ext. 4139.

Selective Service Registration

Male students who will be turning 18 should register for selective service at their local post office or at **www.sss.gov**. Male students planning to go to college should pay special attention to this requirement, as failure to register will affect financial aid.

College Visits for Rising Juniors and Seniors

It's never too early to investigate post-secondary options, and summer is prime time! Rising juniors and seniors and their families are invited to take a closer look at 29 private colleges and universities in the state during Virginia Private College Week 2017, held the week of July 24 — 29. Students who visit at least three of these schools during the week will receive three application fee waivers. For more information, including a list of participating schools, go to **www.cicv.org/Our-Colleges/Virginia-Private-College-Week.aspx**.

PSAT Information

The PSAT will be administered on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at JRHS during the school day. **Please note that CCPS will pay for ALL sophomores AND juniors to take the PSAT. All college-bound juniors are encouraged to take the SAT's in the spring of 2018; juniors taking the PSAT's again have a free opportunity to prep for this important test.** The PSAT is designed to help students prepare for the SAT, a test required by most four-year colleges and universities. The PSAT has math, critical reading, and writing content to help familiarize students with the format of the SAT. Go to **www.collegeboard.com** for more information.

SAT and ACT Testing Information

The first SAT testing session for the 2017-2018 school year is Saturday, August 26. **This is a change made by the College Board, and it is important to note that the deadline to register for the August SAT is July 28. Additionally, there will be no January 2018 SAT administration, so rising seniors who wish to take the SAT will need to be mindful of this change.** Please visit www.collegeboard.com for more information.

The first ACT testing session for the 2017-2018 school year will be administered on Saturday, September 9, and the registration deadline is August 4. Again, students are asked to register online (www.actstudent.org) or by mail-in registration forms available in the JRHS Counseling Office.

Below are the 2017-2018 testing calendars for the SAT and ACT administrations. Students are encouraged to work with their school counselor and families to develop a strategy on when, where, and how to best take these college entrance exams.

2017—2018 SAT Schedule

Test Date

August 26
October 7
November 4
December 2
March 10
May 5
June 2

SAT registration fee without essay is \$45 and with essay is \$60. Visit www.collegeboard.com for more information on late registration dates, fees, and other detailed information.

2017—2018 ACT Schedule

Test Date

September 9
October 28
December 9
February 10
April 14
June 9

Regular ACT registration fee without Writing is \$42.50 and with Writing is \$58.50. Visit www.actstudent.org for more information on late registration dates, fees, and other detailed information.

Senior Final Transcripts

All seniors were asked to complete a survey to indicate where their final high school transcript is to be sent at the end of the year. Seniors were also asked to make sure they have their Parchment account set up and to use Parchment to notify the School Counseling Office of where to send final transcripts. Final transcripts will be sent no later than June 29. Seniors are also reminded that beginning July 1 they become official JRHS Alumni and will be charged a small transcript request fee for any transcript request. Please see visit our website for more information about the transcript request process: <https://sites.google.com/a/ccpsnet.net/jrhs/home/resources/counseling/services/transcripts>.

Additional Senior Scholarship Recognition

The following seniors of the class of 2017 received scholarships, and we were made aware of their scholarships after the program went to print. We wish to recognize these students for their scholarship achievement!

Meredith Beavers - Virginia Future Leaders Scholarship
Thomas Campbell - Meadowbrook Country Club Scholarship
Milagro Chavez-Cisneros - CCPS Superintendents Scholarship
Kathleen Curran - University of San Diego Alcia Scholarship
Callie Fentress - VA Tech Alumni Association Scholarship
Brenden Finnie - Virginia Commonwealth University Merit Scholarship
Jackson Fuller - Hampden Sydney College Dean's Scholarship and Hampden Sydney College Eagle Scout Scholarship
Michael Hadfield - CCPS Superintendents Scholarship
Ethan Massey - James Stegner Scholarship
Bryn Norgarrd - Virginia Blood Services Scholarship
Jennifer Rubio - Chesterfield Retired Teachers Association Scholarship
Hannah Strom - Memorial Scholarship from Alpha Delta Kappa, Beta Upsilon Chapter

Rising Freshmen Orientation

Freshmen Orientation is the start of a great beginning at James River High! It starts with a day-long orientation for incoming freshmen that is led by a group of James River High School students and teachers.

