

THE RANCH REPORT

December 5, 2025

Trail talk from Principal Curtis



Howdy Ranch Families!

As we move forward together this year, I want to take a moment to share something I firmly believe: we can either have excuses, or we can have success...but we can't have both. Whether you're a student working toward academic goals, a staff member supporting our campus each day, or a parent partnering with us at home, the path to growth is built on responsibility, consistency, and a commitment to doing our best even when it's hard.

Our school community is strongest when we hold ourselves to high expectations and encourage one another to rise to challenges rather than step away from them. Let's continue choosing the mindset that leads to success, for ourselves and for our students. Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication. Together, we can achieve great things.

With gratitude,
Principal Curtis

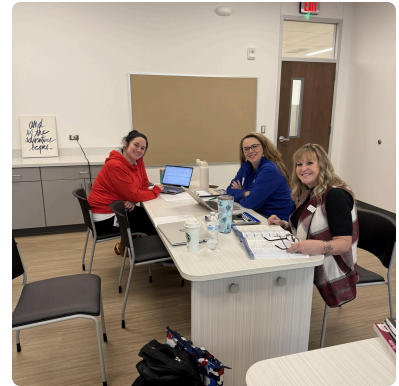
🤠 Saddle Up with the AP

Finishing the Semester Strong – How Families Can Help

As we move into the final stretch of the semester, this is an important time for students to stay focused, organized, and motivated. Middle schoolers often experience increased academic demands, assessments, and emotions as the semester wraps up, and family support makes a powerful difference.

Here are a few ways you can help your child finish strong:

- **Encourage consistent routines:** Help your child maintain regular sleep, study, and homework times. Consistent routines reduce stress and support better focus.
- **Check in daily:** Ask specific questions about upcoming assignments, projects, and tests. A quick check-in shows interest and helps students practice planning ahead.
- **Support organization:** Review grades and missing assignments together, and encourage your child to use a planner, calendar, or digital tool to track due dates.
- **Promote self-advocacy:** Encourage your child to ask teachers for help, attend tutorials, or clarify expectations and deadlines when they are unsure.
- **Celebrate effort, not just grades:** Recognize perseverance, improvement, and responsibility. Positive reinforcement builds confidence and motivation.
- **Remind them to finish strong:** Emphasize that strong habits now set the tone for future success. Every assignment and assessment still matters.



Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Working together, we can help all students end the semester on a positive and successful note!

With Ranch Pride,
Mrs. Roberts, Assistant Principal

LIBRARY LARIAT

DEC. 5, 2025

We welcomed our JRMS Cougars back from Thanksgiving Break and they picked up right where they left off: reading a good book! Our seventh graders have been especially busy in the library, circulating almost as many books as the other grades combined.

Graphic novels are often recommended for reluctant readers, but did you know that graphic novels help build both textual literacy and visual literacy? They require readers to comprehend plot through both words and images at the same time, which requires a different skill set than reading text alone. It's a graphic novel superpower!



✓ Attendance matters. Show up today, ride tall tomorrow!



We're keeping a close eye on attendance because being present every day is the key to student growth and success. Here's how our cowboys and cowgirls are doing this week:

6th - 96.26

7th - 95.65

8th - 95.61

🌟 Way to go, **6th graders** — you're STILL leading the herd! **But don't forget, you need to be above 97% to take home the cake!**

💡 Big Incentive:

The grade level with the highest attendance percentage (as long as it's above 97%) will earn an **EPIC GLOW PARTY** 🎉 🕺 ✨ — complete with blacklights, music, and glowing fun you won't want to miss!

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So keep saddling up and showing out — every day in school is another day to grow and learn!



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy. If you are concerned about about a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Support your students if you notice signs of anxiety, and if needed, seek advice from your school or health provider

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.

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Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!



Coming 'Round the Bend – future happenings

★ This Coming Week:

12/7: Pearl Harbor Day

12/8: Girls basketball vs Lampasas @ Home- 5pm

12/10: 7th/8th grade band winter concert @ JHS PAC- 6:30pm

12/11: Boys basketball vs Lampasas AWAY @ 5pm

12/11: Beg. Band winter concert @ JRMS Cafeteria- 6:30pm

12/12: Choir Holiday Concert @ JHS PAC- 7pm



On The Horizon:

12/14: First Day Of H
 12/15: Bill Of Rights L
 12/15: Girls basketball vs Marble Falls @ HOME 5pm
 12/15: Boys basketball vs Marble Falls AWAY @ 5pm
 12/16: Boston Tea Party Anniversary
 12/18: Last day of 2nd 9 weeks
 12/19: Student Holiday/ Staff Development Day
 12/22-1/5: Winter Break
 1/5: Student Holiday/ Staff Development Day
 1/6: Return to school

