

Mustang Nation

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Our Mission: Cultivate relationships with students through authentic and diverse experiences.

Our Vision: Inspire confident learners who enhance/transform their community.

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Mustang Community Spotlight



MUSTANG PROUD!



YES WE CAN!!!

Administrator Intern - Liza Pesina - NISD Reunited

Dear Mustang Family,

My name is Liza Pesina and it is my pleasure and honor to serve John Jay and its community as Administrator Intern. In my 25 years in education, I have served as a teacher/department coordinator, Instructional Specialist, and Professional Development Coordinator. I started at NISD in 1997 at Marshall High School where I taught Spanish. I left the district and was at Judson ISD for 3 years before coming back to NISD (Warren High School). My husband of 22 years and I have twin girls who will be graduating high school in June. One is going to St. Mary's University in the fall and the other will be attending Northwest Vista. In my very limited spare time I enjoy running, reading and spending time with my family. I really do believe that we have a great community and a wonderful group of students. At Jay I strive to work hard and improve everyday so that I can better serve our community. I have met so many awesome people here at Jay and I really do feel the love. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the great Mustang Family.

Mustang Proud Administration!

CONTACTS

John Jay Administration

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Teresa Cuellar-Hernandez	Principal	7-2705
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Desiree Smith	Title I Program Coordinator	7-2743
Jeanette Figueroa	Assistant Principal	7-2816
Aaron Galaviz	Assistant Principal	7-2718
Domingo Gutierrez	Assistant Principal	7-2721
Daniel Mendoza	Assistant Principal	7-2717
Liza Pesina	Admin Intern	7-2719



SERVICE LEADERS

READY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.



Mustang Clubs & Organizations Spotlight!

Spanish Honor Society

February SHS Trip to Murals, Mosaics, and Mayan artifacts.



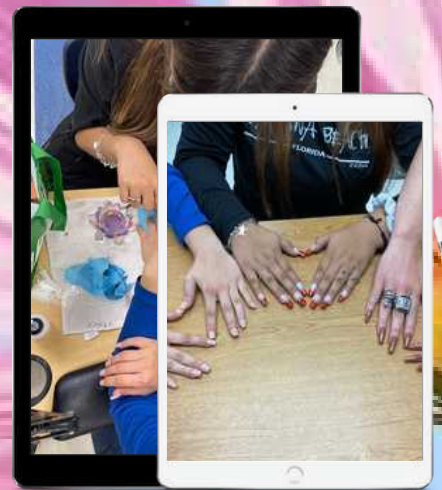
Mustang Clubs & Organizations Spotlight - AFJROTC!

The John Jay JROTC Extra-Curricular Teams (Armed Drill, Unarmed Drill, Physical Fitness and Honor Guard) were actively engaged with "Presenting Colors" at various events while the armed, unarmed drill, and the Physical Fitness Teams competed well against some great competition vs other NISD JROTC units at Brennan H.S. "We are TX-782"



Mustang Clubs & Organizations Spotlight -

The cosmetology students who were performing acrylic nails, hairstyles, and makeup on the Jay ROTC students. The ROTC students got these services for free from the cosmetology department. Since the pandemic, the cosmetology students have not been able to perform any cosmetology service on any other person than their classmates or mannequin. The cosmetology students felt proud of the job well done and the experience of working with a real person. Cosmetology is always willing to give back to our John Jay Community, and this is proof of this.



Mustang Teacher Spotlight -

JOHN JAY TEACHER OF THE YEAR HEY MUSTANGS, MEET MRS. DANIELA MERCADO!

Ms. Mercado was born and raised in San Antonio. She is a proud graduate of McCollum High school on the city's south side. Upon graduating from high school Ms. Mercado attended St. Mary's University where she got her Bachelor's degree in Spanish with a minor in Psychology. Ms. Mercado is getting ready to celebrate her one-year wedding anniversary next month. She and her husband are parents to an adorable 3-year-old boy. As a family, they enjoy going to the zoo, the park, and having barbecues. Ms. Mercado has been a teacher at Jay for her whole teaching career (6 years). She absolutely loves her students and her favorite part about teaching is getting to know her students. Aside from teaching, Ms. Mercado is also one of the Student Council advisors. She loves the opportunities that StuCo provides for students to be active in the community. The thing she loves most about StuCo is teaching students to become leaders.



