

Dear JCMS Parents:

As our nation continues searching for answers to end this pandemic, JCMS continues to search for ways to assure our students are succeeding. During the first semester, we witnessed a number of our students struggling academically due to the requirement to work independently. We know this is extremely hard for 12-14 year old students.

As we start the second semester, we will be offering:

- A continuation of our dual-platform: This allows for students to be able to see live instruction if and when they are not able to attend school.
- Students with failing grades will be requested to attend the Panther Days. On these days, students will be responsible for the eLearning for the Panther Day and to complete missing assignments.
- Panther Days will be offered the first two weeks of second semester and periodically throughout the semester until the pandemic begins to improve.
- JCMS information will be posted on our JCMS Website, Facebook, Skylerts, School Messenger and other social media opportunities.

Please read the expectations below for our ongoing Hybrid Schedule:

1. Students will be online completing assignments when it is not their assigned day to be in the building. When JCMS students are virtual (distant learning away from school, including our hybrid model), we expect that every student in each class completes the following requirements:
 - Answer the attendance question twice a day.
 - Answer the bell ringer at the beginning of every class.
 - Stay in communication with your classroom teacher.
2. While Hybrid, we will require students at home to participate in Google Classroom Meets (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) from the beginning of first period at 8:20 AM to the end of seventh period at 3 PM.
3. While we are Hybrid, Wednesdays are Panther Days. There will not be live Google Meets on these days for classes. Students will have access to the live student helpline Google Meets available for each subject. The schedule for Panther Days/entire school Virtual Days will be 9 AM - 2 PM.
4. It is critical that students stay caught up on schoolwork. Students may ask questions or seek assistance with virtual lessons/assignments during class meets.
5. Students must check school email and Google Classroom daily. These are the main ways a teacher will be communicating.
6. If necessary, school Wi-Fi is presently available from any JCSC school's parking lot. If a parent chooses to bring a student to a school for internet access, we ask that all individuals stay in the vehicle.
7. If any other technology issues arise, please contact the JCSC tech hotline at: (812) 352-1921.
8. If you need to email a JCMS Teacher/Staff/Administrator, please call the school.
9. Students who cannot join live to a Google Meet must watch the recorded version prior to the next school day and complete assignments.

* If a student cannot participate in class due to illness, appointments, or other circumstances beyond the student's control, as the parent/guardian, you must call the absence into the school attendance office, the same procedure as always. Call (812) 346-4940 and press 1.

Upon returning after the holidays, both the high school and middle school will begin the first two weeks of second semester on the same hybrid schedule we are currently on.

The first week will be adjusted due to the semester starting on a Tuesday.

- Tuesday, 1/5/2021 Students with last names L-Z attend school in person
- Wednesday, 1/6/2021 Students with last names A-K attend school in person
- Thursday, 1/7/2021 Students with last names A-K attend school in person
- Friday, 1/8/2021 Students with last names L-Z attend school in person

The second week we will go back to our original JCMS Hybrid Schedule:

- Monday, 1/11/2021 Students with last names A-K attend school in person
- Tuesday, 1/12/2021 Students with last names L-Z attend school in person
- **Wednesday, 1/13/2021 PANTHER DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS**
- Thursday, 1/14/2021 Students with last names A-K attend school in person
- Friday, 1/15/2021 Students with last names L-Z attend school in person

We will continue with the hybrid schedule for the first two weeks while monitoring the COVID Virus in our community and our schools. Our goal is to return as quickly as possible to our traditional schedule while assuring our students and staff are safe to do so.

When students are NOT attending in person, every student should attend each class virtually by joining Google Classrooms. Our teachers provide live instruction for the students in the classroom and online.