

# James Madison Charter Academy

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## Madison Manifesto



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## Principal's News

We received results of last spring's CMAS testing and we are a **PERFORMANCE** school! Individual student results will be sent home with progress reports on Monday, Sept. 11.

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## PERFORMANCE SCHOOL

The state released CMAS scores last month. They just released school ratings. JMCA was rated a performance school, the highest rating. We are thrilled that we had such excellent results, particularly in student growth. We are right in line with the state and district for overall achievement and growth. With new rigorous tests, all achievement scores have gone down. Our main goal is to continue to see more than average growth in all of our students, K-7. CMAS is one measure showing that growth.

Our fourth graders took the social studies test and scored very well also. We only take this test every three years.

## Calendar Change

At its August meeting, the Board of Directors voted to make a change to the school calendar, adding three days of vacation to the winter break. Our break will be from December 22 - January 9. It will now coincide with the District's break.

## Spirit Wear

We had a great response to the spirit wear. We will plan on taking orders again later in the fall for those who were not able to order in August.

## FUND RUN

Information regarding Friday's Fund run was sent home last week. Students solicit donations for the run and then run/walk during their specials time. Students may bring in extra clothing to change into for the run.



## Uniforms

We have posted pictures of uniforms on the website so you can see exactly what the pieces look like. Teachers send uniform violations any time a student is not in the appropriate uniform.

Uniform reminders:

- Students must wear the complete dress uniform or casual uniform.
- Socks must be crew socks that cover the ankle, without being pulled up.
- Uniforms must be serviceable, i.e. clean, no rips.
- Hair accessories must be green, yellow, white or black.

## Newsletter Emailed

Beginning next week, the newsletters will be emailed to families. Those who have requested a paper copy will still receive one.

## Upcoming Events

- ♦ Sept. 8 - FUND Run
- ♦ Sept. 11 - Progress reports go home
- ♦ Sept. 20 - NO SCHOOL
- ♦ Sept. 21 - PTO 6:00
- ♦ Sept. 25 - 4:00 BAAC Meeting
- ♦ Sept. 25 - 5:30 - Board work session (Strategic Planning)
- ♦ Sept. 25 - 6:00 Board of Directors Meeting
- ♦ Sept. 27 - Picture Day
- ♦ Oct. 6 - End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- ♦ Oct. 9 - 13 - NO SCHOOL
- ♦ Oct. 12 - 13 - Parent Conferences
- ♦ Wednesday is Early Release at 1:00
- ♦ Wednesday is Formal dress

**NOTE:** Please use west gym door for daycare.



## Other News



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*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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***"JMCA inspires children to explore a diverse world through hands-on learning."***

## PTO NEWS

The PTO meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The group is active in fundraising activities as well as sponsoring community events, such as parades, and family activities during the year. They are a wonderful group of involved parents who want to make JMCA better by providing dollars, activities and hard work.

**Our next meeting is:  
Thursday, September 21  
at 6:00 p.m.**

\*\* Earn volunteer hours for attending meetings and events!

## BAAC

**Our next meeting is:  
Monday, September 25  
at 4:00 p.m.**

## SCRIP

Our Scrip program is underway! This is a fundraiser in which parents purchase gift cards. You don't have to pay tax and JMCA earns a percentage back from the vendor. We continue to build the program up so that we can eliminate other fundraisers. We take orders every Wednesday and it takes about a week to receive the cards back after we order them.

If you wish to place an order, just complete the order form and make checks payable to "JMCA".

## Carpool

We ask for your assistance with the following:

- ☆ Do not pull around other cars parked to pick up or drop off children.
- ☆ DO NOT park or let students out on Syracuse. This is UNSAFE.



**Safety matters**

## Manifesto

### Safety Reminder

- Your children's safety is a
- priority at JMCA. We continue
- to improve our procedures to
- ensure children are safe at
- school. Don't forget that
- **students are not allowed to**
- **carry any type of medicine**
- **with them at school.** This
- includes over-the-counter items
- such as aspirin, Pepto-Bismol or
- ointments.

### 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.

**Our next meeting is:  
Monday, September 25  
at 6:00 p.m.**

### NOTES:

- ↪ Please sign in at the office each time you visit the school or volunteer. All visitors and volunteers must have a pass.
- ↪ If you are dropping off or picking up your child at a time other than carpool, you will need to come in and sign your child in or out.

### JMCA Educational Activity Center

- The EAC is open before and after
- school each day, 1:00 on
- Wednesdays. Services are provided
- from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. You have
- flexibility in how often you utilize
- the EAC for your child(ren). We
- offer educational activities, snacks
- and FUN!