



# Jones

## Middle School

February 2019

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**

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Dear Jones Families,

February has already been a wild ride of snow, cold, and cancellations. We are all happy to be back at school, and I suspect that some of you are happy to return to a regular schedule!

February is also the month of love, and a time to remind those people you care about how much they mean to you. Here at Jones we love our Jones family - parents, students, teachers, support staff, custodians, and all the others who come together to make this a special place to be!

Sincerely,

*Jason Fine*

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**BE RESPONSIBLE  
BE RESPECTFUL  
BE SAFE**

**Upper Arlington  
Pillars of Ethical  
Behavior**

Fairness and Justice  
Respect for Self and Others  
Responsibility  
Trustworthiness  
Caring and Compassion  
Citizenship



**Important Dates:**

February 4 - 5th Grade Parent Information Meeting, 7pm (Incoming 6th graders)  
February 6 - JMS Geography Bee, 3:30pm  
February 6 - Dance Club, Week 5, 7th & 8th Grade Only (PTO Sponsored)  
February 6 - 5th Grade Parent Information Meeting Make-Up Date, 7pm  
February 7 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Meet and Greet, 7pm (new date) Offsite  
February 8 - Ski Club, Week 6  
February 11 - JMS/HMS Cabaret Concert, JMS, 7pm  
February 12 - UAHS Incoming Freshman Parent Meeting, UAHS, 7pm  
February 13 - Dance Club, Final Week, 7th & 8th Grade Only (PTO Sponsored)  
February 15 - Ski Club, Make Up (If needed)  
February 18 - No School - Presidents' Day  
February 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4pm to 8pm  
February 25 - Welcome to the Table: A Community Conversation About Empathy and Global Citizenship, 7 - 8:15pm (all are welcome!)  
February 27 - Early Dismissal Day, 1:30pm  
March 8 - End of 3rd Grading Period  
March 11 - 15 - No School - Spring Break  
March 18 - No School - Teacher Work Day  
March 26 - PTO Meeting, 8:45am



# PTO News

Hi Jones Families!!

The PTO has had a quiet start to 2019. Most recently we have been focusing on the development of the new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and filling the board positions for the 2019-2020 school year.

**The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee** is being chaired by Catherine Kennedy and Seyla Kramer. They've been working diligently and passionately to form a Jones committee for JMS parents. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please contact Catherine Kennedy at [cskennedy1981@yahoo.com](mailto:cskennedy1981@yahoo.com) or Seyla Kramer at [seylakramer@gmail.com](mailto:seylakramer@gmail.com).

**The PTO has several board vacancies** for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in being involved, please fill out this form and we will be in contact with you.  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SDoyt3v5iCM-3Ms6B2V9pR0LaI3LD2EeS9DoPKzVYQM/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SDoyt3v5iCM-3Ms6B2V9pR0LaI3LD2EeS9DoPKzVYQM/viewform?edit_requested=true)

## **Please mark your calendars for future PTO events:**

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Meet & Greet	Feb. 7th @ 7pm
Winter Conferences Teacher Dinner	Feb. 20th
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Roundtable Discussion	(JMS) Feb. 25th @ 7pm
Talent Show	April 12th @ 7pm
Hoops For A Cure (UAHS)	April 26th @ 6:30pm
8th grade Mallway Lunch	May 13th

For up to date information and more on these events, please visit our website, [jonespto.com](http://jonespto.com).

Thank you,  
Michelle Koffel  
JMS 2018-19 PTO President

# News from the Nurse

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## **Attention Parents of 6th graders:**

Immunization Requirements for Next Year's Incoming 7th Grade for 2019-20 School Year

The following immunizations are required prior to your child entering the 7th grade:

- Tdap vaccine (this is the booster shot to the DTaP series)
- Meningococcal vaccine.

Currently, many students in the 6th grade do not have a recorded date for either of these immunizations. Gathering this information can be very time consuming, so I am asking for your help. If I do not have current dates for these immunizations, I will be reaching out to you over the spring break via the "Blackboard" email communication. As soon as I receive this information, I will remove your name from the email list.

After your child has received the vaccine, please provide me with: Month / Date / Year of the vaccination

- I do not necessarily need any paperwork from the doctor. You can email or phone me with the date or include it when registering your child for the new school year.
- If your child will see their doctor over the summer or in the early fall and will receive his/her vaccination at that visit, you can inform me of the future date and this is acceptable.

## **The Flu**

The single best way to protect against seasonal flu and its potential severe complications is for children to get a seasonal influenza vaccine each year. Flu vaccination is recommended for all children aged 6 months and older. Making healthy choices at school and at home can help prevent the flu and spreading flu to others. I encourage children, parents, and staff to take the following everyday preventive actions:

Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/school/index.htm>

If your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness such as influenza (the flu), strep, or whooping cough, please notify the School Nurse at [jmead@uaschools.org](mailto:jmead@uaschools.org)

# Meet 8E

Get to know our Jones staff. Each month we will feature one group



From left: Alice Aichele, Lindsay Michalkiewicz, Julie Otten, Jill White, Tom Trace

**Lindsay Michalkiewicz** teaches reading and language arts. She helps with ski club here at JMS. She attended Xavier University and lives with her family in Gahanna. She has one younger sister, and they were both adopted. This is Lindsay's first year at Jones, and she reports that her favorite part of teaching is building lasting relationships with students. Her favorite part of being at Jones is working with people who are so passionate about what they do.

