

# JONQUIL PREP ACADEMY

## WORD ON THE STREET

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*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*  
-Nelson Mandela

### From the Desk of Principal Brown

Greetings, Parents!

This is an exciting time indeed for Jonquil Preparatory Academy! Our website is now live and updated daily with information regarding important dates, school calendar, and school supply lists. Please consider checking it out:

[www.jonquilprep.com](http://www.jonquilprep.com)

As we transition from International Academy of Smyrna to Jonquil Preparatory Academy, we are carefully transferring student records into the National Heritage Academies system. This is a detailed process, and we appreciate your patience as we complete it over the coming weeks.

As records are transferred, some information may become available before everything is fully finalized. If you notice that certain details are still being updated, there's no need for concern. Once your student's information has been fully transferred, you'll receive an email with instructions for logging in to your new NHA Parent Portal and NHA app accounts.

We'll also follow up with details about any additional forms or information you may need to provide. There's no need to reach out in the meantime—we'll guide you through each step and make sure you have everything you need along the way.

During the school year, you'll also receive our weekly **Word on the Street** parent newsletter every Sunday. It includes school news, important reminders, upcoming events, operational updates, and helpful resources to support your family throughout the school year.

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**FREQUENT QUESTIONS / OPERATIONAL UPDATES**

| Commonly Asked Question                                      | Response / Rationale                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Have school supply lists been posted?                        | Yes, please visit our First Day Guide on our website to view the supply lists:<br><a href="https://www.nhaschools.com/schools/jonquil-preparatory-academy/en/first-day-of-school">https://www.nhaschools.com/schools/jonquil-preparatory-academy/en/first-day-of-school</a>                                     |
| What is the school uniform?                                  | We have provided guidance on the school website.<br><a href="https://www.nhaschools.com/schools/jonquil-preparatory-academy/en/dress-code">https://www.nhaschools.com/schools/jonquil-preparatory-academy/en/dress-code</a><br>Any previously purchased IAS uniforms will be allowed for this school year only. |
| What will be the school hours?                               | School hours will remain the same.<br>7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Will there still be after school and before school programs? | Yes. We will have information at orientation and will update the website with registration information.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| What is the earliest time I can drop off my child?           | Doors will open at 7:30 a.m.<br>A paid Before School Program starts at 6:30 a.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| What will be the pick-up process?                            | Similar to IAS, JPA will use the "GoTime" process for pick up and families are given an ID. New IDs are distributed at orientation.                                                                                                                                                                             |

**"THE PAWS & CLAWS" SCHOOL / STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**

Academic Specialist, Maya Carter, received the Root Literacy Design Classroom Literacy Grant. As the school Academic Specialist, Ms. Carter will focus on K-3 Literacy and developing our teachers on evidence-based literacy instruction. Way to go Ms. Carter!!!

School Leaders, Landon Brown, Marcus Harley, and Holley Johnson engaged in school improvement planning and team building activities in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. They connected with the NHA sister schools in Georgia and Louisiana for collaboration and learning of new systems associated with NHA's success frameworks. They are all proud members of the "Divine Nine" (historically Black Greek-letter fraternities and sororities).

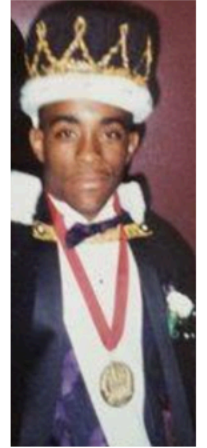
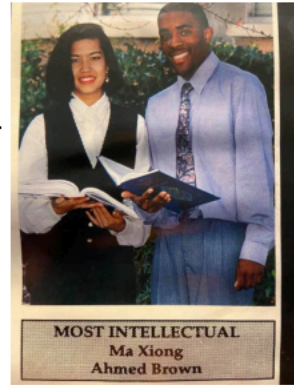


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### GETTING TO KNOW MORE "FUN FACTS" ABOUT PRINCIPAL, DR. BROWN

A native Atlantan, he is a die-hard Falcons Fan!!!  
 Grew up in Decatur, Georgia  
 Has a 3rd-degree brown belt in Karate (Taekwondo)  
 He makes a scrumptious peach cobbler  
 Participated in the 1996 Olympics Opening Ceremony, stepping with his frat brothers  
 This will be his 29th year in public education  
 Was the founding principal of Lindley 6th Grade Academy (now Betty Gray Middle School)  
 In high school he participated in student council, track, and marching band!  
 He was voted "Most Intellectual" and prom king his senior year (Towers High School)  
 Before deciding on studying education, he originally wanted to be an Optometrist (eye doctor)  
 American rapper and singer, Lil Yachty, was one of his former middle school students  
 Often, jokingly claims his "first cousin" as a twin [no relation to Todd Tucker, *Real Housewives ATL*]  
 His favorite candy is Reese's Peanut Butter Cups  
 His favorite gifts from students are hand-written notes and artwork



### MASCOT SURVEY RESULTS

After receiving 196 votes we have the final results...

|         |     |
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| Sharks  | 33% |
| Jaguars | 67% |

We are the JONQUIL JAGUARS!!!





## JAGWIRE CHAT - THE STUDENT SCOOP

Dr. Brown has truly enjoyed having some one-on-one conversations with students. They are smart, lively, and full of energy. Here are some common chit-chat wonderings in Jaguar Land!

| Student Voice                                                        | Dr. Brown's response...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Will 5th graders have lockers?<br>[5th grade male]                   | This was a part of the original plan. However, we are moving K-5 downstairs to prepare for 6-8 grades upstairs in the coming years. In our new K-8 school, lockers will be reserved for middle school.                                                                                                       |
| What about "our" senior year?<br>[5th grade female]                  | 5th graders will still have special privileges. Instead of a "graduation" you will have a 'Rites of Passage' program focusing on successful transition to middle school. Dr. Hunter and Ms. Kirby are also looking at a 5th grade camping trip to Rock Eagle, GA.                                            |
| Will we have field trips?<br>[1st grade female]                      | Absolutely! Dr. Brown loves field trips. Teachers will periodically plan these throughout the year. Dr. Brown would also like at least two schoolwide field trips. Some of his favorite field trips are Fernbank Science Center, Georgia Aquarium, Stone Mountain, High Museum of Art, and Alliance Theatre. |
| What is your favorite drink?<br>[Kindergarten male]                  | I mostly drink water, but on a very special occasion I love an ice cold Coke! [Co-Cola as we say in GA]                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Who is my teacher going to be next year?<br>[3rd grade male]         | We are working on transferring all student data and creating homeroom rosters. All data transfers and student roster should be completed the week of July 20th. Hold tight - teachers are just as excited as you!                                                                                            |
| Can we still do our walk?<br>[Campbell HS student that attended IAS] | Absolutely! I want to embrace traditions the community has celebrated. Having a "Senior Walk" is an amazing time to celebrate student success and inspire our young scholars to achieve.                                                                                                                     |

### UPCOMING DATES "IN THE DEN"

The Week of July 20th  
Thursday, July 30th  
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Friday, July 31st  
Monday, August 3rd

You will receive email regarding Parent Portal  
Pre-K Orientation, 10:00 a.m.  
Kindergarten Orientation, 6:00 p.m.  
1st - 5th Grades Orientation, 6:00 p.m.  
First Day of School - "Dress for Success"

At each orientation program, you will be able to:

1. Meet your child's teacher and get information about grade-level expectations
2. Receive your Family "GoTime" number for carpool pick-up
3. Sign up for Before/After School Programs

Please note, we will start the sign-up process for intramurals and sports later in the fall.