**PTSA Handbook for Parents and Students (a work in progress with frequent updates!)**

**APS Student Handbook (updated yearly) is available online at:** [**http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/cms/lib/GA01000924/Centricity/Domain/1/Web\_APS%20GuidebookHandbook\_2013r5\_111213.pdf**](http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/cms/lib/GA01000924/Centricity/Domain/1/Web_APS%20GuidebookHandbook_2013r5_111213.pdf)

and under *student life* on the MJHS website

**Maynard Jackson HS Cluster**

**Elementary Schools**

* Benteen
* Burgess-Peterson
* Dunbar
* Parkside
* DH Stanton
* Toomer
* Whitefoord
* Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School
* Drew Charter
* Intown Academy

**Middle Schools**

* ML King, Jr.
* Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School
* Drew Charter
* Intown Academy
* Wesley International Academy
* Wesley International Academy

**Personnel:**

Principal: Stephanie Johnson stsjohnson@atlanta.k12.ga.us 404-802-5240

 Assistant Principal: Mr. Donavin Murdock dmurdock@atlanta.k12.ga.us

 Assistant Principal: Ms. Melissa Gautreaux mgautreaux@atlanta.k12.ga.us

 Academy Leaders:

9th Grade: Adam Danser adanser@atlanta.k12.ga.us

10th Grade: Roy Foster rfoster@atlanta.k12.ga.us

11th Grade and International Baccalaureate: Ms. Sharonda Murrell smurrell@atlanta.k12.ga.us

12th Grade: Dr. Faya Paul  fmpaul@atlanta.k12.ga.us

 Administrative Assistant: Ms. Cynthia Horton chorton@atlanta.k12.ga.us

 Receptionist: Ms. Kimberly Fontenette kfontenette@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Counselors: available to set up individual parent conferences to discuss the 4-year plan for your student; graduation requirements and the college application process and log-in for Infinite Campus.

 9th Grade: Rebecca Ginsberg rlginsberg@atlanta.k12.ga.us

 10th Grade: Kenton Pope kpope@atlanta.k12.ga.us

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 Special Education: Ms. Shirley Pattman-Stubbs spattmanstubbs@atlanta.k12.ga.us

 Graduation Coach: Ms. Arlena Edmonds aedmonds@atlanta.k12.ga.us

 Attendance Office: Ms. Valerie Martin vkmartin@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Athletic Director: Mr. Reginald Curry rcurry@atlanta.k12.ga.us 678-778-0038

Communications: Adrienne Edwards aledwards@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Parent Liaison: Jeffrey E. Holmes jeholmes@atlanta.k12.ga.us

**School Day**

* School hours are 8:30am to 3:30pm, with alternating schedules on “A” and “B” days: four classes on “A” days, four classes on “B” days, for a total of 8 classes per semester
* Students are in advisory on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
* Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and students must leave the building by 3:45pm unless participating in supervised activities
* Class periods are 83/93 minutes in length (advisory/non-advisory days)
* There are 3 lunch periods

**Graduation Requirements**

The state of Georgia requires 24 units. The IB diploma requires additional units as part of the program ( [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) ). The academies require certain units as part of their certification.

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| Area of study  | Units required forNinth-graders entering in 2008-2009 and beyond*Required courses in italics* |
| English/Language Arts | 4*1 unit Ninth Grade Literature/Composition**1 unit American Literature/Composition**2 units English/Language Arts Core, including AP/IB courses* |
| Mathematics | 4*1 unit Mathematics 1 or equivalent**1 unit Mathematics 2 or equivalent**1 unit Mathematics 3 or equivalent**1 additional unit Mathematics Core, including AP/IB courses**\*See requirements for students with disabilities below* |
| Science | 4*1 unit Biology 1**1 unit Physical Science or Physics 1**1 unit Chemistry 1, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or an AP/IB course**1 unit Science Core, including AP/IB courses* |
| Social Studies | 3 ½*1 unit United States History**1 unit World History**½ unit Economics/Business/Free Enterprise**½ unit World Geography**½ unit American Government/Civics* |
| Modern Language/Latin | 2*2 units of the same modern language or of Latin* |
| Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, Modern Language/Latin or Fine Arts | 1 |
| Physical Education | 1*½ unit Personal Fitness* |
| Health | ½*½ unit Health* |
| Community Service | ½ |
| Required | 20 ½ |
| Electives |   3 ½*2 units related to thematic pathway* |
| Total | 24 |

