



Week at a Glance

	Week of November 28 – December 2
Mon. Nov 28th	Drumming with Brother Rick- Picture Retakes PAC Meeting in Library at 7:00pm
Tue. Nov 29th	
Wed. Nov 30th	
Thur. Dec 1st	
Fri. Dec 2nd	Assembly

Dear JMS Families,

Thank you for a very successful Parent/Teacher Conference session. We are thankful everyone had time to meet with teachers over Microsoft Teams or in person. Many of you expressed gratitude and recognized the teachers for their hard work and dedication to your children. More than ever, your feedback is appreciated. As we continue to work towards structuring the best environment for our children by offering a variety of clubs and activities. Please stay connected and we will make every effort to do what is best to support your child's learning and social-emotional development.

Spirit Wear- JMS spirit wear is up and running! Shopping can commence now and will end on December 31st. Orders will be ready within a 4-5-week time frame. Click on the following link to browse and order.
<https://journeymiddle.itemorder.com/>

Photo Retakes- Edge Imaging will be on hand Monday November 28, 2022 to take photos of any staff or student that missed the last two sessions. This session is not for retakes.

Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints & Cyberbullying- JMS grade 6 & 7 students participated in a morning workshop that covered all things digital, from digital citizenship to the criminal consequences of cyberbullying. Grade 8's participated in the workshop last month. Some of the most prominent concerns surrounding student's use of social networking sites and smartphones will be discussed. Other topics included netiquette (online etiquette), the possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting), digital media habits, digital addiction, piracy and plagiarism. Please stay tuned for a parent's workshop after the New Year.

ERASE is all about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, parents, staff and the community. It's important that we all collaborate and help support students with challenges and complex issues. Please click [HERE](#) to access more information on ERASE.

The December Multicultural Calendar The Cultural spotlight this month is on Iran, and additional content and resources are available for Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and "Christmas around the world". Click on the following link <https://bit.ly/DecemberMulticulturalCalendar2022>.

Inclement Weather- We are fortunate to live in a place where the weather is usually mild, but at times we might experience storms, power outages, very cold and even snowy days.

The decision to close a school due to a power outage is made on a case-by-case basis, taking all factors into careful consideration. SD62 schools will do its best to be open for students and staff on all prescribed school days to provide duty of care. The safety of students and staff is our first priority. Circumstances like snow, flooding, power



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outage and more could cause disruption to a normal school day. During times like these, the decision to close schools or cancel school buses will be made by the Superintendent.

In all cases below, announcements will be made to parents, students and staff as close to 6:30 a.m. as possible via this website and one or more of the following:

- Social media via SD62 [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- School/District email
- Telephone
- Local radio stations

School closure during school hours- If weather conditions create a concern for safety, the school principal may close the school after consulting with the Superintendent. While every effort will be made to keep schools open, parents are encouraged to establish a plan for their children in the event of early dismissal or school closure. Closure announcements will be made by the methods listed above.

- **Elementary and middle schools** – Teachers will contact parents or emergency contacts to advise of closure. Students may only leave with their parent/guardian.
- **Secondary schools** – Students will be free to leave after the closure announcement is made and it is deemed safe. Schools will remain open until all students are picked up or transported home by school bus.

School bus cancellation-School bus transportation may be cancelled when the Superintendent is advised by the Transportation Department that roads are in poor condition and not safe. The Superintendent will then make the decision to open schools as normal or close them.

Buses are cancelled, but schools are open

- The choice to bring children to school is that of the parent/guardian.
- Schools will not conduct a normal instructional day because of the decrease in students and staff.

School closure outside of school hours- Depending on the severity of the weather, the Superintendent may make a decision to close schools for students or for both staff and students. In rare circumstances, some schools may be kept open because of location and the need for a safe place for students.

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 Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow'

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Monday November 28th- 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****