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Cowboy/ Cowgirl Fuel (lunch menu)

December 7-13 2025

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Lunch

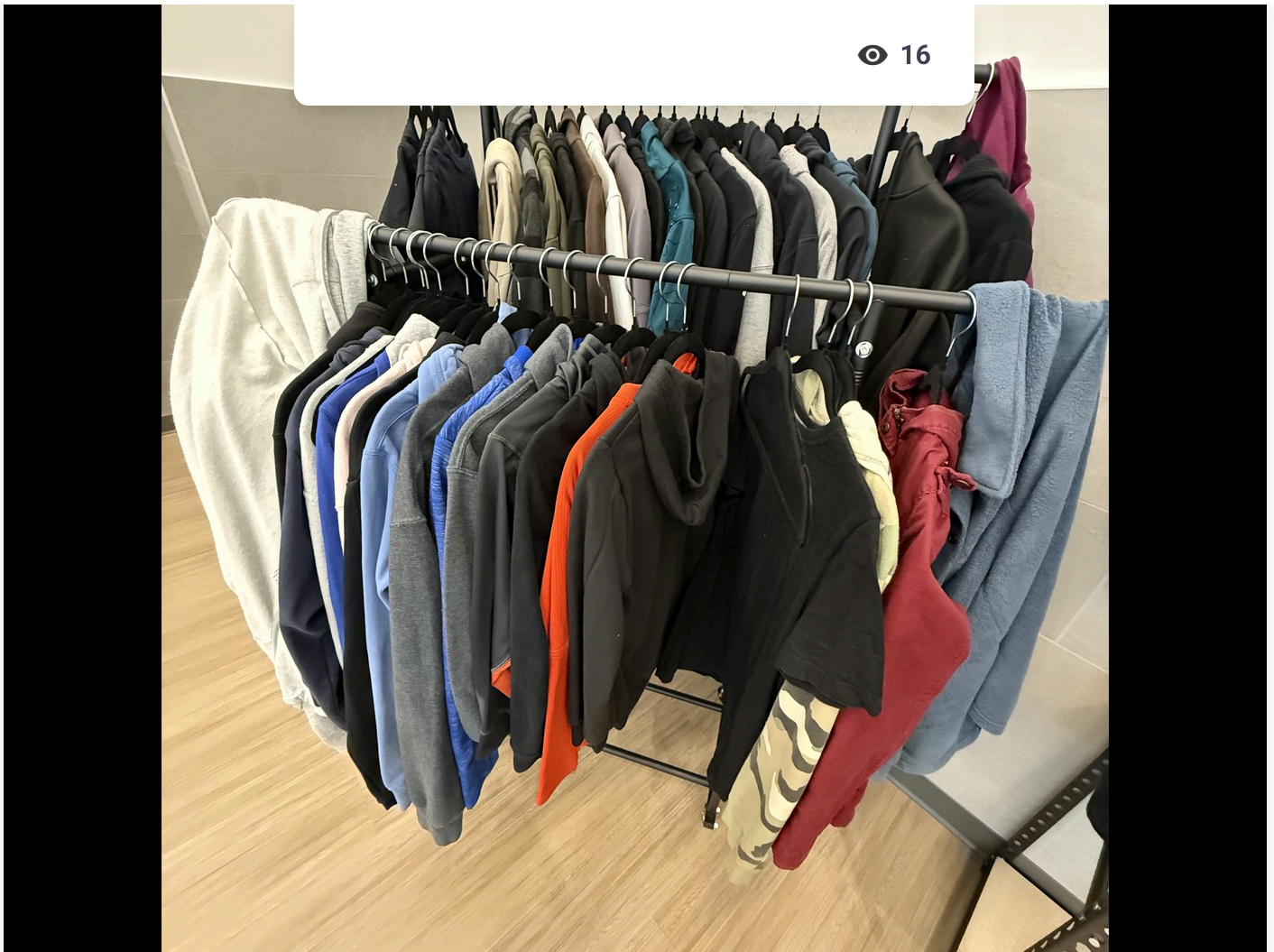
MONDAY 8	TUESDAY 9	WEDNESDAY 10	THURSDAY 11	FRIDAY 12
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LOST & FOUND ITEMS



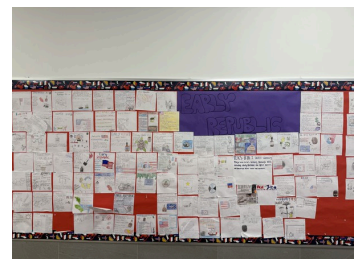
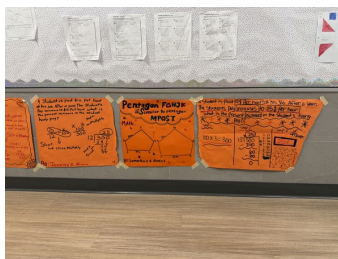
Please encourage your student to check the lost and found for missing items! With cooler weather approaching, your student will want to have their jacket! All items remaining will be donated over Christmas break.



