

# JJMS PARENT EXPRESS

## JJMS PTO Monthly Newsletter March 2019

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### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/1 School Supply Packs go on sale (See below for more information).
- 3/1 JJMS Day at Yankee Stadium tickets go on sale: (See below for more information).
- 3/5 **HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT:** Understanding the Signs of Teen Drug or Alcohol Use  
JJHS Auditorium 7:00pm-8:00pm (See below for more information).
- 3/14 **JJMS PTO Meeting:** 9:30 am JJMS Theater  
School Counselor, Jeff Tepper presents: **You too can survive your child's adolescence!** Adolescence, what is it, why it's important, and how parents can live through it. He will cover the topics of what adolescence is and how it affects kids and parents. He will also discuss what parents can do to help maintain their sanity, and help their kids to come out as better people when adolescence finally ends (Not a moment too soon!).
- 3/15 **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Party 7-9:00 pm:** See details below.
- 3/21-23 **JJMS Spring Musical:** See details below

### WHAT'S NEW AT JJMS?

**School Supply Packs Now On Sale!** TO ORDER SUPPLIES ONLINE: Visit SuppliesToPlease.com now through April 19. Click on “Parents Login” and log in using the following information:  
Username: JohnJay Password: jjms2019 (case sensitive). Once on the John Jay Middle School page, follow the instructions to place an order or print an order form to mail to Supplies To Please.

**JJMS Day At Yankee Stadium:** Join your JJMS friends and families on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 1:05 pm at Yankee Stadium as the Yankees take on the Minnesota Twins. *Tickets are now on sale for only \$65 each!* (Drastically reduced for this event!) Ticket price includes a field level seat, a Yankee hat, and a regular sized hot dog and your first drink (a 12 oz. domestic beer for those 21 years of age or older with a valid ID, Pepsi product or Poland Spring bottled water).

Get your tickets *NOW* at JJMSPTO.com and pay with PayPal or send in a check payable to JJMS PTO. Please include your name and the # of tickets needed. Tickets will be distributed the week before the game. *DON'T MISS OUT!!*

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Party:** NEW THIS YEAR!! This year the PTO will be sponsoring an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Dance Party. This casual night out with friends will be held on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:00pm in the JJMS Dining Room. 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Join your friends for a great night out with a DJ, photo booth and your chance to win some fantastic prizes! Complimentary light refreshments will be provided. \$5 suggested donation, tickets will be sold during lunch on 3/14 & 3/15 and will also be available at the door.

**JJMS Spring Musical:** Ready? Set? Goes!!! As in “ANYTHING GOES”! Don’t miss the JJMS production of “Anything Goes” opening March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at JJMS.

Tickets are now on sale at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) (please search for “Anything Goes” in Cross River to ensure you are purchasing tickets for the correct event).

**YEARBOOKS:** Yearbooks are still available for purchase. Please visit JJMSPTO.com for ordering information.

## PARENTS

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Parents:** Don’ forget to send in payment and permission slips for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boat trip. Please visit JJMSPTO.com to download forms and for payment options.

**Volunteer for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Party:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FOC45A8AA28A7FE3-8thgrade1>

**Library Volunteers needed:** Please volunteer an hour or two each week or every other week to help shelve books and help our new librarian, Jennifer Useted with special projects. Please email [kathybarbermartin@gmail.com](mailto:kathybarbermartin@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

We would like to thank all of the students, parents and staff who helped to organize and chaperone the very well-attended night events this past week. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Game Show night and the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rec & Roll had around half of each grade in attendance. We appreciate students showing their school spirit and being part of our community for these night events with their classmates. Our next event is an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade dance on March 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. We are hoping to see all of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students there for what is sure to be a great event!

Please follow us on Twitter @MrSwiatowicz and @MSAPBrooks and on Instagram @MrSwiatowicz for frequent updates.

