



Jefferson County Middle School

A Community of Students, Parents, and Staff

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<https://www.jcsd.k12.or.us/schools/jcms>

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JCMS Families,

On behalf of the staff, we are honored to welcome you to the 2022-23 school year! While this letter is an introduction to start the year, we encourage you to check the JCMS webpage and Facebook frequently for further updates as the school year goes on.

We look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our learners can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that to be successful, our learners need support from both home and school. As partners, we share this responsibility for our learner's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our duties. We ask that you guide and support their learning by ensuring that each student:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience.
- Provide adequate amount of rest and nutrition
- Share school experiences and attend school activities, parent nights, and conferences
- Provide a consistent space to work at home when needed
- Reads daily to develop a love of reading and to improve literacy skills
- Communicate with teachers to support and challenge your child adequately
- Support the rules and discipline policies of JCMS and the District
- Check binders and student work regularly

JCMS Opening Schedule

- 8/23 - 8/27 and 8/29 - 9/2: School office is open from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
 - 8/31 (Wednesday) and 9/1 (Thursday) are sports sign-ups from 5 pm - 6:30 pm. This is a time to meet coaches and complete paperwork (Must have it before official practices start on 9/6). Students may also participate in an open field/gym format with coaches 8/31 & 9/1). Paperwork is not needed to be part of these two nights, but they will need it for the first day of practice (September 6 from 3:20 pm - 5 pm).
 - Sports for fall:
 - Football grades 7 & 8 grade
 - Volleyball grades 7 & 8 grade (6th-grade Volleyball will start 9/19, and sign-ups will happen prior through the 21st Century program)
 - Cross Country grades 6th - 8th



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- 9/6 - First day of school for 6th-grade students ONLY
 - JCMS student Web Leaders will also be attending
 - 3:20 pm - 5:00 pm - First Practices
 - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Open House for ALL students
 - Meet the JCMS Staff
 - Academic, program, and activities information
 - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Dinner provided by JCMS
 - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - BAND instrument rental night
- 9/7 - First day of school for all students
- 9/21 - School Picture Day

Back to School Information:

Meals at JCMS- We provide breakfast and lunch free of charge

School hours have changed to the following:

- **Monday 9:40 am to 3:00 pm**
 - 9:20 am doors open (breakfast served from 9:20 am - 9:40 am)
 - First bell rings at 9:35 am with classes beginning at 9:40 am.
 - End of school day - 3:00 pm
- **Tuesday - Friday 8:10 am to 3:00 pm**
 - 7:50 am doors open (breakfast served from 7:50 am - 8:10 am)
 - First bell rings at 8:05 am with classes beginning at 8:10 am.
 - End of school day - 3:00 pm

School Supplies

- We provide school supplies to all students on the first day of school (except a backpack)

The JCMS staff is excited to start another great school year. Our mission at JCMS is simple: 1) *Students Flourish Here*, (2) *We Care for Each Other*, and (3) *Better Every Day*. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

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