During Orientation you will:

- receive your schedule and have a chance to find your classes and meet your teachers
- navigate around the building
- earn what Rapid PRIDE means from upper class students
- meet and interact with your upperclass mentors
- meet other incoming freshmen from other schools and make new friends
- have fun
- receive lunch and a Rapid t-shirt

Rapid Freshman Orientation Day is Thursday, August 31, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm @JRHS. Please register before August 31. On-site registration and check in for pre-registered participants begins at 8:30 a.m. (Fall sport or performing arts participants will be excused from practices and rehearsals). The fee is \$25.00 and covers lunch, a t-shirt, and an outstanding program.

Parent Orientation: 1:00 – 2:00 pm in the Library

We are also offering an opportunity for parents of rising freshmen to get answers to questions and discuss the best methods to help their children be successful Rapids. Since high school is very different than middle school - including the culture, rules, expectations, and rigor, - we encourage you to attend!

Questions: Contact Director of School Counseling Laurie Hogan by phone at 378-2420 or email laurie_hogan@ccpsnet.net or Assistant Principal Marcie Terry at marcie_terry@ccpsnet.net.

Registration Information: Please complete and mail the following form, along with the \$25 fee, any time before August 31 to:

James River High School
c/o Rapid Freshman Orientation
3700 James River Rd., Midlothian, VA 23113
Checks should be made payable to James River HS or you may pay online at <http://osp.osmsinc.com/chesterfieldva>

Freshman Orientation Day Registration – Please print legibly.

Student Name _____ Student ID # _____
Last name, First Name

Male ___ Female ___ Phone # _____

Circle T-shirt (adult) size – S, M, L, XL, XXL

Home address _____ Zip Code _____

Student's email _____

Parent's email _____

Parent name _____

Paid by Check # _____

Please check if you paid online _____

Become a Rapids Mentoring Patron and help support on-going freshman mentoring activities with an additional contribution of:

\$5 _____ \$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$50 _____ Other _____

AP Summer Boot Camp

Date: Monday, August 1

Time: 7:30 a.m.—noon

Cost: FREE

Location: Manchester High School (Transportation will be provided from local high schools.)

Sign-up: bit.ly/apacademy (Registration opens on June 1, 2016.)

The target audience for this class is for those students NEW or looking to improve success in AP classes. Topics include the following:

- What did that just say? Understanding and analyzing AP level reading
- How to make it through AP and not lose your mind. Anxiety/stress management/project planning/teamwork
- "I spy" AP style. Visual analysis and analytical thinking
- Fourth session where you will choose a course from a breakout session on AP US History, AP Human Geography, AP Psychology, AP Environmental Science, AP World History, AP English, or AP Physics

Questions? Contact shannon_castelo@ccpsnet.net for information.

James River High School College Kickstart

Three days of preparation with experts in:

SAT PREP

College Application Process

College Essay Writing

Two Sessions To Choose From:

July 24-26

August 7-9

Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA)

at John Tyler Community College's Midlothian Campus

800 Charter Colony Parkway | Midlothian, Virginia 23114

Cost: \$225

Over three days students will:

- Learn how to attack the SAT using proven strategies.
- Write a college essay that makes them stand out from competing applicants.
- Understand the college admissions process from start to finish.

Sign up soon! Space is limited!

Register at Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/collegkickstart>

Questions? Contact Shannon Castelo at shannon_castelo@ccpsnet.net.

2017 Senior Class Day Program Spotlights Outstanding Performances

The following students were recognized for their academic and leadership accomplishments on Senior Awards Day. These students are commended for their outstanding performance for the 2015—2016 school year in the classroom, school, and community. These awards include individual subject awards, scholarships, and departmental and school honors.

