



# Jefferson County Middle School

*A Community of Students, Parents, and Staff*

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JCMS Families,

February 15, 2023

Being at the halfway point in the school year gives JCMS the opportunity to celebrate students' success and look forward to the next semester. With the completion of the 2nd round of MAPS testing for students in English and Math, our teachers have valuable information on how to support students and plan instruction. Furthermore, this data and our normal grading practices provide our teachers with data to share about your student's academic pathways. While student attendance is still strong at 88%, our school-wide goal for attendance is 92%. We encourage everyone to do their best and get students to school on time and every day. Our second half of the year is packed with events and we would like to share these items with you.

- **Academic All-Star Assembly**

- Last week we honored students' attendance, academic success, and growth in our 2nd Academic All-Star assembly.

- **Principal Challenge**

- At the end of quarter 3 (April 13, 2023), students that meet all the following criteria will earn an activity (½ day) with the administration.
  - A GPA above 3.5 or improving their GPA from quarter 2 to quarter 3 one (1) GPA point (Example: From 1.9 to 2.9)
  - Less than 3 absences
  - Less than 3 tardies
  - No discipline referrals

- **Winter Semi-Formal Valentine's Dance was on Saturday 2/11/23**

- This was the first semi-formal event at JCMS planned by our leadership class and was a tremendous success.
- A big shout out to our leadership students for planning, organizing, and running the event.

- **Athletics:**

- Girls' basketball and wrestling seasons will conclude at the end of the month.
- 6th-grade intramural basketball begins Feb 27 - Mar 16 through the 21st Century afterschool program. Paperwork can be picked up in the JCMS office.
- Track and Field will start Wednesday, March 22nd, with practice on March 22 and 23, then regular practices beginning the day after spring break.

- **8th-grade forecasting and high school visits**

- JCMS 8th-grade students will visit MHS for an orientation and course forecasting in March

- **Safety and academics**

- Parking lot
  - JCMS has upgraded the parking lot with several safety measures. Use caution
    - Please follow the circle around the parking lot and drop students off when parked in a designated parking spot or the drop-off lane closest to the school.
    - The parking lot across from the MAC is JCSD property and can be used for a drop-off and pick-up place. Please refrain from using the staff parking lot



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to drop students off or pick them up, as it causes congestion on Kemper Way and in the staff areas.

- More information is on parent square and Facebook

- School-wide

- We have installed more cameras to monitor student safety. While this is helpful, it doesn't replace the need for students to advocate for themselves and others if they have concerns about school safety, academics, and/or student behavior.
- We also encourage parents to contact teachers with concerns or needs around academics.

Thank you for your support, and GO BUFFS!!

Sincerely,

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