



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.

Immunizations

Just a friendly reminder that our deadline for turning in physical/immunization forms for the State of Illinois is quickly approaching on October 15th.

There is a great resource for getting this completed through Carle and it is free of charge. It is called the Carle Mobile Clinic. Here is their website for more information: <https://carle.org/services/carle-mobile-health-clinic>



If you have any questions regarding this please contact our office and ask for Mrs. Green @ (217) 351-3790.

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>

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

PBIS

During the month of October Jefferson's PBIS team will be rolling out our first incentive for students. We will focus on engagement in distance learning. We will roll out a video and explanation of the incentive on Monday October 12th during flex classes. We will officially start the incentive on Tuesday through Friday of that week. The incentive will be called Jefferson Jaguar Jargon Challenge and will center around listening in class for the secret word of the day. If you hear the secret word; you will fill out a Google Form that is provided. You will have two opportunities each day for entry into the raffle. We will be raffling off prizes and delivering them during conferences by your teachers and Jefferson administration team members! Go Jaguars & win those prizes!

See our JMS Google Classroom for more information and form links!

Applications and Nominations are open for the next round of That's What Teens Say, which runs November 6-8 2020.



We have made some modifications due to Covid and we will be limiting the program to 10 participants. They will meet in person with the mentors on Friday from 6-9 PM and on Saturday from 10 am - 6 pm. They will write and rehearse their stories on Saturday and parents will be encouraged to come from 5-6 for a formal "performance" which will be recorded. We will then stream the performances on Sunday at 3 pm both on She Said and Champaign Park District Social Media.

Nomination and Application links here: <https://shesaidproject.com/teens/>