Principal's Award

William Wynne

Outstanding Scholar

Sarah Zube

Outstanding Graduate

Milagro Chavez Cisneros

Most Valuable Rapid Awards

Ryan Barock

Uzma Bashir

Mary Berghuis

Thomas Campbell

María Cerón Tobar

Rowan Connelley

Yaqueline Espina Campos

Clara Falls

Gillian Gaunt

Tracey Hartnett

Chyna Hicks

Kevin Juarez Cordova

Matthew Knesal

John Knight

Seddrick Knight

Katrina Krieger

Serissa Lafland

Noah Lepore

Clayton Linville

Murtaza Mahmoudi

Caroline McMullan

Mitchell McMurtry

Grace Meyer

Trisha Peterson

Eden Price

Panurant Ratchaphaen

Yonatan Reyes Paz

Sandra Reynoso

Jakira Silas

Hannah Strom

Meredith Wheeler

William Wynne

Homework Helpers Scholarship

Clara Falls

Paige Kobza

Burger King McLamore Foundation Scholarship

Peyton Badura

Carol Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Strom

American Legion School Award

Keegan Strasser

Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete

Merrick Elim

Claire McClintick

Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence

Zachary Popp

Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award - Musical Excellence

Ethan Massey

Outstanding Senior Scholar/Athletes

Amanda Hermanns

William Noble

Medford Basketball League

Malcolm Conley

Xavier Deallfordii

Ashley Grant

Tracey Hartnett

Haley Judah

John Knight

Chazzaray Moe

Preston Naffziger

Jane Baskerville Award

Murtaza Mahmoudi

Chesterfield Retired Teachers Assoc. Scholarship

Jennifer Rubio

Chesterfield Youth Services Citizen Board Award

Peyton Badura

John B. Titus Scholarship Award

Ligia Rodriguez Morales

National Merit Commended

Ryan Barock

Arkajsingh Chavan

Sarah Zube

Joining Military Service

Laniyah Bertrand: Navy

Catelyn Bitner: Army

Ragilo Elliott: Air Force

Zachary Johnson: Air Force

Kevin Juarez Cordova: Army

Clayton Linville: Marines

James Lowe: Navy

Jesus Martin Chavez: Navy

Jamie Moore: Air Force

Paris Noel: Army

Brianna Ruley: Navy

Sergio Sergura Guerrara: Navy

Ashton Skillman Boyer: Navy

Matthew Thompson: Navy

Saint Gabriel's Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Peyton Badura

