Welcome to John Adams Middle School!

5th Grade Parent Orientation May 25, 2022

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

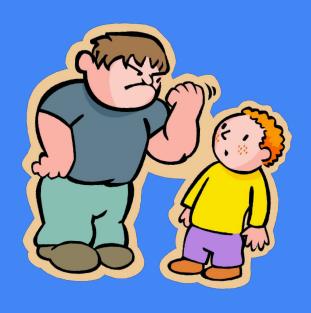
Course	Frequency of Meetings
English	2 periods every day
Math	1 period every day
Science	1 period every day
Social Studies	1 period every day
Physical Education/Health	1 period every day 3 MPs PE/1MP Health
Elective (Orchestra, Choir, Band, Visual Arts)	1 period one semester
World Language (Spanish or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



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

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

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 at3:15 from the side of the building to avoid long lines.



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

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

Sports



- * 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...