Mustang Teacher Spotlight -

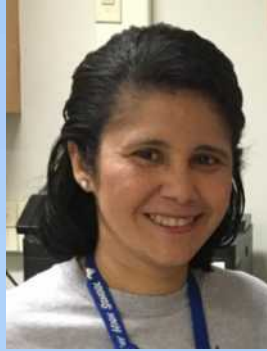
JOHN JAY NEW TEACHER OF THE YEAR HEY, MUSTANGS MEET MS. HAILEY HUNT!

My name is Hailey Hunt, and I am in my first FULL year of teaching at John Jay since I joined up in January of 2021. I've always wanted to be a teacher and always wanted to work in NISD since it's my own community. I graduated from Marshall High School in 2015 and headed to Lubbock to get my BA in History at Texas Tech. I got back as FAST as I could to get to UTSA, where I earned my teaching certificate. I was lucky enough to do my clinical teaching in NISD with amazing teachers, and I feel very lucky to be here at Jay. The community here is amazing.

In my free time, I hike, bike, and run, usually with my dog Maisie, my hesitant sidekick. My cat Harriet (and the love of my life) keeps me on my toes. I like to draw and paint. I play Dungeons and Dragons (which led to me co-sponsoring the Jay D&D Club, Mustangs & Mausoleums!) and I love to write. Now that I've achieved my dream of teaching in Northside, my next dream is to be a published author. I also hope to eventually earn my Ph.D. in History. One of the most fun things I've ever done is to teach history to kids who think I'm ridiculous, and I plan to keep doing it.



Mustang Teacher Spotlight -



HEY, MUSTANGS MEET SEA TEACHER OF THE YEAR HEY MUSTANGS, MEET MRS. ANA SMITH

I have been married for 28 years to Charles and my younger son Paul is graduating in May with a major in Computer Science and two minors in Chemistry and Mathematics. Anthony, my oldest son, works in making healthy food and creating music. I have a 9-year-old dog named Bobert who is famous in a youtube channel introducing today's science.

I graduated from Iowa State University with a Biology and Environmental Studies degree, and at the time I wanted to go to graduate school to study Genetics. Life happened and I had to go back to my home country of Panama to get a job, and I started as a middle school science teacher. I had no teaching experience, but I quickly learned I had a passion for teaching science and spending time listening to my students' stories. I got married and returned to the States where I had two wonderful sons, and postponed my dream of teaching for a while. However, I got involved in many of the events at my children's school, like being the PTA President, a classroom volunteer, and a reading helper for students that needed support, and soon realized I needed to go back to teach. Thus, I went to Our Lady of the Lake and obtained a Master in Education so I could go back to teaching.

I started teaching in 2012 at Roosevelt High School as a Biology teacher. It was a hard road, but I eventually found my love for teaching once again. At Roosevelt, I had the honor of being selected as the 2015-2016 Trinity Award nominee for excellence in teaching.

Six years ago, I found the opportunity to move to the NISD district and work closer to my home as a Biology teacher here at John Jay High School. It has not always been easy, but I knew in my heart it was my mission to make my students feel welcome and hopeful about a better future. Needless to say, teaching biology with a STAAR emphasis is hard work, but I have a great PLC to collaborate with. The last two years have been the best because I have two classes from our Science and Engineering Magnet school and I feel so close to these students because many of them are like my two sons who are gifted and very demanding. These students challenge me every day to reinvent myself, and I'm looking forward to learning more and better ways to keep all my students engaged.

Mustang Teacher Spotlight -

Hey Mustangs.....Meet Ms. Granberry.

