

Principal's Report May 19, 2025

Charter Goals

Goal #1 Show an annual increase in the percentage of graduates that are college and career-ready as defined by the state.

Goal #2: Show an annual increase in student participation in additional rigorous coursework through positive relationships, community-building activities, family engagement, and student support.

Goal #3 Show an annual decrease in the achievement gap for historically underachieving populations (SPED, ELL, socio-economically disadvantaged, and minority students).

Academics/School Update of Events

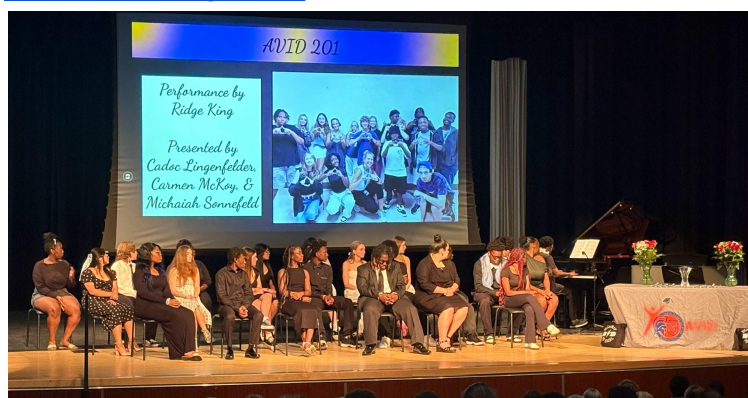
End-of-Year AVID Ceremony

We were delighted to celebrate our annual AVID End-of-Year Ceremony, which honored our AVID scholars' hard work and achievements. Congratulations to our third AVID graduating cohort for their dedication and preparedness as they moved forward. To all AVID scholars, your commitment to the principles of Advancement Via Individual Determination was truly appreciated.

Our heartfelt thanks went to the AVID site team: Sheli Ballard, AVID Director; Joey Edwards, AVID Site Coordinator and AVID 3 Elective Teacher; Kelly Mosbacher, AVID 2 Elective Teacher; Diana Barrett, AVID 1 Elective Teacher; Dr. Charity Brady, AVID 4 Elective Teacher; Jacki Robbins, AVID Teacher Emeritus; Tracy Lyles, AVID Science Teacher; Lauren Langston, AVID English Teacher; Chris Epps, AVID Science Teacher; and Melissa Kemp, AVID Assistant Principal. Their unwavering support was instrumental in guiding our students toward success.

Thank you for supporting the AVID program, and congratulations again to all our AVID students for their remarkable accomplishments.

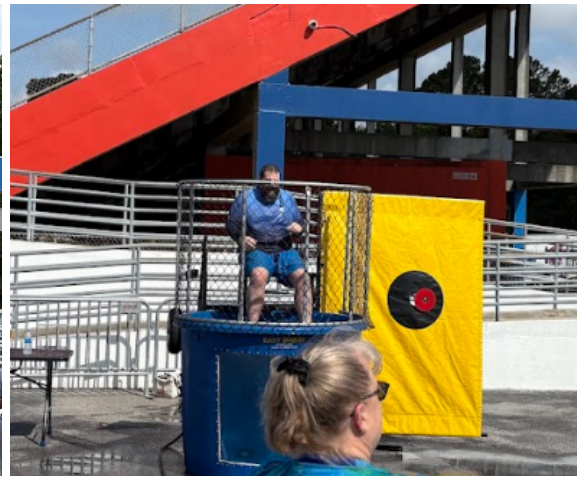
[AVID Ceremony 24-25](#)



Mental Health Week

Thank you to Ms. Ahrens, Dr. Brady, Ms. Brandon, Ms. Graham, Mr. Washington, and their student helpers for a successful Mental Health Week. Your efforts to support well-being positively shape our school community.

Mental Health Week 2025-





Spring 25 Staff vs Student BB Congratulations to the staff on another victory over the students. We should move this game to 11:00 am so everyone can watch the second half.

Rube Goldberg Projects Spring (May 1st)

We are pleased to commend Mr. Kreamer and his Honors Physics class for their exceptional Rube Goldberg projects. This year, Mr. Kreamer introduced a novel approach by combining individual group designs into a single, large-scale Rube Goldberg machine.

