



JJMS ORIENTATION

2020-2021

6th Grade Welcome

- New to our community
- Do your best
- Beginning of the second part of your education

Welcome from JJMS Staff

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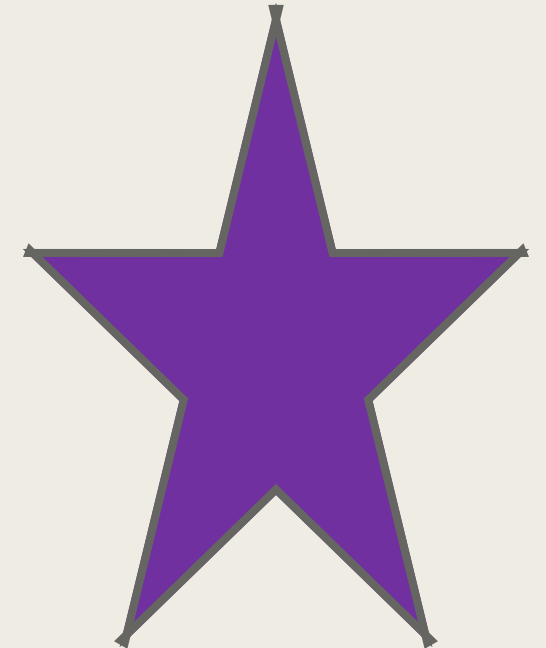
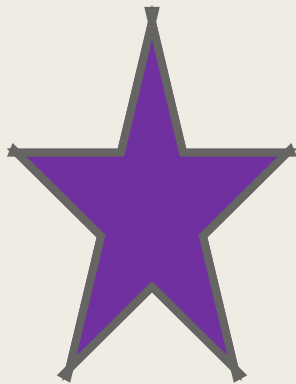
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Topics Covered Today:

- 6th Grade Information
- JJMS Updates for Safety
- Student Handbook
- First Days of School
- FAQ Responses
- What Can You Do?
- Open Forum (as time allows)

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
8	-----
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

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JJMS UPDATES

Daily Health Screener

- Families will be required to fill out a daily health screener for students before they enter JJMS.
- This should be completed at home before students get on a bus or are driven to school. The expectation is that it should be completed by 7:15 each morning (45 minutes before the start of school)
- We will have two ways to get into the building:
 - Students who HAVE proof that they filled out the screener (screen shot school-issued device, phone, printout) will be on one line near the Theater Entrance.
 - Students who do NOT have proof that they filled out the screener will be in another line at the Main Entrance. Students in this line will fill out their screener on their device and have their temperature taken before entering the building.

Masks, Social Distancing, and Hygiene

Students will be required to wear masks throughout the day. The exceptions are mask breaks and lunch.

Desks and chairs have been spaced in each classroom and marked with tape so that students are always at least six feet apart.

Hallways and stairways have been divided so that there are lanes. Students will be reminded to "stay to the right". Directional arrows have been placed on the floor.

Posters have been put up around the school to remind students of proper hand washing, social distancing and hygiene.

Videos have been created for students to review new expectations for school.

Nursing and Sickness

- We have added a part-time nurse this year as well as a Quarantine room for suspected cases of Covid.
- If a student shows signs of sickness, we must assume they have Covid.
- We have asked our teachers to send students to the nurse if they are worried about any possible sickness.
- We are hoping that students and parents will fill out the screening questions honestly and have plans in case a child is sick.

1

Practice
patience

2

Pay attention for
symptoms

3

Complete health
screener when
in-person

4

Support your
child through
transitions

5

Reach out

6

Take advantage
of resources
shared

What can you do?

Bathroom Practices

■ Bathroom Use/Washing Hands

- At this time, only two students are permitted to use the multiple-person restrooms at once.
- When washing hands, students should use both soap and water and scrub their hands, wrists and fingernails thoroughly for at least 20 seconds before drying them with a paper towel
- If there are already two students in a bathroom, students should wait on the social distancing circles outside of each restroom.



Arrival Procedures

BEFORE SCHOOL PROCEDURES REVIEW

- Prior to coming to school, all students must be cleared per our safety screener to come to school.
- Upon exiting the bus/car, students must have their evidence of a passed screener for that day ready to be presented to a school staff member.
- Each morning, students will begin to enter the building at 7:55 am
 - Students riding the bus will be dropped off at our Theater entrance or Dining Room.
 - If you drop off your child, drop off is made in the middle school upper parking lot. Students will enter from the side door in the circle.
 - Students who DO NOT have evidence of a passed screener, will form a socially distanced line outside the main entrance in the circle under the awning.
- Students can be dropped off starting at 7:50 but will not be permitted in the school until 7:55.
- Yellow markings have been made on the sidewalk and parking lots for students to socially distance as they wait to get into the building.

