



Jones

Middle School

November 2018

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Safe

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Dear Jones Families,

November is traditionally the month when we reflect on all of our blessings. At Jones, we try every day to have an attitude of gratitude - to stop and thank someone who has done something nice for you, to pay someone an unexpected complement, or even just a smile to someone you haven't met yet.

But in the spirit of Thanksgiving, here at Jones we are thankful for a terrific staff that truly cares about our students, families who volunteer and go far above and beyond, students who make us smile every day, office workers who keep this ship running smoothly and also take the time to talk to and get to know kids, and our custodians who help make this building beautiful, but who also make daily connections with students.

Sincerely,

Jason Fine

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**Upper Arlington
Pillars of Ethical
Behavior**

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



Important Dates:

November 2 - Veteran's Day Celebration

November 2 - 6th Grade Class Party, 3:30 - 5pm

November 6 - **No School** (Voting Day) Teacher in-service

November 7 - Parent Conferences - 4-8pm (Contact Counselor to Schedule)

November 7-9 -Interact will be collecting money for polio vaccines at lunch for the purple pinkie project

November 8 - Ski Club Parent Informational Meeting, 7pm (JMS Auditorium)

November 13 - Jones Band Concert, Grades 6 - 8, 7pm

November 14 - PTO Meeting - 8:45am

November 15 - 6th Grade Choir Concert - 7pm

November 21-23 - **NO School** - Thanksgiving Break

November 27 - Red Cross Blood Drive

November 30 - 7th Grade Class Party- 3:30-6:30pm (Pick up from JMS at 7pm)

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

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

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

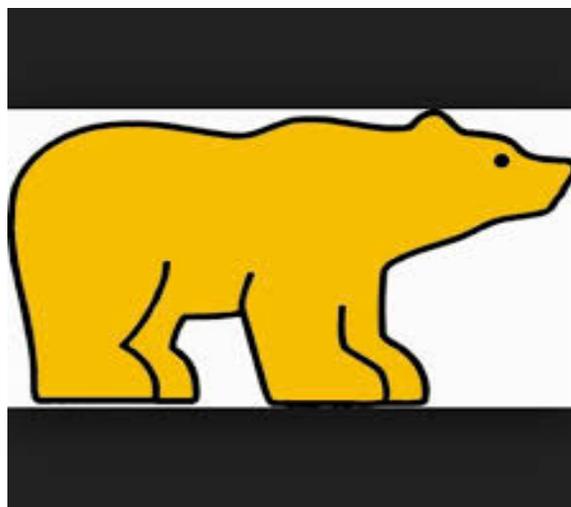
December 12 - Spelling Bee Qualifier, 3:30pm

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 - Begin Winter Break



Meet 6W

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



Mrs. Sabrina Walters, Mr. Karl Kirkpatrick, Mr. Adam Oliver, Mrs. Terri Johns, Mrs. April Byrne, Mrs. Mindy Harmon, Miss Emily Fothergill, Mr. Bobby Huffman, Mr. Rich Wharton

Miss Emily Fothergill teaches 6th grade math and reading. She attended Capital University. She grew up in Bexley, where her parents still live. She has one sister and completely adores her niece and nephew. She enjoys reading, playing golf, and traveling. Miss Fothergill's favorite part of teaching is making connections with students.

Mr. Rich Wharton teaches science. He attended the University of Illinois, the Art Institute of Chicago, and Otterbein University. He has been married to his wife Rose for 36 years and he has a son Chris who is his fishing partner. Mr. Wharton's hobbies are photography, gardening, hiking, and fishing. His favorite part of teaching is interacting with students and helping them discover the fascinating world in which they live.

Mrs. April Byrne teaches 6th grade math. She attended The Ohio State University. She and her husband live in Clintonville. Their oldest son is a freshman at Watterson, and they also have a son and daughter who attend Immaculate Conception. They have a Boxer named Ellie, and Mrs. Byrne enjoys camping, reading, and cooking. Mrs. Byrne says she enjoys all the different personalities and watching 6th graders grow in their confidence and knowledge from the beginning of the year to the end.