**Note: Georgia Colleges require at least 2 consecutive years of the same foreign language for acceptance. This does not include technical and vocational institutions.**

**Grades**

A---90-100 - 4 quality points (quality points are averaged together for the GPA).
B---80-89 -3 points
C---70-79 -2 Points
F---0-69 -0 points

AP/upper IB courses have an added quality point. An” A” is awarded 5 points in these classes.

**My Backpack:** [https://mybackpack.apsk12.org](https://mybackpack.apsk12.org/)

Students have access to online storage, word-processing programs and other online tools.

**Lunch/Breakfast:** All students at MJHS may eat breakfast and lunch free of charge courtesy of an APS grant.

**Money**

When paying for items such as PSAT for 9th graders ($14), or athletic fees, students must pay via cash or money orders. Junior and Senior class dues may be paid on online. ***Be sure to get and keep all receipts for your records***. As the year progresses, we anticipate more fees, dues and other school purchases will be able to be made on-line.

**Calendars**

The APS 2014-15 school year may be downloaded from the APS site: <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/page/329>

Our MJHS Online School Calendar will be co-chaired by Ms. Adrienne Edwards (aledwards@atlanta.k12.ga.us) and Parent Liaison Jeffery Holmes (jeholmes@atlanta.k12.ga.us).

**Lockers:** $5/year; may be purchased during orientation or during the first week of school from Mr. Murdock.

**Uniforms:** **The Charter Uniform Company** is supplying MJHS uniform attire at its store and is located at
1412 Moreland Ave SE, Atlanta, Ga 30316 in the Value Village shopping center (404) 289-4774. Items are also available on-line: <https://charteruniforms.com> and Maynard has its own link there. All shirts must have the MJHS monogram and only khaki colored bottoms are allowed. See the MJHS website for more information. Spirit wear with jeans is allowed on Fridays throughout the year. Our school-based contact is Mr. Jeffery Holmes who can be contacted at (404) 802-5200 after July 28, 2014.

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**Testing Dates/Fees**

APS link to testing dates:[**http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/cms/lib/GA01000924/Centricity/Domain/38/2014-2015\_Testing\_Calendar\_6.30.14.pdf**](http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/cms/lib/GA01000924/Centricity/Domain/38/2014-2015_Testing_Calendar_6.30.14.pdf)

PSAT – October 15th. $14 for freshmen, free for sophomores; it is recommended to take it as a freshman to use as a benchmark.

 Gifted testing in October/November - free

 EOCT’s will be replaced with the Georgia Milestones for course required by the state as the final exam and count 20% of the course’s final grade \*new this year

 AP tests in April and May and cost $89/test

 IB tests in spring of the senior year. The cost is yet to be determined.

**Volunteer Hours for Students (this is a graduation requirement)**

* + 75 hours for non-IB students
	+ 150 hours for IB students
	+ Cindy Smith is a parent volunteer who helps students find, record and perform volunteer work
	+ Giving Point-online log of hours: <http://www.mygivingpoint.org/>

**Volunteer Opportunities for Parents**

* + Parent volunteer forms are located in the main office
	+ Jeffrey Holmes is the Parent Liaison (404) 802-5221 or e-mail jeholmes@atlanta.k12.ga.us
	+ **School wide Day 1 Parent Volunteer Contest -** We have every intention of increasing parent volunteerism at Jackson High. Therefore, we are implementing a Day 1 Volunteer contest for the class with the most active parents at MJHS. Please contact Mr. Holmes (Parent Liaison) at to sign up. Let’s see which grade level wins the first award of the year!
	+ MJHS Parent Page is located on the Website

**Attendance Procedures**

• Early student checkouts: Students are required to bring a note to Ms. Martin in the attendance office with the reason and time for check-out. Students will only be released to the parent/guardian whose name appears on release form and who presents a valid ID.

