James Weldon
Johnson College
Prep Weekly
Communication

Week of 9.12 – 9.16
State Testing Begins This Week

This week we begin our new state testing – FAST – Florida Assessment of Student Thinking.


Students will complete their day with abbreviated classes.

Tues – 9.13 Grade 6/7 Reading

Wed – 9.14 Grade 8 Reading

Tues – 9.20 Grade 6/7 Math
Announcements

MATH TUTORING

• Ms. Ellis is offering weekly math tutoring starting Thursday, September 22nd for all students enrolled in courses *M/J Accelerated Math Grade 6* and *M/J Accelerated Math Grade 7*.

• Math tutoring will be offered every Thursday from 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm in Room 620.
The PTSA is so excited for the new school year & would love for you and your student to join us!

• By joining the PTSA, you’re not making any time commitments, just partnering with the school. We help with funding social events, such as movie night & Readers Beach (an awesome reading celebration that happens at the end of the year) and providing luncheons & treats for our teachers.

• At JWJ, we ask for donations in lieu of fundraising so no more selling wrapping paper or candy bars! When you click the link below, you’ll be taken directly to our PTSA store where you can join & make donations. Our plan for meetings this year is to hold some virtually & some in person.

• [https://jwj-cp-middle.memberhub.com/store](https://jwj-cp-middle.memberhub.com/store)
Announcements

The JWJ PE Clothing Store sale has been extended until September 22\textsuperscript{nd} – please use this link to purchase PE clothes.

https://bsnteamsports.com/shop/PEJWJSEP22
DCPS Pick-up Cutoff Time for JWJ is 2:15pm on normal school days and 12:30pm on Early Release Days.

• If you need to pick up your student early from school, please adhere to the DCPS assigned pick-up times. This allows for parents to be out of the parking lots and fronts of schools so normal pick-up traffic can prepare and flow smoothly.
Announcements

**ID’s**
- All students have received their free ID in Homeroom and it is **REQUIRED** to be worn around their neck with the provided lanyard daily. It is a part of the school dress code.
- This is a security and safety issue as we need to be able to quickly identify anyone who is not supposed to be on our campus.
- Teachers will be checking for ID’s to be worn.
- Students can pay cash at the time they receive the wristband/ID or it will be added to their student debt.
- **1st ID – Free**
- **Wristband for a forgotten ID - $1** (can receive 5)
- **2nd or more replacement ID’s - $5**
Updated Contact Info

- Please access your Parent Focus Account and ensure that your contact information is correct. This is the information that is used to send out updated information and we want to ensure our student families have all the correct information.

- If you need to change any information, please email Ms. Tukes, our Data Entry Clerk, at tukesb@duvalschools.org.
September Sports Schedule

Our Fall sports at JWJ are Boys Football and Girls Volleyball.

• Sept 14th – Football at Mandarin Middle (5:30pm)
• Sept 20th – Football at Home vs. Ribault Middle (5:30pm)
• Sept 27th – Football at Mayport Middle (5:30pm)
• Sept 28th – Volleyball Doubleheader at Home vs. Charger Academy (5:30pm) and Baldwin (6:45pm)
• If your student used District Transportation last year, you STILL NEED to register your address for District Transportation this year, to ensure your student will have a bus stop near your home.

• If your student needs District Transportation, make sure you have registered on your Parent Focus Account. Step by step directions can be found at https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/31291 or you can call - 904.858.6200.
Announcements

**Dress Code**

- JWJ is **NOT** a uniform school.
- We follow the DCPS Dress Code which can be accessed at our District webpage under “Students and Families”.

- Our most common dress code violation is shirts that don’t reach pants and expose a student’s midriff.
- For jeans with rips - no skin should be showing through jeans or pants above the knee. Students are suggested to wear leggings under jeans or pants that have rips/holes.
All students will receive a laptop from JWJ at no cost.
6th grade laptops arrived last week and all students at JWJ now have a laptop!
The expectation is that students take care of their device, and they bring it to school fully charged daily.
The new BEST Math curriculum is 100% digital, so students will need to have their computer in order to complete their lessons/assignments.
Lost laptops cannot be replaced without a police report for theft.
Broken laptops will be sent for repair and students are issued a temporary “loaner” laptop. These are older models and may run at a slower pace.
Announcements

After School Safety Plan
Student dismissal for Car Riders begins at 2:55pm and students are picked up by driving in the Car Loop on Norman Thagard Blvd. and exiting on Melson Ave. This area remains supervised and open until 3:30pm daily for student pick-up. On Early Release Days, dismissal begins at 1:10pm and the area remains supervised until 1:45pm.

