

JEFFERSON JOURNAL

December 2022



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Jefferson Families,

It's hard to believe, but the first semester of the school year is about to come to a close. Currently, our teachers are working diligently to challenge students to produce their best work and master first semester course content. The first semester grading period will officially end after winter break, but exams will be taking place prior to winter break. Due to the hurricanes, the ending date for the first semester may change. As soon as this information is confirmed, we will let you know. Please review page 9 of this newsletter for details on the semester exam schedule. The middle school exam experience will be new for most of our seventh graders, so please feel free to contact your student's teachers if you have questions. If you feel that your child would benefit from additional assistance, you may want to consider sending your student to morning school and/or teacher tutoring sessions. The tutoring schedule is available on our school's website and morning school is offered daily from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. in the media center.

Please be aware that December 16, 19, 20, and 21 are early release days. Jefferson Middle School will be closed from Thursday, December 22 through Wednesday, January 4 in recognition of winter break. School will resume normal hours of operation on Thursday, January 5.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Jefferson Middle School, we wish you a wonderful holiday season with family and loved ones! As educators, we are so proud of your children and all of the special talents they bring to our prestigious school each day. We are truly thankful to be working with such amazing students and supportive parents.



Sincerely,
Mrs. Meara Trine

IMPORTANT EVENTS

- 12/1 SAC Meeting, 8:20am
- 12/6 Band Winter Concert,
@ MIHS, 7pm
- 12/14 Chorus Winter Concert,
@ MIHS, 7pm,
- 12/15 Orchestra Winter
Concert @ MIHS, 7pm
- 12/16 Exam Day and Sand
Dollar Spectacular
- 12/19 -
- 12/21 Early Release Days and
1st Semester Exam Days
- 12/22 -
- 1/4 Winter Break
- 1/5 Teachers and Students
Return to School
- 1/9 End of First Semester
- 1/10 Report Cards Posted to
Focus
- 1/10 Math Testing #2
- 1/16 MLK Day—No School

THANK YOU BUSINESS PARTNERS!

A+ Thrift Store
Advon Corp.
Escape Room of Cocoa Beach
Graphic Details
Jeremiah Italian Ice
Papa Johns
Space Coast Roofing
Turner Wealth Management

CULINARY MAKE THEIR OWN COOKIE CUTTERS

Although we usually think of culinary as just cooking, Mr. Vath's classes, along with the media specialist Ms. Mason and district technology specialist Ms. Marshall, learned a little bit about production of cooking equipment and not just food. Each culinary student had the opportunity to design and print a cookie cutter using our 3D printers. Students used the website Tinkercad to either combine shapes together to make an image or to use the scribble tool in the program to draw their own. Ms. Mason is busy printing out all the cookie cutters in time for student to make cookies in class.



THANKS 4 GIVING

Each November, Jefferson hosts the Thanks 4 Giving campaign to help provide a happy Thanksgiving for those in our community experiencing food insecurity. Students brought in monetary donations during their first period class.

This year we raised \$1,347.10—enough to feed 90 families.

The following first period classes raised the most money: 3rd— Mr. Harper's class, 2nd—Ms. Butler's class, and 1st—Mr. T Scull's class. Thank you to all the students (and parents) who generously donated to this cause. You helped make this a happy holiday for families.

If you are looking for another way to help, check out the JPO Facebook page for a chance to sign up for the JMS Angel Tree. This drive helps provide presents for Jefferson students and their siblings whose families may not be able to afford them on their own.

UPDATED CODE OF CONDUCT

The district code of conduct has been updated. You can view it on the JMS webpage or at the link below:

[tinyurl.com/yee4wr4z](https://www.brevardschools.org/JeffersonMS)

INNOVATION GAMES

Jefferson competed at the Innovation Games for the first time this year...and came home with a medal. Sophia Case earned a second place in the Shark Tank event for her invention The Sleeve Breeze, a fan you can attach to a water bottle. She particularly impressed judges with her business plan. Our TV Production class also competed by producing a welcome video for our school. The Innovation Games are a district sponsored competition for elementary, middle and high school students that encourages STEM thinking and creative experimentation.

