Greetings General Parents,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends. Just a few short weeks before winter break and lots to do beforehand. We are gearing up for final exams which will occur in January this year. The exam schedule is attached to this newsletter. Please familiarize yourself as the middle school exam experience may be new for our seventh-grade students. As always, please contact your students’ teachers if you have any questions. If your child is not already taking advantage of GAP sessions now would be a good time to start in preparation for exams. Students return to school on January 4th, exams take place January 13th, 14th, and 15th, the grading period ends on January 15th, and report cards will be issued on January 22nd.

In the month of December, students and staff will enjoy a Holiday Spirit Week, December 14th through 18th. Each day will be themed and students and staff will celebrate the season by participating in holiday activities. The week will end with an Ugly Sweater Contest for students in the cafeteria. The Spirit Week calendar can be found in this newsletter, and on JOTV each day.

Also this month, we are looking forward to a modified version of our Starbuck Mania 1.0 in which teachers create opportunities for students to earn passage to fun and exciting activities which may include activities such as: Fluid Art, games, Karaoke, Basketball, Drama, Crafting, an Escape Room and the list goes on and on. This is part of our Positive Behavior Support Program, and helps to encourage positive behavior in school. We continue to also reward students with Tech Tuesdays on the patio during both lunches, the Star Buck Store which is open on Wednesdays and students who are Here-on-Time with HOT Hangout. Students who arrive to school and classes on time all week are invited to enjoy time outside during lunch on Fridays. They play games, use technology, or socialize.

Winter concerts for Chorus, Orchestra and Band will be pre-recorded this year and shared with our families virtually. Our students have been working so hard to prepare holiday music for their audiences and we are so fortunate to be able to share this with you all.

The faces of our children best express the true meaning of this holiday season. They exude a sense of unbridled enthusiasm, pure hope and the endless joy for life and the opportunities that await them. In the spirit of this holiday season, I want to extend my thanks to all of you for everything that you do to support our students. As we enjoy the upcoming holidays, it is my fervent wish that each of you receives and returns the seasonal bounty of blessings and good tidings that make these days truly special.

Please have a safe and joyous holiday season. We are looking forward to celebrating the New Year with our students in 2021!

- Tina Susin, Principal
**NOTICES**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

12/1  End of second 4 1/2 weeks
12/3, 12/17  NJHS Meeting 8:30am in RM 301
12/8  Winter Band Concert 6:00-8:00pm
12/10  Block Report Cards Issued
12/11  SAC Meeting 8:00am via ZOOM
12/15  Bill of Rights Day
12/21-1/4  Winter Break (Holiday for all)

Science Research: 12/2, 12/9, and 12/16 at 8:00am in RM 402

**“GENERALS ACADEMIC PROGRAM” (GAP) SESSIONS:**

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**ATTENDANCE**

Brevard School Board Policy 5200 states attendance shall be required of all students enrolled in the schools during the days and hours that the school is in session. School attendance shall be the responsibility of parents/legal guardians and students. Absences shall be reported to the school by the parent or adult student as soon as practicable. A student who is absent more than four (4) days within a nine (9) week period for schools on a block schedule will not receive a passing grade for the semester.

Note: This is copied directly from our district policy and communication from district leaders.

Thank you,
Mrs. Christina Donohue, M.A.Ed., M.Ed.
Assistant Principal

**BUS BULLETIN**

**Middle Schools**

Beginning September 8, 2020 Brevard Public Schools Transportation will start using Bus Bulletin for parent bus notifications.

Notifications will include the following information:
- Substitute buses
- Substitute drivers
- Bus delays
- Substitute Route

Parents of students who are assigned to a bus will automatically receive Bus Bulletins. Please verify with your school office staff that your contact information is up to date in Focus.

*Parents may opt out of all Bus Bulletin notifications by contacting your school office staff.*
## Andrew Jackson Middle School
### 2020-2021 Final Exam Schedule

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1<sup>st</sup> Lunch: 11:57-12:27  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch: 12:57-1:27
HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

Mon-Fri • December 14 – 18

Long Winter’s Nap
Just wake up and come to school in your holiday jammies.

Tree Topper Tuesday
Dig out your favorite holiday head gear (hat, antlers, tree topper, etc.)

Winter Wonderland Wednesday
Wear your favorite winter accessories (hats, scarves, socks, etc.)

Jingle Bell Rock
Rock your holiday colors (red, green, blue, white, silver, gold).

Festive Friday
Bring out the tacky sweaters! Contest and prizes during both lunches.

*School Dress Code applies

Be sure to tune in Mondays through Fridays for our morning newscasts via LaunchPad or FOCUS!
Holiday Food Drive

NJHS is hosting a holiday food drive! Students, please bring nonperishable foods (such as canned goods and boxed meals) and hygiene products (such as toothbrushes) to your first block class. The food drive will be running through December 2nd! Also, the first block with the most goods gets breakfast treats! Let’s help the community!

Students of the Week

Leaya M.
Maya T.
Kendalyn S.
Gavin G.

Jackson’s 5-Star Generals
Thank You

St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church

for providing lunch to all of our teachers

and staff! We greatly appreciate it!

If you haven’t already, please consider adding Andrew Jackson Middle School to your CCU debit card. This helps Jackson earn money for supplies our teachers need.
FortifyFL and Speakout Apps

Here at Jackson Middle, the “S” in STAR Generals stands for “Stay Safe”. We believe that all of our students and staff should feel safe and secure at all times. That’s why we’ve begun using FortifyFL and Speakout; two apps that allow students and staff the ability to report suspicious activity at any time, anonymously.
If you haven’t already done so, please download these apps onto your mobile device so that you can join us in making Jackson Middle School a safe place to be.

STAY SAFE!

SpeakOut Hotline is designed to help you anonymously report any threatening behavior or situation that endangers you, your friends, family, community or your school campus. Reporting isn’t “snitching,” reporting is when you need to keep yourself or someone you know safe from threats, harmful behaviors or dangerous situations.

KEEP YOUR SCHOOL SAFE
(give an anonymous tip)

Speakout 800.423.TIPS