



Jefferson County Christian School September 2016 Newsletter

Dear JCCS School Family:

Welcome, welcome, welcome! What a joy it is to start out the new school year with such wonderful students (~200) who will be educated *in* Christ to make a difference *for* Christ! As you know, each new academic term, we chose a Bible verse and a theme to focus on throughout our chapels, our lessons and activities, and our communications. This year the theme for our JCCS school family is "one."

The verse we are looking into deeply is from John 17:22. This portion of scripture gives us access to a conversation between the Father and the Son shortly before Jesus went to the Cross to finish the work the Father had sent Him to do out of a love so great...that we can barely grasp it. But we do grasp it when we believe upon the Savior, Jesus Christ.

The prayer that Jesus prayed that is recorded right there in John 17 for all of us to read was for the benefit of all believers! He prayed for our keeping and He prayed for our unity: "that they might be one, even as we are one." Our oneness was so important to Him for at least two reasons. He said, "That they all may be one: as thou Father, are in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou has sent me." John 17:21 It is our oneness/unity as believers in one Spirit that witnesses to the world the truth of the Son.

The second reason Jesus prayed for our "oneness" is revealed in the words of Psalm 133:3 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" It is good to be "one," of one heart and one mind, in His love in our families, our churches, and our school. If you are not convinced, take a look at what the disunity of the world looks like in families, churches, and schools. And it is pleasant to take care of one another and be taken care of well in truth and love. You can think of "pleasant" as refreshing to the soul and peaceful to the spirit.

It is so very important to the Lord, as we know from His loving prayer for his disciples both then and now, that we all walk through this new school year "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. He knew it would be both good and pleasant for us and more importantly, it is a witness of His love to a divided, sad, and angry world.

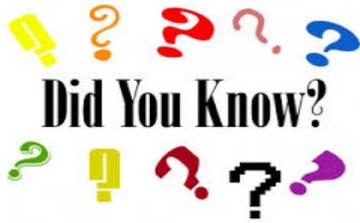
We are so grateful for each student and each family that is here at JCCS this year. We look forward to walking through a year of learning together, laughing together, and loving our Lord and one another together...as one. In this way, we shall magnify His name in all of the earth and that can be, through each of us, an answer to His prayer.

In Him,

Diane Hutchison

Administrator





A Grateful Welcome Back

We welcome back Mrs. Mary McElroy who has taught with us across many years. Mrs. McElroy will be teaching music for our K-7th grades. Also, we are so happy that Mrs. Bullard answered our call and came out of her brief retirement☺ to teach 9-12 Performing Arts and to direct our spring high school musical.



STARTING AND ENDING TIME FOR SCHOOL

The first bell for school for all grades (K-12) will ring at exactly 8:00 a.m. Students must be sitting in their homeroom classes by the 8:05 bell or be counted as tardy. School dismissal time is 2:30 p.m. Dismissal will span 2:35-2:50 as we get the pick up loop running smoothly and on track.

Preschool start time is 8:15. The ½ day session ends at 11:15 and the pick up time for the whole day session will be 2:15 at the Preschool door.



THE PACKET

The news/information packet will come home by the first of each month. It is issued to the youngest child in the family. If you do not receive it, **ASK** your child about it. This is our line of communication with out parents concerning policies, procedures, news, and events. PLEASE WATCH FOR THE PACKET EACH MONTH, READ IT, SIGN AND RETURN THE NECESSARY FORMS, AND SIGN AND RETURN THE ENVELOPE THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY. YOU MUST RETURN THE MANILA ENVELOPE EACH MONTH. New this year: If you would like to receive the packet electronically this year, please email Mrs. Grabits at pgrabits@myjccs.org to request that email each month.



