



# THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

March 1, 2019



**March 13, 2019**  
**Chorus Concert**  
7:00 pm  
BMS

**March 14, 2019**  
**Reading Rockstars Kickoff**  
1:30 pm  
BMS

**March 19, 2019**  
**Art Show**  
5:00-7:00 pm  
JES

**March 20-22, 2019**  
**Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
Early Dismissal  
12:20 pm

**March 29, 2019**  
**Reading Rockstars Closing Ceremony**  
1:30 pm  
BMS

**April 1, 2019**  
**Band Concert**  
7:00 pm  
BMS

Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s) and Caregiver(s),

The use of Social Media by Johnson School students has become a significant issue. Each week I will be highlighting one app and its risks. This week's app is Snap Chat. As you may know Snap Chat *IS NOT AGE APPROPRIATE*. Some of the concerns with Snap Chat are:

- Your child's exact location is made available in real time
- Images can be screen shot and shared
- Sadly, Snap Chat has become a chosen platform for sexually explicit photos and videos
- Snap Streaks are linked to social pressure and screen time addiction

*Helpful Hints for parents:*

1. Do not allow your child to add Snap Chat to their phone. The age restriction is 13+ for this app. Johnson School students are 8-11 years old and they *SHOULD NOT* have this app.
2. Monitor, monitor, monitor your child's internet use.
3. Make a pact with your child's friend's parents to say no to social media. This will help to reduce peer pressure for your child.

Please join me in committing to keeping our children safe!

Very truly yours,  
Alison Salerno  
Principal

AGE RESTRICTION  
13+



Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images, videos and chat with friends. Users can share images and videos directly to specific friends, or through a 'story' shared with their entire friend list, which documents the previous 24 hours. In a study, Snapchat was ranked the 4th most negative app in terms of having an impact on young people's health and wellbeing, with children feeling that they can use the app Snapchat to "make you look pretty."



# What parents need to know about SNAPCHAT

## EXPOSING YOUR CHILD'S EXACT LOCATION

The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real-time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the app has been opened on the device. There is a warning on the Snapchat website about uploading images and videos to 'Our Story' stating that "snaps you submit to 'Our Story' can still show up on the Map, no matter which location setting you choose." When uploading to 'Our Story', your child's image or video could appear in "Search results and Stories on or off Snapchat - today or in the future."

## LENS EXPLORER

The 'Lens Studio' on Snapchat gives users the freedom to use their imagination to design their own filters for themselves and others to use. Snapchat states that the lenses users create "must comply with our Lens Studio Submission Guidelines and Community Guidelines and must be appropriate for Snapchatters ages 13+." The 'Lens Explorer' in the app now enables users to choose from thousands of these creations to alter their snaps. Anyone can create a lens for Snapchat, which gives opportunities for age-inappropriate content to be uploaded.

## SCREENSHOTS & SAVED MESSAGES

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to screenshot or record anything which has been sent to them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is possible and send a compromising image or message to somebody who they think they trust. They may also accidentally send an image or message to somebody who they do not trust. Simply by pressing and holding a message, the user is able to save a message they have received, which can be screenshotted or used against them at a later date.

## SNAPSTREAKS & ADDICTION

'Snap Streaks' are gained when snaps have been sent back and forth consecutively between friends. The longer that snaps are sent between users, the longer the streak becomes. Furthermore, Snapchat rewards users who have achieved high Snap Streaks, by gifting emojis, adding incentives for users to keep the streaks. Children invest time into making their streaks as long as possible, which can put an incredible amount of pressure on both themselves and their friendships.

## SEXTING

Due to 'Snaps' disappearing, (users can even send a one-second photo or video), Snapchat has become the chosen platform for children and young people to send sexually explicit images or 'selfies'. Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, or recorded using another device or software, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves. However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

## SNAP ORIGINALS

Through 'Snap Originals', users can watch content which has been created by Snapchat on the app, including comedy shows, drama, news and more. Additionally, there are new lenses and filters available, inspired by the 'snap originals' shows. This is another feature to encourage addiction.

