



## Top 6- September 19, 2023

### **1. We Need You!**

As a charter school, parent involvement and volunteering is essential to the success of our school. We always seek parents and community members to get involved, and there are several ways you can contribute your skills and talents to JA:

**Board Committees:** The JA Board has a number of Committees that support various important efforts, and are a great way to get involved and make JA a better place for your student(s)! You can read more about our committees [here](#) and if you are interested in volunteering complete this [Board Committee Interest survey](#) and we will be in touch with you to get you involved.

**30th Anniversary Gala:** JA will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary throughout the year with our big event, our Gala on January 27th. We need lots of help to plan this event if you are interested in participating with the gala please complete this [Committee Interest form](#).

**Lastly if you have not done so already,** please complete the [Family Volunteer/Skills/Needs survey](#). This survey will help us to *connect our community* to opportunities and resources that fit their needs and interests. If you have already completed this survey, thank you, and if you have not been contacted yet, you will be shortly to connect you to contacts that fit your needs/interests.

### **2. Who doesn't love pie??**

Tim Matlick, the JA Executive Director, and Business Team unveiled the long-awaited Financial Dashboard at the Board meeting. Their hard work over the last year has created a graphical rendering of JA's financial health. The visual compiles hundreds of lines of financial data into easy to read and understand pie

charts. The dashboard will enable more insightful Board conversations about the JA budgets.

### **3. Summer Jag Care**

Mr. Matlick shared with the Board the huge success of our inaugural JagCare summer program! This long-awaited program had a high level of participation throughout the summer, and we are happy to have been able to support our families during the summer break. The administration and JagCare staff are already looking forward to the next year and ways to make the program even more engaging and fun for our students!

### **4. Professional Development**

Our four principals shared their plans for providing our staff with professional development for the 2023-2024 school year. For our Elementary School, the plans include focusing on Tier 1 core instruction, and developing systems and structures to support instructional excellence and student growth. Our Secondary campus will be enhancing instructional practices to yield to student growth, and supporting social and emotional learning. Monthly programs to support new teachers and more in depth studies on previous years professional development will be at the core of the Summit Westminster plans, while our Summit South campus will focus on getting back to basics and community-building.

### **5. Board Study Session - How College Admissions Counselors Perceive Jefferson Academy**

In planning for our upcoming Strategic Plan conversations, the Board is conducting several study sessions to learn about topics that are important to the strategic direction and success of Jefferson Academy. At the September meeting, we had a presentation from Lisa Brussell of Peak Admissions on the components of the college admissions process and how college admissions officers may perceive Jefferson Academy. Student success and achievement of highest academic potential is a foundational part of our vision. Ms. Brussell's insights were invaluable for learning ways to continue to support our students who choose to pursue their higher education journey upon graduating from JA.

### **6. Jag Jog**

Thank You to the JA Foundation for organizing this amazing event for the community! It was a great success and a fun way to get our entire community together to kick off the school year. A huge kudos to all the vendors who participated in our vendor fair, and for all the volunteers who made this event possible.

Sincerely,

**Your JA Board**

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