ONLINE PARENT COMMUNICATION

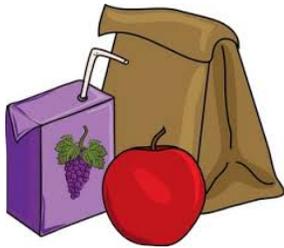
This year, we will again be using INFODIRECT as the program parents will use to access their student's grades and homework online. We will be sending home forms for parents to enroll in the program in this packet. In the meantime, you can communicate with the office, the administrators, and any of the teachers by emailing us at our email addresses found on our website at www.myjccs.org. Please do not use the email feature on INFODIRECT. The news of the month (newsletter/calendar/sports/directions) will be posted on the website each month as well.



**EMERGENCY
MEDICAL FORMS**

MUST be filled out and returned on Tuesday, September 6th for your child to attend class that day!
You must fill out a new form

each year so that in the case of an emergency, the information is current. It is for your child's safety that you return the forms before school begins. If you have not yet returned your form, one is included in this packet for each student. *New families that filled out an emergency form at the time of registration, or families that have already filled one out for the current school year, need not fill out another one.* The form is also available on our website at www.myjccs.org or you may pick up a form in the main office.



**NEW VENDOR
LUNCHES &
ORDERING
PROCEDURE!!!**

This year, students may pack their lunch or lunch items can be ordered from

a vendor. **As last year, there will be vendor lunches offered everyday of the week! Our vendor lunch program is managed by our Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF).** See the enclosed letter and order form. A "hot lunch" order form will be included in the packet for each student in the family. There will be enough forms in the packet to cover each week of the month. Hot lunches must be ordered for the whole week and be turned in on Friday of the each week for the following week's lunches. Money must be turned in on Friday with the weekly order form. No lunch order can be added separately apart from the weekly order form. Please send in the order form **WITH CHILD'S NAME AND GRADE** with a check or correct change in an envelope to the homeroom teacher each Friday. If change is due it will be sent home with the student on Friday afternoon. If a child is absent on a day they ordered a hot lunch, please just mark "credit" on one of your lunches in the following week. Students may NOT leave the premises for lunch due to schedule and safety constraints, however, juniors and seniors will still have special ordering privileges in the office. Also, due to food license laws, students **do not** have access to a microwave oven or a refrigerator. Please pack lunches accordingly. Because the program begins this Tuesday, September 6th, order

forms/money for next week should be sent in TOMORROW for the coming week and then on Friday's thereafter. Please note that menu items, sizes, and prices have changed for this year and there will NOT be a fruit or pudding cup included this year. We will continue to evaluate and adjust the program as necessary.

**ORDERING
MILK and/or ORANGE JUICE**



You may purchase white milk, chocolate milk, or orange juice for your child. **Milk orders must be received by FRIDAY to receive milk/juice for the following week.**

Milk/Juice must be ordered for the entire week. It cannot be purchased on a daily basis.

****The price is \$.40 per carton this year.** Please send an envelope labeled "**Milk Money**" and include your child's name, type of drink you are ordering and enclose \$2.00 for the week. Students in grades K-2 may order *drink for snack* time as well. In that case, please write your order on the envelope and include \$4.00. If we have a short week, please send enough money for the days your child will be present. If your child is absent from school, please deduct that amount from your order when paying for the following week. There is a product, 100% ORANGE JUICE, available this year. It is only 8oz. for \$.40 but it is all-natural as opposed to artificially flavored drink. Mark your order for "orange juice" if that is your choice.

Envelope Example:

Week Of:	September 5 th -9 th 2016
Name	Diane Hutchison
Grade	Kindergarten
Snack	Orange Juice
Lunch	Chocolate Milk
<i>Sample envelope</i>	



The **ACCENT** Club sells bottles of water out of the cooler in the lunchroom for \$1.00. Students may pay on the honor system when they purchase.

IMMUNIZATIONS

We will be checking all records and contacting you if your child is missing any of the required immunizations. All required shots must be completed and documented by September 9th.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING NEW REQUIREMENTS WHICH AFFECT 7th GRADERS AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is requiring that all 7th grade students receive a Tdap booster (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) or a Td booster (tetanus and diphtheria). The ODH also requires that all Kindergarten students receive a 2nd dose of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine and their final dose of polio vaccine to be administered on or after the 4th birthday. Please be sure to comply with these requirements by no later than September 11th. After that date, students cannot be permitted in school unless we have received the necessary documentation concerning vaccinations.



AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION

For grades 7-12 detention will be held on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS this year. Detention hours are 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Please pick up students promptly at 4:30 at the front main doors on Fernwood Road.

Two demerits earned equals one detention. When issued, a detention must be served the **NEXT** available detention day. If there is a conflict, permission **MUST BE** obtained from **Mrs. Hutchison** to serve on an alternate day. Any unexcused absence from detention earns an additional 2 demerits. You can contact her via email at dhutchison@myjccs.org or by contacting the school office.



THE JCCS UNIFORM CODE

There were some CHANGES this year to the JCCS Uniform Code to accommodate the needs and desires of our families. Please find these changes in the 2016 PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK enclosed in the packet today. One of the changes is that this year, our students may order a **black zip up hoodie** with embroidered school logo through the school that can be worn to class. The first order form is enclosed in this packet. Thank you so much for your efforts and cooperation to have your student within the guidelines of the uniform code. Now that we have started, I will be working with individual students who are not within the code to educate them so that they may be within compliance. Our Schoolbelles rep has assured me that it is her intent to address any problems that our parents have had with the company. While no uniform company is going to be perfect at ever point if you experienced any difficulties or poor customer service in ordering from Schoolbelles, please let me know so that I can give you the number of our representative to call. She really will call you back, investigate, and help. Again, thank you for your care.

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FINANCIAL CONTRACTS, TUITION AND FEES

Please remember that even though you have sent in tuition, you must also sign and return the financial contract that was sent to you in the mail. Remember, due to the fact that we could not continue with FACTS, we are once again issuing our own paper contracts and collecting tuition through our office and through Paypal. Thank you for bringing your account up to date. Please remember that each month's tuition is due by the 5th of the month and is late after the 10th. A late fee of \$35.00 will be added for each late payment. A check that is returned for insufficient funds will incur a charge of \$35.00 in addition to the late payment charge of \$35.00. Book and Tech fees were due on August 15th. Also, remember that this year, in order to save on paper, statements will only be sent out to those with accounts past due. Our accounting clerk, Carey Ferralli, will be in the office on **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays** if you have any questions about your account you can reach her and/or leave her a message at 740-275-4326 extension #202.



BOOKS

Please cover all books as assigned by the teacher but do not use the adhesive book covers sold in the stores as they cannot be removed and ruin the books. Also

please remind your students that some of their books are on loan to them and that they must care for them properly. Damage and replacement costs are assessed at the end of the year. Records and Report cards are not released at the end of the year until ALL loaned materials for a student are returned and/or damage and replacement costs are received. Students are responsible for the textbooks, calculators, etc. that they were issued and signed out. If they turn one in, but it is not theirs, they are still responsible for the one issued in their name.



BUS TRANSPORTATION

Students may only ride their assigned bus. (Students may not ride home with a student on a bus to which they have not been assigned by the District.) If a student in Grades K-6 rides the bus regularly and then you wish him/her to not ride the bus, **WE MUST HAVE A NOTE FROM HOME** to change our instructions. Without a note from home, we will **ALWAYS** put the student on the bus.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL



The state of Ohio requires a form to be signed by both physician & parent/guardian in order for your child to take ANY medication at school whether

prescription or over-the-counter. If your student needs to have medication during the school day, we MUST have the form on file. Furthermore, **ALL MEDICATIONS** (even over-the-counter) brought to school must be checked into the office with the exception of inhalers and epi-pens. However, we

must have the instructions for Asthma Inhalers and EpiPens on file from the physician. Prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs must be in their original container and must be properly labeled for the student. **NO MEDICATION** will be administered at school without the proper form signed by a parent AND doctor on file here at school. The form is enclosed in this packet and is available online at www.myjccs.org or by calling the office to request one.

