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Dear Families:

Welcome to another exciting school year at Johnstown-Monroe! We hope you had a restful summer and are ready for the wonderful learning experiences before us.

We are looking forward to an exciting year with many new educational offerings and new building administrators at three of our four schools, including: JES Principal, Mrs. Roben Wagoner; JIS Principal, Mr. Ben Jagger; and JHS Principal, Mrs. Angel King.

School will resume for 1<sup>st</sup>- through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten students will begin the year on a staggered start determined by alphabet as communicated by Mrs. Wagoner at JES.

This school year we are excited to launch a K-12 Math Series and soon we will unveil a significant school-business partnership, which will help enhance the school district's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) education for students in grades K-12. We expect this school-business collaboration to be one of many significant partnerships. Watch for updates in the coming week.

The following provides details to help with preparations for the upcoming school year. Please read through each section as better preparations will ensure a smoother, less stressful start of the school year for students, families and staff.

## **Annual Updates**

Last week you should have received a memo from the **Johnstown-Monroe Building Principals** and **PowerSchool Updates**. That information can also be accessed **HERE**.

## **Transportation**

If your child requires transportation services, you can learn more about Community Bus Service (CBS) by clicking **HERE** or visiting **<https://www.johnstown.k12.oh.us/Transportation.aspx>**. Starting Wednesday, August 9, CBS will be sending a mailer to homes including bus number and approximate pick-up and drop-off times, which you should receive in 2-3 business days. If you receive a mailer, but don't require bus service, please email **JMTrans@com-bus.com**. If you need transportation service, but do not receive a mailer by Tuesday, August 15, please call 614-486-4180 or email **JMTrans@com-bus.com**. A representative from CBS will be present at all building open houses to address transportation questions.

Watch for additional communication from our transportation team for more information regarding the coming school year and transportation services.

### **Food Service**

For menus and food service needs, including payment through the **Meal Magic Family Portal**, click **HERE**. All electronic payments for food service *must be made through the Meal Magic Family Portal* and will be reflected in student accounts within 15 minutes. We encourage creation of a Meal Magic account, which allows you to view balances, see account and purchase histories, make deposits, transfer money among family members and set parental controls. More information regarding school meals can be found **HERE**.

### **Student & Athletic Fees**

All electronic payments of student and athletic fees must be paid via eFunds for Schools, which is replacing EZpay (Note: any payments previously made through EZpay will be honored). Create your eFunds for Schools account **HERE**.

### **Safety**

The safety of our students and staff are a priority. As we continue to enhance our safety systems, we are continuing to use the security system called “Raptor.” More about this important service can be found **HERE**.

### **Employment Opportunities**

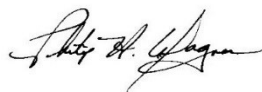
We have some open positions! We hire high-quality, student-centered educators, including veterans as teachers within our faculty. Veterans possess valuable skills and attributes that can greatly benefit our students, such as leadership, discipline, and a strong sense of service. You may view available J-M jobs **HERE** or by visiting **<https://johnstown.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>**

Finally, information including district calendars, school supply lists, student handbooks and more can be found on the district’s official, **newly redesigned website**: **<https://www.johnstown.k12.oh.us/>** Also, watch for announcements regarding a new mobile app that soon will be available.

We are thrilled to embark on this new academic year with you and your child. As partners in your child’s education, we value your input and welcome your involvement in our school community.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a rewarding and successful school year!

Sincerely,



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Superintendent