



The Talon

Find Ways to Keep Your Teen Reading All Summer Long

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While your teen may not want to read for school over the summer months, he/she should still read to keep learning. Here are some ways you can keep your teen reading:

- **Make sure that he/she has received a copy of the JHS summer reading requirements** for his/her upcoming grade. Get started with the requirements early! Don't wait until the last minute.
- **Focus on reading for pleasure.** The most important lesson your teen may learn over the summer is that there are things he/she likes to read.

Whether it's a magazine story about his/her favorite star or even the Sunday comics, be sure he/she keeps reading. Take him/her to the library. Browse through the books to see what catches his/her eye and interest.

- **Connect on a different level.** Reading is a good way to let your teen know you are aware he/she is maturing. Look for an article on a more mature subject and discuss it with him/her. Or pass along a book you have enjoyed.
- **Read some books written for teens.** You may



Required Summer Reading List are available for your child's English teacher and on the school's website.

learn more about the things that are on your teen's mind. These books can open the door to interesting conversations.

- **Be a good example.** Let your teen see you reading.

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Special points of interest:

- **The school office will be closed May 31 and June 1 for Memorial Day Holiday.**
- **Summer Hours of Operation Monday-Thursday 7am-4pm June 2-July 29**

Encourage Your Teen to Plan Ahead for Math Finals

Math is a challenging subject—and one that many teens would rather avoid. This means that “studying for math” is often the first item to be skipped on the teen's to-do list.

Remind your teen that pretending that math final doesn't

exist won't help him on the day of the test. Instead, encourage him to :

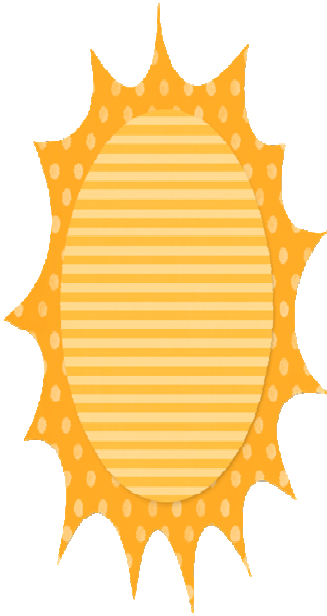
Begin with a good attitude.

Do a little at a time. Doing a few problems each day is easier than doing dozens the night before the test.

Know what he needs to study.

Start studying early to give him enough time to ask the teacher for extra help.

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Summer School Registration in Progress

Summer School Registration has begun and will continue through June 3.

**There are a limited number of seats available for these courses. The seats will be filled on a first pay basis. Seats may not be reserved without full payment of tuition.*

Grades 9-12

Dates: 1st Semester-June 7-24
2nd Semester June 28-July 15

Grades 7 & 8

Dates: June 14-July 1 (*only 1 session*)

Times: 7:30 am-2:00 pm Monday-Thursday

Tuition: \$150 JHS students
\$200 non JHS students

Registration: Prompt return of the application and tuition will help ensure a seat in summer school. A minimum of fifteen students is required for a class to form. If the minimum number of students is not met, the course will be canceled and tuition will be refunded.

(Tuition refunds will not be given to students that withdraw after summer school begins or if students are removed due to disciplinary reasons.)

Attendance: Students may

Things to Know about Summer School

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart."

— American proverb

miss only one day of summer school and must obtain a minimum grade of 60% to receive credit. Three tardies during a semester will equal one day's absence. Any student missing more than one day of summer school will not receive credit for the course and will not be reimbursed tuition.

Discipline: Disruption of the learning environment will not be tolerated. Minor Class One offenses listed in the JHS Student Code of Conduct will result in the student receiving a warning from the teacher or administrator. The second Class One violation will result in the student being removed from summer school without tuition refund. Any Class Two or Class

Three violations may result in the student being dismissed from summer school without tuition refund on the first offense.

Please contact Mrs. Clark at 782-8800 if you have any questions regarding Summer School.

Lost or Damaged Textbooks



Encourage your teen to return his textbooks in the condition in which they were issued.

All textbooks issued by the school are the property of the State of Alabama and the Jacksonville Board of Education. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure his/her text-

books remain in good condition. The student must pay for lost, stolen, or damaged textbooks. Textbook replacement cost may be obtained from the assistant principal.

Students are expected to return textbooks and/or pay for lost or damaged textbooks before

the end of the school year.

Students may not be issued textbooks the following year if fees for textbooks are not cleared.

If a lost textbook has been paid for and later found, a full refund will be issued to the student.

