

Jasper Middle School Virtual Orientation 2022 - 2023

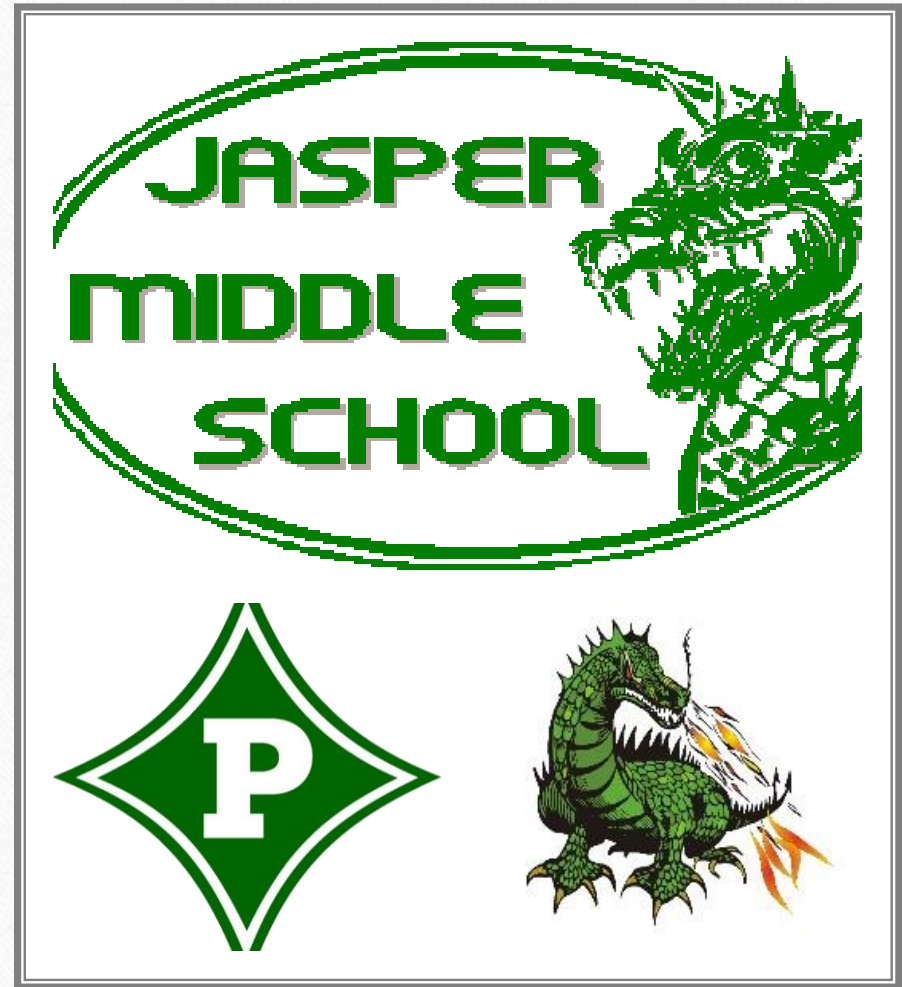
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Welcome to JMS!

- Jasper Middle School
- 158 Stegall Drive
- Jasper, GA 30143
- (706)253-1730
- School Hours
 - Before-School Program 7:30 (drop-off at gym)
 - Regular Drop-off 7:50 (drop-off at front entrance)
 - **School Hours 8:30-3:30**
 - After-school Program 3:30 – 6:00 (pick-up at gym)



