

James Madison Charter Academy

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Madison Manifesto



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Principal



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dec. 3 - Progress reports go home
- ◆ Dec. 4 - Chipotle Night 5-9
- ◆ Dec. 12 - 15 - Holiday store
- ◆ Dec. 14 - Pictures with Santa 4:00 - 6:00
- ◆ Dec. 15 - Polar Express and crafts 10-2
- ◆ Dec. 13 - PTO 6:00
- ◆ Dec. 17 - Progress reports go home
- ◆ Dec. 17 - Board of Directors Meeting 6:00
- ◆ Dec. 18 - Project Potpourri 6:00
- ◆ Dec. 24 - Jan. 7 - Winter Break
- ◆ Jan. 8 - Students return
- ◆ Wednesday is Early Release at 1:00
- ◆ Wednesday is Formal dress



PLEASE turn cell phones off when you are in the building.

Principal's News

The month of December is always a busy month with lots of preparations, events and shopping! Please put our events on your calendar so you don't miss anything at JMCA!

Dr. S

CHIPOTLE NIGHT
TUESDAY, DEC. 4
5 - 9 P.M.

Don't forget your coupon!

Parent Corner

How to make your child feel special:

Really listen when your child talks to you. There is nothing more significant than being paid attention to (and, therefore, being valued) to make one feel special.

Resources for math:

Mathplayground.com
Apples for the teacher.com
Arcadeskillsbuilder.com
Shappardsoftware.com

What's the best way to create a lifelong reader?

Reading together!

It brings you and your child closer. Find a time each day when you and your child can get cozy and enjoy a good book. For older children, ask them questions about the book, such as, "What would you do in that situation?" or "What was the best part of the book?"

Holiday attractions!

Holiday shop

Dec. 12 - 15

(Sponsored by your Board of Directors) This annual shop allows students to do some of their own Christmas shopping. Items are offered at low cost and include gifts for every member of the family, including pets! Students will preview the items on December 11 to determine what they want to buy and how much money they need.

Hours are:

Wed. 12/12	1:30 - 6:00
Fri. 12/14	4:00 - 6:00
Sat. 12/15	10:00 - 12:00

Pictures with Santa

Fri. 12/14 4:00 - 6:00

Photos are by reservation ONLY.

Polar Express and crafts

Sat. 12/15 10-2

(Note update in times)

BY RESERVATION ONLY

This is a great opportunity for parents to do their last-minute shopping (or wrapping) while the children are occupied with crafts, a movie and lunch. They also have time to shop.

Project and Performance Potpourri

Tuesday Dec. 18

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The JMCA staff invites you to attend our spectacular holiday event. The evening will showcase the talents of our students: projects, art, performance, demonstrations and more. Performances by each grade level and some of our after-school clubs will be scheduled in the gym. We will have snacks for sale as well. (A schedule of performances will be sent home in advance.)

We request that you dress in Christmas attire to make this a festive event.



Other News



WE WANT YOU...

Absences

When your child is going to be absent, please call 391-3977 before 9:00 a.m. This allows us to verify absences efficiently. If you know your child will be absent in advance, please fill out an Excused Absence Request Form at the front office. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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We're on the Web!
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"JMCA inspires children to explore a diverse world through hands-on learning."

PTO NEWS



We need candy cane donations by December 7. They will be assembled on the 13th and delivered on December 21.

The 12 days of Christmas are December 6-21. We need volunteers to provide treats to the staff each day.

Be sure to attend our next meeting when we will discuss having a dinner theater, movie night and our next fundraiser.

The next PTO meeting is

**Thursday, December 13
at 6:00 p.m.**



BAAC

Don't forget Chipotle Night tomorrow! You need a coupon in order for JMCA to get credit.

We just received our check from Chick-fil-A night and we earned almost \$400! THANK YOU!

Thanks to Victoria Willms, Michelle Dill and Tanya Geresh for placing the swing mats on the playground! We still have more to install but, they will make the playground safer for all of our children.

A committee has started planning for next year's holiday market. If you wish to help, just let Ms. K know.

The next BAAC meeting is in

January

worked. We do not make the information public.

Manifesto

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors meets on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the science/art room. Meetings are public and parents are encouraged to attend. Parents earn **volunteer time** for attending meetings.

The next BOD meeting is

**Monday, December 17
at 6:00 p.m.**

Carpool

We have two big problems with carpool right now. We have complaints from parents about cars coming down Fay and cutting people off in order to "jump the line" of waiting cars during carpool. We are also hearing from neighbors that cars are racing down Jersey to get into carpool. The residential speed limit is 25 MPH. Residents who contact us about this issue are told to contact the police. That makes it an ideal spot for a traffic watch by police.

- 1. DO NOT TRY TO CUT THE LINE BY DRIVING DOWN FAY.** You should travel down Jersey to get in at the end of the line.
- 2. DO NOT SPEED DOWN JERSEY. SLOW DOWN!**

Student behavior

Too many of our students have demonstrated inappropriate behavior since returning from Thanksgiving. We still have 3 weeks of school before winter break. Please encourage your children to follow JMCA's behavior expectations and to continue to focus on their studies.