Bus Etiquette

- Students must always wear a mask upon entering and riding the school bus.
- Students of the same family are required to sit together. Once students enter the bus, they must load the bus from the front to back,

Coming to School Prepared- *Physically*

- Bookbags *lockers will not be available.*
 - 2 strap backpack
- Reusable water bottle use and care *stay hydrated, bring a reusable water bottle*
 - Hallway water fountains will be disabled until further notice. Water-filling stations will be available.
- Classroom Cleanliness
 - As students enter a classroom, they will be expected to take a district provided cleaning wipe and wipe down their desk.
- Hallway pass time *students will have a staggered time to transition to class.*
- Nurse Visits *there will be a "sick visit" room and "well visit" room*
 - In the event a student needs to go home sick, parents will be directed to sign their child out by the nurse's window outside and will exit the building from that entrance.
- Dress code *the districtwide dress code must always be followed in person and for remote instruction.*

Coming to School Prepared- *Academically*

- Mobile devices *fully charged, sealed in a plastic bag and accompanied with charger.*
 - If there are tech issues, families may report them to studenthelpdesk@klschools.org
 - Students may not bring their personal technology from home.
- Homework *should be submitted when asked and ready to be reviewed*
- Be ready to engage *respectfully and maturely*
- At home, create an organized workspace *free of distractions*
- Participate and give effort *grading has resumed*
- At home, don't miss your scheduled appointments *with interventionists, counselors, etc.*

Coming to School Prepared

Socially & Emotionally

Excitement *We missed you too!*

- All faculty and students must maintain social distance despite the excitement.

Where are my friends? *Your newest friend could be sitting beside you.*

- We will build social-emotional experiences into the school day for students to connect and adjust.

ALL students are our priority

- *We continue to work to ensure all students feel welcomed, affirmed, respected and included within our learning environment.*

Things will be different *training videos*

- Students will learn our new systems and practices within the first two days of school.

Stay connected *with your friends and teachers/leaders*

Attendance

- Parents must report any absence by phone on each morning of the absence.
- Excused absences from school include illness of the student; death in the family; religious observance; required attendance in court; approved school-sponsored activities, emergency medical or dental appointments.
- Excused absences require a picture of a written note from a parent/guardian emailed to the correct grade level secretary.
- Students who arrive/login to class after 8:00 a.m. are considered tardy. Repeated tardiness will warrant administrative follow-up.
- Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each period.
- Remote Instruction- Students are expected to log in by 8:00 a.m. with their camera on and await directions from the teacher.
- Remote Instruction- Students are expected to be logged into each class period 1-9 (with the exclusion of lunch and SWR) daily and on time. Students must log in and await their teacher's directions.

Behavior

All students must keep their hands, feet, objects and negative comments to themselves at all times.

- Use positive language- cursing, calling someone a derogatory name/slur, or intentionally making someone feel uncomfortable is unacceptable in person or remote.
- Students are expected to report incidents or threats of incidents of physical, emotional, or sexual harassment (bullying) that occur in the school environment to an adult at school or at home.
- The same in-school behavior is expected during remote instruction and on all school transportation.
- Cell phones are required to be turned off during the school day. Calls/texts home when ill must come from the nurse's office.

Lunch

- Students will eat lunch in a classroom.
- Each classroom will have lunches delivered by a food services worker.
- Monitors will be in a classroom supervising students as they eat.
- Students may preorder their lunch which will be delivered to their assigned room daily or may be picked up at JJHS for remote instruction. The district will be sending out information on the app where lunches may be purchased.
- To start, students will remain in their classrooms for lunch. Once we begin our recess plan, students will get outside but not be permitted to play contact sports.
- Lunches may be purchased online. Handwashing will be part of the lunch routine for students.



A glance at what school will look like.

Dress Code- *In person and remote*

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. At *no time* may student's clothing include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, denigrate others on account of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.

A student's dress shall:

- Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, and libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.
- Cover undergarments (waistbands and bra straps are allowed to show).
- Cover all private parts and the fabric covering private parts must not be see through.
- Ensure that hats or other headgear are not worn in hallways, dining room/cafeteria, classrooms, or any instructional areas. Exceptions will be made for medical or religious requirements.

Please refer to the Handbook for the complete dress code.

