Welcome
Incoming 6th Grade Parents
Introductions

- Monica Bermiss, Assistant Principal
- Jeff Tepper, Counselor
- Jaimie Dini, ENL Teacher
- Jenn Fraczek, Music Instructional Leader
Overview of Tonight’s Presentation

- The Team Approach
- A 6th Grader’s Day
- Music and World Language
- Counseling Center
- Course Selection Process
- Questions and Answers
The Academic Team

- Academic Teams
  - Core Subjects:
    - ELA
    - Math
    - Social Studies
    - Science

- The Team Approach
  - Students travel together to academic periods
  - Team events & activities
  - Team Teacher Leaders provide parent information & coordinate parent meetings
## Typical 6th Grade Schedule

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Elective Courses

- Music and Physical Education
  Alternate day courses
- Unified Arts
  Includes: Art, Home and Careers, Technology, and Health
- World Language
  This is a three year commitment
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Course Selection Options

- World Language
- Music
World Language Course Options

- French
- Spanish
- Latin

Salve!

Bienvenue!

¡Bienvenidos!
World Language Skills

- Develop the four skills in learning a world language:
  - Listening
    - Music, conversations, audio comprehension, language lab
  - Speaking
    - Dialogues, partner work
  - Reading
    - Comprehension passages, news articles, authentic texts
  - Writing
    - Start with a sentence and grow to paragraphs, create short books or stories
- Learn about the cultures of the different counties where the target languages are spoken
- Study holidays, taste foods, compare cultures of the US and other countries
Writing cafe

Simon Says

Country research

Language practice

Experiencing cultural foods
JJMS Music

- Choir
- Discovering Music
- Band*
- Orchestra*

*This course provides students with lessons in addition to the regularly scheduled period.
6th Grade Music Options

Choir
- For students who love to sing
- Students sing a variety of musical genres and languages, learn music theory and history, and learn to read music using solfege syllables
- All Choir students showcase skills in two evening concerts
- Students are assessed individually on concert music and music notation, every trimester

Discovering Music
- For students who would like to explore music beyond traditional performance ensembles
- Students will study piano, music history and theory, and computer composition
- All Discovering Music students showcase skills through composition
6th Grade Music Options

Band
❖ For students who wish to continue study on their band instrument
❖ Students are assessed individually throughout the year on concert music, etudes, rhythms and scales

Orchestra
❖ For students who wish to continue study on their string instrument
❖ Students are assessed individually throughout the year on concert music, etudes, rhythms and scales
❖ Band and Orchestra develop skills through experience with a variety of musical pieces
❖ Band and Orchestra students showcase skills in two evening concerts

We recommend that all Band and Orchestra students remain in the same performance area when transitioning to the middle school.
**Lessons**

- Students are assigned 8 lessons in a 12 week trimester. In most cases, students only miss the same class one time per trimester when attending their weekly required lessons.

- Lesson make-ups are available every Tuesday after school or by appointment.

- Lessons offer an opportunity to focus on work that cannot happen in the larger ensemble setting:
  - Students work on individual technique specific to their instrument, one-on-one with the teacher
  - An opportunity for students to meet in sections to work collaboratively on their repertoire
  - Individualized assessment during lessons on scales, rhythms, and repertoire
  - Lessons offer an opportunity for differentiated instruction as students work on skills beyond grade-level repertoire
Welcome to what will be a wonderful three year journey of exploration for your child.
As parents it will also be an adventure for you as your child discovers who they are.
I am here to help your child and you through the three years of middle school.
I will be the one consistent person for your child and you through their MS years.
I advocate for and support your child academically, socially and emotionally.
I communicate with parents in many different ways and encourage you to call or e-mail me whenever you have a question or concern. Call your child’s teacher about specific academic issues.
I am the person to call when you don’t know who to call. Do not hesitate to contact me.
I push into classes and teach lessons on character strengths. Over the course of their 3 years at JJMS I will explore with the students what their character strengths are and how they can use these character strengths on a daily basis to be successful in all areas of their lives - academic, social and home.
The counseling center is a safe, friendly and comfortable place.

6th grade Counselor
Jeffrey Tepper
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Sixth Grade
Course Selection Process
Course Selection Using Parent Portal

- **January 11th** - Parent Portal **opens** for elective course sign-up. Portal will be open for nineteen days.
- **February 1st** - Parent Portal **closes**.
- **March 23rd** - Course verification via Parent Portal
Elective Choice

- **World Language Selection:**
  - French
  - Latin
  - Spanish
  - Please select a first and second choice.

- **Music Selection:**
  - Band
  - Choir
  - Discovering Music
  - Orchestra

- Directions, course reference sheet, and course descriptions will be sent via ConnectEd on January 11th.
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- 6 Final Grade-MS Credit Credits: 0.000

Use "Request this Course" for the Music and preferred World Language courses

Scheduling Units: 12

[Request this Course] [Request as an Alternate]
Upcoming Events

• April 24th:
  6th Grade Parent Evening, 7:00 p.m.

• June 7th:
  5th Grade Student Orientation

• Late Summer 2018:
  6th Grade Meet and Greet, 4:00 p.m.
Family Handbook

Please click on the link below to access the Middle School Family Handbook which contains:

- Afterschool procedures
- Attendance policies
- Behavioral expectations
- Grading Policies
- Schedule
- Lockers
- And More!

[Family Handbook Link]