Jasper Middle School

HOME OF THE DRAGONS

MISSION STATEMENT

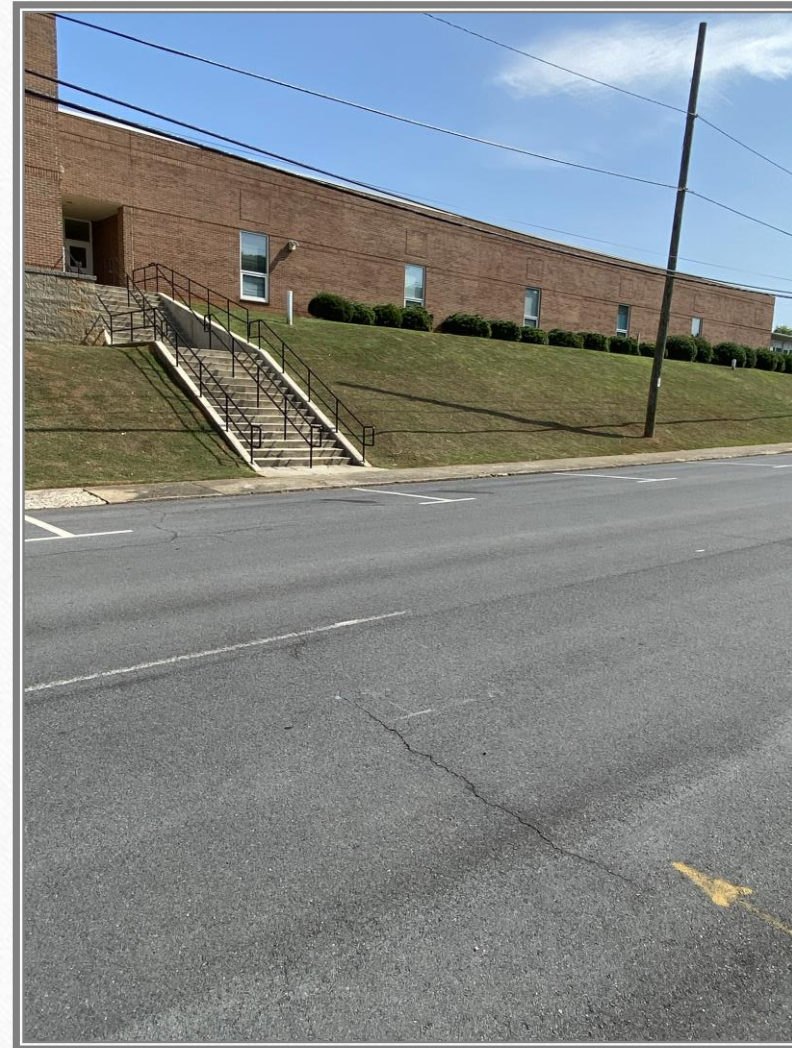
The mission of Jasper Middle School is to educate all students in a safe environment and to empower all to be life long learners and productive citizens.

VALUES At JMS We Believe:

- ✓ *Students learn best when they are actively engaged and find relevance in what they are learning.*
- ✓ *An environment that is positive, loving, and safe leads to growth and achievement.*
- ✓ *Everyone should be treated with dignity and respect.*
- ✓ *Meeting students at individual levels will help them learn, grow, and reach their potential.*
- ✓ *Partnerships with the school, parents, and other stakeholders lead to student achievement.*

JMS Before-School Car Drop-off

- **7:30 am – 7:50 am**
- Students are dropped off at the staircase leading from the school-side sidewalk on Stegall Drive to the JMS gym.
- Look for flashing lights in SRO vehicle – this is where you drop off students between 7:30 am and 7:50 am.





JMS Morning Car Drop-off

- **7:50 am – 8:30 am**
- Students are dropped at the front entrance of JMS.
- Unlike elementary schools, once your vehicle is stopped, your child may exit onto the sidewalk on Stegall Drive nearest the school. Once your child has exited, and it is safe to do so, you may proceed into the traffic lane of Stegall Drive (you do not have to wait for clearance from staff or SRO).



JMS Afternoon Car Pick-up

- **3:30 pm – 4:00 pm**
- Students will dismiss from the gym, exiting the gym stairs
- Cars line up in the parking spaces on the far right, and the right-hand lane of traffic on Stegall Drive, leaving two lanes for cars to be loaded, with the far left lane of the street clear for traffic (this lane must remain open).
- JMS Staff will call kids from the gym, and cars in both lanes will be loaded from the gym stairs to the crosswalk at the entrance of the school.
- Once both lanes are loaded, the SRO or JMS staff will release both lanes of traffic. Please wait until directed to drive away in the afternoon car lanes.

JMS Bus Drop-off and Pick-off

- The buses will drop-off and pick-up at the rear of JMS, off Sanders Street.
- JMS kids share buses with the elementary schools, so our students are the oldest, and need to set a positive example.
- There are two loads of afternoon bus riders: first load will dismiss to the bus, and second load will dismiss to the cafeteria until their bus arrives.

Recess

- At JMS, all kids will have recess daily (weather permitting).
- We have multiple playground areas, and activities for students.



JMS Before-School and After-School Programs

- JMS offers before-school program from 7:30 until 7:50 each day. This is free of charge.
- JMS offers after-school program from 3:30 until 6:00 each day. There is a charge of \$7 per day for this program, which also includes snack.
- Katrina Manis is the JMS after-school director. Her email is katrinamanis@pickenscountyschools.org

Classes at JMS - Academic

- Students will have 4 academic classes each day – math, reading, science, and social studies
- Math and reading will be 85 minutes each; science and social studies will be 42 minutes each
- In addition to these classes, students will have a 15 minute Morning Meeting during homeroom, and a 30 minute Thinking Maps block.
- Students will have 2 connections classes each day, each lasting 35 minutes

Classes at JMS - Connections

- Students will have 2 connections classes each day
- Connection classes will be for a 9 week term, meaning that students will have those classes every day for 9 weeks
- The schedule will be structured so that all students will experience all connections throughout the year (unless in a yearlong course)
- Chorus and Band are yearlong classes, so students in those programs will have those classes each day. Chorus is offered in 5th and 6th grade. Band is only offered in 6th grade.
- Connections classes are JMS are: PE, art, general music, computer lab, agriculture, chorus, band, math connection (all students will participate)

Visiting and Volunteer Opportunities

- All JMS students must be dropped off in the car line. Please know we will have multiple staff members on hand to help your child to class on the first day of school. Please say your goodbyes as you drop your child off in the carline or meet the bus at the bus stop. Thank you for helping us ensure the safety of all children.
- Parents may visit the school at this time to have lunch with students. You must show photo ID, be on approved lists, and sit with your child only in a designated area of the cafeteria or school.
- Volunteer opportunities arise at JMS, and will be shared as they do. Volunteers must complete the volunteer training. Training dates will be shared.

Staying Connected with JMS

- The school and parent connection is very important, after all, we are working for the success and education of the same students!
- Please follow us on Facebook, look for emails, and reference the school webpage for tips and announcements.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school.
- School Advisory Meetings - September 14; November 16; February 8; April 12 – all starting at 4:00 pm in the JMS Media Center
- Parent Academy Nights - September 12 (annual Title I meeting); October 17; December 12; January 23; March 13 – all starting at 6:00 pm in the JMS gym

Open House and First Day of School

- **Fifth Grade**

- Open House – Wednesday, July 27
from 4:00 – 6:00 pm
- First Day of School – Monday,
August 1

- **Sixth Grade**

- Open House – Thursday, July 28
from 4:00 – 6:00 pm
- First Day of School – Tuesday,
August 2

Jasper Middle School Principal

- Corey Thompson – JMS Principal
- coreythompson@pickenscountyschools.org
- <https://jaspermid.pickens.k12.ga.us/administration/corey-thompson/>



Jasper Middle School Assistant Principals

Duane Cronic – 5th Grade

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Kelly Weaver – 6th Grade

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JMS Counselor and Academic Coach

Counselor – Harriett Wilder

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Academic Coach – Kim Hamilton

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JMS Gifted and Lead Special Education

Diane Jackson – Gifted Coordinator

- dianejackson@pickenscountyschools.org
- <https://jaspermid.pickens.k12.ga.us/staff/academic-support/diane-jackson-gifted-coordinator/>



Brian Ledford– Lead Special Ed.

- brianledford@pickenscountyschools.org



JMS Front Office and Clinic

- Blair Cronic– Receptionist
- blaircronic@pickenscountyschools.org
- Jennifer Denson – Book Keeper
- jenniferdenson@pickenscountyschools.org
- Rachel Coleman– JMS Clinic Aid
- rachelcoleman@pickenscountyschools.org



Jasper Middle School Cafeteria

- Cafeteria Manager – Brenda Smith
- brendasmith@pickenscountyschools.org





Jasper Middle School Media Center

- Media Specialist– Stephanie Rickman
- stephanierickman@pickenscountyschools.org

Jasper Middle School Technology

- Technology Specialist – Angela Presley
- angelapresley@pickenscountyschools.org

Fifth Grade – Team 5A

- **Math**

- Angela Cline

- angelacline@pickenscountyschools.org

- Deidre Weaver

- deidreweaver@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Science**

- Danielle Hendrix

- daniellehendrix@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Reading/Language Arts**

- Amy Priest

- amypriest@pickenscountyschools.org

- Tracey Thomas

- traceythomas@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Social Studies**

- Crystal Carver

- crystalcarver@pickenscountyschools.org

Fifth Grade – Team 5B

- **Math**

- Andra Callahan
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- Brandi McEntire
- brandimcentire@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Science**

- Lydia Marsicek
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- **Reading/Language Arts**

- Kim Francis
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- Tiffany Green
- tiffanygreen@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Social Studies**

- Tonya Clark
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Fifth Grade – Special Education Teachers

- **Math**

- Rhonda Noe

- rhondanoe@pickenscountyschools.org

- Amber Chadwick

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- **Science and Social Studies**

- Bill Hall

- billhall@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Reading/Language Arts**

- Laura Stansell

- laurastansell@pickenscountyschools.org

- Donna Franklin

- donnafranklin@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Misc.**

- Caitlan Raffield

- caitlanraffield@pickenscountyschools.org

Sixth Grade – Team 6A

- **Math**

- Tammy Duncan

- tammyduncan@pickenscountyschools.org

- Tom Kleinberg

- tomkleinberg@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Science**

- Paula Henderson

- paulahenderson@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Reading/Language Arts**

- Leigh Chapman

- leighchapman@pickenscountyschools.org

- Eileen Steinhauer

- eileensteinhauer@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Social Studies**

- Melissa Griffith

- melissagriffith@pickenscountyschools.org

Sixth Grade – Team 6B

- **Math**

- Robert Faber

- robertfaber@pickenscountyschools.org

- Christina Rodriguez

- christinarodriguez@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Science**

- Randy Marler

- randymarler@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Reading/Language Arts**

- Kelly Dorsey

- kellydorsey@pickenscountyschools.org

- Lisa Hartung

- lisahartung@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Social Studies**

- Casey Shull

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Sixth Grade – Special Education Teachers

- **Math**

- Melissa Bramlett

- melissabramlett@pickenscountyschools.org

- Steve Thurman

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- **Science and Social Studies**

- Thompson Brock

- thompsonbrock@pickenscountyschools.org

- **Reading/Language Arts**

- Tiffany Hylton

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- Angie McDonald

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- **Misc.**

- Caitlan Raffield

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Fifth and Sixth Grade – Special Education Teachers

- **ID/Lead**

- Brian Ledford

- brianledford@pickenscountyschools.org

- **ID**

- Katlyn Duncan

- katlynduncan@pickenscountyschools.org

- **EBD**

- Josh Headrick

- joshheadrick@pickenscountyschools.org

Connections

- **PE**

- Colby Shaw
- Lindsay Farmer

- **Art**

- Allison Naples

- **Computer Lab**

- Lisa Cason

- **General Music, Band, and Chorus**

- Allison Priest – music and Chorus
- Al Estep – music and Band (6th)

- **Ag. Tech.**

- Charlene Stirewalt

- **Math Connection**

- Melissa Christopher

Support Staff

- Lisa Price – Special Education
- Maranda Ray – Special Education
- Thor Baggs – Special Education
- Sarah Childers – Special Education
- Tony Estes – Special Education
- Selena Thompson – Media Clerk
- Elvia Towers – Floater Para
- Katrina Manis – ISS/ASP
- **49% Teachers and Interventionists**
- Judy Pinson
- Victoria Jenkins
- Shelly Vincent
- Julie Warner