



Jefferson Middle School

A National School of Excellence
A SMART Showcase "Elite" School

In partnership with our parents and community, we are committed to connecting students to their futures through academic excellence, developmental responsiveness and social equity.

JMS Mission:



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General News

If you need to receive this information in Spanish, please reply by email.

Si necesitas recibir esta información en Español, favor de responder por el correo electrónico.

⚠ Attention Parents

If you ever have any announcements that you would like to go out in the Jefferson Journal, please send them to Kim Anderson at anderski@u4sd.org.

Upcoming NO SCHOOL Days:

- Thursday, October 22nd - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, October 23rd - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, November 3rd - Election Day Holiday
- Wednesday, November 25th - Thanksgiving Vacation
- Thursday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 27th - Thanksgiving Vacation
- Wednesday, December 23rd through
- Monday, January 4th - Winter Break



On Monday, December 21st and Tuesday, December 22nd, the district calendar states that there is early dismissal. Due to remote learning, it is not known how early dismissal will be handled. As soon as information is made known, we will make sure to let our families know.

Daily Student Attendance:



Two Friendly Reminders:

1. If your student is sick or has an appointment and cannot attend classes online, please contact our Attendance Office to let us know.
2. If you are experiencing internet disruption, please also call our Attendance Office to let us know.

Our Attendance Office number is 217- 351-3786.

Tech Corner:

- It is required that each student use their u4sd account to log into Zoom; as the district has changed permission settings to only allow authenticated users in sessions. To do this students must select "sign in with google" when they login to the Zoom app on the Chromebook. It is a good idea to do this before getting into Google Classroom.



- If your student has received an error message "that they are not an authenticated user"; they can troubleshoot that using the attachment here. It could also be due to not logging in through Google as mentioned in the bullet above. See attachment.

- If your student is having a chromebook issue please reach out to our tech department helpline at (217) 351-3801 or email helpdesk@u4sd.org

- If you are looking for Chromebook troubleshooting help here is a helpful site for that. bit.ly/U4ChromebookIssues

- Parent FAQ for Chromebook Help can be found here: bit.ly/ITParentFAQ21

- For Chromebook repairs, please fill out the following form bit.ly/U4ChromebookIssueForm

- Please remind students to use respectful language during all Zoom meetings.

We have a new website with lots of new information and upgrades... check it out at <https://jefferson.champaignschools.org>

PTSA Council

The JMS PTSA is allowed to bring two voting representatives to the PTA council. PTA council brings together parents from the various schools with the goal of representing all of Unit 4.

The next meeting of PTA council is October 5 at 7pm.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending. I have been attending on Jefferson's behalf, but I would love for us to have another voting member.

—Jenelle Keene



Jefferson's spirit wear link is online. Check it out here- some fun options that you can have shipped to your home or picked up at the school (date to be announced). Proceeds of sales support PTSA projects- field trips, teacher projects, appreciation, and meals, 8th grade promotion, track and field days, and more. Thanks to Dixon Graphics for making our products and being so supportive of our school!

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Order by Friday, October 2nd. Orders will be mailed or distributed by Monday, October 12th.

Superintendent Search

The search firm hired by the Board of Education to help select Unit 4's next Superintendent is holding another community meeting to gather input from parents, staff, high school students, and community members regarding the qualities you would like to see in your next superintendent.

Where: Jefferson Middle School (1115 Crescent)
When: Tuesday, October 20
Time: 6 p.m.

In person will be limited to 50 people due to state mandates. Masks are required.

To participate via Zoom:
<http://bit.ly/U4CommunityMeeting>

PASSCODE: 092117

See the attached fliers for more information.

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experience community supportive responsibility
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trust citizenship healthy guidance engaging opportunity nurturing
innovative motivating prosper friendly collaborate ingenuity joyful valued friends
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