

JMS CONNECTIONS

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year at Jamestown Middle School

Mark Stilwell, Principal

All of us at Jamestown Middle School would like to welcome you to our school and the back-to-school newsletter of the 2023-2024 school year. Together we can make the education experience one that helps children develop into independent, productive, and responsible citizens of our school and our community.

This newsletter and our communication through JMS and JPS social media accounts are intended to help our parents and patrons stay

informed about the happenings of our school and throughout the district. It is important we can all share and enjoy the accomplishments of our students and the activities they are engaging in throughout the school year.

The middle level grades are a critical time for all students. Please feel free to contact me at the middle school office (701-252-0317) if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!



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Special points of interest:

- 2023-20234 schedule cards available August 16-17
- 6th Grade Orientation August 17
- New Student Orientation is August 22
- First day of school is August 24

Schedule Cards, Food Service, and Transportation

Schedule cards will go live on PowerSchool on **Wednesday, August 16th**. Students who cannot access the schedule via PowerSchool, may pick up a paper copy in the JMS office between 8:00 and 4:00.



Food service and transportation sign-up, for all middle school students will take place **Wednesday, August 16th** and **Thursday, August 17th** in the JMS Cafeteria from 8:00-4:00. Bus riders must be signed up by **Friday, August 18th** in order to ride the bus the first week of school.

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www.jamestown.k12.nd.us

JAMESTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

MISSION:

Engaging students with challenging and innovative experiences to prepare them for future success.

VISION:

Jamestown Public Schools supports a safe, educationally rigorous, and collaborative environment. Our vision is to prepare students for tomorrow's challenges by practicing skills such as collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking. We believe all students should have personalized, authentic experiences that integrate with the community for meaningful learning. As an essential contributor to the growth of our student's intellectual, social, and personal well-being, we will positively impact our community and society.

6th Grade Orientation

Sixth grade orientation will give incoming 6th graders and their parents, grandparents, caregivers, and/or guardians a chance to learn more about the middle school building and the people you will find here. You will also hear about the expectations for being organized, thinking independently, turning in assignments on time, and of the many exciting opportunities available to students this age. Students will also have the chance to go to all of their classrooms and meet their teachers. Adults will discuss a variety of topics covering; adolescent development, transition to middle school and guidance for this new stage of life.

In addition to 6th Grade Orientation, 6th grade classroom doors will be open during schedule card pick-up August 16-17, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, so students and parents may walk through the building and find their classrooms.

When:

**Thursday, August 17th
6:00 PM—7:00 PM**

Where:

JMS Thompson Community Room

The goal of 6th grade orientation is to help parents, grandparents, caregivers and/or guardians prepare their 6th grader for a successful start to their middle school journey.

New Faculty at JMS

We will have a few faculty changes and some new faces at Jamestown Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year.

Melissa Foster returns to JMS as the 7th grade life skills teacher. Ms. Foster most recently taught 1st grade at Roosevelt Elementary.

Julianna Wolff will be the new JMS choir director/6th grade music teacher. Ms. Wolff most recently led the music department in Beach, ND. She is a graduate of North Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in Instrumental Music Education.

Chloe Smith will be a new Special Education Strategist at JMS. Mrs. Smith is a recent graduate of Minnesota State University - Moorhead holding a B.A. in Elementary Inclusive Education with licensure in special education.

Jaye Fike will be the new 6th grade language arts teacher. She is a recent graduate of Valley City State University with a B.S. in Elementary Education.

Jalyn Helstad will be the new 6th grade math teacher. She is a recent graduate of University of Jamestown with a B.A. in Elementary Education, with a concentration in math.

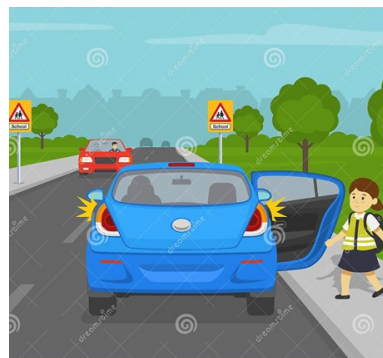
Cody Jamtgaard will be the new day treatment teacher. He comes to JMS from Kulm where he taught Physical Education/Health.

We are extremely excited for all of these great people to join the Jamestown Middle School family and cannot wait for the year to begin!



