# Cougar Connection

Nov. 8, 2026

## Save the Dates:

Nov. 8 - Food Pantry at Jarrell Methodist Church, 12-2 pm
Nov. 10 - 7th RLA & 8th Science STAAR Released Practice Test
Nov. 10 - Boys Basketball Parent Meeting, 5:00 pm
Nov. 11 - Veteran's Breakfast, 7:00 am
Nov. 11 - 6th Math & 8th RLA STAAR Released Practice Test
Nov. 12 - 6th RLA & 8th Math STAAR Released Practice Test
Nov. 12 - Fire Drill, 2:15 pm
Nov. 12 - Girls Basketball at JMS, 4:30 pm
Nov. 12 - Boys Basketball at Burnet, 5:00 pm
Nov. 13 - 7th Math & 8th SS STAAR Released Practice Test
Nov. 13 - Fall Musical, 6:00 pm
Nov. 14 - Fall Musical, 2:00 pm







# Bus Tags:

The following message is from our Transportation Department:

Effective November 16th, all students will need a bus tag to board the bus to go home. Students may ride to school; however, without a bus tag, they will not be permitted to board the bus in the afternoon and will need someone to pick them up.

Bus Tags are $5 and can be purchased online at: Bus Tags

Questions regarding transportation can be submitted to: transportation@jarrellisd.org

# Dress Code Reminders:

We are seeing several students out of dress code. Please be reminded of our policy.

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is in accordance with the JISD dress code policy. Clothing will be worn as it is designed to be worn. All dress code issues are subject to interpretation by campus administration. Students who are considered to be in violation of the dress code shall be advised by the campus administrator and shall be given an opportunity to comply.

The opportunity to comply may take a variety of forms. In most cases the student will be allowed to call parents for a change of clothes. Students will also be given the opportunity to borrow clean, appropriate clothes available from the campus, in order to expedite compliance. Those who fail to comply or who repeatedly violate the code shall be subject to disciplinary action.

**General guidelines**

- Clothing or any accessory that references violence, alcohol, drugs, sex, tobacco, gangs, or obscene language may not be worn during school-related functions.
- Ankle monitors must be covered under clothing at all times.
- Shirt and pant garments should be touching at all times (no sagging).
- Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be mid-thigh length (finger-tip rule does not apply).
- No items covering the head are allowed (Exception for religious garments).
- Bathrobes, pajamas, and house slippers may not be worn to school.
- No pillows or blankets are allowed.
- Sunglasses are only permitted in the classroom if a signed doctor's note has been presented to the Campus Administrator.
- Halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti-strap shirts, shirts with deep-cut openings, or shirts that do not cover the midriff are not allowed.
- Undergarments should not be visible.

Items may be confiscated (to include those not listed above or stated in the dress code policy) if a student fails to comply with directives and/or they become a distraction in the environment.

# Cougars Care
# Give a Can, Share the Love!

**JMS Student Council**
**Holiday Food Drive**
**October 20th - November 18th**

This holiday season, let's come together as Cougars to donate, share, and give! Help Student Council spread kindness by donating canned goods and non-perishable foods to support our local Jarrell Methodist Church Food Pantry and families in our community.

**What Can You Donate?**

Please bring unopened, non-expired, shelf-stable food items, such as:

- Canned vegetables, fruits, beans, and soups, tuna, and chicken
- Peanut butter and other nut butters
- Pasta, rice, and macaroni and cheese
- Cereal, oatmeal, and breakfast items
- Pasta sauce and canned tomatoes
- Crackers, granola bars, and other packaged snacks
- Shelf-stable milk and juice boxes

**Grade-Level Food Drive Competition**

Which grade level will show the most Cougar kindness?
Bring your donations and help your grade level earn the most food donations!
The grade level that collects the most donations will win a sweet treat during your lunch on November 20th!

**Let's Fill the Pantry and Share the Holiday Spirit!**

Donate • Share • Give • Make a Difference
Every can counts. Every Cougar can help!

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**Which grade level will show the most Cougar kindness?**

Bring your donations to the cafeteria and help your grade level earn the most food donations!

