



JOHN ADAMS  
HIGH SCHOOLS

teachers community  
athletics students  
college preparation  
life **JOHN ADAMS**  
skills **HIGH SCHOOL** arts  
academic excellence  
parents character education



# Vision and Mission

- The mission of John Adams High School is to prepare high school students for collegiate success.
- We will provide a safe, structured and rigorous college preparatory environment that promotes academic excellence and ensures that each student is accepted to at least one four-year college or university. Our students will partner with highly qualified teachers and college counselors to develop, implement, and track their individual path to college with a program that involves advanced placement courses. Finally, we value our students as unique individuals and will provide a character program that prepares our students to be a responsible and dynamic citizen like our founding father, John Adams.

# How will we prepare students for college?

- Students will be expected to take three AP courses prior to graduation. We will help students prepare for AP courses.
- A unique college counseling program
  - College planning & preparation
  - Planning for AP courses
  - More counsellors than other high schools
- Patriot Program
  - Life Skills
  - Character
  - College planning
- John Adams is not designed solely for academically advanced students. It is designed to help ALL students prepare for and take AP courses as they prepare for college.

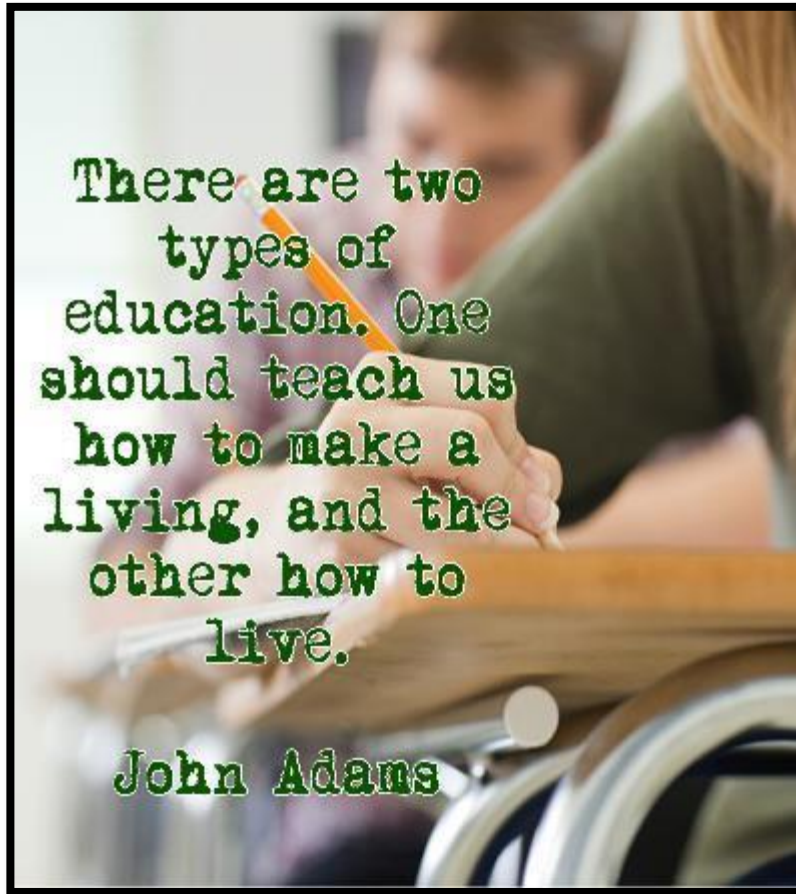
# AP Courses

- Studies have shown that AP courses not only prepare you for college, but help you to succeed in college.
- AP examinees who score a 3 or higher, are more likely to graduate from college.
- Those who score lower on AP tests outperform others in college with no AP experience.
- While AP courses can be used for college credit, this is not the purpose.
- Students say AP courses are more interesting than regular classes
- Every student should have the opportunity to be challenged academically so they can excel.

# College Counselors

- More counselors on staff
  - National recommendation 1:250 & national average 1:478
  - Colorado average 1:396 (2013)
  - JAHS 1:100
- Students will meet monthly with counselors starting freshman year to determine a course to graduation
- Students will visit colleges during the first 2 years of school.
- Counselors will advise students on college readiness, test preparation, preparing students to take AP courses, and college planning
- Study by “The National Association for College Admission Counseling” (2006) states:
  - Counselors positively affect students’ postsecondary aspirations and attainment
  - College Counseling have a significant impact on college access for all students
  - Increasing the number of counselors available to students and the time they devote to college counseling is one of the top three reforms needed to improve college access.

# Patriot Program



- The Patriot Program will teach life skills, character, and college preparation.
- Life Skills : Finances, job interview preparation, social skills, independent living skills, etc.
- Character:
  - Students will sign a Code of Character
  - Students will study people of character from around the world.
  - Students will also be expected to take part in our Service Learning program.
- Discuss college options, careers, college programs, college acceptance requirements, etc.