Mr. Karl Kirkpatrick teaches math and language arts. He is also involved with Math Counts, Packing for the Streets, Ski Club, locker coordinator, and 7th grade camp co-coordinator. He attended Indiana University of PA and the Ohio State University. He has been married for 25 years, and his 2 sons Liam (24) and Sean (20) attend Columbus State Community College. Mr. Kirkpatrick has 2 cats (Tiger and Peach) and a dog named Annie. His hobbies include traveling, outdoor activities, yard work, biking, and hanging out with friends. His favorite parts of teaching are making connections with students whether in class or at camps, and having a fresh start each August.

Mrs. Terri Johns teaches language arts and reading. She attended The Ohio State University. She and her husband Court have 2 sons, Jake and Cory. Jake just got married in June and his wife's name is Abby. She has 2 dogs and one cat and they were all rescued. Mrs. Johns likes to travel and spend time with family. Her favorite part of teaching is watching students grow and mature throughout the year.

Mr. Bobby Huffman is an intervention specialist. He attended Wittenberg, Ohio University, and The Ohio State University. He has been married for 10 years. He and his wife Jenica have 3 kids Serena, Rocco, and Ava. They have one cat named Arlo who is half Persian and half munchkin. Mr. Huffman enjoys basketball, playing guitar and writing songs, running, and weight training. His favorite part of teaching is seeing the positive results that occur when our students work hard.

Ms. Mindy Harmon teaches language arts and reading. She attended Ohio University and The Ohio State University. She has a 16 year old son named Colin who loves tennis, photography, choir, and environmental science. Ms. Harmon loves to read, enjoys working out every day, and loves to bake cookies and brownies. Her favorite part of teaching is planning a unit and implementing it to the kids to see how they interact with it and learn from it. For her, the students are everything, and she teaches because of them. Forming relationships makes it all worth it.

Mr. Adam Oliver teaches social studies. At Jones he is the head 8th grade football coach, is the lead coordinator for ski club, and co-coordinator of the after school study group. He attended The Ohio State University and Ohio Dominican. He and his wife Ali have 2 sons, Aidan who is a freshman at UAHS and Alex who attends Wickliffe. They have a yellow lab names Ajax. His family enjoys kayaking on the Scioto River, spending time together in the Smokies, fishing, and hiking. Mr. Oliver's favorite part of teaching is seeing the kids mature from being an incoming 6th grader through 8th grade. Coaching and ski club allow him to keep in contact with kids throughout their middle school years so he can connect on a personal level. In the classroom, he loves that ah-ha moment when kids are gleaming with pride.

Ski Club Information

Dear Parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders,

Jones Ski Club will again be traveling to Mad River Mountain, near Bellefontaine, Ohio for our ski lessons and program. Ski club will begin on Thursday, December 20, 2018, and will last for six sessions unless interrupted by lack of snow, dangerous road conditions, etc.

We will depart each ski club afternoon at 3:50 PM and return at approximately 10:45 PM on the Coventry Road skid of Jones. Parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their children. Parents are asked NOT to park on the school side of Coventry Road; this side is reserved for our seven buses. (From the Fire Hydrant between the school and pool to Guildford Road.)

Students who have excessive school discipline problems and are not good school citizens will be excluded, regardless of grade level. A student must have a 2.00 GPA in the nine weeks prior to his/her involvement in the ski club and must maintain a 2.00 GPA during the ski season in order to remain eligible for the club. The student may not appeal this policy with the school. The student will also forfeit his/her seat on the bus, and his/her money for Jones Ski Club will be unable to be refunded.

Mad River Mountain offers a variety of packages that students may choose from. Please pick the best pass for you and your family. All ski club members are required to take three lessons (regardless of skill level); these lessons are included in both the Friday Only Club Card pass and the Anytime Pass.

ALL members, including parent chaperones, are required to wear a ski/snowboard helmet. Students or parents may not substitute a bicycle or any other type of helmet for a ski/snowboard helmet.

We are unable to have refunds due to the inability of the club to complete the season, including no refunding of money to Jones Ski Club (an additional \$145.00). Payments for buses are set and ski club prices are dependent on filling the buses. We cannot refund the money of students who are asked to leave the club due to discipline, injury, or academic disqualification.

