




WELCOME TO BEING THE PARENT OF A SIXTH GRADER

2022-2023



Welcome from JJMS Staff

Jeffrey Swiatowicz

Principal

Monica Bermiss & Catherine Graybosch

Assistant Principals

Katie Burns

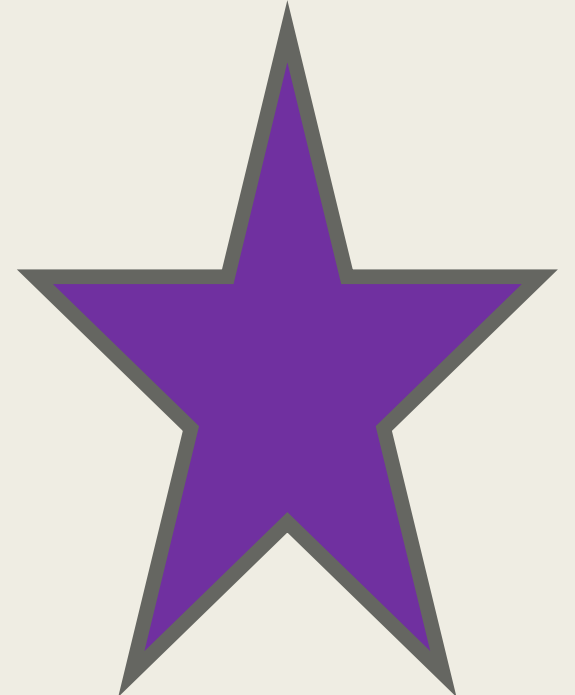
6th Grade Counselor

Mary Mullaney & Anna Iamiceli

Nurse

Cheryl Roppa & Kathy Martin

PTO Presidents



A wonderful year ahead!

- This will be a year of transition for your children.
- Team building activities- creating a new class of students from all three elementary schools and private schools and new to district
- Teams of two teachers per team.
- Independence, organization, etc.
- More choices: Recess Options, Language Options
- Need Help? Check out these Videos for students and parents:
 - https://jjms.klschools.org/jjms_video_library
- Adolescence.
 - *Need you*
 - *Might feel like they want to break away*

Respect means you care about how your actions impact the JJMS community.

Our expectations for the JJMS Community are:

- Respect people by being kind in your interactions and standing up for others.
- Respect property by keeping your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Respect learning by coming to class with materials and trying your hardest.

Nurse Updates

- All students must be immunization compliant by the first day of school. (9/6/22)
 - *If in doubt, check with the health office.*
- Please keep the nurses informed of any recent health updates on your child.
- Emergency contacts must be local, available, and aware that you may need them.
- All students who require emergency medication such as an inhaler or Epipen, must have doctor's order forms updated annually. Students may not go on any field trips until this requirement is met.
 - *Students may carry these medications if the doctor and parent indicate on the updated form that they are "self-directed".*
- The nurses always welcome a back-up supply of medication in the health office, even when a student is deemed "self-directed".

Welcome!

Our ABC Student Handbook is a resource for you and your child to refer to for information about rules, safety, and opportunities to make this school year productive and enjoyable.

This is a snapshot of our Handbook that was shared with you over the summer.

Your children will have a similar review at the beginning of the school year to help foster their independence and decision-making skills.

Make sure to sign on the last page.

After School Procedures

- Students are not permitted in any unsupervised locations at any time.
- All after school/bus notes must be turned in **at arrival** to the bin at the front entrance. We prefer you to fill out this online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/Hqjr2CTnzB>
- 4:15 and 5:30 p.m. activity buses will be available for students to take home. **(Please note: The 4:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. activity buses have different routes and the stop is likely to be farther away from your home).**
- Parents who would like their child to walk home every day must send a note to the school's assistant principal at the beginning of the year stating their permission to walk.
- Monica Bermiss: Grade 6
Catherine Graybosch: Grade 7 & 8

Attendance

- When students are absent from school, parents must report the absence by phone on each morning of the absence
- JJMSAttendance@klschools.org or 914 763 7501 and press # 2
- Excused absences from school are: illness of the student; death in the family; religious observance; required attendance in court; approved school-sponsored activities, emergency medical or dental appointments.
- Excused absences require a written note from a parent/guardian to become excused.
- Students who arrive to class after 8:10 a.m. are considered tardy.
- Three unexcused late arrivals to school in a month will result in a conversation with a counselor or administrator.

