

**2020-2021 School Council Nominations & Elections**

September 23, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Stakeholders:

Parents and the community are critical to the success of students and schools. The A+ Education Reform Act of 2000 established school councils in Georgia to improve communication and participation of parents and the community in the management and operation of schools. School councils can make a difference by bringing communities and schools closer together in a spirit of cooperation to solve difficult education problems, improve academic achievement, provide support for teachers and administrators, and bring parents into the school-based decision-making process.

School councils are policy level advisory bodies. They represent the community of parents and businesses and are accountable to the constituents they serve. The mission of school councils is to focus on student achievement. School councils accomplish this mission by providing advice and recommendations to the school principal and, when appropriate, the superintendent and the local board of education on any matter related to student achievement and school improvement.

The council is comprised of a minimum of four parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school; two of which are also business owners, two certified teachers selected by staff, and the principal. There are three officers within the school council: chairperson (must be a parent member), vice chairperson, and secretary. Each council member serves two-year terms.

School council meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams on dates listed below.

**Thursday, October 29, 2020**  
**Thursday, December 10, 2020**  
**Thursday, March 11, 2021**  
**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

We are looking forward to collaborating with our parents and business partners to share ideas for school improvement. If you are interested in serving on our school council, or would like to nominate someone, please complete the nomination form on the JHH webpage by **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Elections will be held on **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. We hope to receive your nominations as well as have you participate in the election process. Thank you in advance for your commitment to helping make our school a great place to learn and grow.

Your Proud Principal,  
*Mrs. Kim Melly*