Please join our Schoology Group page for future communication. The code to join is: **9VHV6-PNBQ3**

Thank you, Mr. Oliver

Important dates to be aware of:

Thursday, November 8, 2018: Parent Meeting in the Jones Auditorium – 7pm

Friday, November 16, 2018: Deadline to Register on [8 to 18](#)

- Friday, November 30, 2018:
1. Deadline to pay the Jones Ski Club Fee on [SPS EzPay](#)
 2. Deadline to Purchase Pass at [Mad River](#)
 3. Paper food forms with payment are due to Mr. Oliver

For Your Information

Yearbook News

Dear Parents,

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 (late July)!! If you move during the school year or over the summer please email Nicole Morgan.**

Thank you,

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

Veteran's Day Luncheon

Our 8th graders will host their annual Veterans' Day Luncheon on Friday, November 2nd from 11 o'clock am until 1 o'clock pm in the Jones gymnasium. While students enjoy a meal with their veteran, they will have an opportunity to talk about the personal service experience of their veteran and to learn more about our country's history.

If you are interested in volunteering in various roles to assist during the luncheon, please contact our wonderful Jones PTO. For dessert, nut-free cookies are served to both the students and veterans. If you are interested in donating cookies, please also contact the Jones PTO. You can also sign up on the website: <http://jonespto.com/>

Thank you,

8th grade teachers

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

JMS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The JMS Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Tuesday 11/27 from 1:30 - 6:30 -Please consider donating at the annual JMS Blood Drive. Feel free to self-register at (<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=JonesMS>) or email Jean Reese (jreese@uaschools.org) to schedule a donation appointment.

Travel to Peru

Amazing travel opportunity coming in June 2020! Current Jones and Hastings 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to take a once in a lifetime service-learning trip to Peru with Ms. Laurie Sutherin. This will be Ms. Sutherin's fourth international trip with EF (Education First), and her third service-learning trip. There will be a parent information night on Tuesday, November 13th at 5:30 pm in the Jones Learning Center. Requested trip dates are June 25, 2019 - July 3, 2019. Please RSVP using this link: <https://rsvp.eftours.com/takyuk4> or contact Laurie Sutherin (lsutherin@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.

10 Ways to Prevent Addiction In Your Child: We're sharing ways to prevent addiction on our social media accounts 11/1-11/13, follow along with us here: [facebook](#) | [twitter](#) | [instagram](#)

Discussing Alcohol with your child: Did you know that parents who talk regularly to their kids about substance use decrease their likelihood to use by 50%? [Here are some tips on discussing alcohol with your child.](#)

STREET SMART | November 12, 6-9PM | UAHS Auditorium

Parents will be given a wealth of drug information and learn tips for recognizing use and abuse in adolescents. The program includes information about alcohol, marijuana, huffing, heroin, prescription medications, cocaine, mushrooms, methamphetamines, and LSD just to name a few. Street Smart is a collaborative effort between D.A.R.E. and narcotics officers with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. [Click here to add to calendar.](#)





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Overview of the Planned Absence Excuse Process

The Upper Arlington Board of Education recognizes that educational experiences are not limited to those taking place within school buildings. Further, the Board believes that regular school attendance is essential for students to receive the maximum benefit from the education program of the District. For these reasons, parents/guardians and students are strongly urged to arrange planned absence only when it is an utmost necessity. Parents/Guardians have the responsibility for making sound decisions regarding their child's capability of missing valuable classroom time.

Using this form, parents/guardians must notify the school principal at least ten (10) days in advance, when possible, of a planned absence. If the absence is excused the schoolwork missed during the absence may be made up. Teachers are not required to provide assignments in advance.

Upon receiving a Planned Absence Excuse Form, the building principal will mark the request: a) excused, b) conditionally excused, or c) unexcused.

