




## JAGUAR EXPRESS Newsletter

### Principal's Message

The month of December brings the Christmas and New Year Holidays. There will be **NO classes from December 21 – January 1**, with classes resuming on **January 4, 2016**. Students are scheduled for an Early Release from JEHS at 2:30 p.m. on **December 18, 2015**. A new feature to the school calendar this year is that the 1<sup>st</sup> semester concludes on **January 15, 2016**. Students should continue studying throughout the holidays and concentrate on getting the maximum credits possible (3.5 credits) per semester. Students, I urge you to continue to believe in yourselves and never let anyone tell you that you are not good enough. Start focusing your efforts toward selecting a college major of study and career plan. Finally, there will be some awesome winter concerts presented by our Jaguar Mariachi, Band, Choir and Theater Arts (see calendar). Come out and support our Fine Arts programs and get into the holiday spirit. Let's finish the 2015 year on a great Jaguar note!

-Dr. Anthony Garza 

### Attendance

Attention students, attendance rewards are right around the corner!!! The Attendance Office will be handing out Ice Cream Tokens to students with perfect attendance for the second 6 weeks. Two hundred JEHS students with the best attendance will be invited to attend a Viper Basketball Game December 17<sup>th</sup> at the State Farm Arena. Students be ready for the bi-annual JEHS Excellent Attendance Barbeque scheduled for this coming January for all students with outstanding attendance for the semester! Keep up the great work!

-Mr. Gordon 

### Early College at Economedes

Early College at Economedes recently administered the TSI test in reading, writing, and math to over 100 students. After attending afterschool or Saturday tutorials, students were encouraged to take TSI test, which is an admissions requirement for enrollment in South Texas College. The TSI will be administered at JEHS again on December 12 from 8:00 to 2:00 P.M.

-Mr. Ballesteros 

### HOLIDAY SAFETY

Cooking brings family and friends together, provide an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains away from your stovetop.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay three feet away.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
- In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

Always remember "Safety never takes a holiday." ~ Author Unknown

- Mr. Juan Martinez 

### Message from the Dean

STAAR EOC Saturday Tutorials – December 5, 2015

- December 5, 2015, will be the last opportunity to prepare for the December EOC test administration (Re-Testers Only) next week.
- Students attending Saturday Tutorials this week will be entered in a raffle for a mini iPad. See you there! ☺

### December STAAR EOC Test Dates (Applicable Students)

Date	STAAR EOC (Re-Test)
December 7	English I
December 8	Algebra I & U.S. History
December 9	English II
December 10	Biology

"Before anything else, preparation is the key to success."

~ Alexander Graham Bell

-Alma Cavazos 

