

THE SJMS NEWS



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St. Johns Middle School

A Message from the Principal:

Hello SJMS Families!

Teacher appreciation week is May 3 - May 7. I want to thank and recognize our teachers for all they do to help our students be successful at our school! We truly have a dedicated team that cares about students and prepares them for their futures.

This year our student council has planned daily themes to celebrate our teachers. Below are the themes for each day.

5/3 Monday: Write a note telling a teacher how great they are

5/4 Tuesday: Write a poem or rhyme for a teacher

5/5 Wednesday: Tell a funny memory of a teacher in video, note, etc. and give to them

5/6 Thursday: High five or elbow bump the teachers you see today

5/7 Friday: Dress like your teacher day

Please join me in celebrating our wonderful teachers and all they do for our kids!

-Ms. Lara Olsen, SJMS Principal

Spring Carnival

The Booster Club will not be doing a spring carnival this year due to the flooring being replaced in the Middle School Cafeteria and Foyer.

Important Dates to Remember:

- May 4: Freshman Orientation 1:30pm
- May 5: Freshman Registration 8:15am
- May 6: 8th Grade Loft Field Trip
- May 6: School Site Council Meeting 3:15pm
- May 6: District Board Meeting 6:30pm
- May 10-13: Cheer tryouts 4pm-5:30pm
- May 14: 6th Grade Theater field trip
- May 17: Band & Orchestra Concert @ HS auditorium, 7pm
- May 20: 3rd Grade Tour of Middle School 10:30am
- May 20: 5th Grade Science Fair 6:30pm
- May 21: 8th Grade Theater trip and BBQ
- May 24: Eighth grade talent show @ HS auditorium, 8:30am
- May 24: 5th Grade AR Pool Party
- May 24: 6th Grade AR Pool party
- May 24: 8th Grade practice for promotion 1:15pm at HS
- May 25: 8th Grade practice for promotion 9am
- May 25: 7th Grade field trip to the theater
- May 25: 4th Grade Pool Field Trip
- May 25: 6th Grade Pool Field Trip
- May 25: 5th Grade Pool Field Trip
- May 26: 8th Grade Dress Rehearsal for promotion 10am
- May 26: 4th Grade AR Party at Theater
- May 27: Field Day
- May 27: Early Release Day at 1:10pm
- May 27: Eighth grade promotion ceremony @ HS auditorium, 7pm
- May 28: Last day of school, early release at 10:30am

SJMS Hiring

We are looking for qualified individuals to work at the Middle School next school year! If you are interested in any of the jobs below, please apply at the District Office. Applications are available at: https://www.sjUSD.net/Human_Resources

-Title I Reading Aide (full time)
-7th/8th Grade ELA Teacher

-Special Education aide (full time)
-7th/8th Grade Writing Teacher

taking it home: perseverance

There is nothing more rewarding than seeing your child achieve their goals –big and small! Whether it is celebrating those first steps or graduation day, witnessing achievements gained by hard work are some of a families' proudest moments. Hard work and determination are the ingredients of *perseverance*. By helping your children develop perseverance now, you can prepare them to learn from their future failures and work hard to achieve future successes. This month, look for opportunities to teach and model the *power of perseverance*!



1. ENGAGE

The Power of Yet. Ask each family member to write down a list of negative or limiting statements they sometimes think about themselves (e.g., "I can't _____" or "I'm not good at _____"). Choose a few phrases from each family member and repeat these phrases, adding the word "yet." Remind your family that we must work every day to learn new things and keep trying even when it's hard.



3. EXCEL

Winning over Weeds. Plant a garden as a family this Spring. It can be big or small! Discuss the daily commitment needed to help this garden grow and the patience necessary as you wait for the final product. Weed this garden together and as you do, discuss how this garden is like many challenges in life. Perseverance helps us to win over weeds!



2. EMPOWER

Frustration Busters. As a family, identify times you experience frustration. Together discuss: Is frustration a bad thing? How can frustration be good for you? Ask each family member to identify three actions they can take next time they are frustrated to persevere instead of giving up!

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- ☐ What is something you are good at doing that took a lot of hard work and practice?
- ☐ What is one way you think you "failed" today? What did you learn from the experience?
- ☐ What is something you are struggling to learn, do, or improve right now? How can we help you keep trying?

