



Jefferson County Middle School

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JCMS Families,

As we get closer to the end of the first quarter of the school year we want to share with you some important dates and happenings. Our staff and students are adjusting to a new scheduling tool for REACH, a new assessment cycle, and an increased student body as JCMS grew 63 more students this year. To accommodate this increase, we will be adding some new courses and staff for quarter 2, which starts November 7. Additionally, we are excited to be able to participate in some great community events over the next month.

- **Homecoming week for Madras HS- JCMS will be participating with WSK8 and MHS this Friday, October 21st.** Our students will have a modified schedule and they will be transported by bus down to MHS to participate in the parade and assembly for the big event. After the event, they will be bused back to JCMS for the end of the day.
 - From 11:15 am to 2:15 pm ALL students will be at MHS. If you need to check your student in or drop them off during this time, please go to MHS.
 - If you do not want your child to attend the event at MHS please contact JCMS and they will remain at JCMS in a study hall setting.
- **Parent-teacher conferences will be held at JCMS (and district-wide) on Monday, October 24th from 10:00 am to 6:30 pm. NO school for students.**
 - All core classes will be located in the main gym (Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies). All other classes will be in the commons.
 - Appointments will start at 10:00 am and each is 10 minutes in length. When you arrive at JCMS you will be given student grades, a self-assessment/goals sheet that students will complete on 10/21, and a contact/parent information sheet for any updates you may have.
 - Go to the teacher you want to see and sign-up on their appointment sheet.
 - Please be on time for your appointment and respect the 10-minute time slot.
 - Teachers are having breaks and meals throughout the day and will block out times on their sign-up sheet.
- **Spirit Week and Social (more information will be posted to the website by Friday, October 21st).**
 - Spirit week at JCMS will be October 24 - 28.
 - After-school social will be on October 28, right after school, and conclude at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$3 to enter and concessions will be available.
 - Students can wear clothing for the theme of each day and costumes for the social/Halloween as long as they meet school dress code expectations.
- **End of Quarter 1 (11/3) and the first day of quarter 2 (11/7)**
 - No school on Friday 11/4, for quarter-end grading day



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- Quarter 2 information- New teachers and classes
 - JCMS will be adding two teachers:
 - Ms. Schranz will be teaching 6th and 7th grade Math taking over for Mr. Bocovich. Ms. Schranz comes to us from the Hillsboro School District.
 - Ms. Stroup will be teaching 6th-grade Careers classes and a section of Spanish. Spanish will be a new offering for JCMS with one section being available for students.
 - 7th grade and 8th-grade students will be taking a survey on new elective offerings for quarter 2 over the next week.
- **Picture retakes**
 - Will be all day on Wednesday, 10/26.
- **Sports**
 - End-of-season awards will be conducted by each team. Notifications will be sent by the coaches or Mr. Stahl.
 - Boys basketball (7th and 8th grade only) will start Wednesday, 11/2 @ 3:15 pm.
 - Players must have their paperwork in before they can practice.
 - Wrestling (grades 6-8) and Girls' basketball (7th and 8th grade only) will start after Winter break (January 3).
- **Veterans Day Assembly**
 - Thursday, November 11 @ 2 pm in the main gym. The event will be a short assembly followed by a short parade by the JCMS Concert Band, and a reception in the library for our Veterans.
 - This event is open to the public.
- **Winter is around the corner**
 - With temperatures dropping make sure students have proper clothing for school.
 - If you have any winter clothing that you are not using anymore we are happy to get these items to students in need. Feel free to bring coats, hats, shoes, and other clothing items to the school.

Thank you for your support and GO BUFFS!!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brent Walsh, Principal, and Karin Crouch, Assistant Principal