Through months of dedicated work, the students applied their physics expertise to design and construct complex machines, demonstrating outstanding teamwork, collaboration, and perseverance. Their efforts resulted in an impressive final machine, accompanied by detailed presentations and posters that showcased their creative process.

We extend our gratitude to Mr. Kreamer for leading this innovative and rigorous project and congratulate the Honors Physics class for their ingenuity and well-deserved success.

May 5th-9th Teacher Appreciation Week

From May 5-9, 2025, James Island Charter High School proudly celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week to honor the exceptional dedication of our faculty and staff. This week highlighted the unwavering commitment, passion, and effort our teachers and staff invest in our students daily, shaping their futures and fostering a vibrant school community.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Shelton and her team, a series of thoughtfully planned events and activities were organized to express our gratitude. These initiatives recognized the creativity, patience, and support that have driven another successful school year.

Our teachers inspire and challenge students, igniting curiosity and growth, while our staff ensures the smooth operation of our school. We are deeply grateful for their collective contributions to JICHs’s success.

Enrollment Summary

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
6/17/2024	389	395	415	379	1578
8/16/2024	454	407	376	420	1657
9/16/2024	439	394	369	414	1616
10/21/2024	438	394	367	413	1612
11/18/2024	433	393	363	412	1601
12/16/2024	432	390	360	412	1594
1/27/2025	420	385	363	417	1585
2/24/2025	417	383	359	399	1558
3/14/2025	418	380	356	401	1555
4/11/2025	416	377	355	402	1550
5/16/2025	415	377	354	401	1547
Program Students	-7	-7	-2	-2	1529

Note: 20 Program Students (Early College, Clark Academy, Daniel Jenkins).

SchoolMint Enroll- Lottery Update

Grade	9	10	11	12	
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24-25 Enrollment	313	415	354	402	1484
Accepted Seats	127	18	13	0	158/354 44.6% acceptance
Waitlist	4	8	0	17	29

Note: We had 383 applicants for the 25-26 school year. Historically, the acceptance rate has been extremely high (approximately 80%). However, this year, it is approximately 45%. Despite this, our enrollment will be very close to capacity for the next school year (1,600).

School Safety Update

- Lockdown drill completed 4/25
- 5 safety room searches
- 66 Yondr room searches
- 14 individual student searches

The data from the Triton Smart Sensors continues to demonstrate their effectiveness as a deterrent for vaping on campus. With the latest software update, we have been able to activate an audible alert feature when vaping is detected. This enhancement has had a noticeable impact, leading to a substantially reduced number of incidents reported over the past month.

The Triton sensors have proven to be a valuable asset to the school, helping to create a safer and healthier environment for our students.

Technology Update

- Chromebooks for the 2025-2026 school year have been ordered and will arrive in early June for processing.
- The baseball AWRE camera system has been successfully installed and is being implemented in practices and games.
- Preparations for summer technology cleanup and device upgrades are in full swing.
- JI will complete a cabling upgrade (to the main building) this summer to accommodate modern PA and camera equipment.

Construction Update

The Athletic Training Pad project is complete.

CCSD Phase VI One Cent Sales Tax Survey- 2029-2034

Current Requests from JICHHS:

- Phase 2 Stadium Renovation (capital)
- PAC Class Additions (capital)
- New windows in the main building (maintenance program)

CCSD Phase V Maintenance Projects

- The second phase of the restroom renovation is delayed until the fall. The work will occur throughout the school year.
- New roof portions of the main building
- Phase 1 of HVAC replacement (2-3 year project)
- New fence along the athletic drive (nearly complete, reimbursement for track expense, \$100K)
- Painting of science classrooms and storage rooms
- New placards and wayfinding. Note: We are creating a directory map to help people navigate our school (ex: Tanger Outlets).
- Lighting for the two practice fields (one field—reimbursement for track expense, approximately \$380K)

Important Dates

5/20 Senior Awards Night 7:00 pm PAC
5/24 Graduation 12:00 pm North Charleston Coliseum
6/10 Finance Committee Meeting 2:00 pm
6/23 Board of Directors Meetings 5:30 pm

Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)

Meeting Notes

Topic	Notes	Vote