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Jasper Middle School

October Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to a new school year at JMS! We are very excited about the new year with a new group of students entering 5th grade. As with any new year, there are many new opportunities for our students to meet new friends and experience new challenges. For parents, the beginning of a new year, especially in a new school, can be stressful. At JMS, we want to reassure you that our first priority is to keep our students safe and to provide the highest quality education possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your student's teacher or the school administration.

JMS Schedules and Tips

- All students will have 3 academic teachers—one for ELA/Reading or Literature; one for Math; and one for Science and Social Studies
- Students will have 2 Connections classes every day—some are quarter long, semester long, or year-long.
- Students will be assigned a club, as well as, a Dragon Time faculty sponsor for each semester to expand their learning experiences.
- Attendance is vital to a successful education. Please make every effort to have your student at school on time each day. Students are counted tardy after 8:30 am.
- JMS has a Before-School Program and an After-School Program. The Before-School Program is free of charge and is from 7:15 am—7:50 am. The After-School Program costs \$7 per day and runs from 3:30 pm—6:00pm. For drop-ins to the After-School Program the cost is \$9 per day. Both programs will drop-off and pick-up in the JMS Gym.
- Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and is served each day for students and staff beginning at 7:50 am.

Introducing Mr. Duane Cronic and Mrs. Kelly Weaver

Jasper Middle School is fortunate to have two highly qualified and highly effective assistant principals. Mr. Duane Cronic has served as a school administrator in both the middle and high school settings. Mrs. Kelly Weaver has served as an administrator, academic coach, and teacher in the elementary school setting. Both are dedicated to assisting teachers as they educate our students. Please introduce yourself and call upon them if the need arises.

Upcoming Events

10/14—Fall Fundraiser due

10/14-10/18—Fall Book Fair

10/15—End of First Nine Weeks

10/18—Progress Reports go home

10/22—Fall Picture Re-takes

10/26—Halloween Dance 5 pm -7 pm (costumes allowed, but must follow dress code)

10/28—Parent Academy 6 pm in JMS Cafeteria

Behavior Expectations

JMS Dragons are on F.I.R.E.!

Friendly to all
Integrity in all we do
Respectful and Responsible
Engaged in Learning

Principal's Corner

Greetings from JMS! It is amazing to think that we are halfway through our first nine weeks. I hope that you all had a safe and exciting summer and the new school year is full of challenges and learning. The transition to a new school can be stressful to students and parents and the staff of JMS is dedicated to providing not only academic learning, but also social-emotional learning experiences to all students. I want to personally invite all of you to visit our school, volunteer in our classrooms, and become involved in the JMS PTO. I look forward to working with you and your students this year and will work to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,
Corey Thompson
Principal

Students of the Month

Landon Morris

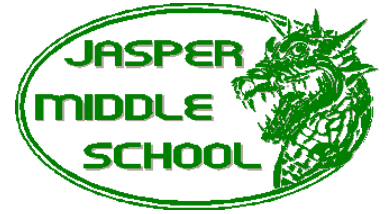
Bethany Franklin

George Chadwick

Breanna Russell-Howland

House Standings

House Glaedr	198
House Saphira	213
House Shurikan	248
House Thorn	193



Notes from the Academic Coach

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Academic Coaching

Growth Mindset

Fixed Mindset — Students believe their skills, talents and overall intelligence are fixed traits. They may resist learning and trying to improve, typically feeling embarrassed when not understanding something.

Growth Mindset — Students know they can develop their skills and talents through effort and persistence, as well as being receptive to lessons and feedback. They generally believe they can improve through hard work and trying new learning methods.

Parent Conversation with Student

Fixed Mindset	Growth Mindset
You tried your hardest, and that's all you can do.	Don't worry if you don't understand something right away. Focus on your next steps. What should they be?
You'll eventually get these types of questions if you just keep trying.	If you don't understand these types of questions, try using a different perspective. You may be able to draw or write them out.
Great job! You're so smart!	Great job! The study plan you made helped a lot. You should make another for the next test.

Growth Mindset Self-Talk for Students

Fixed Mindset	Growth Mindset
It's as good as it's going to get.	There's room to improve with the right approach.
This is just too difficult.	Time to try some strategies we learned.
I made another mistake.	Just another chance to learn
This will get me the grade I need.	I can add more to this answer.
I'm not good at this topic.	I'm not good at this topic, yet.