# Top Tips for Parents

## THE RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks. Ensure your child knows that 'snaps' can be screenshotted. Teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences as the message, image or video can be shared further.

## REPORTING A STORY, LENS, FILTER, SNAP OR MESSAGE

If your child comes across inappropriate Snapchat content sent directly to them or in another person's story, advise them to report it immediately. This may include an inappropriate lens, filter, message or snap. To report an offensive lens, they should open the app and select the lens they want to report. An info button will appear above the lens. Click this, followed by the flag icon. This will send a report to Snapchat for further investigation. Reports can also be made on the Snapchat support website: [support.snapchat.com](http://support.snapchat.com).

## USE 'GHOST MODE'

We highly recommend enabling 'Ghost Mode' on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Here, change the setting to 'Ghost Mode'.

## HOW TO DELETE A MESSAGE

Advise your child never to send any negative messages (or images through gallery in the chat on the app) as screenshots can still be taken. You should also advise your child to screenshot any negative comments they receive as the sender can also delete them. To delete a message, simply press and hold the sent message and press delete.

## TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick Add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature. This can be done in the settings.

## RESTRICT STORY VIEWS

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which will last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in a user's friends list can see their story. We recommend checking the privacy settings to ensure that this has not been edited. This can simply be done in the app's settings under the 'Who Can View My Story' section. The options to choose from are 'My Friends', 'Everyone' or 'Custom' - we suggest that it is set to 'My Friends'.



# R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL PRESENTS



**FRI. MAY 31 @7PM**

**SAT. JUNE 1 @2PM & @7PM**

**AT BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**TICKETS \$7.00 AT THE DOOR (CASH ONLY)**

**DOORS OPEN 45 MINUTES PRIOR TO SHOW TIME**



## Thank You!

To the families who have donated to our montly coffee cart.  
Special thanks to the Patten and Yale families for their generous contributions!  
And a belated thanks to those who volunteered with the Winter Fling.

## PTO Board 2019-2020

Our board is retiring this year - All positions available!  
Please come to a meeting or reach out to us if you're interested.

### Events:

- **Coffee Cart** – Donations are needed for the coffee cart! Cash donations can be sent in an envelope marked "PTO Coffee Cart" and are used for last minute needs (fruit, milk, creamer, etc.) Thank you to the families who have already contributed!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4BACA629A6FE3-johnson2>

### Fundraisers:

- **Spring Spirit Wear** – Forms are heading home this week and due back by March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Box Tops** – Box tops have been collected and the winners will be announced when the counts are done. Thank you for your support!
- **Amazon Smile** –Shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to support Ralph M T Johnson PTO.  
Not set up? Go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/SupportJohnsonSchool>

### PTO Meetings:

- Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am – Raise a Reading Rockstar! with Mrs. Siladi
- March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm – Budget discussions with Dr. Carver
- April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am – End of year activity planning

**Have questions, ideas or want to be involved?**  
**The PTO is a very family-friendly - All are welcome, big and small!**

Contact us at [rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com](mailto:rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com)  
<https://sites.google.com/view/rmt-johnson-pt0>  
<https://www.facebook.com/RmtJohnsonSchoolPto>

# PTO FUNDRAISING *Spring Spirit Wear 2019*



**R.M.T. JOHNSON SCHOOL**  
**RESPECT • READY • RESPONSIBLE • PROUD**



Royal Blue Short Sleeve  
 100% Cotton T-Shirt with  
 Johnson Jaguars design  
 printed in Golden Yellow  
 on front.



Heather Grey/Royal 3/4 Sleeve  
 100% Ringspun Cotton Jersey  
 with Johnson Jaguars design  
 printed in Golden Yellow  
 on front.



Light Pink Short Sleeve  
 100% Cotton T-shirt  
 with Johnson Peace Love design  
 printed in Royal Blue on front.