Center for Leadership Awards

Milagro Chavez Cisneros - Perspective

Rebecca Kim - Communication

Cameron Donaldson - Ethics

Peyton Badura - Service

Chesterfield Credit Union Award

Kristina Johnson

Fanta Kromah

Chesterfield Ruritan Scholarship

Matthew Knesal

JRHS Athletic Boosters Scholarship

Jack Dash

Mandy Hermanns

Midlothian Rotary Scholarship

Alexander Scharr

Carrie Monroe Roarty Scholarship

Peyton McCann

Enza Marcy

James Stegner Scholarship

Mary Berghuis

Ethan Massey

Chesterfield 4-H Youth Development Scholarship

Paris Woods

Sarah Zube

Maggie Phipps

Leadership for the 21st Century Scholarship

Mary Berghuis

Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award

Ligia Rodriguez Morales

Virginia Credit Union Scholarship

Peyton Baduara

Ryan Barock

US Army ROTC Scholarship

Cody Lenart

JRHS PTSO Scholarship

Peyton Badura

William Wynne

Write Now Contest

First Place Poetry: **Emily Langston**

Classic Association of Virginia Contest

First Place: **Avery Fletcher**

Virginia Golf Association Scholarship

Mitchell McMurtry

Virginia Tech Alumni Association Scholarship

Callie Fentress

Wegman's Scholarship

Patrick Braun

Outstanding Service Awards

Allison Andrews

Hannah Baly

Ryan Barock

Meredith Beavers

Mary Berghuis

Kyle Brumbaugh

Yussara Cano Huapaya

Milagro Chavez Cisneros

Rowan Connelley

Cameron Donaldson

Cabell Early

Merrick Elim

Brendan Finnie

Avery Fletcher

Jada Gonzales

Michael Hadfield

Anna Herchenrother

Anthony Ing

Lauren Ivy

Rebecca Kim

Paige Kobza

Clayton Linville

Enza Marcy

Claire McClintick

Mitchell McMurtry

Jenna Miladin

Makenzie Moore

Cameron Oglesby

Thara Omari

Eden Price

Gurpreet Sandhu

Keegan Strasser

Tyler Tabb

William Wynne

National Beta Club Scholarship

Cameron Oglesby

Superintendent's Student Advisory Group

Meredith Beavers

***Richmond Times-Dispatch* Scholar/Athlete Award**

Kyle Brumbaugh

Amanda Hermanns

U.S. Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete

Hunter Collier

Cabell Early

US Air Force Academy Scholarship

Cabell Early

Work Related Behaviors Awards

Xavier Deallfordii

Latin Club Scholarship

Avery Fletcher

Lauren Ivey

Sarah Zube

US Navy ROTC Scholarship

John Booker

GRASP Last Dollar Scholarship and 2+2

Sarah Sandridge (Last Dollar)

Pomi Lesanework (Last Dollar)

Khighe Brown (2+2)

Midlothian Women's Club Scholarship

Rachel Corley

Virginia Blood Services Scholarship

Bryn Norrgard

Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship

Milagro Chavez Cisneros

Midlothian Junior Women's Club Scholarship

Peyton Badura

The following seniors were honored as the most outstanding in a curricular area.

