

JJMS PARENT EXPRESS

JJMS PTO Monthly Newsletter May 2019

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

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| 5/5 | JJMS Day at Yankee Stadium |
| 5/9 | JJMS PTO Meeting 9:30 am JJMS Theater: Proposed KLSD Budget Review (See below for more information) |
| 5/10 | Rock The Halls 6:30-9:30 pm, JJMS Theater (See below for more information) |
| 5/16 | 8 th Grade Boat Trip |
| 5/20 | JJMS Band Concert (Pre-ordered School Supplies available for pick up) |
| 5/21 | KLSD BUDGET VOTE |
| 5/23 | Staff Appreciation Luncheon (See below for more information) |
| 5/24 | Weather Reserve Day (No school) |
| 5/27 | Memorial Day (No School) |
| 5/28 | Weather Reserve Day (No School) |
| 5/29 | JJMS Orchestra Concert (Pre-Ordered School Supplies available for pick up) |

WHAT'S NEW AT JJMS?

JJMS PTO Meeting: On Thursday, May 9th there will be a PTO Meeting in the JJMS Theater at 9:30 am. We will welcome Mike Jumper, Assistant Superintendent of Business as well as other members of our KLSD administration. **The presentation will include a review of the proposed KLSD 2019-2020 School Budget.** Please join us to learn about projected class sizes, how new start times affected this budget, changes in staff, budget increases and decrease and see where all those tax dollars are going! Also, with 3 BOE seats open and only 2 official candidates running, learn the options for voting this year.

Rock the Halls: Friday, Math 10th is the annual Rock the Halls charity concert. The concert is in the John Jay Middle School Theater from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

The show features more than 50 JJMS singers and musicians, backed by Mr. Weiss and Mr. Jettelson's band Halfway to Sanity, with guest performances by Mr. Swiatiwicz and Mr. Fritsch.

Tickets are \$10 and can be bought online from the link on the school website or at the door. Concessions will also be on sale during intermission.

All proceeds go to help Arts Alive, which helps promote the arts in Katonah Lewisboro.

Come on out for a great night of rock and roll, to support your friends and family, and to raise money for a great cause.

JJMS Garden: It has been a busy couple of months getting the outdoor garden ready for planting and taking care of the many plants in the home and careers kitchen. Plans are under way for the summer plantings: buying seeds and reaching out to teachers to see what they want planted.

School Supply Packs: Pre-Ordered School Supplies will be available for pick up in the JJMS Dining Room during the upcoming concerts. If you ordered School Supplies through the JJMS PTO please pick up your order during one of these dates: 5/20 6:30-9:00, 5/29 6:30-9:00 & 6/10 6:30-9:00.

YEARBOOKS: Yearbooks are still available for purchase. **The deadline to order is May 10th.** Please visit JJMSPTO.com for ordering information.

PARENTS

8th grade Parents: If you haven't already, please send in payment and permission slips for the 8th grade boat trip. Please visit www.JJMSPTO.com to download forms and for payment options.

JJMS PTO Leadership Team: The JJMS PTO Leadership Team is looking for volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in getting more involved please contact JJMSPTO@yahoo.com for more information.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon: The JJMS PTO will be hosting the annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon on 5/23. Please be on the lookout for more information and opportunities to volunteer or donate items to make this year's luncheon the best ever in support of our fantastic JJMS Staff!

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, we encourage all students to stay focused on their academic work while also getting outside to enjoy the warmer weather! May and June can be challenging months for students with balancing academics and thinking about their fantastic summer plans. I'd like to take the time to remind everyone in our community that given the social and emotional needs of adolescents, it is important for all of our students to get enough rest and have time to unwind in the afternoon. Let's support our students with helping them make informed decisions in striking this delicate balance.

If you'd like to know about what is happening more frequently in the school, please follow me on twitter @MrSwiatowicz or on Instagram (MrSwiatowicz) or at the school hashtag #JJMS.

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!

GRATITUDE

Thank you to School Psychologist, Julianna Michael and teachers Mark Grossman & Kathy O'Neil for all of their hard work on presenting and facilitating our Parent Faculty Discussion Series. Thank you to all of the faculty and parents for attending these great discussions!

COMMUNITY



Registration NOW OPEN for the 2019 Season!

Register now to take advantage of Early Bird Pricing!

For Grades 3 - 8

Visit www.jjyf.org for Details and Registration!

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“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 KLS D 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 KLS D 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

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

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