Drop Off & Pick Up

Our students safety is a top priority at JMS. To promote safety, we ask that students are dropped off and picked up on the **south** or **west** sides of the building. Busses drop off and pick up on the east side.



First Day of School

The first day of school for the 2023-2024 school year will be Thursday, August 24th. All classes at the middle school will begin at 8:20 on the 24th. Any classes normally scheduled to start before 8:00 will not meet until the 25th. Any students that arrive at school before 8:10 am should go to the cafeteria until they are dis-

missed to go to PrimeTime at 8:10 am. All students should report to their PrimeTime classroom by 8:20 am on the first day of school. We will have an extended PrimeTime on the first day to help orientate all of our students. Students will go to each of their classes on that day but the class periods will be shortened to compensate for the extended

PrimeTime. Dismissal will be at 3:20 pm.

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FALL SPORTS INFORMATION

QUARTER 1 CALENDAR

August

- 7..... Boys' Soccer Begins
- 7..... Girls' Golf Begins
- 14..... Boys' Tennis Begins
- 14..... Cross Country Begins
- 14..... Football Begins
- 14..... Girls' Swimming/Diving Begins
- 14..... Girls' Volleyball Begins
- 16-17.. Schedule Card Pick Up
- 17..... 6th Grade Orientation
- 21-23 . Teacher Workshops
- 22..... New Student Orientation
- 24..... First Day of Classes
- 28..... 6th Grade Cross Country Begins
- 29..... What's Poppin' Open House

September

- 4..... Labor Day (No School)
- 6..... EcoEd Day (6th Grade)
- 12..... School Picture Day
- 15..... Homecoming Parade—JMS Band
- 18..... PD Day (No School)
- 19..... 6th Grade Girls Basketball Begins
- 25-26. P/T Conferences

October

- 6..... P/T Comp Day (No School)
- 10..... Picture Retakes
- 12..... Student of the Month Breakfast
- 16..... Girls' Basketball Begins
- 17..... Orchestra Concert
- 19-20 . Educator Convention (No School)
- 23..... Boys Wrestling Begins
- 24..... Band/Choir Concert
- 27..... End of Quarter 1

November

- 6..... Girls Wrestling Begins
- 10..... Observe Veteran's Day (No School)
- 13..... Gymnastics Begins
- 16..... Student of the Month Breakfast
- 23-24. Thanksgiving Break (No School)

Activities start dates and contact information for students in 7th and 8th grades are listed below. Activities for students in 6th grade will not begin until after school starts.

Parents are reminded that all 7th and 8th grade students participating in these activities must have a physical form completed and the \$40 participation fee paid before they are allowed to practice. The NDHSAA physical form dated on or after April 15, 2023 must be completed for all 7th and 8th grade students participating in a sport. Physical forms are available at the doctors' offices in all of the Jamestown clinics, including Central Valley Health and Medallus. Physical forms and fees may be given to the JMS office.

Girls' Golf: As part of the high school program middle school students may start practice on **August 7th**. Any students not able to attend these early practices may begin later by contacting the JHS Athletic Office at 701-952-4006.

Boys' Tennis: As part of the high school program middle school students may start practice on **August 14th**. Any students not able to attend these early practices may begin later by contacting the JHS Athletic Office at 701-952-4006.

Cross Country: As part of the high school program 7th and 8th grade students may start practice on **August 14th**. Runners should report to JHS at 8:00 am. Any students not able to attend these early practices may begin later by contacting the coach, Ken Gardner, at kenneth.gardner@k12.nd.us.

Girls' Swimming & Diving: As part of the high school program middle school students may start practice on **August 14th**. Any students not able to attend these early practices may begin later by contacting the coach, Ben Smith, at benjamin.smith@k12.nd.us.

Boys' Soccer: As part of the high school program middle school students may start practice on **August 7th** at JHS. Parent/Player Meeting, Tuesday, August 1st, JHS Commons, 6:30PM. Any students not able to attend these early practices may begin later by contacting the coach, Brandi Harty, at brandi.harty@k12.nd.us

Girls' Volleyball: 7th and 8th grade volleyball begins on **August 14th** in the middle school gym. 7th grade will practice from 4:00-5:15 and 8th grade from 5:15-6:30 the first 3 days. Any students not able to attend these early practices may begin later by contacting the athletic director, Mr. Connell, at 701-252-0317.