• Late arrivals: Parents/guardians are required to provide written documentation explain the reason for tardiness to Ms. Martin in the attendance office. Nine (9) tardies count as one (1) absence.

• Absences: On the day a student returns to school, he/she is required to submit written documentation of the illness or reasons for the absence to Ms. Martin in the attendance office. This documentation should include the reason for absence; contact information of the parent/guardian and the date(s) of the absence. Please make every attempt to schedule appointments during non-schools hours. Students will not be released 30 minutes prior to the end of the school day.

**Yearbooks**

Yearbooksare paid for at the end of the school year by cash only. Yearbooks cost $80 last year. Picture Day will be announced. Seniors receive yearbooks as part of their dues.

**SGA Elections, duties and officers**

Dr. Minor is the faculty advisor. Elections are in the Fall. The SGA plans and organizes events throughout the school year, including the Homecoming week activities and hall decorations.

**Clubs/extra-curricular activities**

*Athletic opportunities (check the website for Coach information, try-outs and scheduled games.)*

**Fall** **Winter**  **Spring**

Football Basketball Soccer

Softball Swimming Track and Field

Volleyball Cheerleading Golf

Cross Country Wrestling Baseball

Cheerleading Riflery Lacrosse

 Tennis

Physicals are required to participate in all athletics. $49 ($25 during August) at Wellstreet on Ponce de Leon. <http://www.wellstreet.com/virginia-highlands> Some coaches may have additional information regarding free physicals. The form may be downloaded from the MJHS site.

**Club Offerings:**

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|  Sp**onsor**   | **Activity**   | **Description**   |
| **Ms. Pattman-Stubbs/John Murray** | Academic Team/Decathlon | Academic Team promotes academic excellence and the joy of learning through competition. If you're good at History, Jeopardy or Trivia, and you're interested in being on the team, this is for you. |
| **Ms. Edmonds**  | Ambassadors   |

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| Ambassadors  is a leadership training group of students who are committed to being positive leaders both within our school and out in the community through monthly community service projects (Participants are only selected by application and faculty recommendation based on specific criteria) |
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| **Ms. Epps**  | Art Society Club   | (Freshmen and Sophomores – When students become juniors and seniors, they apply for the National Art Honor Society) - The Art Society is an organization geared toward the promotion of art awareness of in our school and community. This organization is a group of highly motivated students that sees art as a necessity in conjunction with the other core subjects to make up the educational system. The members are made of juniors and seniors and operate hand in hand with the underclassman art club. The Art society is a vehicle that enables students to stay involved in art, even if the student is not taking art classes during any a particular grading period of the school year. It also allows students to add aesthetic appeal to our school facilities. |
| **Mr. A. Levy** | Band | See band director for placement information. |
| **Ms. D. Ross**   | Beta Club   |

