



Week at a Glance

	Week of October 3 – October 7
Mon. Oct 10	Thanksgiving (School Not in Session)
Tue. Oct 11	Exploratory forms go home
Wed. Oct 12	
Thur. Oct 13	Exploratory forms due
Fri. Oct 14	“Dragon Pride” Assembly

Dear JMS Families,

We've had a great week here at Journey Middle School, Cops for Cancer, sports practice/competitions and clubs. We have so many clubs up and running this year, please encourage your child to listen to announcements and join a club and/or sport this year!

With it being Thanksgiving Weekend, I have been reflecting of what I am grateful for in my personal and professional life. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you first to our staff here at JMS. I hope you parents/caregivers all know how lucky you are to have these amazing educators working with your children! They are committed, kind, caring, and thoughtful in all that they do to support your children in their academic, social, and emotional learning.

Next, I would like to thank JMS students who bring happiness to us every single day. They as a group are funny, creative, kind, caring ... and so much more. While we all have our ups and downs, overall, students are navigating this first year without Covid protocols with amazing resiliency and helping to inspire us with their curiosity and questions.

Thank you to you parents and caregivers for all you do to support your children and us in navigating the tricky waters of Middle School. We especially want to acknowledge PAC members—we are so fortunate to have you advocating for and providing so many rich experiences and activities for all students. Finally, I would like to express deep gratitude for the privilege of learning, living, and working on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish people, and for your stewardship of these lands.

Exploratories- Exploratories will start on October 20th! The Exploratory Program is designed to allow students to explore non-traditional courses in Fine Arts, S.T.E.A.M., Practical Arts, Humanities or Athletics. Classes are based upon teacher passion and provide an outstanding opportunity for students to share or to develop that passion. Forms will be sent home on **Tuesday October 11th** and submission date is **Thursday October 13th**. If you require financial assistance, please email your request to the principal, djelks@sd62.bc.ca by October 14, 2022.

Support Sweeps- In creating a positive climate and school culture for learning. JMS will be incorporating support sweeps throughout the school year. Frequent tardiness to class on a daily basis can create learning gaps in student learning if they are not able to grasp the learning goals presented during lessons. The first four to eight minutes of class can be unproductive if students straggle in, disrupting instruction and students and the class lose valuable instructional time. When students are unsupervised in hallways and restrooms after the warning bell rings—whether at the beginning of school or during passing periods for F.A.S.T—there is ample opportunity for vandalism, bullying, and other forms of misconduct. This misbehavior can and always carries over into the classroom, thus wasting even more instructional time to get students focused on the lesson at hand.



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- Support sweeps will be announced periodically throughout the week. In efforts to support students in making positive choices
- Administration will walk through the halls to ensure students are in classes and not in the halls disrupting the education process.
- Students in the hall without a proper pass will:
 - 1st time – Positive reminder to get to class.
 - 2nd time- Positive reminder and email home.
 - 3rd time- 30-minute Instructional support block during long recess for any class assignments missed and call and/or email home.

LIS virtue of the month is **Compassion**. Compassion is to feel sympathy and concern for someone else's sadness, suffering, or misfortunes.

Weekly Quote: "Give Compassion: Every day the average person fights epic battles never told just to survive." – Ken Poirot



Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Monday Oct. 10th- Thanksgiving (**No School**)
- Monday Oct. 17th- Canadian Blood Services Drive
- Thursday Oct. 20th – Photo Retake & The "Great Shake Out" earthquake drill
- Monday Oct. 31st- School Wide Halloween activities
- Thursday Nov. 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly
- Wednesday Nov. 23rd- Grade 6 Immunizations

Attendance- Please remember to inform the office if your child will be late or absent. Attendance Line: journeyattendance@sd62.bc.ca or 250-642-5881

When a student is late: Please have them enter through the front door and check in with office staff.

Building Access- Parents/Guardians and visitors must sign-in at the front. If you have an appointment with a staff member, please wait in front seating area until your appointment arrives.



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We are Kind



We are Compassionate



WE ARE JMS!