



## The 100% Honest Weekly Bugle

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### Meet the writer-

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Dear JMCA Family:

I know that there is a lot of stress and anxiety surrounding this time of year. First off, know that I am here for you. Whatever you need, please do not hesitate to email me. If I don't have an answer for you at that particular time, I guarantee that I will research the problem and find an answer for you.

JMCA is offering two options to parents, an in-person educational option and an online at-home educational option.

All parents need to be aware of the following:

- The first day of school is August 24;
- New parent orientation is August 20 at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom;
- If a student starts the year online or in-person, they have the option of moving to the other educational program. We just ask that students do not constantly switch back and forth between online education and in-person education.

For students partaking in the in-person educational option, families need to be aware of the following:

- Temperature checks are conducted in the car; **do not** have your child get out of their car until their temperature is checked. If the temperature is above 100.4 Fahrenheit they have to go home for the day.
- Students will go to class through their outside doors; their homeroom teacher will be waiting for them outside to give them a pump of hand sanitizer;
- All classroom desks are spaced approximately 3 ½ feet apart in the classroom per CDC guidelines- please see the JMCA website for pictures;
- Students will eat lunch in the classrooms and will clean down their desks with the help of the classroom teacher after eating.
- Students in grades **K to 2** must have a mask with them, but only have to wear it when in common areas such as the hallway;
- Students in grades **3 to 8** must wear masks throughout the entire day per CDC guidelines;
- Antimicrobial protectant will be sprayed on high traffic surfaces, such as desks, chairs, doorknobs, and playground equipment in order to stop COVID droplets from latching onto high traffic surfaces;

- JMCA classrooms are cleaned multiple times throughout the day with disinfectants and water.
- JMCA has a new carpool policy and procedure to allow for increased social distancing- please view the JMCA website for additional details.

For students partaking in the online at-home educational option, families need to be aware of the following:

- **4th to 8th** grade students start online class on August 24;
- **K to 3rd** grade students start online class on August 25;
- All online classes will be conducted via Schoology;
- Classroom teachers will email you your child's Schoology account and password next week;
- Math class is from 8:10 A.M. to 9:10 A.M. and students will participate in a live math class;
- For **K to 3** students literacy class is from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Thursday and Friday;
- For **4 to 8** students literacy class is from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday;
- Core Knowledge class is 10:20 A.M. to 11:20 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. For Thursday and Friday, students will have individual Core Knowledge classes to complete;
- Students will have a contract of success form to complete as part of their expectation or online classes.

### **Coming Attractions-**

- August 20- New Parent Orientation
- August 24- First day of school 1st to 8th
- August 26- First day of school Kindergarten
- August 31- Board of Education meeting @6:00 P.M.
- September 7- Labor Day (No School)
- September 10- Meet the Teacher Night@6:00 P.M.