Welcome Back Generals!

During the 2020-2021 school year, we look forward to working with you and your children in providing an education in which safety comes first, and **excellence is the standard**. I would like to welcome our seventh-grade students, and returning students, to Jackson Middle School. Our teachers, staff, and administration have been planning and preparing all summer and we are geared up to be Anchored in Academics this school year!

Each year brings positive change, and this includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Ms. Sophia Hart, Social Worker; Ms. Taelor Hughes, ELA; Ms. Prishonda Leonard, Critical Thinking; Torrey Cranston and Mr. Nick O’Daniel, Science; Mrs. Debra Gibbs, Math; Ms. Tina Mila, Support Specialist, Ms. Michelle Burk, Culinary/Family and Consumer Science; and Mr. Andrew West, Spanish.

Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students rigorous academic opportunities in programs like AICE Cambridge, as well as, academic support programs before school. It is our goal for our students to take steps to improve each day, and to work towards maintaining our “A” school grade! For that reason, our Generals Achievement Program (GAP) is focused on achieving academic excellence. Students are welcome to attend sessions with teachers with whom have scheduled sessions. A schedule will be made available during the first week of school. Please encourage your students not to come onto campus prior to 9:00 until that program begins. This is for student safety, as we do not have personnel on duty prior to that time.

Although academic success should always be the primary focus for our students, please encourage your students to become involved with extracurricular activities as well. Students whom are engaged are generally most successful. We hope for our students to have the complete middle school experience. Information on our National Junior Honor Society, FPS, Student Government Association, Odyssey of the Mind, Drone Club and Science Research can be found on our website. We make every effort to keep our web-site current with relevant and important information. Please be sure to visit our web-site regularly.

Middle school track season and basketball seasons have been swapped this year. We will offer track this fall and basketball in the spring with the hopes that by spring we will be able to have our fans at full capacity in the gymnasium! Information will be forthcoming.

At Jackson Middle School we genuinely value Family-School Partnerships. The engagement of our families and community is integral to our student’s success. I encourage you to communicate with us, and to stay in the know about your child’s social/emotional well-being, progress on assignments through FOCUS, assessments, and to join our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). If you are interested in being involved in our PTO, please call the front office with your contact information.

Again, I welcome you to the Home of the Generals and to our outstanding learning community...an environment alive with much energy...passion...and a high standard of excellence. Together, we will embark on a successful middle school experience!

Sincerely,

Ms. Tina Susin
Principal
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SCIENCE RESEARCH
An interest meeting for Science Research is taking place on September 2nd at 8:45 am in Room 402. If you can’t attend, or miss the meeting, you can see Mrs. Wicker in Room 402 or email her at: wicker.alexandria@brevardschools.org.

PICTURE DAY
Dean Stewart Photography will be taking portrait photos on Friday, September 4th. Students taking brick & mortar classes on campus will be photographed in the morning. Please be sure your student(s) are dressed-to-impress and adhering to school dress codes!

E-learning student portraits will be on campus in the afternoon. Parents will receive a text message and/or email soon to schedule an appointment.

THANK YOU!!!
Thank you to Kayla Pyles at Altman AC, St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church and 7th Generation Community Services for loading us up on school supplies for our students.

A shout out also to Jonathan Gibson of Park Avenue and Breakaway for the back to school teacher snacks and drinks.

Finally, Thanks to Barry Russell for providing our teachers and staff with a delicious lunch during pre-planning.

We are so thankful for these partnerships.

ESOL
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National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

NJHS 8th grade students only:
National Junior Honor Society will be meeting on Thursday, September 3rd, and September 17th. This is for all current members. E-learners may attend through Zoom. Please join the google classroom set up for NJHS to get the meeting ID. We will be discussing officer elections and future service projects. NJHS dues will also be collected- $25 cash or money order. I will also need t-shirt sizes.

Contact Mrs. Drye if you cannot make the meeting.

New NJHS Students:
Induction for new members into the NJHS will take place after first semester. The GPA for eligibility is 3.7 and all Satisfactory conduct.

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https://www.brevardschools.org/JacksonMS
Cambridge Corner

We are so excited to start this year! If you are a new Cambridge student this year, please be sure to sign and return the blue Cambridge Contract. You can e-mail a picture of the signed document to my email: drye.deborah@brevardschools.org if you are an e-learner. If you did not receive the contract, please email Mrs. Drye. These are due ASAP.

Attention 7th and 8th grade Cambridge parents – we are selling Cambridge t-shirts through the Language Arts classes. Please fill out the form and send the cash or money order with your student to Room 301 before school starting 8/31.

Please contact Mrs. Drye if you need a copy of the order form.

Literacy Connection with Dr. Watts

Hello Parents, welcome to the new school year. We can all admit that his school year is different, but at Jackson, we are working to ensure that your child’s learning experience will remain comparable to the level of education we provided pre COVID-19 pandemic.

Because students did not take FSA reading and math during our regular testing time earlier this year, progress monitoring is extremely important. To measure our students’ performance in Reading and Math, we are administering the Reading Plus and Map tests. Reading Plus from August 26- September 11, 2020, and Math from August 27 September 25, 2020.

Your child may have taken the Reading Plus assessment, but please be sure to double check. As usual, we will send a letter with your child’s score. In the letter, we will do our best to help you interpret your child’s performance.

We look forward to your continued support.
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