Outstanding English Student

Cameron Oglesby

Outstanding Social Studies Student

Ian Gregory

Outstanding Science Student

Cameron Donaldson

Outstanding Mathematics Student

Claire McClintick

Outstanding French Student

Alice Stitzer

Outstanding Latin Student

Lauren Ivey

Outstanding Spanish Student

Brian Johnson

Outstanding German Student

Cameron Leipold

Outstanding ESOL Student

Thara Omari

Outstanding Journalism Student

Caroline McMullan

Outstanding Yearbook Student

Christi Hyatt

Outstanding 3D Design Student

Rachel McCoy

Outstanding Tech Student

Allison Carpenter

Outstanding Theatre Students

Channing Fisher – Acting

Virginia Harvie – Technical

Outstanding Visual Art Student

Cameron Oglesby

Outstanding Photography Student

Jenna Miladin

Outstanding Digital Art Student

Jesus Gonzalez Malonado

Outstanding Guitar Student

Trisha Peterson

Outstanding Band Student

Jenna Miladin

Outstanding Choral Student

Caroline McMullan

Outstanding Business/IT Student

Austin Tuck

Outstanding Marketing Student

Cynthia Newman

Outstanding PE Students

Thomas Campbell

Hann Ward

Outstanding Fit for Life Student

Michael Hadfield

Honor Graduates – Top 10%

Vy Nguyen

Sarah Zube

Paige Kobza

Cameron Donaldson

Keegan Strasser

Lindsey Manning

Rowan Connelley

Merrick Elim

Robert Schreck

Andrea Russotti

Allison Andrews

Claire McClintick

William Wynne

Kyle Brumbaugh

Avery Fletcher

Daniel Barock

Amanda Hermanns

Lauren Ivey

Kathleen Curran

Ryan Barock

Hannah Strom

Lydia Boswell

Makenzi Moore

Margaret Phipps

Peyton Badura

Eric Blosser

Cameron Oglesby

Stanley Richbourg

Sarah Morgan

Milagro Chavez Cisneros

Rebecca Kim

Sarah O'Toole

Brady Clark

Emily Fallin

Cabell Early

Clara Falls

Sara Fenstermacher

Katherine Phillips

Mary Berghuis

Hannah Baly

Brian Johnson

Isabel Longstaff

Brian Okeefe

Carly Lester

Meghan Siedlecki

India Hawkins

Gillian Gaunt

Uzma Bashir

Cody Lenart

Peyton McCann

Benjamin Knight

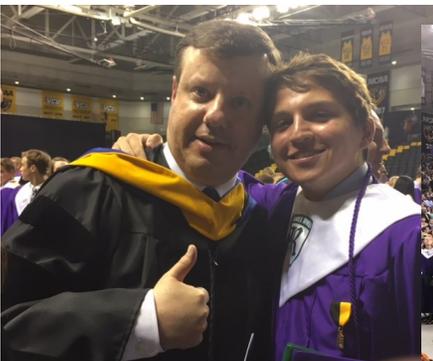
Thomas Watson

Senior Superlatives

Lara Park
Amelia Wallace
Meghan Siedlecki
Allison Andrews
Lindsey Manning
Clara Falls
Enza Marcy
Olivia Cavender
Lauren Guarnera
Becca Kim
Meaghan O'Toole
Laurel Wade
Cameron Oglesby
Cameron Donaldson
Sarah Morgan
Ellie Sorensen
Lydia Boswell
Callie Fentress
Abigail Davis
Lexi Ellis
Ellie Rowe
Hannah Strom
Maddy Ragan
Hunter Collier
Reese Pope

Most Mischievous
Best Eyes
Best Legs
Best Laugh
Best Hair
Best Smile
Best All Around
Class Clown
Worst Driver
Friendliest
Cutest Couple
Life of the Party
Most Likely to Succeed
Most Musically Inclined
Most Artistic
Most Likely to Marry Rich
Most Likely to Become President
Social Media Addict
Most Athletic
Most Likely to Become Famous
Most Spirited
Most Likely to Return to JRHS
Best Dressed
Biggest Flirts
Most Laid Back

Pierce Haver
Merrick Elim
Blake Davis
John Porzio
Ben Knight
Chris Thompson
Luke Wynne
Seth Mcnease
Patrick Bushey
Michael Hadfield
Harrison Zierenberg
Hayden Marrs
Carter Ramos
Ethan Massey
Jack Rhoades
Nate Urso
Kyle Brumbaugh
Davis Hampton
Hampton McClellan
Ray Crane
Mitchell McMurtry
Chase Campbell
Ben Acosta
Brady Clark
Harrison Reilly



Valedictorian Address

Vy Nguyen

Good evening my fellow graduates, teachers, distinguished guests, faculty members, friends, and family. Today is the day where a long, memorable journey has ended, but a new one begins. Over the last four years here at James River, we've learned and experienced many things together. We've become experts in calculus, world history and physics. Well, maybe expert isn't the right word for physics. That's a bit of a stretch. Shoutout to those of y'all who got a 1 on the AP physics exam like I did.

Of course, all of these things we've learned are important, but I think it's safe to say that the biggest accomplishment of the class of 2017 is that we've mastered the art of Tetris. All of this newfound knowledge we've acquired will undoubtedly be valuable as we take on the next adventure of our lives, and I urge you all to remember these next few important lessons we've learned at James River as you take on college.

One of the lessons we ought to remember comes from everyone's favorite government teacher, Mr. Addison. When I first walked into his class, I expected to be drilled with facts about government and politics all year and how the three branches work and just, you know, the basic functions of government. What I didn't expect is learning a million new vocabulary words from his million lectures. Okay, maybe a million is a slight exaggeration. But really, I think I learned more vocabulary words from those infamous lectures than I did in all my four years of English here. We even learned Latin words like *amicus curiae*, *certiorari*, *habeas corpus*...I'm basically biliterate now thanks to Mr. Addison. But what I REALLY didn't expect was to be entertained and fascinated by Supreme Court justices. I mean, how could I not when Mr. Addison has a *Court's Illustrated* calendar in his room with the Supreme Court justices in full business attire doing yoga and hula dancing on the beach?