# Arts, Athletics, Extracurricular Activities

- Arts
  - JAHS will have typical art programs that will include choir, orchestra, illustration, graphics design, etc.
  - JAHS will provide AP courses in the arts
  - Art is not the focus of JAHS.
- Athletics
  - JAHS will have an athletic program that will likely include soccer, baseball, softball, volleyball, etc.
  - It is unlikely we will offer football due to its cost
  - We are considering an outdoor physical education course
- Extracurricular Activities
  - Typical student activities are being planned that will likely include clubs, dances, etc.





# Teachers

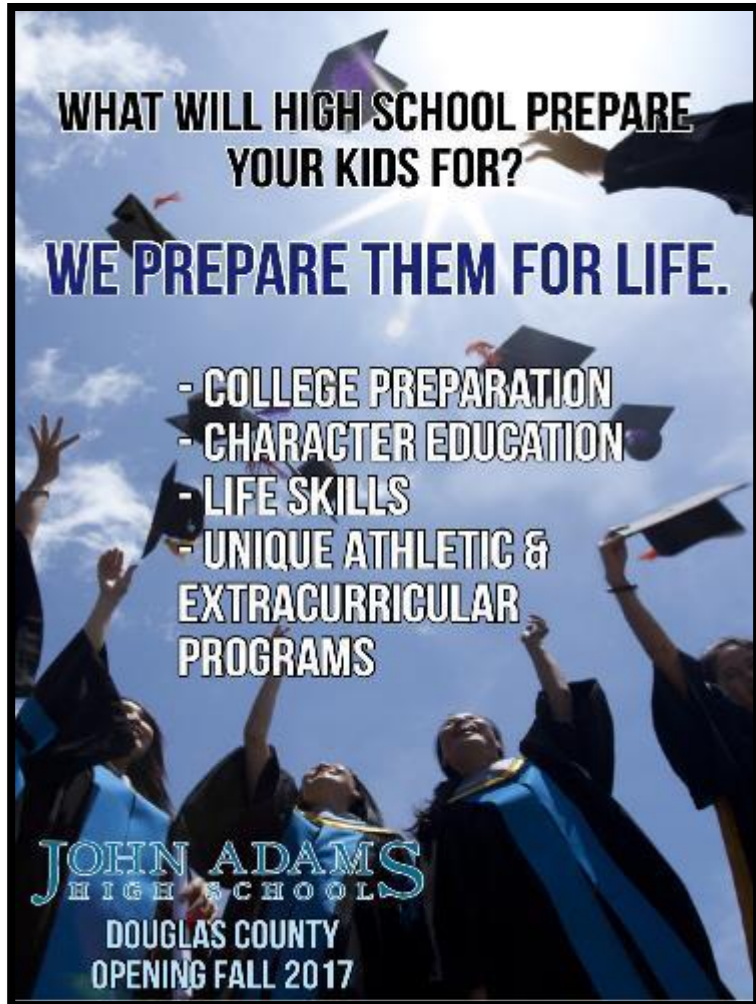
- JAHS teachers will be at-will employees of the school
- All teachers will be “highly qualified” as required by law
- Most, if not all, will be certified
- All AP teachers will have past AP teaching experience or will be trained by the College Board in AP instruction and management

# Location



- Approached with a great site. Building plans are being compared to the location to determine the best layout and negotiations are actively underway.
- Our development team knows we need to have a signed contract ASAP. Hope to be under contract within one month.
- As soon as the location is finalized we will announce it publicly.
- “Equally inconvenient” to the communities we are drawing from – Parker, Highlands Ranch, Castle Rock, Cherry Creek, Aurora.
- We are working on a plan to buy buses so we can bus students to John Adams.
- Busing will have a cost (undetermined yet) and will be available base on location and demand.

# Why Should My Student Attend JAHS?



- College preparation!
- All freshmen will attend a new school regardless of where they go.
- Start at a new school without upper classmen.
- New schools have a heightened level of teacher involvement.
- For current charter students, continue the educational legacy they started with students with similar interests.
- Character education and life skills.
- NO RISK for intent-to-enroll – you can apply to up to four schools during open enrollment, PLUS charter schools.
- JAHS will be a full high school experience – academic rigor, arts, athletics, dances, community events.
- **Other Douglas County high schools are approaching capacity. with no new high schools planned for several years. JAHS will cap at 1400 students.**

# Student Ambassadors

*A chance to shape your high school!*

- Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grades, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Meet bimonthly
- Discuss electives and extra-curricular activities
- Proposed a later start time!
- Meet other students and ease the transition into high school

