



Jones College Prep Home of the Eagles

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Dear Parents,

The Athletic Department at will be conducting a meeting for parents of participating athletes at Jones College Prep. It is strongly recommended that one parent attend this meeting. The focus of the meeting is to introduce the parents to the coaches, review policies concerning athletics, and discuss the current status of facilities.

Each parent will receive a guide for the student athlete, which will include materials regarding the NCAA.

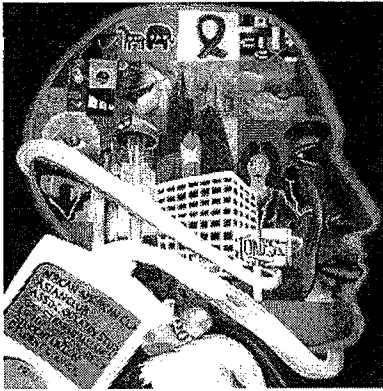
The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 in the school cafeteria. Parking will be available in the lot directly south of the Mission on State St.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our athletic program. We hope you will continue your support as parents and community members and we look forward to meeting you on the 15th.

If you have any questions please feel free to call 534-8600 Ex. 127

Sincerely,

Frank Griseto
Athletic Director



Individuality

Dear Jones College Prep Community:

We are committed to enhancing the academic and social growth of all of our students. One of the many assets that our community holds is our diverse student body which is comprised of students from the African American, Latino, Asian, Caucasian, Gay / Lesbian, Special Education, Christian, Buddhist, Jewish as well as many other religious and cultural groups. Consistent with our *Profile of the Ideal Jones Graduate at Graduation*, we dream of students who are growing in social justice and maturity. Similarly, we want to challenge our school community to develop alliances with social justice in all dimensions. One example of an area where we need growth was highlighted by a recent finding in a study of our Advanced Placement classes; our African American and Latino students are neither enrolling in nor excelling at the same rates as their Caucasian and Asian classmates. This phenomenon is not uncommon and is reflective of national norms in education. However, at Jones, we are not satisfied with this or any other indication of inequity.

In an effort to offer solutions to justice-related problems and to provide equity for all students regardless of background or identity, we have formed a group called Individuality, comprised of Jones staff and created to devise and implement a strategic plan to address the need for equity for all students. The mission of our group is to enhance the Jones community and to create a space where all students regardless of any variables are validated and supported because of their individual traits. Individuality will be hosting a panel discussion on September 26th at 6:00pm - 7:30pm entitled **Jambalaya Education: Ending Oppressive Education, A Paradigm Shift** in the Jones cafeteria. It will highlight the need to teach from a social cultural justice model.

The social cultural justice model is a conceptual framework in which we recognize that there is a power dynamic that influences how and what we teach to students. Furthermore, this power dynamic detaches students from their ethnic and cultural origins negatively affecting the student's perception of themselves and their educational and social experiences. This panel will consist of experts in the field of education and will discuss the need for secondary educators and all involved in the education and nurturing of students to teach and relate to students from this model.

Noted educator, Dr. Kevin Kumashiro, will serve as one of the panelists. Dr. Kumashiro has written numerous articles about creating more equitable school environments and will be discussing the need for all people who work with students to develop an anti-oppressive pedagogy.

Please join us for a night of intellectual and practical dialogue about how the Jones community can enhance the educational services currently provided to our entire student body. If you have any questions about this exciting event please call William McHenry at (773) 534-8600 ext. 306 or email at individuality@jonescollegeprep.org.

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