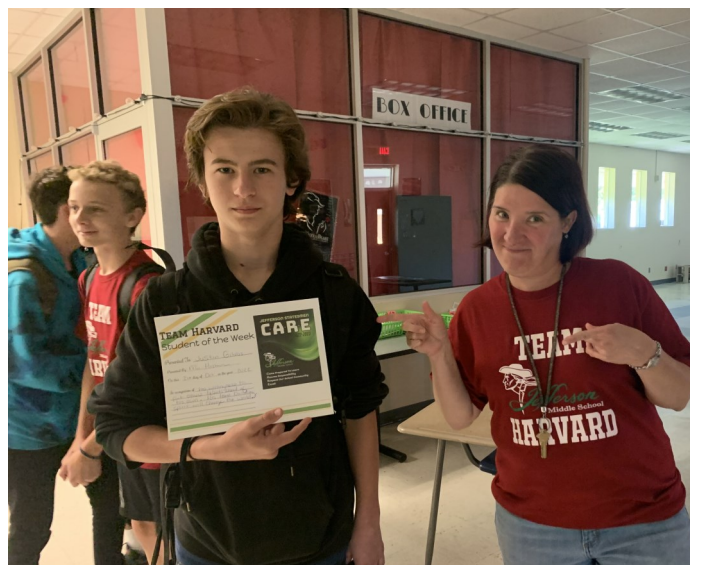
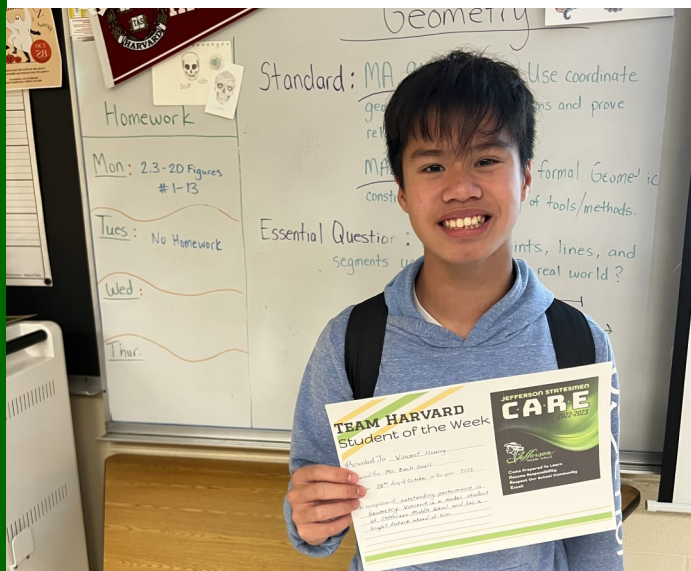


NEWSPAPER

The Green and Gold Newspaper has published their first edition for 2022-2023. You can view it on the school webpage. Our newspaper is a student run publication—by students, for students. Contact Ms. Greene, in room 307, if you would like more information or if you are interested in joining the staff.

HARVARD STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Each week, Team Harvard teachers take turns choosing a student who exemplifies being a Jefferson Statesmen and demonstrates our C.A.R.E expectations. Our most recent Students of the Week are Vincent Hoang, Justin Gibbs, Nadia Andronescu, and Aubrey Fairchild. Mr. Z. Scull says Vincent is a model student at JMS and does an outstanding job in Geometry. Justin was nominated by Ms. Hoskins for his excellent teamwork mentality. Mrs. Freeman nominated Nadia Andronescu and says Nadia demonstrates kindness towards her peers and always pushes herself to be her best. Mr. Turner chose Aubrey Fairchild to represent Team Harvard as student of the week for being engaged in class, asking amazing questions, always being prepared, and earning a 100% on the most difficult test of the year. Our Team Harvard Students of the Week are SUPER STARS!



TUTORING TIMES

TEACHER TUTORING TIMES 2022-2023					
Teachers	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cornell					
Ms. Greene 7 th & 8 th Grade Lang. Arts					3:00-3:30
TBA 7 th & 8 th Grade Science				8:45-9:15	
Ms. Davis 7 th & 8 th Grade Civics/US History			8:35-9:05		
Colson 7 th Grade Math 2/Algebra Math				8:45-9:25	
Mr. Vath 7 th & 8 th Grade Culinary					8:30-9:00
Princeton					
Ms. Smith 8 th Grade Science					8:45-9:15
Mr. Phaneuf 8 th Grade US History			8:45-9:15		
Mr. Moffitt 8 th Grade Pre-Algebra/Algebra			8:55-9:25		
Ms. Smoak 7 th & 8 th Grade Coding/DIT				8:30-9:00	
Ms. Pergakis 8 th Grade Language Arts				8:45-9:15	
Morning School					
Team of Teachers 7 th & 8 th Grade Remediation Time	8:00-9:00 Make-up on Google Classroom	8:00-9:00 Make-up on Google Classroom	8:00-9:00 Make-up on Google Classroom	8:00-9:00 Make-up on Google Classroom	8:00-9:00 Make-up on Google Classroom