Carolina Blue Short Sleeve  
 100% Cotton T-shirt  
 with Johnson Peace Love design  
 printed in Royal Blue on front.



Maroon Tie-Dye  
 Short Sleeve T-Shirt with  
 BETHEL design printed  
 in White on front.



17.75 H x 14.5 W  
 Athletic Heather 50/50  
 "sweatshirt" Cinch Pack  
 with BETHEL Paw Print  
 Design embroidered on  
 Front.



Chino Twill unstructured,  
 low profile, Charcoal  
 cap with self-fabric tri-glide  
 buckle closure with  
 BETHEL Paw Print Design  
 embroidered on Front.

YOUTH VEST



ADULT VEST



LADIES VEST



Iron Grey 100% Polyester  
 Midweight Fleece Vest  
 with BETHEL Paw Print  
 Design embroidered on  
 Left Chest.



Johnson Pride  
 Oval  
 Vehicle Magnet



BETHEL  
 20 oz BPA Free  
 Water Bottle

DESCRIPTION	ADULT					COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL AMOUNT			
	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM				AL	AXL	2XL
Royal Blue S/S T-Shirt									\$10.00		
Grey/Royal Blue 3/4 Sleeve Jersey									\$15.00		
Light Pink S/S T-shirt									\$10.00		
Carolina Blue S/S T-shirt									\$10.00		
Maroon Tie-Dye S/S T-Shirt									\$15.00		
Athletic Heather Cinch Pack						\$15.00					
Charcoal Baseball Cap	One Size Fits Most					\$12.00					
Iron Grey Polyester Fleece Vest									\$22.00		
LADIES Iron Grey Polyester Fleece Vest									\$22.00		
Johnson Oval Vehicle Magnet						\$5.00					
BETHEL 20oz Water Bottle						\$3.00					
2XL T-Shirts & Jersey add \$2.50 / 2XL Fleece Vests add \$1.00									<b>Total</b>		

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT : [RMTJohnsonPTO@gmail.com](mailto:RMTJohnsonPTO@gmail.com)



# SPRING SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM

All order forms, along with your payment, should be returned to school as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, March 8, 2019.**

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If you are interested in purchasing a product for your student, yourself or both, simply fill out the order form and return it to the school with the correct amount of your purchase. If you wish to pay by check, please make it payable to

**JOHNSON P.T.O.**

All order forms, along with your payment, should be returned to school as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, March 8, 2019.**

Orders sent without payment cannot be processed.  
Thank you for your cooperation

**IMPORTANT: We suggest ordering a size larger if concerned about how sizes run. Please be sure to order proper size, as they cannot be exchanged!**  
**Thank You**

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ITEMS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT REMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE ORDER FORM CORRECTLY? (SIZE, STYLE, COLOR)**
- 2. HAVE YOU RETURNED THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF YOUR PURCHASE?**
- 3. IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE IT OUT TO JOHNSON P.T.O.**

**ALL ABOVE INFO NEEDED TO PROCESS**

# HELP WANTED!



## CAFETERIA SUBSTITUTES WANTED

**We are currently looking for friendly individuals who are interested in working in all five of the Bethel Public Schools cafeterias on an on-call basis. Ideal candidates will be able to work well in a fast-paced group environment, be able to lift up to 40 lbs., enjoy children and have previous kitchen experience. Perfect opportunity for parents of Bethel students. Training is provided to the right candidates. Hourly rate of \$13.73.**

**Please apply at [bethel.k12.ct.us](http://bethel.k12.ct.us) under the About BPS tab, Employment in Bethel, Job Openings, Cafeteria - Cafeteria Sub.**



**PICK A PROJECT !**

**LEARN !**

**HAVE FUN !**

**STEM ROCKS!**



SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | ARTS | MATHEMATICS

**EXPO 2019**

**APRIL 8TH - 5:30- 8:30 (TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED)**

**K-5 PRESENTERS WANTED!**

[Click here to find out more information on the EXPO website](#)

**QUESTIONS???**  
**CONTACT ME**

Kit Nielsen

[nielsenk@bethel.k12.ct.us](mailto:nielsenk@bethel.k12.ct.us)



*Come celebrate the Sport of the Arts!*



*Friends and Family*

*March 8<sup>th</sup> 6 pm*  
*Bethel High School*



*All three Winter Guard Units will  
perform their 2019 programs!*

*This event is Free to All!*

Also featuring a debut performance from BMS SoundSport  
and musical interludes by the BHS Jazz Band.

