

IT'S FINALLY FRIDAY!

For those of you who are new to Jackson, following is an explanation of FINALLY FRIDAY at Jackson High School.

The tradition goes back almost as far as JHS history; it was certainly going on my first year here (what, 13 years?).

Members of the **JHS staff** get together in the **CAREER CENTER** for coffee, treats, collaboration, conversation, celebration, cheer, cajoling, crying (sometimes), connection, etc... **EVERY FRIDAY morning between 7 and 7:25 a.m.**

The coffee is prepared and set on a timer by our **STRIVE CREW** (thank you!) (bought by your mirth dollars).

Staff members (both certified and non) take turns bringing treats to share with everyone. It becomes a little bit of a competition to see which group brings the best treats... The “Bringers of the Goodies” are broken down by planning periods:

1st Friday of the Month—FIRST and SECOND PERIOD PLANNING

2nd Friday of the Month—THIRD and FOURTH PERIOD PLANNING

3rd Friday of the Month—FIFTH and SIXTH PERIOD PLANNING

4th Friday of the Month—Counselors, Paras, and all others without a planning period

5th Friday of the Month (on the rare occasion that this occurs)—EVERYONE

Some ideas for goodies are purchased baked goods such as doughnuts, homemade treats such as coffee cakes and cookies, fresh fruit such as bananas, grapes, seasonal treats, something with protein such as little smokies, breakfast casseroles, yogurt and granola, bagels and cream cheese—these are just some ideas. Talk amongst your colleagues who share your planning period if you want to do a theme or just coordinate.

Thursday mornings I usually send out a reminder (I try to be witty; sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't—if you have some jokes to share, pass them my way!).

If you are new to JHS, this is a GREAT WAY to get to know your colleagues. Not everyone shows up at Finally Fridays, not everyone stays the whole time, but whether it's to grab a donut, say hello, and dash to the copy room or to sit and chat, it doesn't matter! Come see what it's all about!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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