Football: 7th and 8th grade football begins with equipment check out on **August 14th**. All equipment will be checked out from the football locker room below the small gym. 8th grade players should report to the locker room area at 4:00 PM and 7th grade players should report at 5:00 PM. Practice will begin the next day. Any students not able to attend these early practices may begin later by contacting the coach (8th grade, Nate Bivens, nathan.bivens@annecenter.org) or the athletic director, Mr. Connell, at 701-252-0317.

Food Service Programs

Options available on the Jamestown Public Schools web site: www.jamestown.k12.nd.us

e-Funds

Parents can monitor their student's foodservice balance and see what their student is eating. Parents may make an online payment that automatically is withdrawn from their checking account or charged to their credit/debit card.

Get set up:

Click on the *Parent Information* link

Click on *e-Funds for Schools*

Enter your 4-digit lunch number



Menus

Access daily breakfast and lunch menus:

Click on the *Calendars* tab

Click on *Menus*

Questions regarding Jamestown Public School lunch accounts may be directed to the district food service director, Cindy Wall, 952-3015 or cindy.wall@k12.nd.us.

Immunization Requirements and Flu Shots

Deb Fischer, RN
School Nurse
Central Valley Health

The North Dakota State law requires that 7th grade students receive the Menactra (meningitis) and Tdap (Tetanus, Diptheria and Aceluar Pertussis) immunizations prior to entering this year of their education. If your child has received these immunizations please send a record of that to the school office. If your child has not received these immunizations, they must be immunized and written proof of immunization provided to the School office prior to the beginning of the school year. You may go to your private clinic or to Central Valley Health District, 701-252-8130, for these immunizations.

Central Valley Health will again be offering flu shots in school this fall to both students and staff. An exact date when flu clinics will be held has not yet been determined due to uncertain availability of flu serum; JMS families will be notified when specifics are available.

Central Valley Health Nurses provide the following services to the Jamestown Public Schools and the Stutsman and Logan County Schools:

- Individual Health Assessments to students and staff
- Health Education at all levels of education
- Health Screenings such as vision and scoliosis

- Consultant on health concerns pertinent to the safety of the students and staff
- Advocate in implementing health programs to promote the wellness of the students

The school nurse has scheduled visits on a regular basis to ensure consistency of these services. Visits to the Middle School are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 8:30-9:45 am and Wednesdays 9:30-10:15 am. Please feel free to contact our office during regular business hours if you have any questions on immunizations or any other services that we provide to your school.



School Supplies for JMS

Grade 6 Supplies

#2 pencils/erasers or mechanical pencils
colored pencils
3 boxes of kleenex
3 containers disinfectant wipes
6 folders
2 packs loose leaf lined paper
1 binder/accordion folder
8 highlighters (any color)
8 pack washable markers
headphones/earbuds for iPad
permanent markers are not allowed at JMS

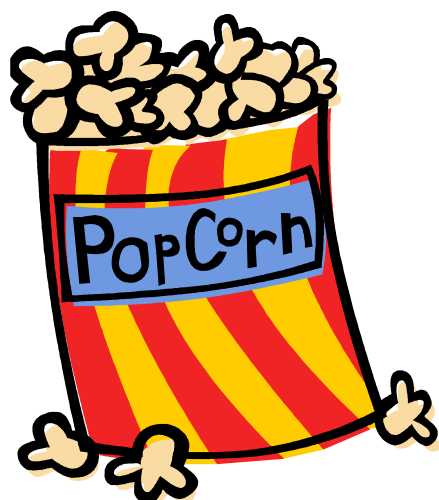
Grade 7 Supplies

basic calculator
rubber ruler/protractor
24 colored pencils/red pens
2 spiral or wireless notebooks
1 pack loose leaf paper
mechanical pencils
#2 pencils/erasers
6 folders with pockets
2 large boxes of kleenex
1 large tub disinfectant wipes
binder or accordion folder (optional)
headphones/earbuds for iPad
** permanent markers are not allowed at JMS*

Grade 8 Supplies

college ruled spiral notebook
scientific calculator-TI-30XIIS (optional)
colored pencils
black pens
pencils/erasers
file keeper/folders
2 boxes of kleenex
1 container disinfectant wipes
headphones/earbuds for iPad
** permanent markers are not allowed at JMS**

WHAT'S POPPIN' AT JMS?



