



JMS Family Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

The time has arrived! We will welcome back our students on Tuesday, January 7th! I have missed seeing their smiling faces and can't wait to see them.

As we begin a new semester I think back to the very first week in August when I let the staff know we would be focusing on little things to help our students in the classroom and out. We will be making more changes as we begin the new semester. High impact small changes make a big difference. This has not changed. I was reaffirmed of this when I ran across a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. "You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." We may not be able to see entirely what lies ahead, we just need to take that first step and tackle the little things that will make a big difference.

For the last several days we have spent time looking at some of the things we can do to help our students in their academic achievements and maximize the school day. Some students will be receiving schedule changes to help with this. Once they receive a new schedule if you have questions you may email me and I will be glad to answer questions regarding the schedule changes and why they were important. Since they are not all the same it's best to answer these on an individual basis after the changes are made.

Again, please let your student know we are anxious to see them.

This Week a



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We hit the ground running this week, and for the rest of the semester.

Monday:

Student Holiday

Tuesday:

2:30 - 7th grade Staff vs. Student Dodgeball Game (Beanstack Challenge Reward)

Wednesday:

7th and 8th Grade RLA STAAR Released Testing
5:30 - PTO Meeting

Thursday:

5:00 - Boys Basketball at Gateway
5:00 - Girls Basketball at Home vs. Lampasas

Friday:

6th Grade RLA STAAR Released Testing
8th Grade Math STAAR Released Testing
Algebra I EOC Released Testing

Saturday:

9:00 - Boys A Team Tournament at Gateway
9:00 - 7th Grade Girls Tournament at JMS
9:00 - 8th Grade Girls Tournament at JHS



A note from your principal

As I was packing away all of my decorations yesterday and this morning I took a few moments to look at some special ornaments that I have in memory of loved ones. Then I looked at the ornaments that I have made each year with all of our grandchildren's names on them. It occurred to me how different these ornaments are; some are to remind me of loved ones I have lost and some are to remind me of the precious grandchildren we have been blessed with.



Two entirely different moments of happiness



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They bring forth the small

things that I remember. My favorite memories are of my grandkids. I can tell you there is absolutely no greater joy than having your grandchild run to your arms. But then, I will always remember the times I spent fishing with my dad, or when he was teaching me to change a flat, or when he helped me build my first snowman.

None of those things are "world changing". But they definitely had an impact on me. They impact the way I view the world when I walk through the park with one of my grands and see it through their eyes. Or when I think back to when I was growing up and how my own grandparents, aunts, uncles, and parents impacted me. But also, there were teachers at each level that made a huge impact on me. Most of them simply showed me that they saw me for who I was and never let me think that I couldn't achieve a goal.

This is what I want for our school, students, staff, parents and community. When we create a partnership and invest time in our school and students we create the small moments that are going to create big memories and impact lives. By working together I know we will continue to be great and do great things this semester.

Thank you for taking this journey with us and making the moments count.

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