Ms. Granberry has a passion for working with at-risk students. This year marks her 20th year in education. She's spent the last decade of her career as the Graduation Coach at John Jay H.S. Prior to being a John Jay Mustang, she worked at Richard King High School as a school counselor, coincidentally also as a Mustang. She has worked as a school counselor for all grades from 3rd-12th grade. Before becoming a school counselor, she taught 6th and 7th grade Reading. She was also an Instructional Aide for 1st grade while obtaining her teaching certification. She has worked at a Title I campus for 19 of her 20 years and although it was by chance, it truly worked out for the best because that is where her heart lies.

Ms. Granberry enjoys challenging herself academically. She has an array of teaching certifications: Business Administration 6-12, Elementary EC-4, English & Reading 4-8 and Counselor K-12. She is currently working on the certification for Administration now. She's reached the home stretch and is excited about only having one more step to go! She is truly inspired by the new administration team at Jay.

When Ms. Granberry has free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends. She also enjoys working out, hanging out by a beach or a lake, taking walks on a sunny day, trying new restaurants and traveling. She was inspired in 2020 and still continues her latest activity. She finds the most joy doing random acts of kindness for others which is her new favorite "hobby". She favors the quote, "Compassion is an action word with no boundaries" (Prince).



Mustang Tidbits

There are great things happening on campus and students are competing and performing. We encourage our teachers to see their students outside the classroom.

Students love to see teachers & staff in the stands and in the audience supporting them.

<https://www.nisd.net/jay>



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ALMA MATER

To thee our alma mater
We sanctify thy name
Our cherished hopes and dreams
unfold
Forever as thy fame.
We lift our voice, thy praise we sing.
Thy standards we glorify
We are ever loyal, faithful and true
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Mustang Tidbits

AP Exam Spring Course Registration

If your student intends to take an AP exam for any course they have started the 2nd semester (Gov AP, Eco AP, Psych AP, AP Physics C) they will have until March 14, 2022 to place their AP exam order without incurring any late fees. Students MUST register and pay for the exam via the Total Registration website. Click on this link to register and pay for your student's AP Exams.

Cost per Exam: \$26.10/\$11.10 for students who qualify for a reduced fee. Any AP exam orders placed March 15, 2022 and beyond for second-semester courses will incur a late fee of \$40.



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Mustang Tidbits

TSI Prep

English Review

Wednesday, March 2nd

LGI (L103)

9-11 AM

Mathematics Review

Thursday, March 3rd

LGI (L103)

9-11 AM

Cost: FREE

What to Expect: Each session will provide a review of academic concepts, test taking strategies, and study tips to prepare for the Texas Successive Initiative Exam

Who Should Attend: Any student that is required to take the TSI in order to enroll into a Dual Credit Course or any graduating Senior

Interested?

1. Sign Up Here to Attend:



**Need to be signed into Northside Account to access

<https://forms.gle/KCV6tbA3yW3VqqQh8>

2. Arrive by 9AM in L103 for one or both sessions
3. Check In for Excused 1st/2nd Period Attendance

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JOIN US IN THE BUS LOOP!

SENIOR SNACK SHACK



COME VISIT US!

The Senior Class will be selling various chips and candies after school in the bus loop as a fundraiser for our Senior Prom!

Monday-Friday

FEB. 28TH-

MARCH 4TH

Location: Bus Loop

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2021-2022 Bell Schedule

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**John
Jay / SEA
Mustangs
are:
On Time!**

On Task!

**On a
Mission!**

*"The secret to
doing anything is
believing that you
can do it."
Bob Ross*

8:45 AM	First Bell
8:55 AM	Report to Class
9:00 AM - 9:52 AM	1st Period
9:57 AM - 10:49 AM	2nd Period
10:54 AM - 11:46 AM	3rd Period
11:51 AM - 12:43 PM	4th Period
12:48 PM - 1:40 PM	5th Period
1:45 PM - 2:37 PM	6th Period
2:42 PM - 3:34 PM	7th Period
3:39 PM - 4:30 PM	8th Period