Academic Honesty

Students may not represent the work of others as their own.

This includes:

Cheating on homework, tests, and when using technology

Committing forgery

Plagiarism from a peer or from a source online.

Grade 6-First Days of School

In person- September 10th/11th

Students will:

- meet their team teachers in designated locations
- take a tour of the building
- attend all their classes per 1-9
- Connect with friends and staff

Remote- September 10th/11th

Students will:

- be invited to join JJMS Administration for a virtual morning assembly (grades 6-8) at 8:30 AM (9/10). Link will be available via email and Schoology.
- be invited to join a Virtual Assembly with Ms. Bermiss & Ms. Makover
- receive an email/Schoology message with specific training videos/ assignments to watch and complete.

Grade 7 & 8 - First Days of School

Remote- September 10th/11th

Students will:

- be invited to join JJMS Administration for a virtual morning assembly at 8:30 AM on both days. Link will be available via email and Schoology.
- log into Schoology to attend all their classes per 1-9 on the abbreviated schedule (to be shared).
 - *Students will be given access to the training videos that will be shared throughout the day via email in the event there are technical difficulties. All students are expected to watch them prior to entering the school.
- receive an email/Schoology message with specific training videos/ assignments to watch and complete.

When students report to school for in-person instruction, they will report directly to their 1st period class.

SCHEDULE

PERIOD 1	8:00-8:46 (Announcements/Pledge at end of period)
PERIOD 2	8:50-9:30
PERIOD 3	9:34-10:14
PERIOD 4	10:18-10:58
PERIOD 5	11:02-11:42
PERIOD 6	11:46-12:26
PERIOD 7	12:30-1:10
PERIOD 8	1:14-1:54
PERIOD 9	1:58-2:38

SCHEDULE

FALL 2020

There will be no Homebase at this
time.

Teaching Teams & Schedules

Teaching Teams will continue this year at JJMS. All 6th and 7th grade students will be placed on a team. Team letters will be sent home once teams and classes have been finalized.

Please check our ABC Handbook for teaching teams, teachers and team names.

Schedules are still being finalized for students. Our most important job is balancing classes so that the number of students per class can maintain social distance requirements.

We will let our families know when schedules are ready to be viewed.

AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

At this time, there are no After School Activities.

Dismissal

- Students will only be permitted to ride their OWN bus. They will not be permitted on any other bus.
- At the dismissal bell, students will be directed to go directly to their pick-up/bus spot. Each section will have a designated route to exit the building.
 - *Students are expected to follow their route and not make any stops/changes their dismissal procedure.*
- Please arrive at 2:38 PM to pick up your child if driving.
- Walkers- Parents who would like their child to walk home every day must email a note to the school principal at the beginning of the year stating their permission to walk.



FAQS RESPONSES

Social- Emotional Wellness

Social-Emotional Wellness is our top priority early in the school year.

We recognize that students have not been in a school for long time and we need them to feel safe and comfortable as soon as they enter the building.

Due to cohorts and some families choosing remote instruction, we know that students may not be with as many friends as in past years.

If your child begins to struggle, please reach out to your child's school counselor.


Social- Emotional Wellness

- At JJMS, in addition to classroom teachers, we have:
 - Two School Psychologists
 - A Social Worker
 - Three School Counselors
 - Three Administrators
 - Two Rtl teachers
 - [JJMS Virtual Wellness Room](#)

Classrooms and Hybrid Model

- Teachers have never taught in a hybrid model. They will be learning and adapting to what happens in the first few days of instruction. We will be providing professional development along the way so that we continually improve our hybrid instruction.
- Teachers will be learning how to teach in a model that requires attention on students who are in front of them AND online.
- Teachers will share their screen with the students in school and at home.
- We are asking teachers to start each lesson with 10-20 minutes of instruction and then begin to check in with both groups of students.

PE, Music and Recess

- PE, Band and Chorus must maintain 12-foot distancing. These classes will likely happen in large areas like the gyms or our cafeteria. Circles have been placed on the floor for proper distancing.
 - PE will be outside for as long as weather allows.
 - We are still developing a plan for recess. We know that recess will be different than in past years due to the inability to share equipment.
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Miscellaneous

- We will not have any after school activities to start the year except for extra help. Extra Help will be completely virtual.
- Extra help for all classes will be Wednesday after school.
- Please check out the district's plan for Reopening:

https://www.klschools.org/groups/80557/restart_katonahlewisboro_schools/advancing_education_safely



Let's check the
Q & A



THANK YOU!