Concessions • Merchandise for purchase & more!

For ways to support our event and program, please visit

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



# It's Softball Season!!



**Bethel Softball Association**  
invites you to register for the  
2019 Spring season!

*Registration is open from January 21 - March 4*

**Fees:**  
\$100 per player  
\$125 max per family  
Register by **MARCH 4**  
to avoid \$20 late fee  
and/or waiting list  
\*\* NO REFUNDS \*\*



Registration  
fees include  
uniform shirt,  
socks & FUN!

Coaches! Volunteers!  
Team/League Sponsors!  
We need you!  
Email if you are interested



We offer recreational teams for ages PreK 4 - 16.  
Spring Season runs April - June.  
All skill levels are welcome!!

Sign up today using our **ONLINE** Registration System  
[www.BethelCTSoftball.com](http://www.BethelCTSoftball.com)

Questions? [BethelCTSoftball@gmail.com](mailto:BethelCTSoftball@gmail.com)



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February 22, 2019

Principals,

I am writing to offer grade 2-12 students in the district an opportunity to write creative verses and draw artistic renditions to accompany a performance of Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saens.

This piece features musical depictions of 13 animals. The Danbury Music Centre will perform a concert live on May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at The Visual and Performing Arts Center on Westconn's new campus. The Danbury Symphony will perform, the student winner of the Danbury Music Centre's Concerto competition will perform accompanied by the Danbury Symphony, and Danbury Centre Strings will combine with the Danbury Symphony performing Camille Saint-Saens' Carnival of the Animals.

In 1949, Ogden Nash penned humorous verses to announce the musical depiction of each animal. This will be a wonderful opportunity to highlight and integrate our arts. To further the fun, the music will be accompanied by the Robert Rogers puppets live and on stage!

Students in grades 2 – 12 will have the opportunity to depict the list of 14 animals that follows. Students can write a poem for each animal, or just a particular animal or animals.

**ANIMALS:**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. The Royal March of the Lions | 8. Personages with Long Ears    |
| 2. The Cuckoo in the Deep Woods | 9. The Cuckoo in the Deep Woods |
| 3. Swift Animals (Wild Asses)   | 10. Aviary                      |
| 4. Tortoises (Turtles)          | 11. Pianists                    |
| 5. The Elephant                 | 12. Fossils                     |
| 6. Kangaroos                    | 13. The Swan                    |
| 7. Aquarium                     | 14. Finale                      |

**MUSICAL LINK:** You Tube, then search Carnival of the Animals, Ogden Nash

Students can draw an artistic vision for each animal or just a particular animal or animals. These will accompany the winning verses.

The necessary deadlines and details follow.

**Deadline for entries: April 15, 2019.** Please include your name, address and phone number. Poems can be sent to:

Danbury Music Centre  
256 Main Street  
Danbury, Ct 06810  
e mail: [dmc@danburymusiccentre.org](mailto:dmc@danburymusiccentre.org)  
Please include your name, age, grade, school, address and phone number.

Entries Selected will be announced by May 1. Winning poetic verses will introduce each animal at the Concert on May 11. These will be narrated by the conductor of the Danbury Symphony. Winning art depictions will be pictured in the concert program and displayed in the lobby of the concert hall.

All students and families are invited to attend this concert free of charge. It is a great family event.

Sincerely,  
Glen Lebetkin, Danbury Music Center