

THE RANCH REPORT

January 9, 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR RANCH FAMILY!

Trail talk from Principal Curtis



“Nothing is impossible—the word itself says I’m possible!”

This week, students are being encouraged to believe in their abilities, take healthy risks, and keep trying even when learning feels challenging. With support from home and school, we’re helping students build confidence, resilience, and a learning and growth mindset that will carry them far beyond the classroom.

- Mr. Curtis

 **Saddle Up with the AP**

New Year

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January is a wonderful time for fresh starts, renewed focus, and setting meaningful goals. The new year gives our Cougars an opportunity to reflect on their successes, learn from challenges, and set goals that will help them grow both academically and personally. At Jarrell Ranch Middle School, we are encouraging students to think about where they want to improve, what they want to accomplish, and what habits will help them get there.



Families play a powerful role in helping students stay motivated and focused. Consider setting aside time at home to talk about goals for the new year, both academic and personal. Some simple activities you can do together include creating a family goal board, writing down one short-term and one long-term goal for each family member, or having a weekly check-in conversation to celebrate progress and talk through challenges. You might also try setting shared routines, such as a regular homework or reading time, limiting screen time in the evenings, or planning a weekly family walk or game night to encourage healthy habits and balance. We also encourage families to help students build strong organization and time-management skills by using a planner or calendar to track assignments, tests, and activities. Helping your child break big goals into smaller, manageable steps can make a big difference in their confidence and success.

With your partnership and support, we are excited to see our Cougars start 2026 motivated, focused, and ready to learn. Thank you for being an important part of The Ranch family - we're looking forward to a strong, successful semester ahead!

With Ranch Pride,
Mrs. Roberts, AP



Welcome back Cougars! We hope you had an enjoyable Winter Break and are ready for the Spring Sprint- this semester will go by quickly! If students have books they checked out before the break, they can either return them if they've finished reading them or renew them if they need some more time.

Our genre focus in help students better understand past events. Popular titles in this genre include *War Games* and *Refugee* by Alan Glatz, the *I Survived* series by Lauren Tarshis, and *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys. Many of the "I Survived" books are available as graphic novels as well!

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- Mr. Isaak, JRMS Librarian



A Message From Officer Herring

Hello parents!

We completed the first week back after the Christmas break! I hope you had a great break with you family and friends!

This week I went around and spoke with some of the students during lunch time. I asked them about vaping and why they believe students use them. Their responses included mental health problems, peer pressure, and even some of the students thinking it is cool.

A lot of them stated that social media plays into the cool factor. They said they see other students doing tricks with the vapor / smoke and it is portrayed as cool on social media. They also stated that they see advertisements for vapes, so it just exposes the topic to them more.

With this knowledge, I encourage you to have open and honest conversations with your children regarding their mental health! I also encourage you to monitor their phones and their social media use.

If you are ever in need of any resources or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school, or myself, and we will do our best to help you!

Thank you,
Officer Herring
Jarrell ISD Police Department

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



Attendance matters at JRMS!

Daily attendance plays a huge role in student success, and we need your help! Each nine weeks, we are offering an **attendance incentive** for the grade level with the highest attendance rate. The reward? An **epic Glow Party** 🎉 ✨ for the winning grade level!

The challenge: **higher** to earn the celebration. So far **33** and every minute counts. We encourage families to prioritize students being at school **on time and for the full day** whenever possible. Let's work together to make this nine weeks the one where attendance shines and a Glow Party becomes a reality!

This week's percentages:

6th- 95.84%

7th- 95.37%

8th- 94.95%

Attendance Matters



Coming 'Round the Bend – future happenings

★ This Coming Week:

1/15: Girls Basketball vs Lago Vista AWAY @ 5pm

1/15: Boys Basketball vs Lago @ HOME 5pm (boys 1st home game!)

👁️ On The Horizon:

1/19: MLK Day- Staff & Student Holiday

1/22: Boys Basketball vs Gateway AWAY @ 5pm

1/23: Campus UIL



Cowboy/ Cowgirl Fuel (lunch menu)

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Ranch Middle School
Lunch**MONDAY****12**

Lunch Entrée
 • Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich
 • Chicken Nuggets w/Roll
 • Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich
 • Cheesy Two Cheese Pizza
 • Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
 Vegetables
 • Seasoned Mashed Potatoes
 • Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles
 • Fresh Baby Carrots
 • Fresh Broccoli Florets
 • Fresh-Cut Cucumber Slices
 Fruit
 • Fresh Apple
 • Diced Pears
 Milk
 • 1% Low Fat White Milk Local
 • Fat Free Chocolate Milk Local
 Misc
 • Ketchup Dispenser
 • Ranch Dispenser
 • Mayonnaise Packet
 • Mustard Packet
 • Texas BBQ Sauce
 • Country Style Gravy

TUESDAY**13**

Lunch Entrée
 • Homemade Bean & Cheese Burrito
 • Fiesta Chicken Quesadilla
 • Classic Hamburger
 • Hamburger Pizza
 • Popcorn Chicken Wrap
 Vegetables
 • Steamed Mexicorn
 • Fresh Salsa
 • Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles
 • Fresh Baby Carrots
 • Fresh Cucumber with Zesty Lemon & Chili
 • Fresh Broccoli Florets
 Fruit
 • Fresh Orange
 • Apple Slices
 Milk
 • 1% Low Fat White Milk Local
 • Fat Free Chocolate Milk Local
 Misc
 • Ketchup Dispenser
 • Ranch Dispenser
 • Mayonnaise Packet
 • Mustard Packet