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| (Invitation Only). Grade restrictions apply.  The National Beta Club promotes character, develops leadership skills, encourages service involvement, and recognizes achievement. Invitations for induction into National Beta Club go out by March.  Induction is in the Spring of each year. |
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| **Mrs. L. Williams** | Chorus | See Mrs. Lydia Williams for placement information. |
| **Ms. J. Keeler**   | Creative Writing Club/Literary Magazine | Educates young writers about the writing, editing, and publishing process, fosters a love of language, and provides an opportunity for writers to share their ideas with each other. |
| **Ms. Browne** | Debate Team | ·         By participating on a debate team, students learn the art of [persuasion](http://homeworktips.about.com/od/paperassignments/a/Ethos-Logos-And-Pathos.htm). |
| **Ms. A. Edwards**   | Drama Club  | The Drama Club is an extension of the drama classes where we learn acting and technical theater techniques. Members will participate in all productions as crew and performers and are offered workshops throughout the year! |
| **Mr. Uchime and Ms. A. Williams** | Environmental Club  | The Environmental Club is a group of concerned students who are committed to raising awareness about environmental issues, and to reducing our environmental impact as individuals, a school community, and as citizens of the world. |
| **Ms. Gilbert** | FBLA   | The purpose of FBLA is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. |
| **Coach Curry/Coach Williams/Coach Robinson** | FCA | FCA is the largest interdenominational, school-based, Christian sports organization in America.  FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference through Christ.  |
|  **Ms. Ferguson**  | French Club  | French Club is open to all students who have in interest in French or the Francophone culture. |
| **Ms. A. Williams** | International Thespian Society | ITS is the only honor society to recognize secondary school students for outstanding work in theater and offers outside performance venues and college auditions to formal awards and scholarships.  |
| **Mr. Gladfelter/Levy** | Jazz Band | See band director for pre-requisites and placement |
| **A.     Edmonds**  | Key Club  | A service oriented club where the students volunteer their time to help others. |
| **J. Keeler**  | Literary Magazine Club | See Creative Writing Club |
|  | Male Reading Club (DTLR Reading Club) | Male students read various genres of fiction and non-fiction and engage in discussions regarding their interpretations of the literature.  |
| **Mr. Levy** | Marching Band | See Band Director for placement information (including auxiliary) |
| **Mrs. McIntyre/Julie Camacho** | Math Team   | The Math Team promotes math intelligence among budding mathematicians and encourages enjoyment of mathematics.   We strive to solve challenging math problems not found in a regular classroom.  Practices are weekly and competitions are scattered throughout the year. |
| **Dr. S. Pattman-Stubbs** | Mock Trial  |  |
| **Ms. Epps**  | National Art Honor Society | The Jackson National Art Honor Society is an organization here at Maynard Jackson High School, geared towards the promotion of art awareness in our school and community. This organization is a group of highly motivated students that sees art as a necessity in conjunction with the other core subjects to make up the educational system. The members are made of juniors and seniors and operate hand in hand with the underclassman art club. The Art society is a vehicle that enables students to stay involved in art, even if the student is not taking art classes during any particular grading period of the school year. It also allows students to add aesthetic appeal to our school facilities. |
| **Ms. Carter** | National Technical Honor Society   | The NTHS honors outstanding juniors and seniors who have demonstrated excellence in any of the career and technical fields by being members in good standing with any of the following organizations:  DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, HOSA, Skills, TSA, and Voca. |
| **Ms. Edwards** | Newspaper Staff (Journalism)  | Newspaper Journalism Staff strives to inform, to entertain, and to express through the medium we create and maintain. The staff welcomes all constructive criticism and helpful insights...so feel free to contact us! |
| **Mrs.  E. Robinson**   | NHS (National Honor Society) | The National Honor Society stresses education as a total experience, emphasizing the promotion of scholarship, along with leadership, service, and character.  Members are required to attend the chapter meetings (offered both before and after school); complete 10 hours of community service for each year of membership, maintain a 90 cumulative GPA, and uphold the high standards of NHS by remaining active in organizations and demonstrating positive leadership in all aspects of student life. |
| **M. Gladfelter** | Orchestra | See Mr. Gladfelter for pre-requisites and placement. |
| **L. Robinson** | PALS | PALS is a club designed for students who want to volunteer their time to work with students with special needs. The club volunteers at Special Olympics, plans outings, and helps these students enjoy their high school experience to the fullest!  |
| **C. January, R. Ginsberg, K. Lathan** | Peer Mediation Program | Guidance Counselors train a responsible group of students to engage in peer mediation in an effort to resolve conflict with peers. |
| **A.     Edmonds** | SADD (Students Against Drunk Drivers) | SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions, promotes positive decision-making by the student body.  We organize Red Ribbon Week and other activities throughout the school year. |
| **J. Woodall** | Science Olympiad   | Science Fair is a competitive organization that not only covers all areas of science, but engineering as well.   No matter what your science strength is, you will find your niche here at the Olympiad. |
| **Ms. Sumra, Ms. Gilbert, and Ms. E. Martin** | Senior Class Sponsor  | Sponsor the Executive Leadership group comprised of students from the Senior Class. |
| **S. Carter** | SKILLS USA | Skills USA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. Skills USA helps each student excel. Skills USAs mission is to help its members become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. Skills USA serves more than 300,000 students and instructors annually. The organization has 13,000 school chapters in 54 state and territorial associations. More than 14,500 instructors and administrators are professional members of Skills USA.  |
| **Ms. Ferguson** | Societe Honoraire de Francais (Honor Society for French)  | The purpose of the Societe Honoraire de Francais is to celebrate and promote the study of the French language as well as Francophone culture. |
|  | Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica | This is an honor society for Spanish students who meet the requirements and service career areas.  |
| **Ms. Woodall/Dr. Minor** | Sophomore Class Sponsor | Sponsor the Executive Leadership group comprised of students from the Sophomore Class. |
|  | Spanish Club |

