

# John Lewis Invictus Academy

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*ReNEWing our community with P.R.I.D.E.*

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Dear JLIA Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the start of the 2022-2023 school year at John Lewis Invictus Academy (JLIA)! I am proud to be a part of building our tradition of excellence in academics, athletics, and fine arts. Additionally, I am excited to announce JLIA's new Humanities course for all 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Humanities is the combination of the ELA and Social Studies curriculum and will afford our students the opportunity to have significantly longer class time in the content areas needed most—ELA and Math. Humanities will be the first of its kind in APS and I am elated that JLIA is blazing the trail! JLIA will also have a strong focus on Project Based Learning (PBL) and intervention. My goal is for every student to learn, reach their fullest potential, and have fun!

This letter includes some initial information for the upcoming year including our dress code policy and other important upcoming events. For most of our communication, we will send information via calling posts and email. Please make sure that our office has your correct email address on file. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

**Family Fun Day:** Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12pm-3pm. We will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Fun Day for the community. Fun Day will take place at JLIA and it will be a special event for the whole family. There will be free food, music, bounce houses and other entertainment. Information regarding student schedules, athletics, student council, PTSA and more! Grove Park Foundation will be providing free entrepreneurship workshops.

**Open House:** Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. During this time, you will be able to meet your students' teachers, visit classrooms, receive bus information, and much more.

**Schedule:** Schedules are now available in Infinite Campus. You will have an opportunity to retrieve a physical copy of your child's schedule during Family Fun Day, Saturday 7/23, or during Open House on 7/29. Sometimes it is necessary to make changes to students' schedules to balance class sizes. You can view your student's current schedule online through Parent Portal, which will reflect any changes. **It is very important that you create a Parent Portal account so that you will be able to view your student's grades and attendance in real-time throughout the school year. For directions on how to set up an account, please visit our school website: [www.atlantapublicschools.us/jlinvictus](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/jlinvictus)**

**School Day:** School begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 4:15 p.m. Students can be dropped off at the cafeteria as early as 7:45 a. m. Students arriving before 8:30 A.M. will stay in the cafeteria. Students

arriving after 8:30 A. M. will report to their designated arrival line. First period begins promptly at 9:15 a.m. Please ensure that your child is in class and ready to learn by 9:15 a.m.. The school day ends at 4:15 p.m. Please make sure your student is picked up prior to 4:30 p.m.

**First Week of School:** Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> –Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will engage in a series of courses that will outline student expectations, device distribution and class assemblies.

**School Supplies:** Students will be given a notebook for each class, and notebook paper from the school. These notebooks will be kept at school along with their school-issued devices. Parents will need to provide additional notebook paper, pens, pencils, colored pencils, highlighters, markers. **Students should have a clear or mesh backpack that holds the items listed above.**

**Dress Code:** JLIA is an official uniform policy school that all students must follow. Students should dress comfortably and appropriately for school each day. The following will be strictly enforced:

1. No hats/hoods or bonnets 2. No slides 3. All uniform shirts must cover the navel

6<sup>th</sup> grade shirt color is Orange

7<sup>th</sup> grade shirt color is Navy Blue

8<sup>th</sup> grade shirt color is Gray

Uniform Bottoms for all students are tan/beige, blue, black pants or shorts. Girls may wear skirts at the appropriate length (just above the knee or to fingertips).

**Extra-Curricular Activities:** Please call the school or visit the school website for all athletic information. A complete list of clubs and activities are being finalized and will be available on the school website when completed.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,

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