Keep Learning Alive Over the Summer Months

Without any scholastic activity during the summer, your teen won't retain much of what he learned this school year. So how can your teen avoid this memory loss and start next year ready to learn? Have your teen:

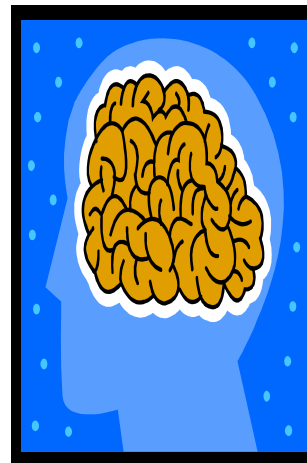
- **Start a book club.** Members choose which books and how often to meet. Discussing a story with friends—and noticing how it relates to his own

life—might spur a love of reading in your teen that carries over into the fall.

- **Learn a new skill.** Your teen can take a cooking class. Or borrow a cookbook from the library and take over your kitchen. He'll have fun and (hopefully) enjoy the fruits of his labor.
- **Build vocabulary with a game.** Each week, pick a vocabulary word—like

obfuscate (to blur or make confusing), *quaff* (to drink down quickly) or *protean* (changeable). Then each person playing the game must slip that word into a conversation during the week. But keep secret the fact that it's a game—and at the end of the week share stories with other players about weird looks received.

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What should you do if your teen is smoking or using smokeless tobacco?

You have noticed that your teen's friend smells of tobacco smoke. You even suspect your teen may be smoking or using smokeless tobacco. What should you do? It's important that parents don't ignore the signs that their teen may be a smoker or using smokeless tobacco.

Are you doing what you can to help your teen quit? Answer yes

or no to the questions to find out:

1. Do you make sure your teen understands the effects to his health now and in the future?
2. Do you appeal to vanity, reminding your teen that smoking causes bad breath and yellow teeth?
3. Do you set a good example? If you smoke, talk about why you wish you didn't.

4. Have you talked to the coach if your teen is an athlete? Smoking saps an athlete's endurance.
5. Have you told your teen you will help him make a plan to quit?

How well are you doing? Each *yes* means you are taking action now to help your teen. For *no* answers try those ideas in the quiz.

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Smoking is the #1 cause of preventable death in the U.S., causing over 393,000 deaths per year.

The American Cancer Society

Best Wishes to Dr. Eric G. Mackey

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Dr. Eric G. Mackey and his family as they embark upon a new chapter in their lives. We appreciate the many years of dedicated service that he has given the students, families, faculty and staff of Jacksonville City Schools.



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7th Grade Supply List

Ms. Ausborn, Mr. Boozer,
Mr. Mitcham, Ms. Wilson,
& Mrs. Davis

- One inch three ring binder (for each class) with dividers
- Wooden pencils (not mechanical pencils)
- Scientific Calculator (Casio fx-300MS) not required
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Compass
- Notebook paper (for all classes)
- Construction Paper
- Colored Pencils
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- pens.....any color except for red or pink
- 3x5 index cards (optional) for flash cards
- highlighter(s) (2 different colors)
- dictionary (to be kept at home)
- box of tissue (one box per student, we will share)
- one bottle of hand sanitizer (One bottle per student; we will share.)
- Paper towels (One to three rolls per student; we will share.)
- Graph paper (for later in the school year)

Events for the Class of 2010



May 17-Senior Semester

Exams 1st, 4th, 6th periods
(full day for seniors)

May 18-Senior Semester

Exams 3rd and 7th periods
(Seniors may leave after last exam.)

Senior Athletic Awards Banquet 6:00 PM Gamecock Center

May 19- Senior Semester

Exams 2nd and 5th periods
(Seniors may leave after last exam.)

May 20-Make-Up

Exams for Seniors

8 AM Senior Breakfast for Seniors *only*

9 AM Awards Program

JHS Cafetorium-parents may attend

May 22-Senior High

Elite Night

May 24- Baccalaureate practice Jacksonville First United Methodist Church @ 3PM (Practice is *required* for participation.)

May 25-Baccalaureate Service @ 7 PM (Seniors meet @ 6:24 PM in the Fellowship Hall)

May 27-Graduation practice (BRING MORTAR BOARD) @ 5 PM (Practice is *required* for participation.)

May 28-Graduates ONLY meet in the Cafetorium @ 7 PM.

Graduation Ceremony 8PM

Questions regarding Graduation should be directed to Mrs. Stallings 782-8800.

Congratulations Class of 2010