By law, students who are absent 38 hours in a month, or 65 hours in a school year, *with or without legitimate excuse*, are considered Excessively Absent. These hours include planned absences. **Planned absences will not be excused if your child has already met or will meet (based on this request) the absence threshold for Excessive Absence and/or Habitual Truancy.**

Therefore, a principal is able to excuse requests that do not conflict with Excessive Absence or Habitual Truancy. Principals may excuse hours that are at or below the Excessive Absence threshold and inform families of the hours that will be reported as unexcused. Principals may also conditionally excuse students who are in good standing with attendance but may have academic concerns. Principals will mark requests unexcused that meet or exceed Excessive Absence and/or Habitual Truancy thresholds or if the dates fall within a District testing window.

Forms may be submitted well in advance of the preferred ten (10) day notice, however principals will delay approval until at least ten (10) days prior to the first day of planned absence, to monitor the student's attendance.

Special Notes:

College visits: These days will be reported as excused absences **if the student brings a signed and/or dated document from the college**; general brochures will not be accepted.

Religious Holiday: Planned absences for religious observation will be reported as excused absences to the State.

For further details about planned absences, please visit the Upper Arlington Schools website for Board Policy and Administrative Guideline 5200.



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Planned Absence Excuse Form

ONE FORM PER STUDENT

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

First Date of Absence

Last Date of Absence

Date of Return

Reason for absence: _____

Name of homeroom teacher (K-5) or school counselor (6-12): _____

To the best of my knowledge the information above is correct. As the parent/guardian I assume full responsibility for the absence of the student named above. I have read the attached Board of Education Administrative Guideline 5200, Planned Absence, and agree to comply with it.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name _____ Printed Email Address _____

For School Use Only

To be completed ten school days in advance of the first date of planned absence.

Hours requested for this trip: _____ As of _____ student has missed _____ total hours of school.
(Date)

Excused _____ Conditionally excused _____ Unexcused _____

Signature of Administrator _____ Date _____

Notes for conditionally excused: _____

Reason for unexcused: (ie. unsatisfactory attendance; form submitted after the absence; academic concerns; testing window)

Scan/email or mail this information to parents immediately upon completion for their records.



**NOV 12 | 6-9PM
UAHS AUDITORIUM**

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**JAN 10 | 6:30-8:30PM
UA HIGH SCHOOL**

CAN YOU SEE ME NOW?

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 problem behavior early is important to preventing negative consequences of use including unsafe decision-making, car crashes and dependence.



**JAN 29 | 10:30AM-12:30PM
UAPL | FRIENDS THEATER**

PARENTING TEENS | WHY YOU SHOULDN'T FOLLOW THE CROWD

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?

**LEARN MORE.
START TALKING.**



DISCUSSING ALCOHOL WITH YOUR CHILD.

- **CREATE A PLAN.**

Incorporate a summary of relevant facts about alcohol, your family's history of alcohol use, and the expectations you have for your child.

- **ASK YOURSELF QUESTIONS BEFORE TALKING TO YOUR CHILD.**

If your student has an unexpected consequence from alcohol, how will you respond? If your child is somewhere and feels concerned for themselves or others, whom should they contact?

- **GET THE CONVERSATION STARTED.**

Keep pointers in mind including asking your child about their views on alcohol. Listening to your child, giving constructive feedback, being wary of scare tactics, help plan ways for your child to handle peer pressure.

- **CONTINUE TO TALK.**

After the initial conversation, continue to talk with your child about alcohol. It is common for conversations to happen at more than one sitting and for the depth of conversation to evolve over time. Be available to talk, listen, and provide support.

**MORE INFORMATION AT
THESTANDPROJECTUA.ORG**



Educational Tours

We're headed to

PERU

Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley and Taquile Island
JUNE 2020



MEETING INFORMATION

Don't miss the opportunity to help your child discover the world. Ready to learn more? Come to my mandatory parent meeting for all the details.

WILL YOU BE ATTENDING?

Please RSVP to let me know if you can make it, can't make it, or are interested but won't be able to attend. This way, I'll be sure to have enough materials and space for everyone.

MEETING TIME & DATE: Tuesday, November 13th at 5:30 PM

RSVP: <https://rsvp.eftours.com/takyuk4>

MEETING LOCATION: Jones Middle School

GROUP LEADER: Ms. Sutherin