

## We made it!!!!!

The end of the first semester is upon us. It has been a lot of hard work but the students have met the challenge.

Please take a few minutes to ask your student to check their grades, get assignments turned in and redo any low grades. Teachers will turn in their final grades on Wednesday!

As the new year starts we will begin strong with reviewing for STAAR test and continuing to introduce new concepts to students. It is important for students to attend tutorials any time they need help. Our morning tutoring begins at 7:45, as soon as we open the doors. Students may grab breakfast and then head to tutoring to get the extra help they need. If afternoons are easier we have teachers that are available until 4:30. Please check with teachers to verify day of the week and morning or afternoon.

## Our new AP

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Josh Curtis to our team! I'm so excited to have him on board with us. He is already meeting kids, calling parents, and helping with discipline. He has also already started working with some of our "tougher" kids and building relationships with them.

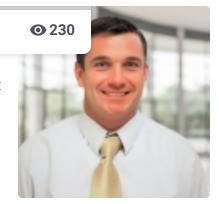
Mr. Curtis has been involved in education for 18-years. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from McMurry University where he played college football for five years. White teaching in Flatonia

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Mr. Curtis leads with heart. He believes that all students can learn at high levels at all times. With teamwork and perseverance, each student at JMS will reach their full potential. Maintaining a positive school culture will contribute to success as well as keeping communication open among staff, students and parents.



In his free time Mr. Curtis likes to spend time with his wife and three children. They are avid UT fans and enjoy watching all Longhorn athletics together as a family. Mr. Curtis has two 8th grade students, a son and a daughter, and a 5th grade son as well.

Mr. Curtis stated, "I am honored to have the opportunity to positively impact teachers, students and the Jarrell community. I love watching children learn and succeed!"

### This week at JMS

Monday:

Santa vs. Grinch - pick a side and dress accordingly

5:00 - Boys basketball at JMS vs. Bunet

5:00 - Girls basketball at Marble Falls



Whoville Day - Wear your craziest hair 6:30 - Advanced band concert at PAC

Wednesday:

The Polar Express - Dress in your best polar express PJ's 6:30 - School board meeting

STUDENT WINTER BREAK DEC. 19 - JAN. 6



# **Anti-Bullying Campaign**

We have had some concerns brought to us about bullying. We are scheduling meetings with grade levels, sending out videos to students through our Advisory period, scheduling a parent information meeting in January and sending you a guide to understanding bullying.

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Please review this <u>video</u> that is a guide to understanding bullying.

# A note from your principal

It simply amazes me how talented our students are. In the past two weeks we have had an outstanding play performance, choir concerts, band competition, our very first dance show, performance at the Jarrell Winter Fest, and our athletic teams continue to amaze me! This week our band will also have their winter show. Our teachers and students have put in so much time and effort into these events and I cannot thank all of them enough for their dedication.

This is just a reminder of how blessed I am to be a part of this amazing JMS Family. Each day is a new adventure and I am floored by their excellence each day. Thank you for sharing your sweet students with us each and every day.

My hope is that all of you have a very blessed holiday and are able to spend time with your loved ones and just relax.

From our family here at JMS to yours - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!







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