

John Jay Middle School
January 9, 2019

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

Period	Course
1	Science
2	Social Studies
3	Music/Physical Education
4	Unified Arts
5	Lunch
6	World Language
7	ELA
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9	Math

Team Courses

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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

Elective Courses

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Course Selection Options

- World Language
- Music

World Language Course Options

- French
- Spanish
- Latin

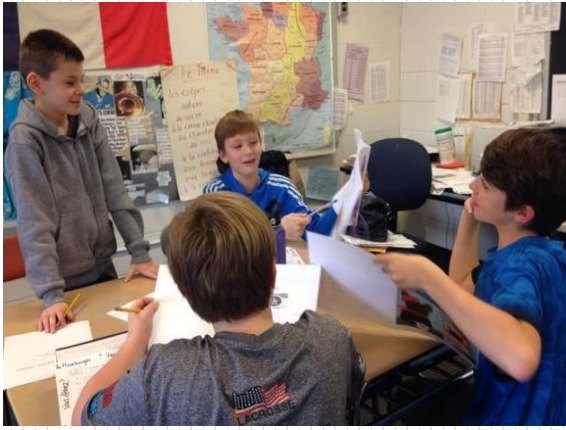
Salve!

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 countries where the target languages are spoken
- Study holidays, taste foods, compare cultures of the US and other countries



Writing cafe

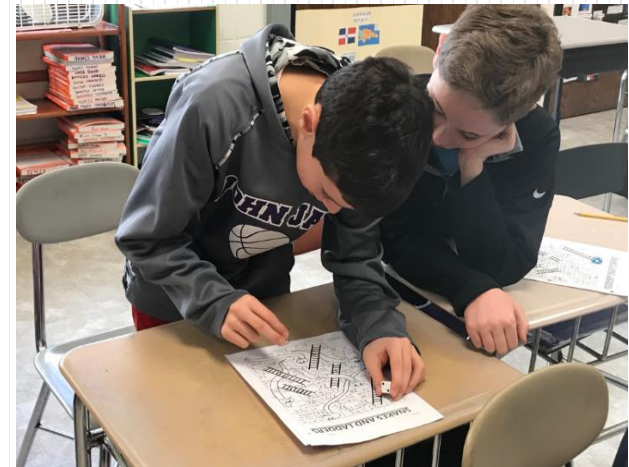
Simon Says



Country research



Experiencing cultural foods



Language practice

JJMS Music

- Choir
 - Discovering Music
 - Band*
 - Orchestra*
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- *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

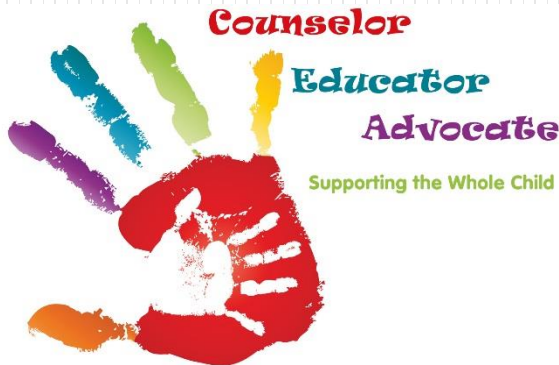
- ❑ **Students are assigned 8 lessons in a 12 week trimester. In most cases, students only miss the same class one time per trimester when attending their weekly required lessons.**
- ❑ **Lesson make-ups are available every Tuesday after school or by appointment.**
- ❑ **Lessons offer an opportunity 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**

School Counselors Make a
World of Difference



The Counseling Center

- 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.

Course Registration:

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Calendar

Schedule



Responsive Schedule



Assessment



Transportation



Reports



Demographics



Course Registration

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COURSE SEARCH |

PRINT REQUEST SUMMARY

Units: (0/108)

Required Courses

Requested Courses

Alternate Courses

Search By:

Course Name SPANISH

Course Number

3 Go

Select a course to view

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- 6 Final Grade-MS Credit Credits: 0.000

Scheduling Units: 12

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

5 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](#)