Any student not picked up by a parent by 3:30pm (or 1:45pm on an Early Release Day) will be moved from the Car Loop into our supervised Safe Room near the front of the school. Families will be charged $10 per occurrence on their student debt. Students not picked up by 4:00pm will incur a $20 charge per occurrence on their student debt.
Breakfast/Lunch

• For the 22-23 school year, all schools in DCPS will be have free breakfast and free lunch.
• Students are receiving their ID in Homeroom on Monday, August 15th.
• Once received, students will need to have their ID daily, as they need to scan their ID in order to get their lunch.
• Breakfast is available for students daily in our cafeteria from 7:50am – 8:05am.
Announcements

TRAFFIC FLOW

• JEA has closed Norman Thagard Blvd from Edgewood Blvd. and all traffic must enter and exit through Melson Ave.

• Right now, the afternoon is finishing by 3:20pm, and we don’t close the gate until 3:30pm. It is our morning time where we are still not finishing until 8:20am, when we would like to be complete by 8:10am. No student will be given a morning tardy while we still have the gates open for parent drop-off.

• The District has provided us additional officers to assist with traffic, but we will continue to work to find quicker and more smooth ways to get families in and out each day.
School Deliveries

• No deliveries are allowed for students.
• This includes birthday balloons, flowers, etc…
• This includes food from companies like Door Dash, UberEats, or from parents bringing pizza or fast food.
• Parents may check out their student and eat with them off campus, and then return to JWJ if they’d like to bring food, or eat lunch with their student.
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Volunteers

In order to volunteer for any school events, whether with SAC, PTSA, or a club or sport, parent/guardians need to have been cleared through DCPS’s volunteer process. If you would like to be able to participate in activities on our campus for the 22-23 school year, please fill out the Volunteer Application through the link below –

For the 22-23 school year, JWJ is looking to reestablish Business and/or Faith-Based School Partners. These partners can provide individuals to assist with school activities, tutoring or mentoring, and/or provide financial support to the school as we work to create the best middle school in DCPS. We have a diverse school community that comes from over 20 different zip codes throughout the Northeast Florida area, and we believe when we impact students in a positive way, we impact Jacksonville in a positive way. If you are a part of a business or faith-based organization who would like to join us this year, please reach out to Mr. Stuckey at stuckeyj@duvalschools.org.
Congrats to our new 2022-2023 JWJ Cheer Squad!

#SQUAD

CONGRATULATIONS
to the 29 Young Ladies of 2022-2023 JWJ Cheerleading Squad!

A'honesti C.  Harmoni S.  Jyanna G.  Maci G.
Akeelah B.  Imani S.  Kamara C.  Madison N.
Anilah J.  Jada S.  Kelsi M.  McKensiey C.
Avani H.  Janiya T.  Kylie M.  Ormanii N.
Bella F.  Ja'niyah G.  Laila-Shae G.  Robin S.
Demarey G.  Jeania J.  Layne B.  Skye N.
Destiny S.  Jordyn D.  Lyric C.  Sloane T.

WATCH OUR SIDELINES...
Here we come!

Xyna M.
• **Monday, Sept 12th**
  Monday is a B Day, so students will go to periods 5-8.

• **Tuesday, Sept 13th**
  Tuesday is an A day, so students will go to periods 1-4. Grade 6/7 PM1 (Progress Monitoring 1) for FAST (new state testing replacing FSA).

• **Wednesday, Sept 14th**
  Wednesday is a B Day, so students will go to periods 5-8. Grade 8 PM1 (Progress Monitoring 1) for FAST (new state testing replacing FSA). Boys Football at Mandarin Middle School starting at 5:30pm.

• **Thursday, Sept 15th**
  Thursday is an A day, so students will go to periods 1-4.

• **Friday, Sept 16th**
  Friday is a B Day, so students will go to periods 5-8.