# Intent to Enroll

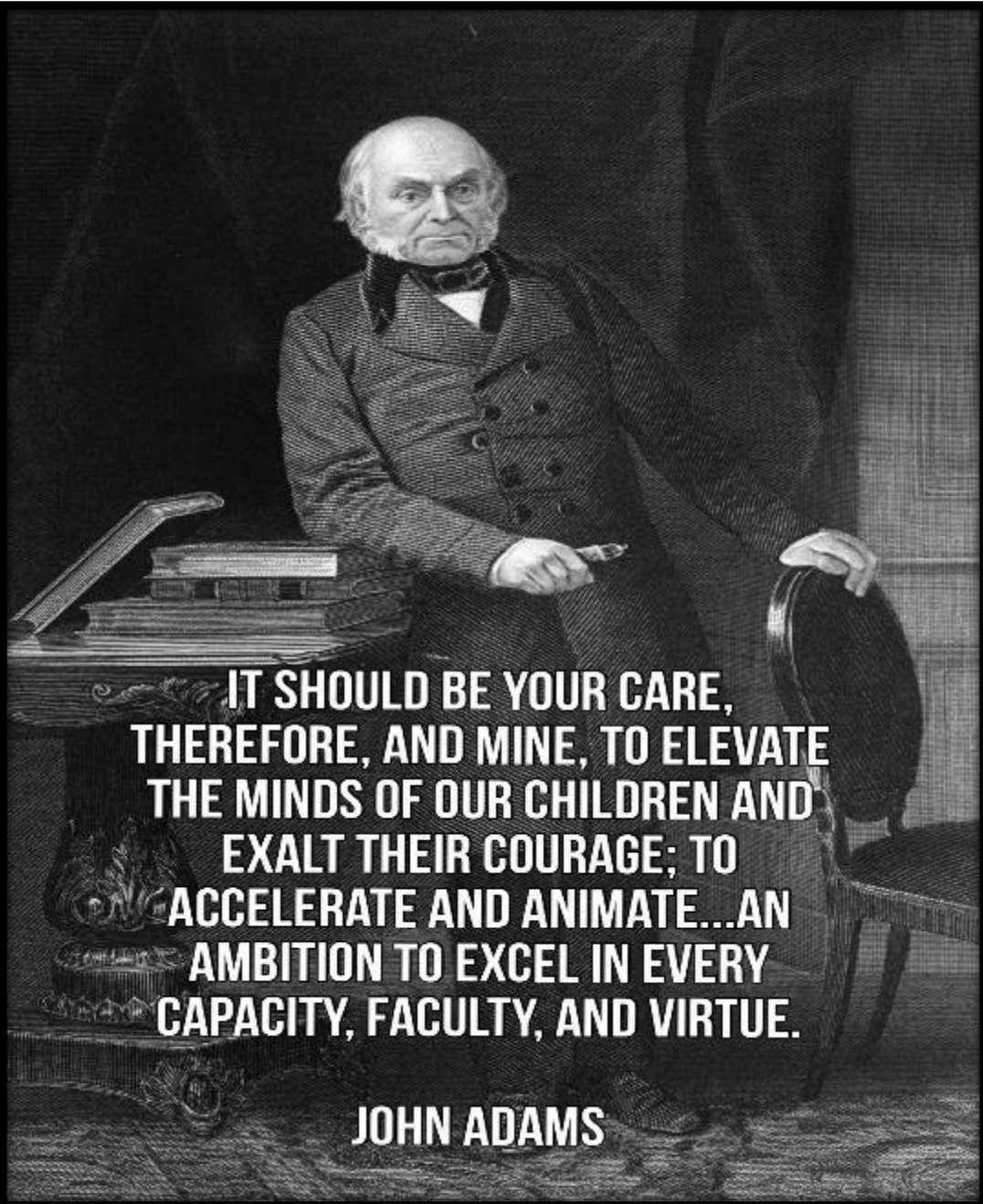
- An intent to enroll can be submitted for all students
- JAHS is not limited to Douglas County students
- An intent to enroll is non-binding
- Fill out an intent to enroll form here: <http://johnadamshs.org/intent-to-enroll/>

# Progress

- Charter Application – Done
- Facility – In progress – Negotiations under way and we will announce location as soon as we possibly can.
- Principal – A principal search is currently underway; we had a principal selected in February.
- Finances – We have a sound and multi-reviewed financial plan
  - Last year we received a \$600K startup grant from the state
  - Reapplying now
- Students – JAHS will only open if we have 300 students by the end of November. While we have good demand for later years, we are still getting the word out for openings in 2017.
- We are in the process of calling parents/students who have intent-to-enroll forms with us for next year.

# Founding Families

- Founding Families are given priority enrollment in the lottery
- Become a founding family by donating 50 hours towards the establishment of the school prior to its opening
  - Share information about JAHS with friends and family
  - Host an informal JAHS meeting
  - Earn 5 volunteer hours by referring a student who will be a 9th or 10th grader in Aug. 2017.
  - Join a committee by emailing - [volunteer@johnadamshs.org](mailto:volunteer@johnadamshs.org)
- We will cap founding families to 20% of the school based on federal grant requirements. It is VERY doubtful we will get this far.
- Families of future students are highly encouraged to become founding families



**IT SHOULD BE YOUR CARE,  
THEREFORE, AND MINE, TO ELEVATE  
THE MINDS OF OUR CHILDREN AND  
EXALT THEIR COURAGE; TO  
ACCELERATE AND ANIMATE...AN  
AMBITION TO EXCEL IN EVERY  
CAPACITY, FACULTY, AND VIRTUE.**

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# Credit Hours

	DCSD credit hour reqs.	JAHS credit hour reqs.
English	4	4
Math	3	4
Science	3	4
Social Studies	3	4
Foreign language	0	2
Practical arts	1	0
Arts	1	1
Physical Education	1	1
Electives	8	6
Life skills	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>