



# Jones

## Middle School

January 2019

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**

**Jones Middle School**

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Dear Jones Families,

January is the time of new beginnings - a new year (how long will it take me to remember to write 2019?), and a renewed resolution to be healthy and fit. At Jones, it also brings a new grading period and a new semester. This fresh start reminds all of us that if you were not as successful as you would have liked last year, there is a new year full of possibilities ahead of us.

At school and in all phases of our lives, let us remember to take full advantage of the people who are along the way to help us.

Sincerely,

*Jason Fine*

Jason Fine



**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:**

**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** - Winter Pep Rally

**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** - Middle School Curriculum Meeting for Parents @ Jones, 9am (Same Meeting as one on January 28th at Hastings - No need to attend both)

**January 25** - Ski Club, Week 4

**January 28** - Middle School Curriculum Meeting for Parents @ Hastings, 7pm (Same Meeting as one on January 25th at Jones - No need to attend both)

**January 30** - Geography Bee, 3:30pm

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

**February 1** - Ski Club, Week 5

**February 4** - 5th Grade Parent Information Meeting, 7pm (Incoming 6th graders)

**February 6** - Dance Club, Week 5, 7th & 8th Grade Only (PTO Sponsored)

**February 6** - 5th Grade Parent Information Meeting Make-Up Date, 7pm

**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

# Meet some of our EA teachers

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



pictured from left to right: Mrs. Jordan Assmann, Mr. Gordon Gavin, Mr. Michael Schaefer, Mrs. Margaret Cloern, Mrs. Ruth Rankin

**Mr. Michael Schaefer** teaches health to grades 6-8. He is the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach, track and field coach, and is the Respect Yourself coordinator. He attended the University of Toledo. His wife Kirsten also serves in the district, working in the Operations Department. Samantha 14, a freshmen at UAHS, plays water polo, swims and sings in the choir. Bo 11, in 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Tremont, plays football, basketball, lacrosse, plays the clarinet, and sings in the choir. Emma 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Tremont, swims, plays basketball, and dances. Mr. Schaefer says his favorite part of teaching is working with kids, seeing them grow and develop.

**Mr. Gordon Gavin** teaches visual art. Here at JMS he coaches wrestling, runs the Taekwondo Club, and gaming club. He also helps with ski club, 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade camp. He attended The Ohio State University and lives in UA with his wife, 4 cats, and 2 rabbits. Mr. Gavin's favorite part of teaching is that he gets to teach the best class in the school – ART!

**Mrs. Ruth Rankin** teaches Life Skills and coordinates Packing for the Streets. She attended The Ohio State University. Mrs. Rankin has been married to her husband Mike for 35 years. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren, and 2 Maltese. Her favorite part of teaching is connecting with students and watching their faces as they successfully complete projects, cooking, and sewing. She says, “I love to see their smiles and hear their laughter.”

**Mrs. Sarah Benedetti** teaches Life Skill, and attended The Ohio State University. Her husband teaches music at Tremont and they have three kids – Luca (7,) Fia (6,) and Silvia (9 months.) Mrs. Benedetti’s favorite part of teaching is interacting with students, and she loves cooking! She says, “I learn something new every day and enjoy building relationships.”

**Mrs. Jordan Assmann** teaches physical education. She is a graduate of Capital University. Her husband is an assistant principal at Davis Middle school in Dublin, and they have 2 daughters, Anne (4,) and Kate (1.) Mrs. Assmann’s favorite part of teaching is getting to know students and making connections with them. She says, “I also love to see students laugh and enjoy class. Being a teacher is never boring.”

# For Your Information

## 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).

8th grade parents, you will be receiving an email soon with instructions and an order forms for 8th grade tributes around mid-January. 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,

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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)

**HART**  
Health Awareness and Recovery Together

On January 10th HART is hosting a presentation called "Can you See Me Now?" It is a bedroom set up on the stage where parents/guardians, staff (only those over 18 are invited) can walk through it and look for hidden drug items. Also at this time there will also be a resource fair for mental health as well as drugs & alcohol. Then, there will then be a 45 minute joint program from Hart to Hart, UA PD, Stand and HS counselors. After the presentation, parents can walk thru the bedroom display again to see if they can find more hidden items.

Please see the flyer below.

**Travel Opportunity**

As the season of giving is upon us, consider giving your child the gift of travel in 2020 - Peru! Current 6th-8th graders at Jones and Hastings are invited to check out this amazing opportunity to learn about Sustainability and Service in Peru. Projected travel dates are June 23, 2020 - July 2, 2020. Jones teacher Laurie Sutherin will be leading her 4th trip with EF and her 3rd international Service Learning trip. There are only 6 spots left, so don't miss your chance to sign up today! Visit the tour website ([www.eftours.com/2179886zk](http://www.eftours.com/2179886zk)) or contact Laurie Sutherin ([lsutherin@uaschools.org](mailto:lsutherin@uaschools.org)) for more information





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Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent,

On Monday, February 4, 2019, at 7:00 pm, we will be hosting a meeting for parents of current 5th graders in the Jones auditorium. This meeting will include an overview of the middle school experience for a 6th grader and will cover information about curricular programs, co-curricular opportunities, and opportunities for parents to stay connected during the middle years.

We know the transition to middle school is a big one for students and families, and the goal for this meeting is to familiarize you with the process and some of the people who will be instrumental in making the transition successful for your children. Mrs. Tammy Yockey, assistant principal, and Mrs. Jackie Magill, your child's 6th grade counselor, will join me in presenting information about Jones and answering questions related to your child's 6th grade year.

For families who have had older children go through Jones, please note that based on feedback we have received, this meeting will replace the individual meetings at the elementary schools. In other words, there will only be one meeting for you to attend instead of the two we have done in the past. We hope this will continue to better meet your needs.

This meeting is intended for parents only, as your children will meet with Mrs. Magill in their 5th grade classrooms in the beginning of February. In addition, you will receive information in May about our 6th grade orientation led by our student mentors.

I look forward to meeting you on February 4th.

Sincerely,

Jason Fine  
Principal



**SHARE WHAT YOU LEARN WITH OTHERS!**

Join us for this **FREE** event.  
Open to the public. No one under 18.

**Upper Arlington High School**  
Thursday, January 10, 2019  
1650 Ridgeview Rd., Upper Arlington  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



**START THE CONVERSATION**



Check our website for more event dates. See below.



# CAN YOU SEE ME NOW?

*A HART Drug and Alcohol Use Awareness Initiative*

*Explore this simulated teen bedroom to identify potential warning signs of drug and alcohol use and risky behavior.*

*“ I hope if you think this couldn’t happen to me... this makes you stop for just a moment and think... well maybe I should look. ”*

— Carla K., Local Mom

**join us ...**

- prevention is key, know what to look for
- ask questions, start the conversation
- you are not alone, this affects everyone

**This Program is for Adults ...** Parents, educators, coaches, youth leaders, caregivers, advisors and others connecting with youth. **No one under 18.**



- [www.harthilliard.weebly.com](http://www.harthilliard.weebly.com)
- [www.adamhfranklin.org](http://www.adamhfranklin.org)
- [www.dontliveindenial.org](http://www.dontliveindenial.org)
- [www.drugfree.org](http://www.drugfree.org)
- [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)
- [www.preventionactionalliance.org](http://www.preventionactionalliance.org)

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

there is no blame	it happens to her	we inspire to share	strive to find hope	walk with a friend	let's work together
there is no guilt	it happens to him	we inspire to check	strive to find help	walk with your child	let's talk out loud
there is no shame	it happens in a blur	we inspire to care	strive to cope	walk without end	let's make it better