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**JOHN JAY HALL SWEEPS
WILL BE CONDUCTED TO
ENSURE ACADEMIC
SUCCESS IN THE
CLASSROOM. ANY
STUDENTS FOUND IN THE
HALLWAYS AFTER THE
TARDY BELL WILL BE
ESCORTED TO THEIR
CLASSROOM.**

10/10 RULE

**NO STUDENTS ALLOWED
OUT OF THE CLASS FOR
THE FIRST 10 MINUTES
AND THE LAST 10
MINUTES OF CLASS.**

1 - 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teacher Warning ○ Guardian Contact By Teacher and documented into CMS
4 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teacher Submits SOR ○ Documenting # Of Tardies and Guardian Contact Notes ➤ Lunch DHall
7 +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Admin Behavior Contract ○ Guardian Contact by Admin and documented in CMS
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ISS ➤ Guardian Contact by Admin
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ISS ➤ Guardian Conference
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Suspension

Process reboots each nine weeks

Student Parking Application



Junior & Senior Off-Campus Lunch Application 2022



John Jay Dress Code

WHAT NOT TO WEAR

The items below are not all inclusive. Please refer to the district handbook for additional information. Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with campus administration.



No runner shorts allowed.



No major holes or excessively ripped jeans above the knees



No bandanas of any type or color



No muscle shirts or inappropriate graphic/language on clothing.



No pajamas or slippers



No see through, strapless, low cut, midriff, or racer back shirts allowed



No sagging of pants



Skirt/dress length must be no more than 4 inches above the knee



No costumes, masks, ears, tails, etc.

John Jay High School - 7611 Marbach Rd San Antonio, Tx 78221 - 210-397-2700

Attendance Information

Student attendance not only affects credits (graduation), it also affects:

- Obtaining a VOE (Verification of Enrollment) needed to attend Driver's Education classes & to take the driver's test for a driver's license.
- Students wanting to attend school-sponsored dances including prom must be in good academic standing, to include grades, attendance, and discipline, as per the John Jay Student Handbook.

Checking Out students from the school

If a parent/guardian needs to pick up their student early from school for an appointment or any other reason. A parent/guardian will need to come to the attendance office in person to sign out their child. The student will then be called to the office by the attendance secretary. Please remember that students will not be released to any person other than the parent/guardian noted on their emergency contact list and must present a valid ID.

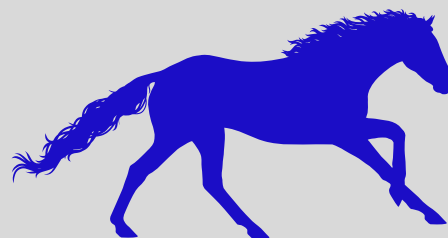
Please do not call or text your student during class time.

Any questions or concerns please contact the attendance office at 210-397-2700.



90% Rule Attendance For Credit

- In order to earn credit, a student must earn a passing grade AND be present at least 90% of the time.
- Credit is awarded per semester.
- A student falls below 90% on the 10th absence in a semester.



RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS



Online Tutoring Support

Online Student Homework Support

Monday - Thursday	Saturday
4-8 p.m. - ES	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
6-10 p.m. - MS/HS	All Levels

Links available in Schoology, HAC, & MyNISD Portal to request help by video conference, chat, or screen share.



Tech Hotline

Student Technical Support

- Toll-free Number: 1-877-768-4630
- NISD student hotline: 210-397-0020
- Chat Feature: <https://tinyurl.com/NISDchat>

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Schoology and Seesaw Helpline

Online Schoology Support

- Schoology and Seesaw Daytime Support
(Fill out help form and someone will get back to you.)

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Schoology and Seesaw Live Support

Monday - Thursday
4-10 p.m.

