

The JMS Update

September 15, 2023



Progress Reports

It is hard to believe we are already beginning to review 1st quarter grades for our students with progress reports. As middle school grades are reported quarterly, vs. the trimester grading period of elementary school. These mid-quarter progress reports are to help ensure students and families are aware of where Jaguars are in their learning and acquisition of the standards.

September 29 progress reports will be completed by our teachers and will be available for review the following week. In the meantime it is always important to monitor PowerSchool on a weekly basis, to check their grades and support them to complete any assignments that might have slipped by them.

Student Accountability Considerations-

Next week during student's physical education classes we will be rolling out the following student accountability requirements for all students to participate in various activities. We share these with you in advance for you to have conversations with your child to help them understand the importance of their academics.

6th & 7th Grade expectations for athletics, dances and after school events.

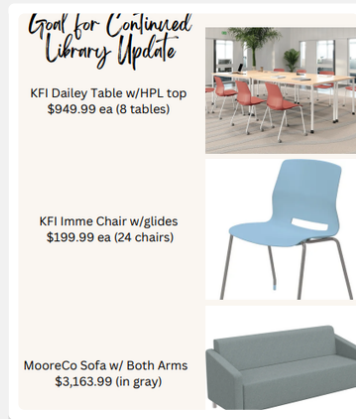
8th Grade expectations for athletics, dances and after school events and end of the year activities including field trip to West High, 8th grade dance, 8th grade Aloha picnic and promotion.

Citizenship: < 1 U on Report Card, no suspensions or TPD citations

Academics: > 2.0 GPA with no F on a report card

To help encourage our students, they can earn back activities by meeting the expectations the following quarter. As we begin to look at progress reports it is important for all JMS school community

members to know of these expectations to have clarity in meeting the expectations to have the opportunities of all our exciting after school activities and events.



Skechers Walk

Jefferson Middle School will be participating in the 2023 SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friendship Walk with Torrance Education Foundation again this year!

Last year we had an amazing turnout! Everyone is welcome to join. Bring your friends, family members, neighbors, and anyone you can think of to help us meet our goal.

We invite you to register as a member of our Jefferson Middle School Team and help raise funds for our school! Please make sure you select Jefferson Middle from the drop-down school menu. Don't forget to choose the Torrance Education Foundation when selecting where you would like your contribution to go.

This year our focus on raising money will be used to support the continued update of the Library. The library gets tons of use, and is a popular hangout spot during snack and lunch. It also is home to our eSports teams. Our goal is to update the tables and chairs, and add one more couch to the lounge area. Unfortunately, without our families, and our community these updates can not happen.

Sign up online at www.skechersfriendshipwalk.com/goto/JeffersonJaguars to register today! Together we can make a difference!

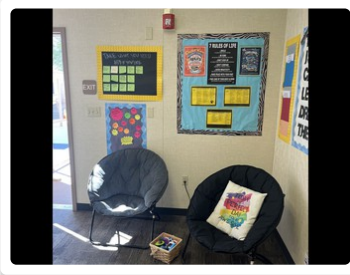
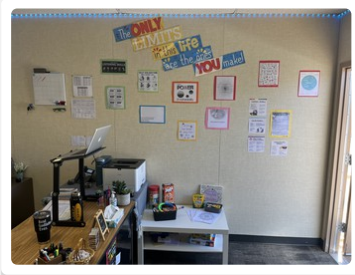
This year Kinecta is offering the school with the largest percent of walkers & virtual walkers, an after school treat...an ICE CREAM TRUCK pulled right up to the front of campus. If you can not attend, consider signing up as a virtual walker. Let's try and get as many walkers and virtual walkers as we can, so we can enjoy this after school treat! You can even add your cat, dog, or pet tortoise as a virtual walker.

If you have questions, please email me at delacruz.desiree@tUSD.org.

Meet our Staff!

Hello, my name is Mr. Costa and I am the new mental health therapist here at Jefferson! I am employed through South Bay Children's Health Center and we offer short-term school-based therapy services for students within TUSD. I am here on campus Monday-Friday during school hours and am located in Office #27. Students can be referred via staff, parents, or the student themselves. If you would like to learn more or are interested in referring your child/a student, I can be contacted at

costa.jacob@tusd.org or (310) 533-4794 x8527. I'm looking forward to becoming a part of the Jaguars! Below are some photos of the office.



Back to School Night

As a reminder we will have late start 9/19 and 9/20. School will start at 9:20 each day and end at 3:16. Our Back to School Night program will begin at 5:40 in the cafe with a PTSA Association meeting and classroom visits begin at 6:00 pm. Parents will go to each of their child's classrooms for 10 minutes and rotate through their schedule to meet teachers and get an overview of what they can expect for the school year. Due to space constraints we ask for this to be an adult attended event, thank you for your understanding. Likewise there is ample street parking and when doing so, please be mindful of our neighbors and follow all parking regulations in the area.

Looking ahead... Please mark your calendars for a non-teaching day on Monday, September 25. School will resume on September 26 for a 9:20 first bell.



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