TEACHER TUTORING TIMES 2022-2023					
Teachers	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Columbia					
Ms. Rousseau 7 th Grade Math 2/Algebra Math					8:45-9:05
Ms. Wiersma 7 th Grade Science				8:30-9:00	
Mr. Harper 7 th Grade Civics			4:15-4:45		
Ms. King 7 th & 8 th Grade Intensive Reading		8:45-9:15			
Ms. MacLellan 7 th Grade Language Arts		8:45-9:15			
Ms. Slayton 7 th & 8 th Grade Art/Yearbook		8:45-9:25			
Yale					
Dr. Sorensen 7 th & 8 th Grade Algebra		8:45-9:15			
Ms. Proctor 7 th Grade Lang. Arts				8:45-9:15	
Ms. Tipton 7 th Grade Science/Sci. Res.				8:45-9:15	
Mr. T. Scull 7 th Grade Civics/Student Gov.				8:45-9:15	
Ms. Bratic 7 th & 8 th Grade Chorus		4:30-5:30			
Ms. Kinton 7 th & 8 th Grade Band	4:15-5:15				
Mr. Butler 7 th & 8 th Grade Boys PE	8:30-9:15				8:30-9:15
Morning School					
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TEACHER TUTORING TIMES 2022-2023					
Teachers	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Harvard					
Ms. Turner 8 th Grade Science/Bio.		8:45-9:25			
Mr. Turner 8 th Grade History				8:35-9:05	
Ms. Butler 7 th & 8 th Grade Orchestra				4:15-5:15	
Ms. Cooper/Virtual Lab 7 th & 8 th Grade Spanish 1 & 2	8:45-9:25	8:45-9:25	8:45-9:25	8:45-9:25	8:45-9:25
Ms. Banyard 8 th Grade Language Arts			8:30-9:00		
Mr. Scull 7 th & 8 th Grade Pre-Alg./Geo.	9:00-9:30		9:00-9:30	9:00-9:30	9:00-9:30
Ms. Freeman 7 th & 8 th Grade Girls PE		8:30-9:05		8:30-9:05	
Ms. Hoskins 7 th & 8 th Grade Theater	4:15-4:45				
Media Center					
Ms. Mason 7 th & 8 th Grade Media Center TV Production	9:00-9:25	9:00-9:25	9:00-9:25	9:00-9:25	9:00-9:25
Morning School					
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At Jefferson, we are committed to giving all students the help they need. All of our teachers have at least one day available for tutoring. If your child should need help in a class, we encourage them to visit their teacher during their tutoring times.

In addition, we offer morning school before school every day beginning at 8am. Students may use that time to get help on their school work or to access the computer lab if they need help with online resources or printing.

PBIS Sand Dollars

Thomas Jefferson

STATESMEN



Mondays

Freshly Popped Popcorn
15 Sand Dollars

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Outside Time
5 Sand Dollars

Wednesdays and Fridays

PBIS Store
1 - 100 Sand Dollars

Each Semester

Super Sand Dollar Spectacular
2 - 25 Sand Dollars

Student
PBIS



Jefferson Middle School



PBIS is a Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports system that recognizes student behaviors identified as those leading to student success. Creating a school-wide PBIS system fosters a positive learning environment for all students and staff.

Statesmen

C.A.R.E. xcel
expect our school community
assume responsibility
and prepared to learn

Thomas Jefferson Middle School students can earn Sand Dollars (school currency) by meeting posted expectations in the classroom, in the cafeteria, in the commons area, in the media center, and on the bus. Sand Dollars can be awarded by any staff member!



JMS teachers also recognize students by sending home Positive Behavior post cards or giving students Positive Behavior Referrals for following classroom expectations throughout the week. Students with Positive Behavior Referrals receive an extra treat on Fridays.

The JMS school PBIS store is open once a week during each lunch period. Students can use Sand Dollars for snacks, candy, school supplies, JMS merchandise, gift cards, and special privileges, etc. Privileges can include passes to cut the lunch line, funds to make cafeteria purchases, or even Chick-fil-a lunch.

Sand Dollars can also be used to purchase other PBIS incentives such as popcorn in the cafeteria and time outside during lunch.

In addition to all this, JMS hosts a Sand Dollar Spectacular once a semester. Students use Sand Dollars to participate in Sand Dollar Spectacular activities such as movies, Bingo, baking, and so much more!



Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program

Open Letter to Families



The Library Mission statement: The mission of the library media center is to create information literate citizens who effectively access, evaluate, and use resources to encourage and prepare students to be life-long learners.

The library provides materials and services that meet academic, technical, personal, and social needs of the school community. Materials for the school libraries are selected by professionals who are trained to develop collections for their school based on the needs of their population and curriculum, independently of their personal opinions or beliefs.

The media selection policy includes a wide range of materials with a varied range of reading and interest levels. Book selection is based on but not limited to student interest, instruction, cultural representation, socioeconomics and various points of view. Because libraries are forums for information and ideas, books are provided for the interest and enlightenment of all students and teachers.

As with all other aspects of a student's education, parents are encouraged to be involved in a student's book selections. The books in the media center, whether part of a specific reading program or not, are available for the review of all patrons.

Families may browse the collection of your school media center by visiting this site:
www.destinydiscover.com

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1st Lunch- 11:53 – 12:23
1st Lunch Tardy Bell: 12:26

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1 st Lunch- 11:42 - 12:12	2 nd Lunch- 12:27 - 12:57
1 st Lunch Tardy Bell: 12:15	2 nd Lunch Bell: 12:24 to dismiss to Lunch

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