From his class, we learned the important lesson to expect the unexpected. This is a valuable lesson to remember as we take on college. If you ever get put in a class you think will be boring or with a roommate you think you won't be compatible with, remember Mr. Addison. The class, roommate or whatever the case is may not be what you expected and you may be pleasantly surprised along the way. Anything can happen in college. Personally, I really wouldn't be surprised if I ever fell asleep in a government class and the ghost of Mr. Addison appears next to me and chants "Oyez Oyez Oyez!"

Furthermore, one of the most important lessons we've learned is from the one and only, Ms. Morris. Now before you run and hide, and yes, I'm talking to those of you who were on team Morris, hear me out. I know a few tears were shed when we all got our schedule for junior year and saw that Ms. Morris was teaching AP English. I still remember on the first day of class, hearing my fellow classmates complain about how upperclassman said the class will be torture. Thanks for the confidence booster, guys. I soon learned that they weren't lying when she hit us with a three page memoir within the first month. We were tasked with writing about a life changing event, but, come on now. I was 16. The only "life changing" event in my life occurred in eighth grade when I won \$100 in VISA gift cards at my 8th grade formal. However, we ultimately overcame this seemingly impossible essay.

Now, if you're naive like me, you would've thought that she'd give us a break after that essay. Nope. Remember when we spent **hours** trying to perfect her infamous **two page, single spaced** outline for our minimum **five page** research paper, and **all** but a few of us had to redo the **whole** thing and spend a couple **more** hours trying to fix it? Because I do, and I don't know about you guys, but that's definitely in the top five on my list of "least enjoyable memories of high school", the first one being that One Lunch was taken away and that we have virtually no senior privileges. That being said, we overcame this essay too. And I could go on and on. From the three page memoir to the five page research paper to the persuasive speech, we conquered all of this. We did what we thought was impossible. Ms. Morris taught us that we can overcome anything, even what we believe is insurmountable.

So, when you're sitting in the library in college at three in the morning studying for that seemingly impossible final, 5 coffees in, remember all the tough teachers you've had. Remember the late nights you've stayed up in high school writing the essays and studying for the exams. Remember that you overcame these daunting tasks and that you will do the same in college. With hard work comes reward, and in Ms. Morris' case, these rewards came in the form of mini pom poms. In college, the rewards will be endless.

I could relay to you all the other important lessons we've learned at James River, but I don't want to bore you all to death, so I will end with this: we've worked so hard, learned and accomplished so much. Now, we must take what we've learned from our four years here and apply it to our future. Class of 2017, we've left our mark here at James River, now we must do the same unto others by becoming the brilliant engineers, teachers, nurses, doctors and lawyers that we aspire to be.

Valedictorian continued

Last but not least, I know as teenagers we are stubborn and rarely show our gratitude, but without the guidance, wisdom, and unyielding support of our families, friends, teachers, and faculty members of James River, none of us would be here today, ready to graduate and embark on this exciting journey.

As an 18 year old, I am in no position to give life advice, but what I will say is this: never forget the valuable lessons you've learned at James River. High school may be over, but many of us still have a whole lot more learning to do. Congratulations class of 2017, the grind doesn't end here, so let's continue to eat, boys!

Salutatorian Address

Sarah Zube

Good evening fellow graduates, families, friends, faculty, staff, and distinguished guests.

I've spent the past few weeks brainstorming, stressing, procrastinating, and panicking over what I would write my graduation speech about. I did not feel that I had the qualifications to be giving advice nor the talent to be cracking jokes. After typing and backspacing dozens of ideas, I realized that what I wanted to say to you guys had been right in front of me the whole time. So here I am, ending my years at James River High School exactly how I began them - with Latin. This classical latin quote is significant to me personally, and embodies both what I have seen within the class of 2017 and what our class means to me. Dum Spiro Spero. While I breathe, I hope.