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| The Spanish Club is open to current Spanish students who wish to participate in Spanish related activities.  |
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| **Dr. O. Minor**  | Student Council/SGA |

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| Student Council (responsible for all Homecoming activities) |
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| **Ms. Carter** | TSA (Technology Student Association)  | TSA is a student organization for current/former members of an Engineering & Technology course that uses co-curricular activities to prepare members to be effective leaders and responsible citizens in a technology-driven society, including communication, leadership and competitive skill development |
| **A.     Edwards** | Yearbook | Yearbook is an application only Academic Journalism elective. Class applications are available in January, and the class roster is selected by February of the previous school year. The Yearbook Class uses InDesign and Photoshop to design pages, edit photos, and create The Best Yearbook Ever!  |

Graduation Generation

Project Graduation

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Emory Connection

**Driver’s License and Certificate of Attendance**

The Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act requires that students between the ages of 14 and 18 must satisfy school attendance and discipline requirements in order to receive and maintain a Georgia driver’s permit or license. There is a $5.00 fee for all Certificates of Attendance. Ms.Valerie Martin in the attendance office is the MHJHS contact person. Students must submit their request for a Certificate of Attendance at least two weeks prior to the date needed.

**SAT/ACT Prep courses**

SAT/ACT prep courses are offered to juniors and seniors free of charge at MHJHS through Emory University. If space allows, sophomores are eligible to participate as well.

**Tutorials**

Tutoring is offered by all teachers on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Students should check with their teachers for specific information.

**Grade level class sponsors**

Teachers/staff who act as grade level sponsors are responsible for helping to plan student activities throughout the school year.

 Freshman Sponsor:

 Sophomore Sponsor: Dr. Denson/ **Ms. Woodall/Dr. Minor**

 Junior Sponsor:

 Senior Sponsor: **Ms. Sumra, Ms. Gilbert, and Ms. E. Martin**

**Infinite Campus**

Infinite Campus is the internet parent portal for school announcements, student schedules, online gradebook and attendance records. Once you are in the system, you will be given an activation code by the registrar. An app is available for mobile phones free of charge. You will need the system’s ID number after you log on, available on the APS website. For more information: <http://sis.apsk12.org/portal/>

**PTSA/PTS (Parent Teacher Student Association)**

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| Kimberly Currier | President | Currier.kimberly@gmail.commjhsptsa@gmail.com |
| Carla Phillips | Class of 2017 | Phillipsfamily09@yahoo.com |
| Vendredi Hardeman | Class of 2017 | vrhardeman@gmail.com |
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| Lynn Brandli | Secretary | brandli@comcast.net |
| Shemeka Maddox | Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation | smaddox@atlschool.com |
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| Natalie Rosbottom | FundraisingTrue Blue, Target, Kroger, Publix, Boxtops for EducationSponsorship | nrosbottom@aol.com |
| Beth Wells | Class of 2018 | Mewells27@comcast.net |
| Joyce Nance | Class of 2016 /AssistantDirector of District 10 PTA Council |  |
| Melanie Regnier | PR | melanieregnier@gmail.com |

**Dues:** $5/year for Individual parent, student and faculty member (faculty gets a ream of paper)

$25 for Family (bumper sticker)

$50 Hit the Spot includes family, bumper sticker and new yard sign

$100 Jaguar Nation Supporter includes bumper sticker, yard sign and part of the Athletic Boosters, too

MHJHS PTSA Meeting Schedule for 2014 -15

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|  | Maynard H. Jackson High School Auditorium (General Sessions)Classrooms (Progress Report Reviews with Teachers)Parent Information/Workshop with Parent Liaison begins at 6:00 PMAll PTSA Meetings Begin at 6:30 PMClassroom Visitation (Progress Report Reviews with Teachers) begins at 7:30 PM. |
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| Project Phase | Date |
| PTSA Meet and Greet  | 8.1.2014 |
| PTSA Meeting 2 | 9.17.2014 |
| PTSA Meeting 3 | 10.29.2014 |
| PTSA Meeting 4 | 12.3.2014 |
| PTSA Meeting 5 | 2.11.2015 |
| PTSA Meeting 6 | 3.25.2015 |
| PTSA Meeting 7 | 5.13.2015 |

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| Engineering |
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| informational technology |
| elections |

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**Transportation**

School busroutes will be posted on the school webpage and the APS webpage prior to the first day of school, based on registration addresses.

