



August 1, 2024

Dear Families:

The beginning of the Johnstown-Monroe School District's 2024-25 school year will soon be here and we are busy making final preparations for students' return to classes.

We have many exciting new offerings and important updates as well as some new faces. Please join me in welcoming Brad Wehrman as new Johnstown Intermediate School principal, Nick Hancock as Johnstown Middle School principal, Michael Shipton as Johnstown High School principal, and Greg Gantt as Johnstown-Monroe athletic director.

Students in grades 1 through 12 will resume school on August 14, 2024. Kindergarten students will begin the year on a staggered start determined alphabetically by last name. Watch for further communications from JES Principal Roben Wagoner.

This school year we are excited to launch a new science curriculum in grades 4 through 12 as well as to offer new STEAM and on-site career tech learning opportunities in partnership with C-TEC, including Multi-Skilled Technician and Electrical Trades programs.

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 By Building

Watch for communications from Johnstown-Monroe building principals the week of August 5th regarding schedules, class lists and other important information.

District Direct Messaging

Johnstown-Monroe is moving to School Messenger for rapid notification services via phone and email. Watch for important announcements later this fall regarding further messaging options, including an App and text messaging.

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*. 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.



Residency Tip Line

Our District is making a concerted effort to ensure that students who reside within our District boundaries are not negatively impacted by students who are attending our schools using a fraudulent address. More about these efforts and an anonymous tip line can be found [HERE](#).

Safety

The safety of our students and staff are a priority. As we constantly enhance our safety systems, we are continuing to use “Raptor” for visitor management. More about this important service can be found [HERE](#). Also, Johnstown-Monroe has moved to a new, state-operated anonymous tip line, the [Safer Ohio School Tip Line](https://ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/pre-k-12-schools/safer-ohio-school-tip-line): <https://ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/pre-k-12-schools/safer-ohio-school-tip-line>

Supply Lists, Athletic & Student Fees

As was recently announced, for the 2024-25 school year, *the District will be providing all school supplies with the exception of calculators*. The Board of Education has also suspended general course fees for the 2024-25 school year, but some fees still remain (e.g., technology, high school dues, athletic and marching band, 5th grade camp, etc). The preceding is not an exhaustive list and more about these changes may be found [HERE](#). For any electronic payment of fees that are required for the coming school year, create your eFunds for Schools account [HERE](#).

Transportation

As was communicated earlier in July, the District has moved to an opt in transportation model. Everyone who wanted transportation needed to opt in by Friday, July 19th and nearly 700 students requested school transportation by the deadline. If you did not opt in before the July 19th deadline, but would like transportation, please use the following link to log into your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) to complete the returning student forms and opt in for transportation services. Click [HERE](#) for more information and a step-by-step guide that shows you how to navigate to the forms section and (if needed) how to create a PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you missed the opt-in deadline and request transportation now, your transportation services may not begin until Monday, August 19th.

If you complete your returning student forms and opt in for transportation services after Friday, August 9th, you must contact CBS directly by calling 614-486-4180 or emailing JMTrans@com-bus.com (please allow up to a week for services to begin).

All students who are routed for transportation this year will receive an email from CBS by Friday, August 9th with bus route information, including pick up and drop off times. Families who have downloaded the [Stopfinder](#) app will be able to find the most up-to-date pick up and drop off times in the app starting August 9th (Note: to find your route times, you will have to change the date to 8/14). As routes adjust throughout the year, route times are automatically adjusted in Stopfinder, so we highly recommend that all families with bus riders download the app. CBS will send a Stopfinder app invite via email on August 5th to all routed students who have not already downloaded the app.



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**](https://johnstown.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx)

Finally, information including [**District calendars**](#), [**student handbooks**](#) and more can be found on the district's [**official website: https://www.johnstown.k12.oh.us/**](https://www.johnstown.k12.oh.us/)

The start of each new school year is exciting and we are eager to begin this new academic year with you and your child. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a rewarding and successful school year.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent