

JJMS Bi-Weekly Newsletter

January 8, 2018 - January 19, 2018

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Hello January!

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- **Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018-** 5th, 6th & 7th Grade Curriculum Conversations
7 PM JJMS Theater
- **Monday, Jan. 22, 2018-** Winter Band Concert, *Spirit Wear Sales available
7 PM JJMS Theater
- **Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018-** 8th Grade Curriculum Conversations
9:30 AM JJMS Theater
- **Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018-** 8th Grade Movie Night! "Zootopia"
6 - 9 PM JJMS Cafeteria. See details below.

- **Thursday Feb. 8, 2017-** Parent/Teacher Discussion Series “Mindful in the Middle”

7 PM JJMS Library. The evening discussion will be devoted to the theme of developing family and classroom mindfulness. How do we, as teachers and parents, help our students and children to develop a greater sense of mindfulness? We will be covering such topics such as discipline, stress management, self-regulation, recognizing other students’ strengths, building human connections and the district goal of intellectually engaging classrooms. This evening’s discussion series is created in collaboration with school psychologists Deanna Spoto and Marlee Schwartz.

NOTES FROM ADMINISTRATION

- Follow Assistant Principal Ms. Shantel Brooks on twitter: JJMSAPBrooks

PARENTS

Thursday, January 25, 2018 (6 - 9 PM) is 8th Grade Movie Night! All 8th Graders are welcomed to join their friends and classmates for a homework free, fun, social evening of “Zootopia.” Suggested donation of \$10 gets you a movie admission, popcorn and refreshments. A concession stand will be available to purchase additional snacks and pizza. “Will call” tickets are available for pre-purchase the week of Monday 1/15 thru Wednesday 1/24. Please make a check payable to JJMS PTO, include your child’s name, put in a sealed envelope addressed to JJMS PTO and have your child drop-off at home base. Or go to our website jjmspto.com and purchase a “will call” ticket through PayPal (again include your child’s name) At the door admission will be \$12. All proceeds from this 8th grade event will go towards the 8th grade boat trip and moving-up ceremony. Kids are welcomed to bring their yoga mats, pillows and dress in

comfortable lounge wear and/or pajamas to enjoy the movie. This is a JJMS PTO sponsored event, *THANK YOU* for your support! Email us at jjmspto@yahoo.com with any questions; to donate snacks; or to be a volunteer chaperone.

~Julie & Kristin, JJMS PTO Co-Presidents

All 7th Graders: Save the Date! 2/23/18 (7 - 9 PM) 7th Grade Rec & Roll!

All 6th Graders: Save the Date! 2/21/18 (7 - 8:30 PM) 6th Grade Game Show Night!

A new easy application for volunteers to fill-out from District Office:

<http://www.klschools.org/volunteer>

JJMS PTO Volunteer Opportunities. Volunteering is a great way to still feel connected to your child's school even as they become more independent learners. And all these wonderful programs can only happen with your involvement! No matter how much or how little time you have to give, all your efforts are greatly appreciated. Please go to Survey Monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KYTBSRM> and let us know what event or activity you would like to volunteer for. Thank you! Feel free to contact Julie Walsh at julie@designdetails.net or Kristin Condon at klparker@optonline.net with any questions you may have.

SHOPPING

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL WHILE YOU SHOP!

Amazon / JJMS PTO Partnership - If you shop on Amazon by clicking this link, the JJMS PTO Amazon will earn a percentage of your order total! This is a great, easy way to support student activities. In order for JJMS PTO to receive credit for your amazon purchases you must shop after clicking the Amazon logo on JJMSPTO.com or use Amazon Smile!

DeCicco's/JJMS- Our school earns \$\$ when you shop at DeCicco's. When checking out of either Katonah or Cross River stores, please tell the cashier to "Give my points to JJMS!" We earn a percentage of your purchase. Thank you for your support!

ShopRite/JJMS- Parents: Please click below, create a logon and input your ShopRite card number to earn \$\$\$ for JJMS!