Not unlike life itself, our four years of high school have had both good and bad elements. Light and Darkness. However, the light within our class far outshines the dark spots. We have overcome all of the challenges that high school has thrown at us, including tragedies that no person, let alone a high school student, should experience, and we still find a way to see the best in people and have hope for the future. No matter what, we always find the light. In my opinion, this is precisely what this quote means. Dum Spiro Spero. While I breathe, I hope.

The accomplishments of our class are incredible - during our time in high school, we have seen countless athletic accomplishments including 2 state championships from our boys volleyball team, our soccer team's first regional championship in school history, and over a dozen college signings. In addition, we have seen numerous honors for our music programs including our 21st year of being an honor band, along with astounding artistic feats including our Theatre on the James production of Addams Family, impressive NJROTC awards, and recognitions in dozens of other areas. We have not only kept our passions alive; we have gone above and beyond, with the help of the amazing teachers, coaches, and other leaders, we have learned to dream big. I am confident that our class' passion and drive will continue on as we enter the next phase of our lives. In my opinion the biggest accomplishment of our class is our ability to move forward together. As a class, our hope is strong. Dum Spiro Spero. While I breathe, I hope.

Moreover, the students and faculty of our class instill a sense of hope in me. Seeing all of the good the class of 2017 has already done gives me tremendous hope for our future. It only takes a look at the many capstone projects by our leadership students, which have benefitted everything from the arts to the environment to the ASK Foundation, along with charity events and runs, volunteer programs, and service organizations to see our impact. In fact, it only takes a look inside a classroom. We aren't just students. We are informed citizens. We are a community, supported by teachers, parents, brothers, sisters, and friends. We are human beings, shaped by the experiences we have had over the past four years. Whenever I need a sense of hope, I never have to look further than to my classmates. Dum Spiro Spero. While I breathe, I hope.

It's normal to feel apprehensive during a big change in life. There is so much to be uncertain of, especially in today's world. But with hope, we move on - to college, to the military, to the workforce or another destination, better prepared to achieve, impact, and give. As we move forward with our lives, we move the world with us. The future belongs to us. And as I look into this beautiful sea of purple, I know it will be in good hands. Dum spiro spero. While I breathe, I hope. Class of 2017, teachers, parents, and staff; congratulations, good luck, and thank you for giving me hope.

Advanced Placement at JRHS!

During two weeks in May, hundreds of James River High School students convened in the library and gym to sit for the annual AP national testing administered by College Board. Organized by School Counselor **Amy Cook**, students took over 1046 AP exams in 22 different subject areas.

James River is a flagship school for Advanced Placement, and we give the second highest number of tests in the county. We are proud of all of our students who elected to take these rigorous courses and challenged themselves with taking the national test in an attempt to earn college credits, potentially saving 1000's of dollars!

Curious about your AP scores? Scores are released this summer via your college board account. Find more information about subject specific release dates and how to access your score reports at apscore.collegeboard.org/scores.

2017 - 2018 Student Council Officers

Congratulations to the following students elected to positions in the 2017-2018 SCA!

President:	Kaylie Puccinelli
Senior Vice President:	Erin Siedlecki
Junior Vice President:	McKenzie Elim
Secretary:	Mary Abbott Holloman
Treasurer:	Tanu Sandhu
Historian:	Lauren Tope
Community Service Chairman:	Katie Jobe
Creative Director:	Elizabeth Duignam

JRHS NJROTC Celebrates a Year of Success!

This year James River High School NAVY JROTC has had many successes. Some of the highlights included Commanding officer **c/LCDR John Booker** earning a \$180,000 NROTC scholarship. John will attend the University of South Carolina in the fall. In coming full circle, former **Commanding Officer Reed Dibich** returned to James River on May 25 to take his oath as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Reed attended Yale University on a Coca Cola Scholarship. Several distinguished guests joined us at the Memorial Circle including the Honorable Manoli Loupassi, State Delegate, Dr. Javaid Siddiqi, Chairman of the Chesterfield County School Board, JRHS principal Dr. Jennifer Coleman, and former JRHS Naval Science Instructor EM1(SCW) Fred Davis, USN, Retired, as well as Reed's family, former and current students and faculty.