The grade level that collects the most donations will win a sweet treat during lunch - November 20th!

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JARRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

# THANKSGIVING Day Lunch

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

| 6TH GRADE | 7TH GRADE | 8TH GRADE |
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| 11:21 - 11:51 | 12:17 - 12:47 | 1:13 - 1:43 |

**PURCHASE TICKETS HERE!**

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets for the JMS Thanksgiving Day Lunch.

**RSVP to Attend!**

Scan the QR code to let us know you plan to attend the JMS Thanksgiving Day Lunch.

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# BLUE SANTA

## APPLICATION

**Deadline for sign-up**
**November 21, 2026**
**11:59PM**

**Eligibility requirements:**
Applicants must live within the city limits of Jarrell Proper.
Program is for ages 0-17 years old

SCAN HERE

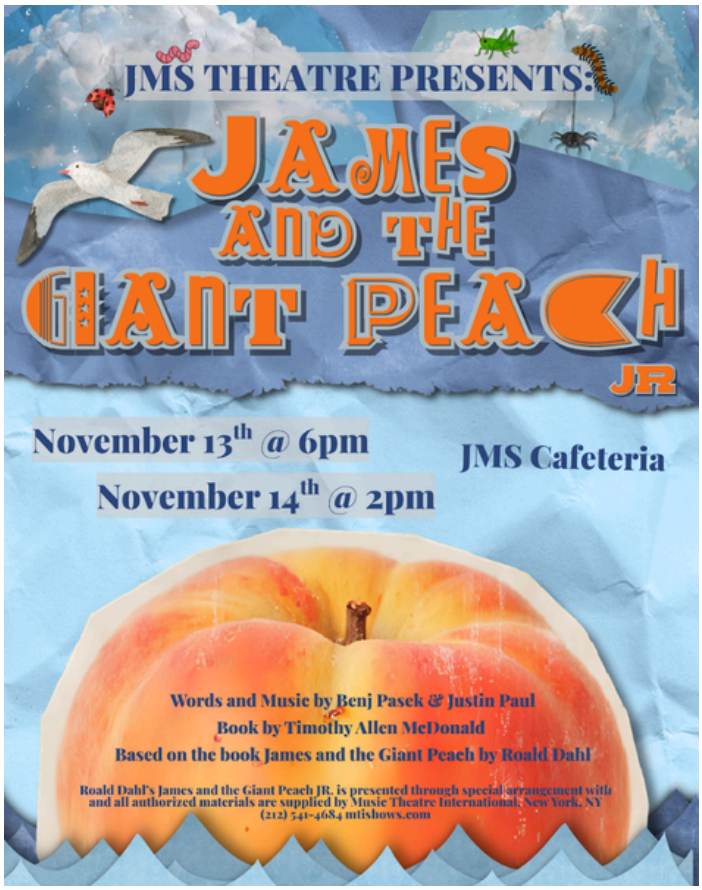
**Click here to apply!**

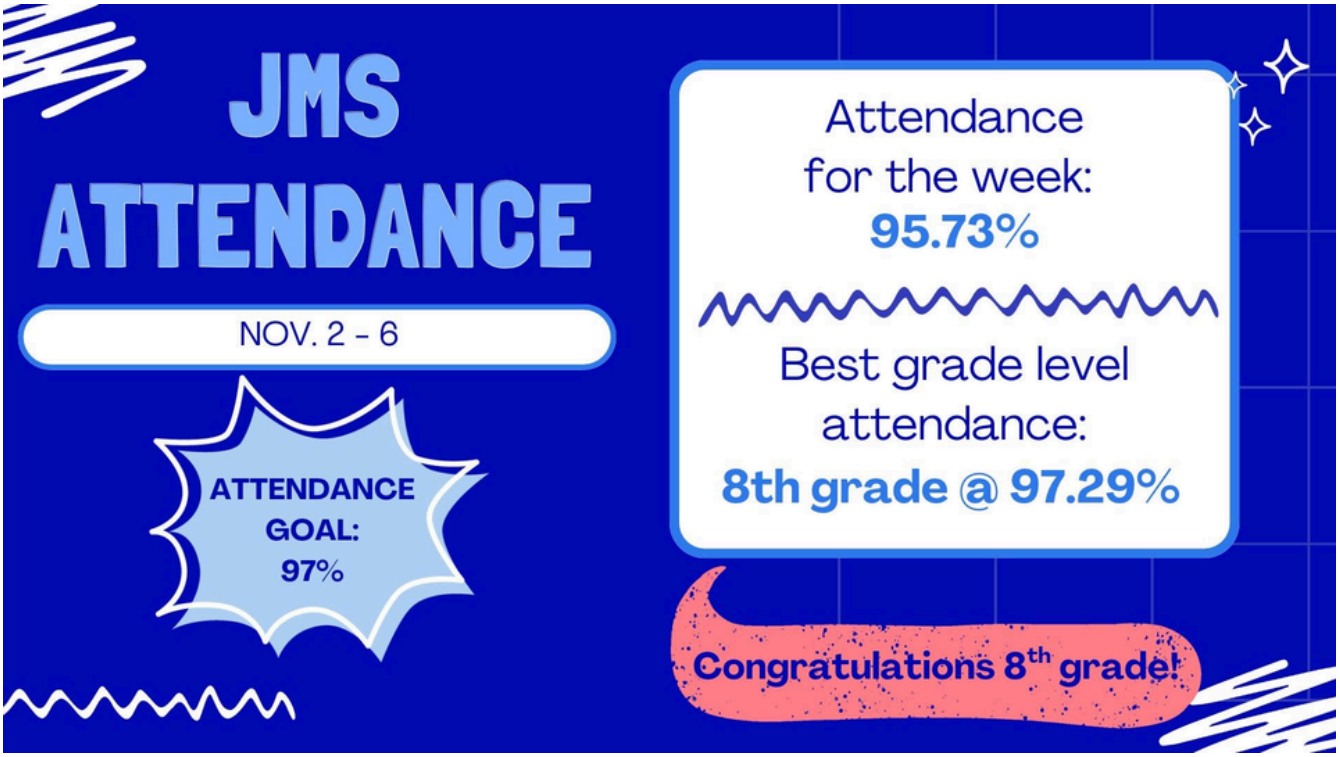
If you would like to donate new unwrapped toys or monetary donations at Jarrell Police Department.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:
- Jarrell Police Department
- Front desk of any Jarrell ISD School



**Have any questions? Please reach out to Jarrell Police Department at 512-746-5333**


JMS THEATRE PRESENTS:
JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH
JR
November 13th @ 6pm
November 14th @ 2pm
JMS Cafeteria
Words and Music by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul
Book by Timothy Allen McDonald
