

John Jay Middle School

January 4, 2023

Welcome Incoming 6th Grade Parents!

Introductions

- ❑ Monica Bermiss, Assistant Principal
- ❑ Jennifer Makover, Counselor
- ❑ Lauren Mulvihill, World Language
- ❑ April Higgins, Music Curriculum Leader

Overview of Tonight's Presentation

- The Team Approach
- A 6th Grader's Day
- World Language
- Music
- Counseling Center
- Course Selection Process
- Questions and Answers

The Academic Team

☐ Academic Teams

☐ Core Subjects:

☐ ELA

☐ Math

☐ Social Studies

☐ Science

☐ The Team Approach

- ☐ Students travel to academic periods together
- ☐ Team events & activities
- ☐ Team Teacher Leaders provide parent information & coordinate parent meetings

Typical 6th Grade Schedule

Period	Course
1	Science
2	Social Studies
3	Music/Physical Education
4	Unified Arts- Art, Tech, F&CS, Health
5	Lunch (11:18-12:00PM)
6	World Language
7	----- Math
8	
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Team Courses

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1	Science
2	Social Studies
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Elective Courses

- Music and Physical Education
Alternate day courses
- Unified Arts
Includes: Art, Family & Consumer Science, Technology, and Health
- World Language
A three-year commitment

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Elective Course Selection Options

- World Language
- Music

World Language Proposed Course Options

- **French**
- **Latin**
- **Spanish**
- **Please note: Courses are scheduled based on the course selection process. It is possible that all languages listed here may not be offered. This is based on the enrollment of the course.**
- **In addition, students who are registered in low enrolled courses may have limited options for music.**

World Language Skills

- We support the development of the four skills in learning a world language:
 - Listening
 - Music, conversations, audio comprehension, immersion instruction
 - Speaking
 - Dialogues, partner work, question and answer
 - Reading
 - Comprehension passages, news articles, authentic texts
 - Writing
 - Start with a sentence and grow to paragraphs, create short books or stories
- Students learn about the culture of the different countries where the target language is spoken
- They study holidays, taste foods, and compare cultures of the US and other countries



Playing games



Artist study



Country research

Language practice



At home cooking opportunities



JJMS Music

- Choir
- Discovering Music
- Band*
- Orchestra*

*This course provides students with lessons in addition to the regularly scheduled period.

6th Grade Music Options

Choir

- ❑ For students who love to sing
- ❑ Students sing a variety of musical genres and languages, learn music theory and history, and learn to read music using solfege syllables
- ❑ All Choir students showcase skills in two evening concerts
- ❑ Students are assessed individually on concert music and music notation, every trimester

Discovering Music (Music Technology)

- ❑ For students who would like to use technology to compose and perform music
- ❑ Students will use *GarageBand* and *Finale* to create music for multiple purposes including academic presentations, public service announcements, movie soundtracks, and holiday celebrations.
- ❑ Music Technology students will create digital portfolios to showcase their work.

6th Grade Music Options

Band

- ❖ For students who wish to continue study on their band instrument
- ❖ Students are assessed individually throughout the year on concert music, etudes, rhythms and scales

Orchestra

- ❖ For students who wish to continue study on their string instrument
- ❖ Students are assessed individually throughout the year on concert music, etudes, rhythms and scales
- ❖ Band and Orchestra develop skills through experience with a variety of musical pieces
- ❖ Band and Orchestra students showcase skills in two evening concerts

We recommend that all Band and Orchestra students remain in the same performance area when transitioning to the middle school.

Lessons

- ❑ Students are assigned 8 lessons in a 12 week trimester. In most cases, students only miss the same class one time per trimester when attending their weekly required lessons. Lessons rotate just like in Elementary School.
- ❑ Lesson make-ups are available weekly after school or by appointment.
- ❑ Lessons offer an opportunity to focus on work that cannot happen in the larger ensemble setting:
 - Students work on individual technique specific to their instrument, one-on-one with the teacher
 - An opportunity for students to meet in sections to work collaboratively on their repertoire
 - Individualized assessment during lessons on scales, rhythms, and repertoire
 - Lessons offer an opportunity for differentiated instruction as students work on skills beyond grade-level repertoire



Orchestra Rehearsal



Chorus Rehearsal



6th Grade Clarinet Lesson



Discovering Music (Music Technology)



The Counseling Center

Welcome to John Jay Middle School!

- Three-year journey of exploration
- An adventure for you as your child discovers who they are

Counselor's Role

- Help parent and child navigate the three years of middle school
- Serve as an advocate to support your child academically, socially and emotionally
- Present lessons in classes throughout the year to help get to know students, assess their transition, and help students discover and explore their character strengths.

Please don't hesitate to contact counselor via phone or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns. For specific academic questions, please contact your child's teacher or the team leader.



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Sixth Grade Course Selection Process

Course Selection Using Parent Portal

Parents will be sent information re: elective course sign-up on Parent Portal

- **February 1- February 5-** Window for elective sign-up on portal
- **Early Spring-** Course verification will take place via Parent Portal

Elective Choice

- **World Language Selection:**

French, Latin, Spanish

Please select a first and second choice

- **Music Selection:**

Discovering Music, Orchestra, Band, Choir

Please select a first and second choice

Directions, course reference sheet, and course descriptions will
be sent via ConnectEd.

Upcoming Events

- **April 26th:** 5th Grade Parent Orientation, 7:00 p.m.
- **June 2nd:** Middle School 5th Graders Visit
- **Late Summer 2021:** 6th Grade Meet and Greet

JJMS Family Handbook

Please visit the JJMS website Students and Parents tab to view the JJMS Family Handbook

Included is:

- ✓ Afterschool procedures
- ✓ Attendance policies
- ✓ Behavioral expectations
- ✓ Grading Policies
- ✓ Schedules
- ✓ Lockers
- ✓ And More!

Thank you for being here!