Ranch Roundup: Campus Highlights



Spotlight: Hallways of Pride! Celebrating Student Work!





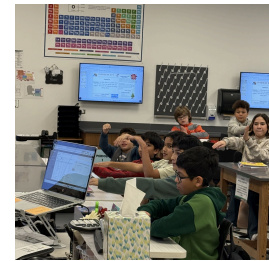
Exploring Energy in Action!

Students in Mrs. Johnston's class got hands-on with energy and motion, discovering how it moves through different systems and powers the world around them.



Geometry Meets Science!

Using their own arms to model parallel and perpendicular lines, these 6th graders connected geometry to energy concepts in a fun and interactive way.



Learning Through Movement

From observing energy transfer to lively class discussions, Mrs. Johnston's students are building a deeper understanding of science—one engaging activity at a time.

Spotlight: Behind the Scenes with AAVTC Morning Announcements



Students carefully arrange cameras, microphones, and props to ensure a smooth broadcast for the morning announcements.



AAVTC students collaborate and rehearse scripts, making every announcement engaging and professional.



From adjusting lighting to checking audio levels, these students bring dedication and teamwork to every recording.

Wed 12/3 It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas! Start the countdown by wearing red & green!	Thu 12/4 Walking in a Winter Wonderland! Wear Red & white	Fri 12/5 Holiday Glitter & Glow! Outfit that sparkle & shine	Mon 12/8 Baby It's Cold Outside! Wear favorite winter accessories scarf, gloves, & hats	Tue 12/9 Christmas Movie Marathon! Dress like a Christmas movie character	Wed 12/10 Santa's Ho-Ho Hoedown! Dress in your favorite western-wear & cowboy hats to celebrate Texas style ***FILL YOUR MUG!!!
Thu 12/11 Feeling Frosty Wear blue & white	Fri 12/12 Santa's Workshop Helper! Dress like an Elf, Reindeer, or Mrs. Clause	Mon 12/15 Over the River & Thru the Snow! Wear Camo	Tue 12/16 Mad About Plaid! Wear your plaid or flannel	Wed 12/17 Holiday from Head to Toe! Deck out in all your holiday gear! Go all OUT!!!	Thu 12/18 Sweater Weather! Wear your tackiest or stylish sweater!

A blue poster with gold snowflakes and stars. The text is in gold and white. The title 'WINTER CONCERT' is in large, bold, serif font. Below it is 'JARRELL RANCH MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR' in a smaller serif font. A horizontal line separates the title from the event details. The date 'December 12, 2025' and time '7pm' are on the left, and the venue 'Jarrell High School- Performing Arts Center (Enter near Football Stadium)' and address '1100 FM487, Jarrell, TX 76537' are on the right. At the bottom, it says 'Cost: FREE'.

SUPPORT JARRELL RANCH MIDDLE SCHOOL



Jarrell Ranch Middle School is committed to celebrating our students' **positive behavior, perfect attendance, and academic success** throughout the year.



We're asking for community support through monetary donations to help fund:

- ✨ SUPPLIES FOR GLOW PARTY CELEBRATIONS AND PBIS EVENTS
- 🚲 NEW BIKES FOR OUR PERFECT ATTENDANCE DRAWING
- 🏆 PRIZES FOR ESSAY CONTESTS, POSTER CONTESTS, AND OTHER COMPETITIONS
- 🎁 INCENTIVES AND REWARDS TO KEEP STUDENTS MOTIVATED ALL YEAR LONG

Every contribution—big or small—helps us create memorable experiences and encourage students to do their best!

HOW TO DONATE:

📱 Scan the QR code to donate online 📄

📄 Checks can be made out to:
Jarrell Ranch Middle School
📍 2401 FM 487
Jarrell, TX 76537

(Or brought in person to the front office.)



TUTORIALS?

SUBJECT	DAYS	TIMES
RLA & SOCIAL STUDIES	Mondays & Wednesday	7:30-8:00 AM or 3:35-4:00 PM
MATH & SCIENCE	Tuesdays & Thursdays	7:30-8:00 AM or 3:35-4:00 PM

**IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, LET YOUR TEACHER KNOW AHEAD OF TIME
SO YOU CAN GET A PASS TO ATTEND!**



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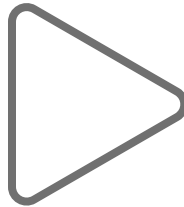
[Counselor Opt-In Form \(SB-12\)](#)

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✨ Inspiration for the Week

Kid President Pep Talk about Teamwork and Leadership 1



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