**Tom Trace** teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade science and 9<sup>th</sup> grade physical science, and he coaches wrestling here at Jones. His undergrad degree is from Capital University and his Masters degree is from the University of Dayton. He is married to Sarah Trace (7W LA teacher) and has 6 children. All of his children are out of high school except their youngest who is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at JMS. His favorite part of teaching is interacting with the students and staff at JMS who are excellent people with great senses of humor, who are serious about what they do but also have fun at the same time.

**Jennie Kraus** is an Intervention Specialist and District reading specialist. She works with 8E students, as well as a few 6<sup>th</sup> graders. She attended both Ohio University and Ashland University. Mrs. Kraus lives in Granville with her husband Damon, and her daughters Rylie (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and Emerson (1<sup>st</sup> grade.) She also has a golden doodle named Gypsie. Her favorite part of teaching is making connections with students – we have the best students at JMS!

**Alice Aichele** teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade American history and helps with Fall Production. She attended East Tennessee State and The Ohio State University. Mrs. Aichele is married to her husband Scott and they have two children Luke and Lucy who are 10 and in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. They also have 2 dogs, Oliver and Daisy. Her favorite part of teaching is that she is given the opportunity to create relationships with students throughout the year as we all navigate this journey together.

**Jill White** teaches Math 8 and Algebra, coaches basketball and track, and works with the Interact Club. She attended Capital University. She and her husband Brian have two children – a son Griffin and daughter Sydney. Her favorite part of teaching is seeing students grow and mature through embracing challenges in and out of the classroom.

**Julie Otten** teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts. She attended The American University and The Ohio State University. She has a daughter who lives in Pittsburg, and 2 sons who attend UAHS and JMS. Her favorite part of teaching is her students – not many people get to develop over one hundred new relationships every year.

# For Your Information

## PTO Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

The district, spearheaded by Superintendent Paul Imhoff and the UA Board of Education, is dedicated to ensuring that our schools and school communities provide a space where “All Means All.” This means that every child and family in our district feels welcome, included and celebrated. While UA and Jones, specifically, do a great job in so many invaluable ways, there are still opportunities for us to ensure that every child and family feels valued, and every child is equipped with the skills necessary to engage with a global world.

As a committee of the Jones PTO, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee hopes to contribute to this district initiative by providing a space:

- for parents to talk about these topics
- for growth and education
- to build relationships with one another

We all do better when we feel connected, included and valued. Our students are the greatest benefactors with benefits ranging from higher grades and test scores to fewer emotional problems and lower participation in high-risk activities.

February DEI Committee Activities:

- Meet-and-greet on Thursday, February 7, from 7 – 9pm (come for a little or stay the whole time) at Seyla Kramer’s house: 2225 Yorkshire Road, 43221
- JMS-community round-table discussion at Jones on Monday, February 25, from 7 – 8:15pm

For questions or comments, please contact Seyla Kramer at: [seylakramer@gmail.com](mailto:seylakramer@gmail.com) and/or Catherine Kennedy at: [cskennedy1981@yahoo.com](mailto:cskennedy1981@yahoo.com).

### **Yearbook News**

Please remember to purchase your 2018-2019 yearbook. It is easy to order online at <http://shop.jostens.com/yrbk.asp>. If you are unsure if you have purchased one yet, please contact Nicole Morgan at [nmorgan@uaschools.org](mailto:nmorgan@uaschools.org).

The cost is \$20. Orders are due before Spring Break. More information will be coming.

If you have any pictures of winter sports, dance club, Fall Production, etc. please email them to Nicole Morgan to use in the yearbook.

Thank you,

Mrs. Nicole Morgan and Mrs. Janie Greiner  
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### **MATH COUNTS**

If your child really likes to solve math story problems, then MATH COUNTS is a club at JMS made for him or her.

We will meet every Tuesday morning at 7:30. Please drop your child off just before 7:30 because we meet from 7:30 until 8AM.

All the students need to bring is a pencil and a calculator. They will receive a packet of many math story problems along with the answers and strategies on how to solve these problems.

Then in February ten JMS students will go to Columbus State to represent and compete for either the Jones team or individually against hundreds of other middle school students from Central Ohio.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Kirkpatrick at [kkirkpatrick@uaschools.org](mailto:kkirkpatrick@uaschools.org)



### **Jones Talent Show**

Talent show is Friday, April 12th at 7pm

We will have dress rehearsals on the 11th of April from 3:30-6:30

Tryouts will be April 2nd from 4-6 and April 4th from 3:30-5:30 (join schoology group for sign up info)

Schoology group Jones Middle School talent show; [R5B8D-R7GZ5](#)

### **The Stand**

**STAND Vaping Information** - The U.S. surgeon general recently declared vaping to be an epidemic among youth in the United States. Upper Arlington isn't immune to this epidemic.

Join UA Schools, The Stand Project and many other community partners as we take on this dangerous and growing trend. One of the most effective things a parent can do is to talk to their child about the dangers of vaping. Learn the facts you need to start this important conversation by visiting [The Stand Project's vaping resource page](#) and watching a series of six short videos that will teach you more about the dangers and how to identify the signs of vaping. When we know better, we do better!