Parents... friends...relatives

Please join us for
Jamestown Middle School Open House and see all the exciting things that are happening. Your child can be your personal tour guide and take you around to view the classrooms and meet the teachers while you feast on **POPCORN!**
Stay active in your child's educational life and join us on

Tuesday, August 29th, 5:30-6:30 pm

Stay Connected with Jamestown Public Schools www.jamestown.k12.nd.us

Android



Apple



Jamestown 1-ND

Contact Nathan.Michaelson@k12.nd.us for your family login details. It takes a day for this to be available after you are added to PowerSchool.

Most Utilized Features:

- Notifications-push notifications: school specific; e-mail; text; or voice message
- Calendar-add to device calendar (follow school)
- Students-Information regarding schedule, assignments, grades, teacher contact.
- Top Stories-the most recent announcements and breaking news
- Activity Stream-A listing of all things through the feed.
- Sports-Information about schedules, locations of events, maps to out of town events.
- Directory-contact staff by e-mail from device
- Lunch Menu-The current menus and the ability to add them to your de-vice.
- Resources-Newsletters, forms, supply lists, and other relative info.

Other Features:










- News: School newsletters, available based on what school you are following.
- E-Funds-App based feature allows you to pay from your phone.

Once you've loaded the Jamestown 1 District App, you can login on the 2nd screen and set thresholds of information you wish to receive about your student. You will want to select the top right option to select the schools you wish to follow. Be sure to select the district office to get those announcements. Once you've logged into the A+ Student Info icon you will see your child's picture and be able to see the information in the picture to the left. Notifications will be delivered each day and can be found in the Notification Icon. There are also many other nice features in the app, please search through the icons and don't hesitate to make suggestions for additional information.



JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

We're very excited to share some important information about some of the features you will find in our district app. You can find it in the Android Play Store or the Apple iTunes store. We're sorry to tell you that it is not available for Windows phones at this time.

 Student Info	The STUDENT INFO icon on the top of the 2nd screen allows you to login, set thresholds of concern regarding your student and receive messages through the system when grades update or the lunch balance drops below your set amount. Please contact pame-la.brown@k12.nd.us to get your login and password.
 Notifications	The NOTIFICATIONS icon is on the first screen in the lower center position. The school messages will be here and above the messages will be any alerts received regarding your child if you have signed in to the Student Info area mentioned above.
 Directory	The DIRECTORY gives you a way to contact the school, map directions if grandparents are coming to town for a school event, give you a way to email your child's teacher and put a face to a name before meeting a staff member for the first time.
 Sports	The SPORTS section has three areas-News, Scores, and Sites. In the Sites area you can see what is on the schedule and where the competition will be located. If you are not familiar with the location, you can select the link and get driving directions through Google Maps.
 Resources	The RESOURCES area of the App has different information for each school. You can find school newsletters, forms, supply lists, and student handbooks among other things.
 Calendar	In the CALENDAR section you can tailor the information to meet your needs by following the schools of your choice. It is recommended to also follow the district to get that information. By selecting any item on the calendar you can add it directly to your personal calendar.
 Lunch Menu	LUNCH MENUS are available based on the school you are following and can also be individually added to your personal calendar.
 E~Funds	E~FUNDS is now in an app format through the district app allowing you to make payments from your phone or tablet.
 Tip Line	The TIP LINE is a great tool for sharing that perfect shot you capture at a school event. Sharing a special moment or a concern you may have. Tips can be submitted with your name or anonymously. Tips go to the principal of the building you select or if no building is selected, they go to the superintendent.

A Few Miscellaneous Items from the Office

- ♦ Medication forms need to be signed and filled out prior to us being able to provide medication for your child. Please make an effort to do this before the 1st day of school. The JMS office is open from 7:30—4:00.
- ♦ Please call by 2:00 if you would like to get a message to your child before the end of the day. An exception would be in the case of an emergency. We do not like to interrupt the learning of children, so we need to be able to call your child down prior to the last class period of the day.
- ♦ This is a reminder that flowers and balloons will not be allowed to go with your child to his or her classroom or lockers. All gifts must stay in the office until the end of the day.
- ♦ If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the office at 252-0317.

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Justin Connell	Assistant Principal/Activities Director	Ext. 3158
Cheri Kopp	Office Manager	Ext. 3149
Janine Rath	Attendance/Activities	Ext. 3148
Kerrie Soulis	School Social Worker	Ext. 3156
Lindsey Quichocho	School Counselor	Ext. 3153
Danielle Giesler	School Counselor	Ext. 3154