



Jones

Middle School

December 2018

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Jones Middle School

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Dear Jones Families,

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Thanksgiving. Mine was filled with my three favorite F's - family, food, and football!

As we move towards winter break, I want to remind you that the grading period ends on Thursday, December 20th. This is a busy and exciting time of year, so it is especially important to remind your students to check Powerschool and check in with teachers regarding any missing assignments.

In this season of gift giving, I want to thank you for our greatest gifts - your children. They come to school excited and ready to learn, usually smiling, and always full of enthusiasm! You never know what a day will hold, and I am proud of our Jones students as they meet challenges, engage with new people, and make Jones a place of kindness.

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:

December 5 - 7th Grade Winter Choir Concert - 7pm

December 5 - 8th Grade Winter Choir Concert, 8pm

December 10 - Spelling Bee qualifier 3:30 -4:30 Jones LC

December 12 - UAHS Vocal Ensemble Performance, 8:45am

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December 17 - JMS Orchestra Concert, 6 - 8 Grades, 7pm

December 20 - Ski Club, Week 1

December 20 - End of 2nd Quarter, Semester 1

December 21 - January 4 - Winter Break

January 7 - Resume School

January 9 - District Spelling Bee at HMS, 9am

January 9 - Dance Club, Week 1, 7th & 8th Grade Only (PTO Sponsored)

January 11 - Ski Club, Week 2

January 15 - PTO Meeting, 8:45am

January 16 - Dance Club, Week 2, 7th & 8th Grade Only (PTO Sponsored)

January 18 - Ski Club, Week 3

January 21 - No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 23 - Dance Club, Week 3, 7th & 8th Grade Only (PTO Sponsored)

January 25 - Ski Club Meeting, Week 4

January 30 - Geography Bee, 3:30pm

January 30 - Dance Club, Week 4, 7th & 8th Grade Only (PTO Sponsored)

Parent Information Night

Save the Date! Save the Date! Save the Date!



**Jones Middle School
2019-2020 6th Grade
Parent Information
Meeting**

Monday, February 4th at
7:00 pm
Jones Middle School
Auditorium



Jason Fine (Principal), Tammy Yockey (Assistant Principal) & Jackie Magill (Counselor) will be providing 5th grade parents information regarding 6th grade at Jones Middle School.

******THIS MEETING IS FOR PARENTS ONLY******

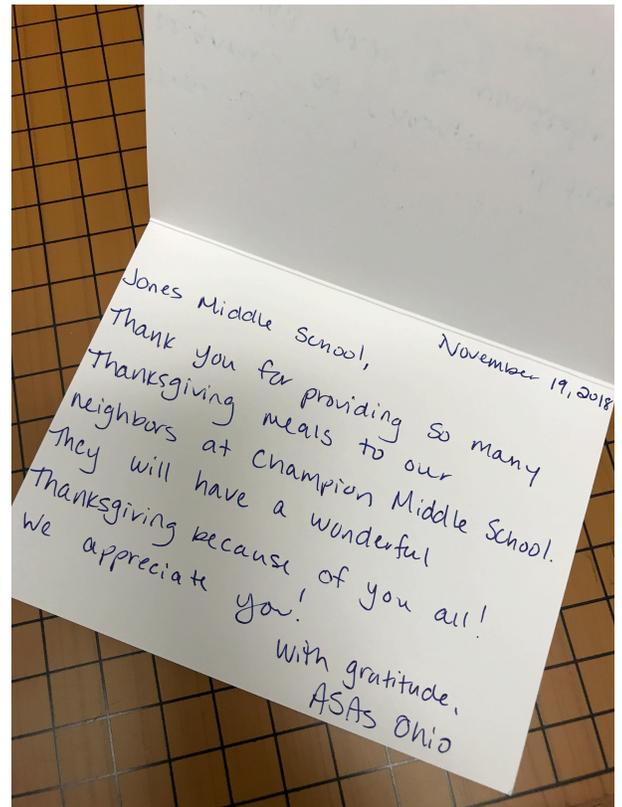
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There are 7 spots left!

Thanksgiving in a Bag

Thank you to our Jones Community of students, families, and staff for another successful Thanksgiving in a Bag food drive. For the third consecutive year we partnered with After-School All Stars to provide 59 complete Thanksgiving meals to families at Champion Middle School. In our most successful food drive to date, we were able to meet the needs of every student in their after school program. We are so thankful for your support!



Meet 7E

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



Back row: Ms. Carey DeToto, Ms. Kara Culp, Ms. Deb Tarr, Mr. Jim Fronk, Mr. Darrion House. **Front row:** Mrs. Sara Dross, Mrs. Jill Schneider

Mr. Jim Fronk teaches 7th grade math and is the discus and shot put coach for the JMS track team. He attended The University of Maryland. Mr. Fronk says that his favorite part of teaching are the light bulbs – social, emotional, and academic.

Ms. Kara Culp teaches 7th grade science and coaches the 8th grade volleyball team. She attended college at Miami University and comes from a family of 6. Her favorite part of teaching is being a positive influence that helps the students grow and mature and play a little part in shaping a (hopefully) better future.

Mr. Darrion House is an Intervention Specialist for both 7E and 7W and is the head coach of the JMS track team. He attended Wittenberg University for his undergrad, and graduate school at Antioch University McGregor. Mr. House says “My family is my everything.” He says he is lucky to still have his grandmother, grandfather, and mother around. He has one sister and three brothers, and a sister who passed away 2 years ago. Mr. House says his favorite part of teaching is learning about the kids, learning about their likes, dislikes, and what makes them happy.

