



Week at a Glance

Week of November 21 – November 25	
Mon. Nov 21st	PAC Meeting 7:00pm (School Library)
Tue. Nov 22nd	Lock Down Drill
Wed. Nov 23rd	Grade 6 Immunizations
Thur. Nov 24th	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal at 11:58)
Fri. Nov 25th	Assembly

Dear JMS Families,

With our upcoming Parent / Teacher interviews on November 24th, we request that you book appointments with your child's advisory teacher using the attached, on-line registration and appointment booking process. The on-line scheduling system will go live at 4:00 pm on Friday, November 18, 2022 and end at 11:00 pm on Wednesday, November 23, 2022. Each of the interviews will be 15 minutes in duration and we respectfully request that we keep appointments to this time limit to allow us to adhere to a schedule and for our staff to see as many families as possible. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school and we can help you through this process manually. As a reminder, on this day students will have early dismissal at 11:58pm in advance of the interviews.

Journey Middle School Parent/Teacher Conference scheduling link: [JMS Parent/Teacher Conference](#)

- Please note that meetings are limited to 15 minutes in length
- Click on the "Parent Teacher" link on the left on the screen and select "Teacher name" (interviews are with the advisory teacher only)
- If you have more than one child at JMS, you will need to repeat the booking process for each child
- Confirmation of your booking time will be emailed to you right away after you successfully make the booking

School Affordability Act- Earlier this year, the Provincial Government created a **Student and Family Affordability Fund** to support families in financial need during these times of increasing costs of living. Through this fund, JMS has been provided resources to improve food security and assist parents, guardians, and students with the reduction or elimination of school related costs. Our intention is to provide these funds in a way that is flexible, private and as stigma free as possible.

JMS, in consultation with our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and School Leadership Team (composed of Administration and Teachers), discussed ways to help families who are facing financial hardship. We've decided to provide gift cards to assist in purchasing items such as food, clothing and/or public transportation, we will also distribute holiday baskets, revamp or breakfast and lunch program, create a school closet that offers apparel, hygiene kits etc. We can also help with school related costs such as field trips and school based extra-curricular activities.

If this support can help you and your family through difficult financial times, please don't hesitate to contact the staff members listed below.

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Winter Blues- Flu season is upon us.... Just a friendly reminder to complete the Daily Health Check for your child. If your child is showing symptoms of being unwell (chills, vomiting, fever, coughing, sneezing etc.) please keep them at home for their safety and for the safety of our school community. Continue to remind your child to wash their hands and don't share food or any other personal items with classmates.

JMS virtue of the month is **Perseverance**. Perseverance is the quality that allows someone to continue trying to do something even though it is difficult

Weekly Quote "Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other." – Walter Elliot

SUBWAY LUNCH DAY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER
22ND, 2022

CASH ONLY DAY OF:

6 IN SUB = \$5

JUICE BOX = \$1

CHIPS = \$1



- FIRST COME FIRST SERVE
- PIZZA SUB, HAM SUB, TURKEY SUB AND VEGGIE SUB
- GF HAM AND GF/DAIRY FREE VEGGIE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

- Subway table will be set-up in front foyer
- Try to bring exact change to make your purchase
- Bring a small snack and/or lunch just in case items are sold out.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday Nov 21st-PAC Meeting

Wednesday Nov. 23rd- Grade 6 Immunizations in Gym

Thursday November 24th – Teacher conferences (Early Dismissal @ 11:58)

Friday November 25th- Pro D Day (School Not in Session)

Monday December 12th - PAC Meeting at 7:00pm in Library

Thursday December 15th Talent Show

Friday December 16th Holiday Dance and Activities (**Winter Break starts**)

Tuesday Jan 3rd – **Students return to School**

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.



What's going on at JMS



Starbucks comes to JMS



Social-emotional learning (SEL) is the process of developing the self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that are vital for school, work, and life success. It is proven that people with strong social-emotional skills are better able to cope with everyday challenges and benefit academically, professionally, and socially. From effective problem-solving to self-discipline, from impulse control to emotion management and more, SEL provides a foundation for positive, long-term effects on kids, adults, and communities.

Starbucks Café in Ms. Ritika Gautam's class and Educational Assistant Shelley Crowley brings SEL to life for many of our students. Click [HERE](#) to watch a video on social-emotional learning (SEL)