Based on the book James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4684 mtishows.com


JMS ATTENDANCE
NOV. 2 - 6
ATTENDANCE GOAL: 97%
Attendance for the week:
95.73%
Best grade level attendance:
8th grade @ 97.29%
Congratulations 8th grade!

# A note from your Principal:

As the leaves begin to change and the cooler weather settles in, we welcome one of the most exciting times of the school year. Basketball season is here, bringing packed gyms, school spirit, teamwork, and opportunities for our students to shine.

There is something special about this time of year. Whether it is a student working hard to improve a skill, a teammate offering encouragement, a teacher cheering from the sidelines, or a parent showing up to support their child, these moments remind us what makes a school community special. Basketball teaches us that success is about more than the final score. It is about showing up, putting in the effort, supporting one another, and learning to bounce back when things don't go as planned.

Those same lessons apply in our classrooms, hallways, and homes every day. As we move into this season, let's remember that our greatest victories aren't always measured on a scoreboard. Sometimes they are found in a student's growing confidence, a kind word from a friend, or the feeling of knowing someone believes in you.

So, grab your jackets, bring your Cougar spirit, and get ready for a great season! Let's continue to show our students what it means to be part of a community that encourages, supports, and believes in one another.

Together, we make JMS a place where every student has the opportunity to succeed.

#AllStudentFirst #OneMoreRound #OneCommuity