ShopRite For My School

ShopRite For My School makes it easy to give back to your favorite school! Just Register, Shop & Earn!

John Jay Spirit Wear- Support JJMS by purchasing Spirit Wear, new items for sale. Go to www.jjmspto.com for an order form to purchase anytime.

GRATITUDE

Thank you!

Mr. Jeffrey Tepper and Mrs. Nancy Cogswell for an informative presentation “Organization Skills for Middle School Students.” If you missed it, please check-out the PPT version posted on our JJMS PTO website: jjmspto.com

Mr. Mark Grossman, Ms. Kathy O’Neil, Ms. Nicole Nevarez, & Ms. Wendy McLean for hosting our Parent/Teacher Discussion Series “Mindful in the Middle.” If you missed it, please check-out the PPT version posted on our JJMS PTO website: jjmspto.com

Mr. Andrew Selesnick for the Superintendent’s Coffee & Conversation held at JJMS Library

Amanda Godsoe Gil for an awesome job on our new website which helps to facilitate our JJMS PTO mission: to keep us all connected and informed! jjmspto.com

COMMUNITY

JJMS Parents: Please submit your team/group pictures- football, basketball, baseball, field hockey XC, winter track, LAX, swim, volleyball. You have until 3/16/18 to submit your pics, see flyer below:

THEIR FRIENDS. THEIR STORIES. IN THE YEARBOOK.

They won't stay young forever. They grow, develop, learn and achieve.
Don't miss the opportunity to help document your student's journey.

The yearbook club strives to tell the whole story. To do so, we need your help. We're looking for photos of everyday school life, activities and events. While we cannot guarantee that all shared photos will be published, if you don't share, your great pictures can't even be considered. So, what are you waiting for? Start sharing today!



Go to www.HJeShare.com or use the HJeShare app.

Enter school code

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Thank you in advance for your support!



JJMS Parents: Ads for the yearbook has been extended until this Friday 1/12/18!

YEARBOOK

ATTENTION JOHN JAY MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES & FRIENDS!

Congratulate your student and express your pride and love with an ad in the 2017 yearbook!

Message Details:

Sizes and Prices:

1/16 page: \$ 28.00
1/8 page: \$ 56.00
1/4 page: \$ 84.00
1/2 page: \$139.00

Due: DECEMBER 31, 2016

Payment: Pay online with a credit card

How to Submit Online:

Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter order number **ORDER#5027**.

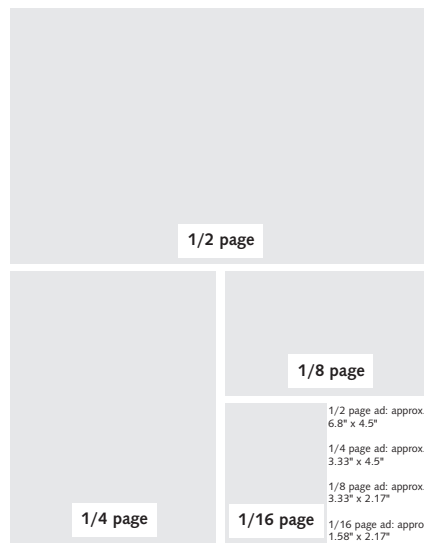
Click **Create a Yearbook Ad**.

Do not click "Upload Photos for the yearbook via eShare". You will upload your photos as directed during the ad creation process.

Follow the prompts to design your ad, add it to your cart and purchase it. Your ad is not complete until you add it to your cart and complete the checkout process!

To make the ad creation process easier, click the **Watch Video** or **Online Ad Creation Guide** links.

For Tech Support while using the online ad creator, contact Herff Jones Technical Support at 877.362.7750



*Ads will be accepted on a space available basis. When space runs out, or we reach our plant deadline, we can no longer accept ads, so make sure to get your ad in early!
NO ADS WILL BE ACCEPTED after DECEMBER 31, 2016.