

# **Principal's Letter**

Dear Bulldogs,

Congratulations once again on being part of Bulldog Nation! Palm Beach County's first new high school in twenty years is off to an amazing start. Students and staff have acclimated to our beautiful facility and the environment is one of positive interactions and celebrations.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet our students as they share their stories and journeys. Helping students feel that they belong, that they are supported, encouraged and championed along the way is the best part of our work. Our faculty and staff are here to **Educate, Affirm & Inspire**! I am grateful that you have entrusted your child(ren) to DJGHS!

As the weeks pass, we continue to make history in many ways. The "first" of just about everything is taking place. These are truly exciting times! I invite you to be as active as you can and to find ways to connect with our school community. Our work together as a school, families, and the community, is about creating the best possibilities for students and helping them to achieve the best outcomes possible.

# **Open House** Information

Join us for an Open House on September 18, 2023 from 6-8pm.

School Food Service will sell food items from 5:30-6pm.

Parents begin in their child's first period class at 6pm.

Additional parking will be available at Woodlands Middle School.

This newsletter will highlight some of our recent activities along with important dates for upcoming events including our Open House, the School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting, and upcoming testing opportunities for our juniors. Please look for this communication on a regular basis as a valuable way to help you stay connected.



Also, please be sure to visit our school website and ensure that your email and phone numbers are current, so that you remain in the loop with so much happening.

Warm Regards, Mr. Oscar Otero

Principal



#### **BULLDOG BULLETIN**

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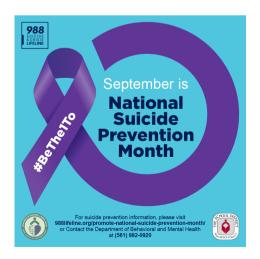
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## **Google Classroom**

Make sure you join the Google Classroom using code **6ufgw7r**.

# **September is National Suicide Prevention Month**



If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

**Suicide Prevention Week** September 11th-15th

**Ms. Averso** School Behavioral Health Professional

#### **COUNSELING CORNER**



# Dr. Joaquín García High School **ATHLETICS**



### García's First Touchdown

The Bulldogs scored their first touchdown in Dr. Joaquín García High School History on Friday, August 18th during a pre-season game at Olympic Heights Community High School. **Good Luck this season, Bulldogs!** 



# Congratulations Lady Bulldogs

Congratulations to Coach Erica Green and the Lady Bulldogs! Our girl's Varsity Volleyball Team was selected by ESPN West Palm as the Baptist Health Orthopedic Care Performance of the Week! The team was awarded with a \$500.00 check. Our Lady Bulldogs have had a successful start to their season and we are looking forward to the many accomplishments that lie ahead.



# On The Road

Come out and join the Cheer Team on the road as we support the Bulldogs throughout the 2023 Football Season. We want to see you in your Garcia Gear!



# **GO BULLDOGS!**



# **Girls Golf**

The García Girls Golf Team played their inaugural match in August. Girls Golf recently beat Dreyfoos 233-286.



# **Boys Golf**

Boys Golf is off to a great start this season and recently celebrated a win with Athletic Director, Ms. Romero.



Interested in **Girls Weight Lifting**? More info coming soon about an informational lunch meeting. Join the Google Classroom: i3vuzpw

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# **Boys Cross Country**

The Bulldogs held the first Bulldogs XC Invite where our Boys Varsity Team placed 2nd! Congrats, Team!



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Girls Volleyball is currently 5-2 and in first place in our District! The team has far exceeded expectations and continues to improve every practice. The First Annual "Bulldog Invitational" for JV and Freshmen girls teams was hosted at García recently where García finished 3rd overall amongst 16 teams. Varsity will play their tournament September 29th-30th. Volleyball wants to extend their appreciation to admin, teachers, and the student body for your support. This year's Volleyball motto is #makinghistory One match at a time.



SEPTEMBER 2023

# Dr. Joaquín García High School's INAUGURAL FOOTBALL GAME



# AROUND CAMPUS

### **Bulldog Battalion JROTC**

Our Bulldog Battalion has been working diligently to practice the Color Guard for future events. Pictured from left to right: Alexander Avila, Elijah Charles, Francisco Thermitus Telisme, Jet Black.



Teacher Competition

**DOOR DECORATING** 

Competition

September 11th-15th

Decorate and be creative. Winner

will get picked on September 15th

Sponsored by SGA

**CLUBS & ACTIVITIES** 

#### **Jewish Student Union**

Jewish Student Union held their inaugural meeting at García High School.



### **Join Class Council**

Want to get involved in Class Council? Join Google Classroom for your graduating class to stay up-todate with information and upcoming events!

Class of 2025 : wgza3lm Sponsor : Ms. Lamb

**Class of 2026** : oxdtpe7 Sponsor : Ms. Koski

Class of 2027 : fojmikg Sponsor : Ms. Averso



# AROUND CAMPUS





# **LATINOS IN ACTION**

## **LIA Founder Visit**

On September 1, 2023, the Latinos in Action classes at Joaquín García had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. José Enriquez into our classroom to familiarize and introduce himself to our students. Other guests were Mrs. Geraldine Vea, South Regional Manager of LIA, Mrs. Patricia Ordonez-Feliciano from the district office, and our principal, Mr. Oscar Otero.

The time shared with Dr. Enriquez was profoundly meaningful for all. Our school was honored to be chosen for this year's theme reveal live on different social media platforms. "Stronger Together" is this year's theme.

Our mission is to empower Latino youth to lead and strengthen their community through college and career readiness. Our vision is to be the model for Latino youth engagement through Personal Assets, Excellence in Education, Service, and Leadership.

As Hispanic Heritage Month approaches, the LIA students work on various activities, including a Spirit Week to celebrate Hispanic Heritage at the Dr. Joaquín García campus. We hope that everyone will join us during this time of celebration!

# STUDENT SERVICES



## **Dress Code Policy**

Students who are in violation of the dress code policy will be sent to administration and receive disciplinary action.

All violations will result in an email sent to parents. If available, students will be provided with a change of clothes.

Non Negotiables at DJGHS:

- Clothing may NOT be sexually suggestive or revealing.
- Leg coverings (shorts, skirts, dresses) must be at arm's length or longer.
- No sunglasses indoors.
- No hats, bandanas, picks, combs, wave caps, or any type of head coverings.

# **Tardy Policy**

Students are expected to arrive to class on time. Tardiness will be logged through the Student



Conductor System. Students are required to have their Student IDs when using this system.



### **Questions about Clubs or Sports?**

If you have a question about School Clubs/Activities or Athletics, stop by Student Services to speak with Athletics/Activities Director Ms. Romero.

A list of Clubs may be found on our School Website under "Athletics and Activities".



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# JUNIOR CLASS RING ORDERING



Last day to order in time for the Ring Ceremony Tuesday, September 12 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Breezeway