

February 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wish you and your family a very Happy New Year and welcome to 2010! This school year is moving quickly and I want to take time to thank all of our parents for their support and contributions to our school community. As we look forward to the second half of the school year we will continue to focus our attention on our school goals (increasing achievement in both Language Arts and Science).

As we prepare our students to work, learn, and evolve in a 21st Century, it is paramount that we explore their learning experiences and sustain an integration of new learning. Students are being exposed to different 21st Century Skills through the J.P. Case Excel program. Our Excel program is offered through the rotation of band, chorus, and orchestra providing students with experiences in the following areas:

21st Century Themes Global Awareness	Target Skills Creativity Innovation
Financial Literacy	Communication & Collaboration
Civic Literacy	Research & Information Fluency
Environmental Literacy	Critical Thinking/Problem Solving

As we continue to articulate with *Hunterdon Central Regional*High School for 8th grade matriculation, we will be posting our information using our website (www.frsd.k12.nj.us/jpc/site/default.asp), on twitter (mrcastellano) and our global connect system. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

I look forward to seeing you at our next school event, Bob



The best inheritance a parent can give their child is a few minutes of their time each day.

- Orlando A. Battista

$lacktrel{\$}$ IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR SPRING SPORTS







<u>Deadline for Forms – February 26th</u> Tryouts begin week of March 8th

All Part A: Health History Questionnaire Forms (a/k/a Blue Card) are due no later than Friday, February 26th.

Part A: Health History Questionnaire form is to be completed by a parent or guardian (required for each sport season). State law requires that a student's health history be updated within 60 days of participation. This must be reviewed by examining provider only at the time of a physical exam. All incomplete forms will have to be returned.

Part B: Physical Evaluation Form is to be fully completed, especially vision, BP and pulse, height and weight, by examining licensed provider within 365 days prior to the first practice session. (If vision is corrected, primary provider needs to screen vision with lenses.)

Please be sure a completed Part B: Physical Evaluation Form is also on file in the Health Office. Physical examinations are good for one calendar year.

Forms available at J. P. Case Middle School or the J. P. Case Athletics website www.frsd.k12.nj.us

J. P. Case Middle School

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COUNSELING CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope we had the honor of seeing you at our Internet Safety Presentation on January 15th and/or the High School Scheduling Parent Q & Q on February 3rd. If you were unable to attend our Internet Safety Presentation, we would like to offer you these helpful rules and contract to consider for the technology in your home. For more high school scheduling information, please check out our website.

Using a computer and/or cell phone is a privilege. In order to enjoy this privilege, we agree to the following:

- 1. Computer and cell phone is not confidential, and we do not hide what we are doing on the phone or computer.
- 2. In our family, we get permission to access the Internet, and we use our parent approved personal login.
- 3. We visit websites that are appropriate for our age, and we do not visit websites or access information that is "off limits" for us.
- 4. We don't send photos or give out personal information without parent permission, and we tell our parents about online messages we receive that make us feel uncomfortable.
- 5. We share an email account with our parents. We will not open or use any other email accounts.
- 6. We do not enter chat rooms.
- 7. We go online and use the phone only between the hours of _____ and _____. (possibly separate these out)
- 8. Time on the computer/internet is limited to: _____ hour (s) a day.
- 9. To guide our behavior, we should not email or text anything that would violate a home or school rule.
- 10. Instant messaging is only allowed with people that we already know. We will provide our parents with a list of our current email friends and text messaging friends.

- 11. We do not respond to messages from people we do not know.
- 12. These rules apply to our home computer and cell phones and all other computers and phones we use.

Signatures:
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Megan O'Brien - 7th Grade Counselor Colette Baills - 8th Grade Counselor John Lamaestra - Student Assistant Counselor

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

February 26th -Winter Sports End

March 3rd - OLSAT- 8 Testing / Grade 7

March 4th - Musical Preview for Senior Citizens / 3:30 pm

March 5 & 6 - J P Case Musical Production

March 8th - Spring Sports Begin

March 12th - 7th Grade Activity Night / PTO Sponsored

March 18th - J P Case Learning Lab Session 2 ends

March 23rd - J P Case Learning Lab Session 3 begins

March 25th - Student Council Talent Show / Details TBA

For additional information, call JP Case at (908) 284-5100 or visit our website at http://www.frsd.k12.nj.us

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