



## Week at a Glance

<b>Week of October 17 – October 21</b>	
<b>Mon. Oct 17</b>	Canadian Blood Services; FSA Part I
<b>Tue. Oct 18</b>	
<b>Wed. Oct 19</b>	FSA Part II
<b>Thur. Oct 20</b>	Photo Retakes & Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill
<b>Fri. Oct 21</b>	Professional Development Day (School not in Session)

Dear JMS Families,

The end of October is near and with Halloween fast approaching the safety of our students is foremost in our minds. We want our students to have some fun, but we also want them to stay safe. At JMS, we want all students to be mindful of their choices throughout the year in terms of how they might make other people feel. As we inch towards Halloween think about keeping with the JMS value of Celebrating Diversity (which includes cultural and gender diversity...) we wanted to support you in supporting your children in making appropriate choices for their costumes.

Journey Middle School is a Grade 6 to 8 school, and this means that our students have a very wide range of ages and levels of maturity. We must be sensitive about costumes both for personal safety as well as to protect some of our students from being frightened during a time that is intended to be fun. As families are looking at purchasing or making costumes for Halloween, please keep in mind that costumes must not pose a tripping hazard or make it difficult for the student, or others, to participate in class activities.

### **Journey Middle School Costume Guidelines**

1. Students may wear Halloween costumes but must be recognizable. E.g., No full masks or full facial coverings. Masks may be worn for the costume parade but not in class or at recess.
2. Face painting is allowed if the student is recognizable, and the painting applies to the costume being worn. E.g., Whiskers for a cat, nose for a clown.
3. No toy (or real) weapons or costume components that pose a safety risk.
4. If a costume is determined by a staff member to be a disruption in the classroom, a possible safety hazard or inappropriate, the student will be asked to change.
5. Any student wearing a costume must fully prepare before arriving to school. Spray cans, hair coloring, spray string, face painting, etc. will NOT be allowed at school.
6. Parents are encouraged to supervise their child's costume choice – keeping in mind that ultimately Journey Middle School is a place of learning, safety, and appropriateness. **Please do not have costumes that will frighten or offend others in the school.**
7. If students do wear inappropriate costumes, the administration reserves the right to ask them to change



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**Great Shake Out-** The Great Shake Out is the world's largest Earthquake drill! Each year in BC, on the third Thursday in October, schools, and participants all over the world use this opportunity to practice what they would do in case an earthquake. To review Great Shake out information with your family, please click [here](#).



**Photo Retakes-** If your child missed picture day or would like retakes. Edge imaging will be here in the morning on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>. Announcements will be made during the week.

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

**Weekly Quote:** "Compassion naturally creates a positive atmosphere, and as a result, you feel peaceful and content."- Dali Lama

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Monday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving (**No School**)
- Monday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>- Canadian Blood Services Drive
- Thursday Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Photo Retake & The “Great Shake Out” earthquake drill
- Friday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – Professional Development Day
- Monday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>- School Wide Halloween activities
- Thursday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Assembly
- Wednesday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>- Grade 6 Immunizations

**Attendance-** Please remember to inform the office if your child will be late or absent. Attendance Line: [journeyattendance@sd62.bc.ca](mailto: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.



### New Wall Mats

Thank you to JMS PAC and Mr. Vine for raising money for new wall mats. Just in time for basketball season.

### Visit from Kookum Jo-Ina

Kookum Jo-Ina visited JMS students this week and provided lessons on beading. The students thoroughly enjoyed learning.





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## Sooke Community Theatre At EMCS

**Fri Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30-9:30 pm**

*If you like the music of the Beatles..... you will enjoy the Sutcliffes*

**\$30.00** each at the office or online <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-sutcliffes-present-get-back-a-tribute-to-the-beatles-music-roots-tickets-410235063117>

**Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm**

Our next concert is Shale & Taylor Caspersen (Former EMCS students) let's support these young groups

**Adults \$15.00 Seniors & Youth (under 18) \$12.00 Family \$45 (2 Adults & 2 Youth) tickets can be bought at the program office or you can call me and purchase them.**

EMCS Monthly Movie nights starting on Nov 12<sup>th</sup> we are so excited they will be monthly!! I will have poster up shortly. We have many different fun classes coming up check out our website. [www.emcsprograms.ca](http://www.emcsprograms.ca)

**\*\*Tickets can be purchased at the EMCS Society program office room #119 Mon-Fri 9:30 am -2:30 pm\*\***