On June 3, the cadets finished off the year with an end-of-the-year field trip to Norfolk Naval Station for a guided tour of the USS Kearsarge (LHD-3), a tour of Regent University, and a BBQ and party at the beach at Dam Neck Naval Station in Virginia Beach. This was our last event of the year as a company, and everyone had an awesome time!

James River NJROTC remains very active during the summer. Our **new cadets** will have the opportunity to participate in Indoctrination week the week of August 21. New cadets will learn about the program, participate in cadre led PT, experience all the program has to offer, and understand how the program functions in class and after school. Although not mandatory, INDOC IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for every new cadet. Sign up on our website at www.jrnsnjrotc.org.

NJROTC enrollment remains open through the summer! If you would like to enroll in the class, please make an appointment with your guidance counselor. If you have any questions, please visit our website. If you have any further questions, please call our office at (804) 378-2452 or send us an email at peter_greenwald@ccpsnet.net.

Clinic

James River High School clinic will reopen, the week before school starts on August 28 through September 1, 2017, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Incoming medications for students can be dropped off by parents during the above times. Prescription medication requires an actual doctor's prescription. Over-the-counter medication must be brought in sealed and unopened containers; these medications do not require a doctor's note. However, if your child requires taking the medication more than three times a month during the school year, Chesterfield County Public Schools Medication Administration policy requires a doctor's note.

Cough drops, Advil, and Tylenol are classified as over-the-counter. Vitamins, herbal supplements, and homeopathic drugs however, require a doctor's order. A parent or guardian must bring in medications and supplements and complete a Student Medication Administration Form. **Students are not allowed to transport any medications to school.**

During the first week of school, please make sure you complete the emergency card accurately about any medical history of chronic illnesses.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. During the school year, the clinic will be open from 7:15 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. Should you have any questions, please contact the clinic at 378-2420, extension 4105.

Karen McGowan

Turn Jeans into Jobs While Supporting Local Schools

A Youth-Oriented, Community-Supporting, Environmentally Friendly Event.

Goodwill of Central and Coastal Virginia, the leader in helping people with challenges to secure work, will host its 9th annual Big Denim Drive for Chesterfield County Public Schools. This event enables residents of Chesterfield County and Goodwill to turn jeans into jobs while raising funds for Chesterfield County Public Schools. During the Big Denim Drive, schools compete to collect used jeans and other denim items. Goodwill kept more than 37,000,000 pounds of donated goods from entering landfills in 2015. We strive to re-use, recycle, and re-purpose used items for the greater good.

School Participation:

The Big Denim Drive is for all public elementary, middle, and high schools. All schools have the opportunity to participate. Media attention surrounding the Big Denim Drive encourages the public to actively participate by donating denim items to benefit their neighborhood school.

How it Works

The concept is fairly simple. Students, parents, and school organizations are encouraged to collect denim items. These items are then taken to the collection sites during a specified event period where volunteers are available and will be keeping a running tally. When dropping off, the donor informs those at the information center which school the jeans should benefit.

Celebration and Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony recognizes the top three elementary, middle, and high schools for a total of nine cash prizes. Checks are distributed to the school principals which can be used at their discretion.

When: Collections September 16 & 17 and 23 & 24

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day

Where:

September 16 & 17:

Chesterfield Career and Technical Center @ Hull

September 23 & 24:

L.C. Bird High School



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GRADUATES!

Don't throw that graduation gown out! Please recycle your gown back to James River High School before you leave for college or take that post-graduation job.

Next year's seniors will appreciate your generosity!

Attention Class of 2018!

Attention rising seniors: For the most affordable portrait options, contact Candid Color Photography.

Senior portraits: Wednesday, July 5, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., JRHS theatre

Appointments will be assigned between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and the studio setups will be open until the final senior is photographed.

Please call Candid Color Photography to schedule your appointment at 800-321-4256. Please reserve as soon as possible!

This is your most affordable option!



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