

# Welcome to John Adams Middle School!

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation

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**Principal:** Dr. Valentine

**Assistant Principals:** Mr. Kelly & Mr. Blekeski





# John Adams Middle School

**KNIGHTS DEMONSTRATE**

**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, & EXCELLENCE**



*All Day, Every Day*

# John Adams Middle School

- \* School Day: from 8:30-3:00
- \* Almost 1,000 Students
- \* Support Staff
- \* Middle School Transition
- \* Teams
- \* Student Schedules (Shared in August)
- \* Parent Portal/Genesis
- \* Lockers/PE lockers (school-issued locks)
- \* School Website
- \* School communication (e-mail, website, phone, face to face)

# Positive Behavioral Supports in School (PBSIS) at JAMS

- \* Our staff reinforces positive behavior by students.
- \* We expect students to display respect, responsibility, and excellence all day, everyday!
- \* Students are recognized by our teachers through tickets and weekly raffles are conducted to reward students who were nominated.

# Chromebooks/Insurance

- ❑ 6th graders will be issued new chromebooks at the start of the school year.
- ❑ Students will use their chromebook for the duration of middle school.
- ❑ Chromebook insurance is highly recommended! Students are transporting their chromebooks to and from classes where there is a possibility of dropping them or misplacing the device.
- ❑ Chromebook insurance may be purchased from the district website.

# Lockers

- ❑ Each student will be issued a locker where they store their coat and bookbag.
- ❑ Students may use a string bag to transport their chromebook/supplies.
- ❑ Students must keep their combination private!
- ❑ Cell phones, airpods, jackets, and backpacks should remain away.

# Cell Phones/Headphones



- Cell phones/headphones must be off and away
- Do not call/text your child's cell phone during school hours
- What does "away" mean?
- Proper Use/Social Media
- Consequences

# Counseling Office



- \* Mrs. Polizzi, Head Counselor; 6th grade counselor
- \* Mrs. Davis, Anti-Bullying Specialist; 7th grade counselor
- \* Ms. Sintumuang, 8th grade counselor
- \* Child Study Team

# Counseling Office



Counseling for academic, social and emotional issues

Transition to Middle School

Setting realistic expectations (clubs, organization, time management, HW zone, locker/backpack reorganization)

Parental Involvement/Parent Meetings

Progress Reports & Report Cards (Parent Portal)

# Sample Student Schedule

Course	Frequency of Meetings
English	2 periods every day
Math	1 period every day
Science	1 period every day
Social Studies	1 period every day
Physical Education/Health	1 period every day 3 MPs PE/1MP Health
Elective (Orchestra, Choir, Band, Visual Arts)	1 period one semester
World Language (Spanish or French)	1 period one semester

# HIB

- Difference between conflict and bullying
- NJ Law requires student, staff, and parent training
- Online reporting form located on website



Bullying is not tolerated at John Adams.

# WORLD LANGUAGE

- \* Students can choose **Spanish** or **French**
- \* The chosen language for 6th grade is the language that the student will take for all three years.
- \* Students will have World Language for one semester and their elective another semester.

# ELECTIVES

## 6th Grade Electives

- \* Band
- \* Choir
- \* Orchestra
- \* Art
- \* Technology (grades 7 & 8)
- \* Family Consumer Science (grades 7-8)
- \* Computer Science (grade 8)



# Cafeteria



- **29 minutes**
- **No Recess**
- **ID Numbers**
- **Lunch Lines**
- **Inside/outside seating**

Students are expected to behave properly during lunchtime. Any inappropriate behaviour during lunchtime is not accepted and will result in consequences.

# Pick-Up/Drop Off



- Safety First!
- Curbside drop-off/pick up
- School bus drop-off/pick-up
- No cutting through the lot
- Front Circle (after 8:20 and after 3:20)

# Arrival/Dismissal

- Homeroom starts at 8:30. Students will stand outside in their holding areas (separated by grade) until 8:20 AM.
- For the first few days homeroom teachers will meet their homeroom outside and walk them in.
- Buses drop off/pick up students at the front bus pavilion.
- Parents drop off/pick up students at the side of the gym.
- School ends at 3:00. You may want to pick up your student at 3:15 from the side of the building to avoid long lines.

# Sample School Activities



- \* Art Club
- \* Band
- \* Choir
- \* Chess Club
- \* JAMS STEAM
- \* Science Club
- \* FCCLA
- \* Future Business Leaders of America
- \* Odyssey of the Mind
- \* Orchestra
- \* Drama

\*New club offerings are provided yearly; this list is subject to change.

# Sports



- \* Soccer
- \* Cross Country
- \* Basketball
- \* Wrestling
- \* Baseball
- \* Softball
- \* Intramural program  
(includes track & volleyball)

# Transportation



- Bus stops posted on website
- 4PM late buses on Wednesday & Thursday
- Safety on and off the bus
- No switching of buses

# Have Fun At JAMS!

We hope that your child will have an  
amazing experience!!!

And remember... everyone at JAMS is...