## SUPPORT THE JJMS PTO

**Non-Event Fundraiser:** In lieu of hosting holiday fairs, bake sales, catalog fundraisers or charging dues, the JJMS PTO graciously accepts donations from our families. All donations and funds raised are put toward the many programs sponsored by the PTO throughout the school year. No donation is too big or too small, we are grateful for your generous support. Donations can be made online anytime or at our PTO sponsored events. All donations are tax deductible.

**John Jay Spirit Wear-** Support JJMS by purchasing Spirit Wear. Please visit our website for available items and ordering information.

**Directories and Bus notes:** The JJMS PTO Student Directory and Dismissal Pads (bus notes) are available to purchase anytime. Purchases can be made at PTO events or on our website.

**Amazon / JJMS PTO Partnership** - If you shop on Amazon the JJMS PTO can 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 click on the Amazon logo on our website or use Amazon Smile.

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

We accept credit cards through our PayPal account to make online ordering easy!  
We also accept cash and checks.

## GRATITUDE

Thank you to the JJMS parents who volunteered and donated items for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Game Show Night and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Rec & Roll.

Thank you to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents who helped out with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Breakfast.

## COMMUNITY

The Bedford/Lewisboro/Pound Ridge Drug Abuse Prevention Council and The Katonah-Lewisboro School District present:

### **HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT**

Understanding the Signs of Teen Drug or Alcohol Use

Tuesday, March 5th

John Jay High School Auditorium

7:00pm-8:00pm

- Know what to look for in your child's bedroom that may indicate they are experimenting with drugs and alcohol
- Learn how to recognize the various vaping devices teens are using
- Understand how to talk to your teen

Presenters: Kathryn Ferrara, DAPC Coordinator, Kiri Ryan, LCSW Social Worker, and School Resource Officer Frank Secret

### Junior League of Northern Westchester

On **Tuesday, March 19**, the Junior League of Northern Westchester is hosting a **free** workshop for parents: ***Protecting Children in a Hyper Digital Age***.

Speaker, **Liz Repking**, a cyber safety expert (and mother herself!) will explore how today's children are interacting online, the positive and negative implications of technology, and how we can parent with more understanding about the culture of technology for our families.

In the course of this conversation, Liz will discuss (among other things):

- Dangers children are susceptible to online
- Teens and sexting
- Popular apps and how to use them safely
- Safety settings and restrictions for phones and computers
- Cell phone monitoring
- Gaming issues and concerns
- Building health technology in the home

The link to register for the event is: [jlnwcybersafety.eventbrite.com](http://jlnwcybersafety.eventbrite.com)

Our second annual John Jay Community Trail Race will be held at the John Jay Campus on Sunday, April 7th starting at 9am.

This event features the original JJ5K trail race – and this year we have added a 4k "Jay Walk" option plus a 200 meter Kids Jay Dash for elementary school aged kids.

The races will raise money for the John Jay Boosters Club and also to "Fund The Finish" of the John Jay Community Trail. The JJ Community Trail will be part of the new cross country course on the John Jay Campus.

Go to <https://runsignup.com/jjtrail> for more information and to sign up. The first 150 registrants get a race day t-shirt with their entry.

Additional information about the event and the trail system can be found on the race website at <http://jjtrail.org>

### **"KLDTA Delivers"!**

The newly formed KLDTA (Katonah-Lewisboro Teachers Association) Outreach Committee has organized a meal preparation and delivery program called KLDTA Delivers. The goal of this program is to provide meals to families within our entire school community (staff, support staff, families of KLSD students) that may be facing hard times. Many KLDTA members have volunteered to prepare meals, purchase gift cards, and/or deliver meals to families in the midst of difficulties. If you experience or become aware of a need in the KLSD community, please contact one of our meal coordinators (listed below) and they will provide you with information about the various meal and delivery options available.

KLDTA Delivers Meal Coordinators:

Susan Hirsch (Elementary Coordinator): [shirsch411@gmail.com](mailto:shirsch411@gmail.com)

Kathy O'Neil (Middle School Coordinator): [dolqueen13@yahoo.com](mailto:dolqueen13@yahoo.com)

Anna Loeb (High School Coordinator): [aceloeb@optonline.net](mailto:aceloeb@optonline.net)