Link is in Schoology, HAC, & MyNISD Portal



Online Attendance Recovery

Monday-Thursday - 6:00pm to 10:00pm
Saturday - 10:00am to 2:00pm



- 1 Log into NISD Portal**
- 2 Find and Click on the Homework Hotline Tile**
- 3 Fill out digital form**
- 4 It will connect you with a Live Chat Agent that will assign you to an AR Room.**
 2 types of AR Rooms
 -Tutoring Room for help with homework (This counts towards AR Hours)
 or
 -AR Room for Attendance Recovery Only
- 5 Our AR Monitors are very strict and all students MUST agree to and follow our rules or they will be released.**



Counseling Department

JOHN JAY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

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COUNSELING CLERK

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HEAD COUNSELOR
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DESIREE.SOLIZ@NISD.NET

2021-2022 JAY SEA Request to See Counselor

Ms. Brandee Flores

Jay/SEA

College, Career, & Military Advisor

Room E104

210-397-2800

brandee.flores@nisd.net

twitter @career_jay

Join the College, Career & Military
Center Remind 101 Text 81010
and then add your grade level for
important information throughout the
school year:

9th @ 6gbe6f

10th @ a6ea238

11th @ bc8h92

12th @ cc62bh



Scan the QR code so we
can plan your future
together!

Hello Mustangs

If you need help with any of the following
please feel free to come by Room E104 the
College, Career & Military Center:

- College Majors & Career Paths
 - College Information & Applications
- Alamo Promise Program
 - Financial Aid
 - Scholarships
- SAT/ACT/TSI Testing
- Testing Material & Testing Dates
 - Military Enlistment
 - ASVAB Testing
 - Job Opportunities

<https://www.smore.com/8w1zu-happy-fall-y-allt>

Month in Review

Special Olympics Track and Field Competition
March 1 - 9, 2022

Orchestra Guild OFFICER Board Meeting (e101c Choir Room)
Tuesday, March 1 5:30 - 8:00pm

Texas Independence Day
Wednesday, March 2

Winter Guard Practice (Back Gym)
Wednesday, March 2 6:00 - 9:00pm
Weekly on Monday, Wednesday, until Mar 11, 2022

PTA Meeting
Thursday, March 3 7:00 - 8:00pm
Every 2 months on the first Thursday, until May 7, 2022

Cheer Try Outs - Dance Studio
Thursday, March 3 4:30 - 7:30pm

Orchestra - Chamber (Varsity) @ Clark HS
Friday, March 4 4:00 - 6:00pm

STEM Fest (Gym)
Friday, March 4 4:30 - 7:00pm

UIL One-Act Rehearsal (Auditorium)
Saturday, March 5 9:00am - 4:00pm

National School Breakfast Week
March 7 - 11, 2022

Texas Public Schools Week
March 7 - 11, 2022

UIL One-Act Rehearsal (Auditorium)
Monday, March 7 4:30 - 6:30pm

Drama Officers Mtg
Monday, March 7 4:30 - 5:30pm
Location:
Black Box A

Athletic Booster Club Meeting (Cafeteria)
Monday, March 7 7:00 - 8:00pm

UIL One-Act Rehearsal (Auditorium)
Tuesday, March 8 4:30 - 6:30pm

Thespian Honor Society Mtg
Tuesday, March 8 4:30 - 5:30pm

Location:
Black Box (A)

Rockn' Stringz Rehearsals (Orchestra e101g)
Wednesday, March 9 4:30 - 7:00pm

Dance Try Outs - Dance Studio
Thursday, March 10 4:30 - 7:30pm

Mustang Round Up (Courtyard)
Friday, March 11 11:45am - 3:15pm

Rockn' Stringz Rehearsals (Orchestra e101g)
Friday, March 11 4:30 - 7:00pm

SPRING BREAK
March 14 - 18, 2022

Orchestra Rehearsals (Orchestra e101g)
Monday, March 21 4:30 - 7:00pm

UIL One-Act Rehearsal (Auditorium)
Monday, March 21 4:30 - 6:30pm

Early Release
Wednesday, March 23

Battle of Flowers Parade Practice
Thursday, March 24 6:00 - 7:00pm

UIL One Act Play Public Performance @ 6:30 (Auditorium)
Friday, March 25 4:30 - 8:00pm

