

	Week of October 24 – October 28
Mon. Oct 24	Diwali (Festival of Lights) PAC Meeting @ 7pm in Library
Tue. Oct 25	
Wed. Oct 26	
Thur. Oct 27	Exploratory
Fri. Oct 28	"Dragon Pride" Assembly

Dear JMS Families,

What A WEEK! We are getting busier by the hour here at JMS – which is means we are working to create new opportunities for our learners. Our students are inspired and working hard every day and respecting JMS core values of being Kind and Compassionate. Basketball season starts next week and there are so many other sports and activities for students to join. We are excited at how engaged our students are and wanting to be involved in redefining JMS school culture. It gets a bit tricky as we will occasionally have conflicts between extracurricular opportunities. With so much going on, our students will have to pick and choose which activities to join as with so many offered.



Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> is Diwali, or Dipawali, (festival of lights) India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avail) of clay lamps (Deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. JMS will learn about this holiday that is celebrated by many Canadians during morning announcements and class discussions. Below are a few educational resources.

- https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/general-geography/facts-about-diwali/
- https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/pages/article/diwali
- https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/diwali-facts.html
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdndYtihdW4
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pp59n0So-XE

**Rotary Leadership Training-** The RYLA Vancouver Island Committee is pleased to once again be able to have youth ages 12-15 (grades 8-10) from all over District 5020 to come together for a weekend of leadership training, team building and fun at Camp Qwanoes November 18-20th, for the fifth annual RYLA VI. Please click <a href="here">here</a> for more information and to register.



## Week at a Glance

Halloween- Teachers will communicate class Halloween activities within the coming weeks. JMS will host a Halloween parade (weather permitting) for Ecole Poirier Elementary School on Monday October 31 at Journey Middle School at 1.

Remembrance Day -At our Remembrance Day virtual assembly this year, we would like to try something new by honouring loved ones who have been impacted by war in some way, such as those who served, are serving, or are involved with Canada's military or peacekeeping.

If you have a connection to someone who is or has been in the Canadian military, please **share a .jpg picture** of this person with us so we can include the photo in our *Remembrance Day* slideshow. In addition to the photo(s), it would be helpful if you could identify the person or people in the photograph and let us know the context and connection to Journey Middle School. For this, could you **please include:** 

- 1. Your child's first and last name,
- 2. The first and last names of the person/people in the photo
- 3. The relationship of person in photo to student at JMS
- 4. Rank and/or titles of the person/people in the photograph
- 5. Which part of the Armed Forces they served in
- 6. The wars or conflicts the person/people has/have served in.

If you have digital photos available, please email the .jpeg (or similar file format) and explanation to Jennifer Gibson, Vice Principal at jgibson@sd62.bc.ca. If you would like us to scan the photos, please bring them to the office in an envelope with the information included, along with the name of the JMS student it should be returned to clearly indicated on the envelope. In order to give us time to create the slide show, we ask that these photos and information are provided by Monday, October 31st. Thank you for your consideration.



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

Weekly Quote: The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.



## **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

Monday Oct 24th - Diwali (festival of Lights)/ PAC Meeting @ 7pm

Monday Oct. 31st- School Wide Halloween activities

Wednesday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>- FSA makeup

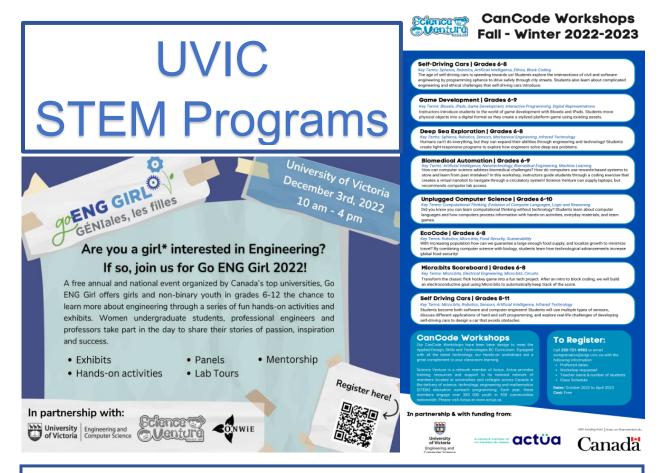
Tuesday Nov 8th- Indigenous Peoples Remembrance Day

Thursday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday Nov 11th - Remembrance Day (School is not session)

Wednesday Nov. 23rd- Grade 6 Immunizations





Science Venture is a non-profit science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) outreach organization from UVic. This program is supported by the Faculties of Engineering and Computer science, Science, and Education. Science Venture is a founding member of the Actua network, a national non-profit that connects and supports university-based STEM outreach programs.

This year, Science Venture is supported by Actua and the federal CanCode grant to provide **free digital skills programming**. Please check out **CanCode Workshops**, **and GoEngGirl** event. Click on the following link for more information or to register. <a href="https://www.scienceventure.ca/">https://www.scienceventure.ca/</a>

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.