Dress Code

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. At *no time* may student's clothing include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, denigrate others on account of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.

A student's dress shall:

- Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, and libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.
- Cover undergarments (waistbands and bra straps are allowed to show).
- Cover all private parts and the fabric covering private parts must not be see through.
- Ensure that hats or other headgear are not worn in hallways, dining room/cafeteria, classrooms, or any instructional areas. Exceptions will be made for medical or religious requirements.

Please refer to the Handbook for the complete dress code.

Academic Honesty

Students may not represent the work of others as their own.

This
includes:

Cheating on
homework,
tests, and
when using
technology

Committing
forgery

Plagiarism

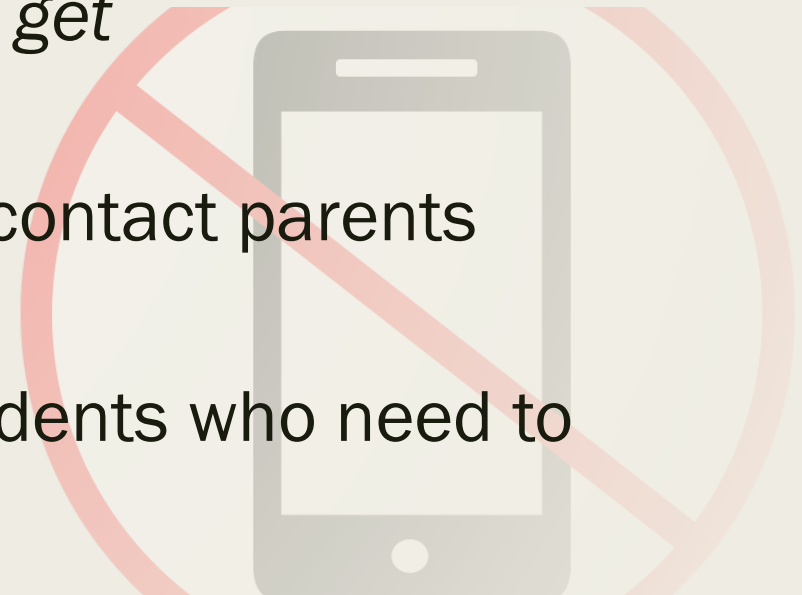
Behavior

All students must always keep their hands, feet, objects and negative comments to themselves.

- The same in-school behavior is expected on all school transportation and outside school functions.
- When playing sports during recess, follow the rules of the game and listen to adults!
- Overly physical play is not permitted (running into each other, pushing, throwing things at each other).
- Use positive language- cursing, calling someone a derogatory name, etc. is unacceptable.

Cell Phones

- Cell phones must be turned off and stored in a safe place throughout the day.
 - *First Violation: Student can get their phone back-
parents are contacted*
 - *Second Violation: Parent must come to get
the phone during regular school hours.*
- Students may not use their cell phones to contact parents before going to the nurse (if feeling ill).
- There is a phone in the dining room for students who need to contact their parent during lunch.



Homework

- Students are expected to request and complete work sent home by teachers during any excused absence.
- Always check the Schoology page and have a partner in each class.
- In the case of an unexcused absence, teachers are **not** required to give information to students in advance of their absence.



Clubs and Activities

- Encourage your child(ren) to attend a club or activity! It is a great way to make new friends with similar interests and be involved in our school's culture.
- <https://jjms.klschools.org/home>





THANK YOU!