WEDNESDAY**14**

Lunch Entrée
 • Rojo Chicken Pozole w/ Sub Roll
 • Two Cheese Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 • Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich
 • Pepperoni & Jalapeno Pizza
 • Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich w/ String Cheese
 Vegetables
 • Crispy Tater Tots
 • Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles
 • Fresh Baby Carrots
 • Fresh Broccoli Florets
 • Fresh Cucumber with Zesty Lemon & Chili
 Fruit
 • Fresh Apple
 • Fresh Orange
 Milk
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 • Fat Free Chocolate Milk Local
 Misc
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THURSDAY**15**

Lunch Entrée
 • Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks w/Marinara
 • Savory Chili Dog
 • Grilled Cheeseburger
 • Classic Pepperoni Pizza
 • Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich
 Vegetables
 • Vegetarian Baked Beans
 • Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles
 • Fresh Baby Carrots
 • Fresh Broccoli Florets
 • Red Bell Pepper
 Fruit
 • Fresh Banana
 • Juicy Pineapple Tidbits
 Milk
 • 1% Low Fat White Milk Local
 • Fat Free Chocolate Milk Local
 Misc
 • Ketchup Dispenser
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 • Mustard Packet

FRIDAY**16**

Lunch Entrée
 • BBQ Pulled Pork w/Mac & Cheese
 • Breaded Chicken Nuggets
 • Delicious Cheese Pizza
 • Turkey Sausage Pizza
 • Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich
 Vegetables
 • Crispy Tater Tots
 • Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles
 • Fresh-Cut Cucumber Slices
 • Fresh Baby Carrots
 • Fresh Broccoli Florets
 Fruit
 • Fresh Orange
 • Unsweetened Applesauce
 Milk
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Our BELL SCHEDULE has changed!

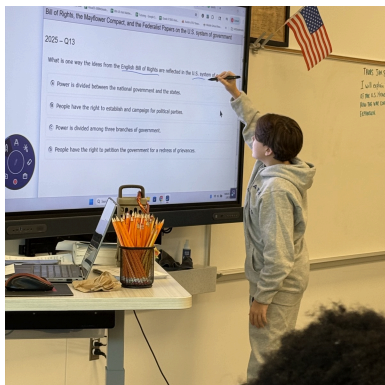
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8:00	First Bell		
8:05 - 8:57	1st Period		
9:01 - 9:53	2nd Period		
9:57 - 10:49	3rd Period		
10:53 - 11:21	WIN		
	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
	Lunch 11:21 - 11:51	4th Period 11:25 - 12:17	4th Period 11:25 - 12:17
	4th Period 11:55 - 12:47	Lunch 12:17 - 12:47	5th Period 12:21 - 1:13
	5th Period 12:51 - 1:43	5th Period 12:51 - 1:43	Lunch 1:13 - 1:43
1:47 - 2:39	6th Period		
2:43 - 3:35	7th Period		



Ranch Roundup: Campus Highlights



Spotlight: Preparing for STAAR Through Student Leadership



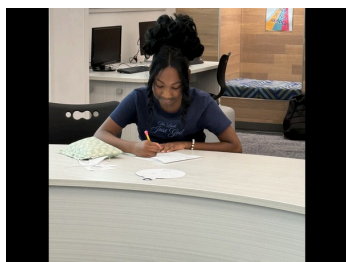
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Spotlight: Learning, Logic, and Collaboration in the Library



Students use collaboration and problem-solving skills in the library as they study together and support one another's learning.



Critical thinking at work—students challenge themselves and peers by solving puzzles that strengthen logic, patience, and teamwork.

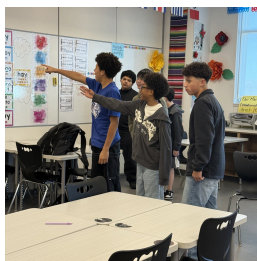


Strategic minds in action as students play chess in the library, applying problem-solving, focus, and sportsmanship skills.

Spotlight: Building Language Skills Through Interactive Learning



Through collaborative gameplay, students practice focus, recall, and Spanish vocabulary in an engaging and student-centered environment.



Students in Mrs. Acosta's Spanish class strengthen vocabulary and memory skills by playing a language-based memory game that reinforces key terms.



Hands-on learning in action as students make connections between words and meanings, supporting language retention and comprehension.



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* Indicates required question





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PERFECT ATTENDANCE PRIZES

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Help JRMS reward students with perfect attendance!

We need either:

- **\$300 IN MONETARY DONATIONS**
- OR —
- **TWO NEW BICYCLES**



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Let's encourage great attendance among our students!

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A colorful poster for ordering a yearbook. The background is a light blue and white watercolor wash with various school-related icons like a graduation cap, a microscope, a book, and a globe. In the center, the text "ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW" is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below the text is an image of an open book. In the bottom left corner, the price "\$45" is written in a large, blue, stylized font, followed by "School code 26867" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code. The poster is framed by a white border with a drop shadow.

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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
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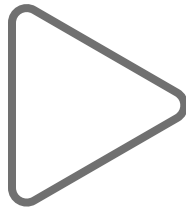
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✨ Inspiration for the Week

Kid President AWESOME YEAR Challenge!



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