Ms. Carey DeToto is an Intervention Specialist. She is a graduate of Wright State University. Ms. DeToto lives with her husband, 2 daughters Isabella and Samantha, and her dog Molly. Her favorite part of teaching is spending time with students.

Mrs. Sara Dross teaches social studies. She attended The Ohio State University. Her husband Adam is a Westerville police officer and they have 2 girls – Brinley who is 7 and Ceci who is almost 3. Her favorite part of teaching is building relationships with students and standing by them through one of their most challenging times in life ... middle school can be rough.

Mrs. Jill Schneider teaches 7th and 8th grade science and attended The Ohio State University. She is married, and she and her husband have 2 children – Zach who is 5 and Ashley who is 3.

Ms. Deb Tarr teaches language Arts. She coaches the PenOhio Creative Writing Team and is a member of the Cultural Competency staff and student committees, and the Service Learning Committee. She attended the University of New Hampshire and the University of Texas at Dallas. Ms. Tarr lives in Upper Arlington with her partner Steve and her two children, Darby and Jimmy. Her favorite part of teaching is that it is never dull. She says, “While I might teach the same material each year, having new and enthusiastic students each year keeps my enthusiasm going!”

Dance Club Information

UA Junior Dance Club 2019

The Junior Dance Club of UA invites all 7th and 8th grade students to learn popular dances along with proper dance etiquette in a fun supportive environment! Ron Clark along with his assistants from The Dance Plus studio will teach a variety of dances.

The series will begin on **Wednesday January 9th through February 13th** for a total of 6 Wednesday evenings. *The final evening, 2/13 will be a theme night, more details to come.* All sessions are held at Hastings Middle School in the cafeteria or gymnasium (students will be directed)

There is a **dress code** for all the sessions. Please wear a dress shirt and tie, shirts tucked in to belted pants/cords or dresses or skirts of a good length. There should be NO-JEANS, Tennis shoes, heavy boots, flip flops, or Uggs. All clothing must be in good repair (no holes).

Parents, you will be able to register and pay for your student online through our sign-up genius. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacac23a5fc1-dance1> Parents who wish to help chaperone will be able to sign up on the sign-up genius as well. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacac23a5fc1-dance> Please sign up for **ONE spot only** if there are open spots for chaperones on an evening an email will be sent out asking for more help if needed. **PARENTS- you have the SAME dress code- no jeans please show the proper etiquette for the kids.**

Cost is \$30 for the 6 sessions You may sign up through the first session. No refunds after the first session

Parents please talk with your students about respecting the committee members and parent chaperones in charge. They need to listen and line up when it is time to go into the cafeteria/gym. Standing in the back and moving to not be partnered with another student is not acceptable. If this happens or students are not respectful you will be notified, and the student will be asked not to return.

7th grade meets from 7:30-8:20 Please do not have students there before 7:15 as we are getting set up Chaperones need to arrive at 7:15 so we can start on time at 7:30
8th grade is from 8:30-9:20 please do not arrive earlier that 8:20 as we will be dismissing the 7th grade from the same area. 8th grade chaperones please arrive by 8:20 so we can trade out and get 8th grade in on time

Emails will be sent through the sign-up genius if a session needs to be cancelled which is only if UA schools are cancelled, sadly we are not able to do any makeups

If you have any questions or need financial assistance, please contact

uajuniordanceclub@gmail.com

Please note there is NO dance club website, only the email and the signup genius Thank you!

For Your Information

Yearbook News

Thank you for your support of the 2018-2019 Yearbook Pre-sale. If you missed the pre-sale and would still like to purchase a yearbook, you can order it online using your credit card at <http://shop.jostens.com/yrbk.asp>. The cost is \$45.

**** Please make sure your mailing address is current since we are mailing yearbooks home this summer in late July!! If you move during the school year please email Nicole Morgan.**

Also, if you have any pictures of Winter sports, class parties, dance club, etc. we would love to have them. Just put them on a flash drive and drop off in the main office. You can also email them to nmorgan@uaschools.org

Thank you,

Mrs. Nicole Morgan and Mrs. Janie Greiner
nmorgan@uaschools.org or jgreiner@uaschools.org

Taekwondo Club

Taekwondo club is open to new members for our winter session!

Taekwondo is a Korean martial art and Olympic sport. Students will learn martial arts techniques, tumbling, and physical fitness skills.

The club will meet in the wrestling room Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30. The cost is \$100 for the session from December - February.

If you or your child are interested, please contact ggavin@uaschools.org and register on jonesms.8to18.com.

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

The Stand Project

The Stand Project is an Upper Arlington community action project focused on the prevention of substance abuse and committed to standing by students and families in finding help.

Can You See Me Now – Save a Life

January 10 6:30pm-8pm at Upper Arlington High School

This program provides parents with clues from a teen's bedroom to help them, determine whether their child might be experimenting with or using drugs or alcohol. Room décor, hidden compartments and items to conceal use are located throughout the room. Addressing the problem behavior early is important to preventing negative consequences of using unsafe decision-making, car crashes and dependence.

Parenting Teens – Why You Shouldn't Follow the Crowd

January 29 10:30am at UAPL Friends Theater 2800 Tremont Road

January 30 6:30pm at Grandview Heights Public Library 1685 W. 1st Ave.

We frequently warn our children about the dangers of peer pressure. We're comfortable coaching our kids in ways that they can resist social influences to engage in risky behavior. But how much are our parenting decisions influenced by other parents? How can we, as parents, unite to set healthy boundaries and change those norms that make us uncomfortable or fearful? The conversation will be led by Syntero clinicians for a community conversation about parenting, parental peer pressure, and strategies to unite around healthy behaviors.

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