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Newsletter

November/December 2023
Jasper Middle School
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School-Wide News

Chromebooks

Students should charge their Chromebooks each night, so they are prepared for school the next day.

Dates to Remember:

- November 1-17:** JMS Can food drive begins
- November 3:** JMS Field Trip 2nd Payment Due
- November 7:** JMS Inservice Day - NO SCHOOL
- November 14:** JMS Fall Pictures Makeups
- November 14:** JMS Parent Academy
- November 14-15:** JMS Math Beacon
- November 15:** JMS School Advisory Council
- November 20-24:** Thanksgiving Break
- December 21-January 3:** Christmas Break

Academic Updates

ELA - Sixth-grade students are beginning the narrative unit for Language Arts. In this unit, we read and analyze literary texts while focusing on theme, characterization, plot, conflict, and making inferences. We will focus on constructed responses and writing narratives for our writing standards. In class, students are reading short stories and The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.

Students are responsible for ELA morning work. Many students complete this work during homeroom, but if students are unable, they should complete it at home. Our morning work typically consists of a short passage and a few questions. Students also are reading a book of their choice. Please remember all students should aim to read for 20 minutes each weeknight.

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Math - We are finishing up unit 2 making relevant connections through number fluency. In the upcoming unit 3, students will *use computational skills (focusing on fractions) to solve problems in context. Students make connections to the classroom beyond the school day when they explore unit rate, ratios, and calculate percentages using proportional reasoning.*

Please remember that students have their spiral review to work on each night. Students receive the weekly review on Friday for the following week from their homeroom teacher. Many students are completing this during homeroom but please check with them to make sure it is completed before they come to school.

The spiral review is designed to review those skills that have been covered so students maintain an understanding throughout the school year.

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Finding Programs:

At JMS, our students use many great online programs to enhance and reinforce their learning experience (Reading Plus, Newsela, CommonLit, IXL, Canvas, etc.). All of these programs are accessible through Clever. When students log in on their school Chromebooks, the program automatically directs them to Clever. Once they are logged in, they can access all programs without the use of an additional login.

Science - We are finishing up the Universe and our Solar System. In November, we will begin The Earth-Moon-Sun System. We will study in detail how Earth's days, years, and seasons are related to Earth's movement in space, the effects the sun and the moon have on Earth, including gravitational attraction, moon phases, and eclipses, and Earth's tides.

You may call or email me if you need to contact me for anything. My email is:

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Social Studies -

We will be covering the **HISTORY of Europe** (MAIN causes of WWI, The Treaty of Versailles, The Great Depression, The Rise of Communism, The Rise of Nazism, and The Worldwide Depression, German Reunification, Soviet Union collapse, and the end of the Cold War) **up until the Thanksgiving Break.**

Tentative Unit Test Date will be on Wednesday, November 15th prior to the break. Study guides will be sent home a week prior to the actual test date.

After Thanksgiving, we will be covering **Government and Economics of Europe:** Compare and Contrast the different forms of Government - (Autocratic vs. Democratic; also we will learn about the two predominant forms of a democratic government: parliamentary and presidential) For Economics, (We will analyze different economic systems: Traditional, Command, and Market economies) and (we will analyze the benefits of and barriers to voluntary trade in Europe.)

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Infinite Campus:

How to check student attendance and grades:

(<https://campus.pickens.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/pickens.jsp>)

If you need assistance, please email:
parentportal@pickenscountyschools.org

Yearbook!



Make sure to buy your JMS Yearbook.

1. Go to [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com)
2. Go to Find My School
3. Type in Jasper Middle School
4. Click on Jasper Middle School (Jasper, GA)

Upcoming Dates

Teacher In-Service Day 11/7

Thanksgiving break is 11/20 - 11/24

Christmas break is 12/21 - 1/3

Report Cards 1/5

6th Grade Field Trip

When: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 - Leave at 6:00 a.m. and return to JMS at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Chattanooga, TN - Rock City, Cruise, IMAX, Aquarium

Cost: \$40 Non-Refundable Deposit due Friday, October 6, 2023

2nd Payment of \$30 due Friday, November 3, 2023

3rd Payment of \$30 due Friday, February 2, 2024

4th Payment of \$30 due Friday, March 1, 2024