THE NEW PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

The new updated Parent/Student handbook for 2016-17 is enclosed in this packet. The new Handbook contains all

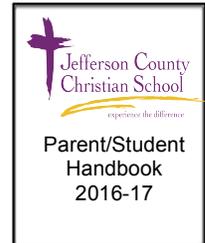
pertinent policies and procedures that you need to know to have a successful year at JCCS. Most of all your questions should be answered in the Handbook. If not, you may direct your questions to the office. **There are many changes to the Handbook this year, so please read thoroughly.** *Some of the major changes in the Handbook this year include:*

- *The JCCS Uniform Code*
- *The Preapproved Absent Requests*
- *The Plan for forgotten lunches*
- *The Plan for requesting work when your student is absent.*

Please investigate and read about these changes. The Handbook serves as a “type” of “contract” between us. When you receive it, please sign and return the forms in the back so that we know that you have received and read the important guidelines and are aware of what we can expect from you and what you can expect from us.

THE JCCS PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP

The PTF is the organization through which parents can help serve our students, staff, and school. The PTF Kick Off meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th at 2:45 PM in the Lunchroom. Come on out and see how you can become a part of this sweet fellowship. See the enclosed flyer.



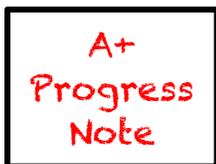
JCCS FAMILY DIRECTORY

All of your family information will remain the same as last year unless you notify us otherwise. If you would like anything changed, the office must be notified by no later than Friday, September 9th. Also, if you desire for any of your information: names, addresses, phone numbers to be omitted from the school family directory, please send a note to the school office before September 9th.



September 29th BACK TO SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

OPEN HOUSE will be held starting with an assembly at 6:30 pm in the school multi-purpose room. On that evening parents will be able to meet all the teachers and become involved with the Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF). There will be time to visit your child's classroom and view some of his/her work up to this point. There will be tables to visit to learn about school programs and to enjoy refreshments provided by the PTF as well as Gift Basket Silent Auction that has become a favorite tradition! Please be sure to attend this wonderful school family "get together" and hear and see all the good news!



September 29th NOTICE OF IMPROVEMENT

Because parents are able to review grades for their students continually through our INFODIRECT parent communication feature, we will only send home hard copies of Progress Reports upon request. Please call the office or email Mrs. Grabits at pgrabits@myjccs.org if you would like to receive a hard copy of the Progress Report at the half-way point of each quarter.

NO SCHOOL

Monday September 5th



Friday September 30th



AFTER-SCHOOL ROOM ARRANGEMENTS

The after-school room is to be used to watch children after school **ONLY IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION** or by a pre-arrangement with the administrator. Otherwise, please pick up your student(s) promptly at 2:30. All students (K-12) whose ride has not arrived by 2:50 will be sent to the after-school room. The after-school room this year is in the Multi-Purpose Room. To pick up your student from the afterschool room, please park in the **front parking lot** and come to the **front doors** facing Fernwood Road. The after-school room is only available until 3:00 pm except by prior arrangement.

ABSENTEE POLICY

Please read the absentee policy thoroughly in the New handbook! **Students must have a written excuse from home on the day they return, even if you called to notify the office that your child was not in school, in order for the absence to be EXCUSED.**

NEW PROCEDURE FOR PRE-APPROVED ABSENCES

The number of requests for pre-approved "vacation" days for family vacations during the school year has dramatically escalated in the past few years.



We try to regard families and their individual needs but I cannot emphasize enough how detrimental it is for you to remove your student for an extended period of time during the school year.

Please do not plan a vacation during school time. I will need to become more discerning about approving those days by weighing out the “pay” to the teacher, the class, and particularly to the student who almost always “pays” the most by needing to work on vacation, by getting behind, or even by failing coursework when he/she returns. Please read the policy regarding pre-approved absences in the Handbook before you consider having your child miss school for a reason other than sickness. THIS YEAR ALL Pre-approved absences must be requested on the PRE-APPROVED ABSENT REQUEST FORM found on the website at www.myjccs.org or requested through the office. The form must be complete and turned in **TWO WEEKS PRIOR** to the requested absence to be approved by Mrs. Hutchison. Requests made in a time frame shorter than two weeks prior may not be approved. Pre-approved absences requested by phone, email, text, or handwritten notes will not be processed for approval. The form MUST be used. Thank you.



DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

We are getting there! Thank you so much for doing such a great job with the dropping off and picking up plan. We have been making adjustments all week to make sure things go as smoothly and safely as possible and we think that as of today, we will have it just right. The dropping off in the morning is really going well. In the afternoon, please continue to pull into the parking lot and “take the loop” around to pick up your students in the yellow pick up zone by the steps. We will have your students waiting for you when you get there. If you choose to park and pick up, we will send your students out to you when the students in the loop have finished loading up. If you have little ones that you must help into car seats, please try to do it quickly and try to train your student to buckle him/herself in as early as possible to keep the line moving. Please do not get out of your car if at all possible. Please follow the instructions of the teachers attending the parking lot as they have the burden of keeping each student safe. Although we are handling approximately 20 additional cars this year and we need to adjust some parts of the plan, we have been told we have the fastest dismissal procedure in town!

PARENT PRAYER TIME

Our Board Chairman, Pastor Jim Seabright, invites ALL parents to join him for a time of prayer for our school on Monday mornings at 8:15 am in Room 109 which is the Library on the bottom floor.



SPORTS UPDATE

Our sports season is already underway. See the enclosed SOCCER and VOLLEYBALL schedules and come on out to support the teams! Sports fees are due now.



ATHLETES RIDING TO GAMES

If your athlete needs a ride to the game, he/she must make arrangements with someone the NIGHT BEFORE THE GAME. ALSO, athletes who ride with another family need to be prepared to offer gas money and bring or pay for his/her own meal. It is not fair that the same parents who drive other students to the games consistently pay for all the gas and/or your child’s meal. If your student does not take responsibility to set up ride arrangements the night before then if there are not enough rides, they may be left behind. Please train up your athletes to handle the matter of securing rides to games from coaches or other parents courteously.

LABELS! LABELS! LABELS!

We collect *Campbell’s* Soup labels, *Tyson* labels, and *Box Top for Education* labels to benefit our students. Please pass the word along to all the folks you know and send your collected labels into the office. We have received cash back and some great items for the school through these programs.



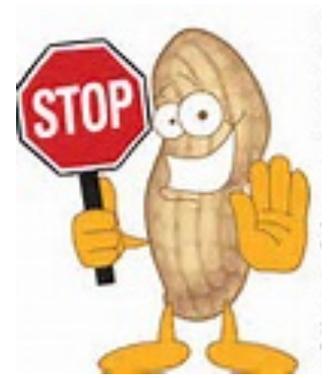
AMAZON SMILE

If you buy a lot of items from Amazon, please sign up with Jefferson County Christian School as your charitable organization. We receive case rebates for all items credited to us through your purchases. If you sign into Amazon Smile!



A NOTE ABOUT PEANUT ALLERGIES

We have SEVERAL students enrolled this year who have peanut allergies. We would ask all in the school family to regard these students and help us to keep them safe by avoiding ALL peanut products in packed lunches and snacks.



This would be greatly appreciated. If your student has a peanut allergy and you have not notified the office, please do so IMMEDIATELY.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM is like free money for our school!

Please read the enclosed flyer. If you have not signed up for the Kroger rewards program, PLEASE DO!! If you have signed up before, you need to renew your membership each year!! All the money that you spend at Krogers translates into cash rewards for our school! If you shop at Krogers, let your money be multiplied unto good works! Please take a minute to read and sign-up! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Adey in the school office. Please see the enclosed flyer.



PRAISE GOD FOR:

For His Amazing Grace and Perfect Provision.



PERMISSION??? WEBSITE/PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM

Enclosed in this packet is a form to be completed in order to grant permission for us to use any photographs or video images of your student in school promotional materials. Please read, sign, and return the agreement in the packet when you return the packet next week.



PRAY TO GOD FOR: A good adjustment for all students and spiritual growth for ALL this school year.