



Johnstown Middle School
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Dear Johnstown Middle School Families,

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year! It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve as your Middle School Principal. Our teachers have been working hard to create amazing lessons to make our students think, get excited, and help them discover their talents. We are here to create a safe and supportive environment where students can learn, explore, and grow.

As we prepare for the start of the school year, I wanted to share some important information with all families.

JMS Open House: Open House will take place on Monday, August 12th from 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm. Open House is only for 6th-grade students. Students and families may pick up their schedules in the lobby of the Performance Arts Center between 6:45 pm and 7:00 pm. There will be a brief meeting in the PAC at 7:00 pm. Following the meeting, families will have the opportunity to tour the building and practice their locker combinations. There will also be representatives from the PTO at the Open House to discuss ways you can get involved.

Schedule and Required Forms: Please make sure that you have completed the forms updates in the PowerSchool Parent Portal (even if you just recently enrolled, these forms must be completed annually.) Beginning August 7th, if you have completed the PowerSchool forms update you will be able to view your schedule in PowerSchool. If you are not able to complete the PowerSchool forms update before Open House, we will have devices available at Open House for you to complete the forms.

Breakfast and Lunch: For all menus and food service needs please visit the Meal Magic Family Portal. All electronic payments for food service must be made through the Meal Magic Family Portal. We encourage the creation of a Meal Magic account, which allows you to view balances, see account and purchase history, make deposits, transfer money amongst family members, and set parental controls.

School Supplies: This year the school district will bulk purchase all school supplies, so you will only need to make sure that your student has a backpack for school. Each student will receive a 2" white binder, pencil pouch, yellow #2 pencils, and 1 pack of paper. Additional grade-level and

subject-specific supplies will be provided as well. Families can provide additional supplies if preferred, but it is our commitment to provide all students with all of the supplies they need to be successful for the 2024-2025 school year.

First Day of School: The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 14th for all Johnstown Middle School students.

Arrival and Dismissal: Students may enter the building at 7:05 a.m. Students who arrive between 7:05 am and 7:15 am will sit in the gym, or students may go to the diner to purchase breakfast. After 7:15 am, students will be released to go to their lockers and their first class.

Students who ride the bus or are picked up by their parents will be dismissed at 2:20 pm. Students who walk home will be dismissed at 2:25 pm.

JMS Handbook: The [JMS handbook](#) can be found on the JMS website. The JMS handbook includes important information, including student expectations, and the Johnnie Wear Dress Code policy.

Traffic Pattern

Drivers should enter campus from Oregon Street. Students should only be dropped off in the right lane. The left lane is for passing vehicles only. Please drive cautiously. All students will enter the building through the main doors (A2). Students do not need to be directly in front of the main doors to load and unload. This can happen at any point in front of the building. After loading or unloading students, drivers can circle around the median and exit by way of St. Rt. 37 (one way) or Oregon Street. Chambers Way will be closed between 6:00am-2:30pm daily. Students are not to be dropped off or picked up on Chambers Way. This area is reserved for bus use only.

The JMS staff and I are looking forward to a great 2024-2025 school year. Please feel free to reach out to the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Nick Hancock, Principal
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