District UIL Academics Meet (Holmes High School)
March 25 - 26, 2022

Cap and Gown Delivery (Auditorium)
Monday, March 28 10:30am - 3:00pm

Orchestra Rehearsals (Orchestra e101g)
Monday, March 28 4:30 - 7:00pm

Mariachi Rehearsals - Orchestra E101g
Tuesday, March 29 4:30 - 7:30pm

SOAPS Mtg-Theatre (Auditorium/Black Box)
Wednesday, March 30 4:30 - 6:30pm

Rockn' Stringz Rehearsals (Orchestra e101g)
Wednesday, March 30 4:30 - 7:00pm

Educator of the Year
Wednesday, March 30 6:30 - 7:30pm

Mariachi Rehearsals - Orchestra E101g
Thursday, March 31 4:30 - 7:30pm



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Round-Up





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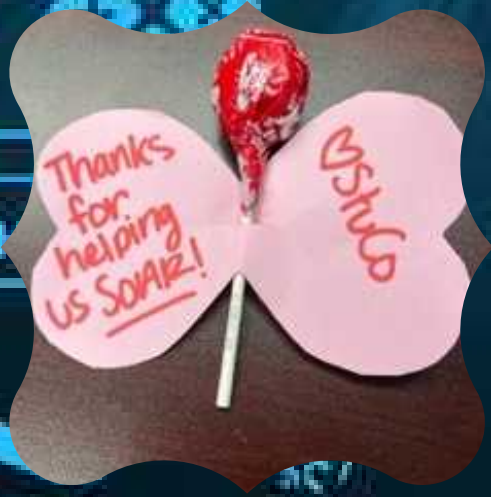


MUSTANG *Nation* Senior *Night*





MUSTANG *nation*





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Jalisco - Wil
Mariachi State Competition





MUSTANG Culinary Arts



Culinary Arts Spotlight
PUBLIC

Valentine's Dessert Competition

	PaTi A Chou Quane DANIELA ADAME Best Overall: 1st Place Most Appealing: 3rd Place Valentine's Sweet: 2nd Place
	I HEART YOU SANDWICH COOKIES JOSEPH MEJIA Best Overall: 2nd Place Most Appealing: 2nd Place Valentine's Sweet: 2nd Place
	VALENTINE'S MILK & COOKIES SERENITY ANDERSON Best Overall: 3rd Place Valentine's Sweet: 2nd Place
	CUPID'S TABLE ASHLEY SALAZAR Best Overall: 3rd Place Valentine's Sweet: 2nd Place

RANDOM DRAWING CULINARY TEACHER WINNER \$100
MRS. WHITNEY GRASOOLIAN-ZARE

Congratulations Mustang Chefs!





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Dr. Torres UTSA Celebration





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Silver Spurs - Danceline USA





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**Filles-
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USA
Congrats**



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CLASS OF

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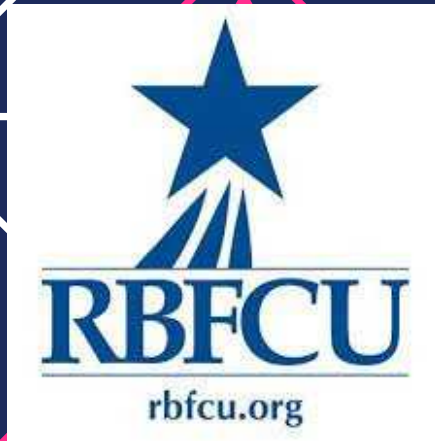
Senior Prom Tickets Sale Starts
March 1

Attention Seniors: Enchanted Forest Prom tickets will go on Sale on March 1 for \$40. You can stop by room A104 afterschool on Tuesdays and before and after school Wednesday to Monday. Prices will go up in April. Tickets are non-refundable and non transferable.

Save The Date

John Jay / SEA
Graduation Ceremony
Sunday, June 5, 2022
6:30 PM
Class of 2022

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



*Thank
you!*