



Jefferson County Middle School

A Community of Students, Parents, and Staff

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JCMS Families,

Quarter one is officially in the books. JCMS is looking to continue the momentum we have to keep improving outcomes for our students. Two indicators that we are excited about are our school-wide attendance and the number of students in extracurricular activities. Our attendance for the first quarter was over 90%, being at school every day matters for our programs and systems to take full effect. Fall sports also concluded last week and we are proud to share that over 150 JCMS students participated in volleyball, football, or cross country. As we start quarter two, would like to share some updates and upcoming events:

- **Veterans Day Assembly on 11/10/22 at 2 pm.**
 - We will celebrate Veterans Day with the local VFW, and it is open to the public.
 - JCMS will have the MHS ROTC, JCMS students, and guest speakers as part of the celebration and presentation. There will be no school on 11/11/22 for Veterans Day.
- **Title 1 Reading Turkey Bingo on 11/16/22**
 - JCMS and Dual Language (Kindergarten) will host Bingo, giving away over 50 Turkeys as prizes. Dinner will be served at 6 pm, with Bingo starting at 6:30 pm.
 - Title 1 Reading information will be available. We also have several books available for students to have (free).
- **No School the week of 11/21 - 11/25**
- **JCMS Student Gift Store will be 12/6 - 12/7**
 - Last year, JCMS staff donated items for students to buy with their earned Buffalo Bucks. It was a huge success.
 - Students buy the items and use them as presents for their families. JCMS will bag the gifts and send them home with students before the winter break.
 - If you have any items that you would like to donate, please contact the school office.
- **Sports**
 - Boys Basketball started last week, with games beginning this week.
 - Wrestling (6-8 grades) and Girls' basketball (7-8 grade only) will start (on January 4).
- **School Environment**
 - Our goal is for all students to feel safe and respected at JCMS, thank you for partnering with us to encourage respectful communication and kindness between your students and their peers.
 - 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