**Social Events**

A variety of social activities are planned for the 2014-15 school year including Homecoming and a spring dance. More activities are currently in the planning process, please continue to check the MHJHS website for updates and consider submitting your email address to Jeffrey Holmes (jeholmes@atlanta.k12.ga.us) to be kept abreast on all things MHJHS!

The Junior-Senior Prom is in the spring.

The Homecoming game this year is October 24th against South Atlanta at Grady Stadium at 5:30p.m. Each class decorates a designated area and this activity is sponsored by the SGA. Contact Dr. Minor, if you can help: Ominor@atlanta.k12.ga.us . The Homecoming Dance is usually at the school and is Sunday attire.

**Junior/Senior dues**

Major source of money to pay for the Prom and yearbooks for seniors.

**Dictionary of Acronyms and abbreviations**

\*GPA: Grade Point Average (average of the quality points awarded for each letter grade 0-4(5)

\*ACT: American College Test

\*AP: Advance Placement. Courses in which students may earn college credit

\*APS: Atlanta Public Schools

\*AVA: Atlanta Virtual Academy for online courses offered through APS

\*CCPRI:

\*CTAE: Career, Technology, Agricultural Education

\*EOCT: End-of-course-Tests administered in a variety of required subjects, such as math, science and language
 arts which will be replaced with ***Georgia Milestones*** and serves as the final exam

\*Ga DOE: Georgia Department of Education

\*IB: International Baccalaureate diploma program

\*IC: Infinite Campus- online gradebook program for courses, announcements and attendance

 \*IEP: Individual Education Plan

\*LSC: Local School Council

\*PTSA: or PTA: Parent-Teacher-Student Association

 \*SAT: Scholastic Aptitude Test

 \*SMSEA: Science and Mathematics Summer Enrichment Activities

 \*SST: Student Support Team

\*STAR student: Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition – student with the highest SAT score and in the top
 10% of graduation class

\*TSA: Technology Students Association

**Awards and Recognition**

*Governor’s Honors:* For rising 11th and 12th graders during the summer in which students are nominated by their teachers and interview at the local and state level for a chance to study in depth with other outstanding students from across the State of Georgia, all expenses paid.

*Beta Club:* Academic service oriented honor society, invitation only based on grade point average

*Nat’l Honor Society:* Academic honor society, by invitation only based on grade point average in the 10th grade year.

*Nat’l Merit Scholarship:* the highest scorer on the PSAT may apply

*Nat’l Spanish, French Honorary Societies:* by invitation only in the 3rd semester of study of the foreign language

*Nat’l Technology students Honorary Society:*  by invitation only

*STAR student:* Senior with the highest SAT score in the top 10% of graduating class.

*Valedictorian:* Graduating senior with the highest academic average.

*Salutatorian:* Graduating senior with the second highest academic average.

*Historian:* Graduating senior with the third highest academic average.

*Journal Cup:* AJC award to the best all-around senior in athletics, community service and academics

**Performances/Events**

*TSA Pumpkin Chunkin:* November in Grant Park Invitational Catapult Challenge

*Awards Night:* Underclassmen academic awards

*Visions:* Awards Night for Seniors at the end of the year

*Ballet Performances:* Twice/Three times a year (dates TBA)

*Talent Show:*

*Drama Production:* 2014 was student-written and produced monologues

*Band/Orchestra/Choir:* Dates TBA

*Film Festival and Gala:* Culminating event for the student-produced films and awards

*Athletic Awards:* Dates TBA, hopefully for Fall and Winter/Spring Sports

*Graduation:* At the Civic Center in 2014, scheduled by APS