

John Jay Middle School
January 8, 2020

Welcome
Incoming 6th Grade Parents

Introductions

- ❑ Monica Bermiss, Assistant Principal
- ❑ Jennifer Makover, Counselor
- ❑ Jen 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 to academic periods together

□ 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- Art, tech, H&C, Health
5	Lunch
6	World Language
7	ELA
8	-----
9	Math

Team Courses

Period	Course
1	Science
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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
A three year commitment

Elective Courses

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1	
2	
3	Music/Physical Education
4	Unified Arts
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Elective Course Selection Options

- World Language
- Music

World Language Proposed Course Options

- **French**
- **Latin**
- **Spanish**

- **Please note: Courses are scheduled based on the course selection process. It is possible that all languages listed here may not be offered based on the enrollment of the course.**
- **In Addition, students who are registered in low enrolled courses may have limited options for music.**

World Language Skills

- We support the development of 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
- Students learn about the cultures of the different countries where the target languages are spoken
- They study holidays, taste foods, and compare cultures of the US and other countries



Writing cafe

Simon Says

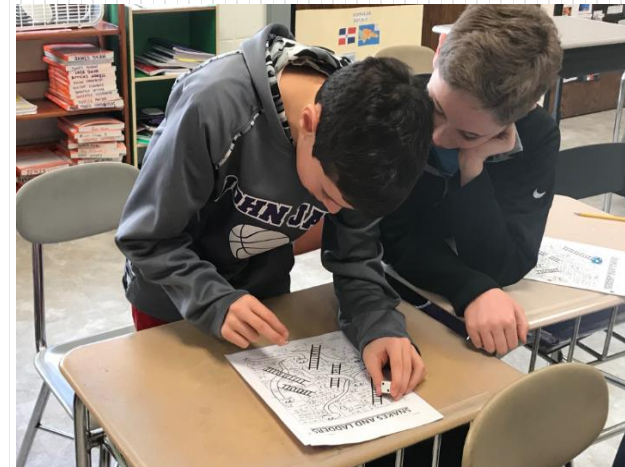


Experiencing cultural foods



Country research

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, ukulele, 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. Lessons rotate just like in Elementary School.**

- ❑ **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**

The Counseling Center



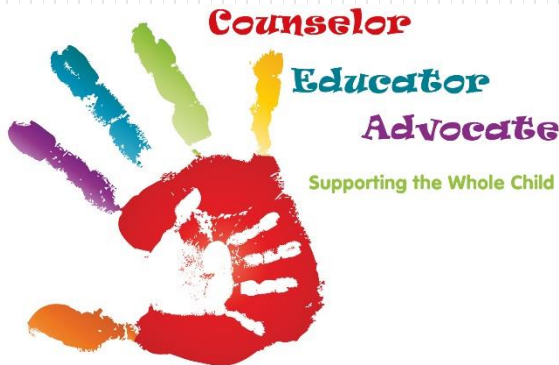
Welcome to John Jay Middle School!!!

- Three-year journey of exploration
- An adventure for you as your child discovers who they are

Counselor's Role

- Help parent and child navigate the three years of middle school
- Serve as an advocate to support your child academically, socially and emotionally
- Present lessons in classes throughout the year to help get to know students, assess their transition, and help them understand and learn how to access their character strengths

Please don't hesitate to contact counselor via phone or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns. For specific academic questions, please contact your child's teacher or the team leader.



6th grade Counselor

Jennifer Makover - jmakover@klschools.or or 763-7509

Sixth Grade Course Selection Process

Course Selection Using Parent Portal

- **Late January** – A parent letter will be sent with information about elective course sign-up
- **February 3- February 9-** Window for elective sign-up on portal
- **Late March** - Course verification will take place 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

- **Please select a first and second choice**

- Directions, course reference sheet, and course descriptions will be sent via ConnectEd.

Upcoming Events

- **April 29th:**

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

- **June 5th :**

5th Grade Student Orientation at JJMS

- **Late Summer 2018:**

6th Grade Meet and Greet, 4:00 p.m.



JJMS Family Handbook

Please visit the Middle School Website to view the JJMS Family Handbook which contains:

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

Thank you for coming!