



James Irwin Charter Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

January and the first part of February have been full of activity and achievement! Our Spirit Week was a great success and elicited much participation from students and staff alike. Thanks go to Mrs. Masters, Mr. Ridenour, our NJHS members, staff, and students for helping to make the week run so smoothly. ☺ The participation was outstanding! Next year we are adding an additional “dress up” week during the fall high school Spirit Week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS for February and March:

Please be sure to post this letter where it is easily accessible as it includes many important announcements for the next few weeks.

- **Tardies, talking, and dress code issues** make up the bulk of our violations for students having to attend lunch detention and ISS (in school suspension). Your help is greatly appreciated in checking that your student comes to school in dress code (Boys – shirts tucked in, pants at the proper level, belt on; Girls – no jean styled pants [please see dress code guidelines on website at www.jamesirwin.org]; shirts tucked in; clothing that fits properly and is not tight, belt on). Thank you so much for your assistance.
- **Pre-registration for next year** – Packets were mailed out on Friday, February 5th. Please plan to get those forms in to reserve your student’s place for next year. Registration fees and forms are due by March 3, 2010. If getting the fees in is a challenge at this time, please be sure to get your forms in by March 3rd and the fees as soon as you can thereafter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

It takes a lot of work to help all the aspects of a school to run smoothly. Volunteers often make that difference, so we want to make you aware of our current needs for volunteer help.

- Donating supplies: We are always in need of extra Kleenex/tissues, Expo markers, and copy paper.
- Regular carpool duty – 7:20-7:40 a.m. or 3:30-3:50 p.m. Please email or call Mrs. Batteiger if you can help with these two hectic times of day (dawn.batteiger@jamesirwin.org or 302-9000 x3234).
- Lunchroom duty – 6th Grade 10:55-11:20 a.m.; 7th/8th Grades 11:21-11:51 a.m. or 12:15-12:45 p.m. or both, Monday-Thursday; Friday, 6th Grade 10:30-11:00 a.m.; 7th/8th Grades 11:05-11:35 a.m. or 11:42 a.m. -12:12 p.m.
- Parent volunteers for fundraiser lunches – pretzels, hot dogs, nachos, pizza
- Come in once or twice a week to make copies for teachers (We would need to know at least two days in advance to give teachers plenty of notice.).

CSAPs

March 9-11, early dismissal 7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

March 12, regular Friday schedule 7:45 a.m. – 2:05 p.m.

Please make sure your student is on time to school on these days and avoid making appointments for your student during these time frames.

CALENDAR CHANGE:

Eighth graders will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8th, once their Science CSAPs are completed. Sixth and seventh graders will be dismissed at 3:27 p.m.

Will you donate a box of snacks for the students to have during CSAP breaks?

If you are able to donate, here is a list of suggestions.

- Granola Bars – students seem to prefer chewy to crunchy
- Cereal Bars
- Cheese & Crackers
- Pretzels
- Trail Mix (without peanuts)
- Raisins

Because of peanut allergies, please do not include anything that contains peanuts, peanut butter or peanut oil. All items must be individually wrapped and purchased from a store. We will not be able to accept any homemade items. Please bring all donations to the Middle School front offices.

Thank you for your help and support!

March 22-26, Spring Break

Third Quarter report cards will be mailed home during the week of March 15th though you have open access to your student's grades on Infinite Campus at any time. Please notify the office if you didn't receive your 2nd Quarter report card or got it much later than others so that we can verify that we have the correct address for you in our records.

Please be sure to check our school website (www.jamesirwin.org) frequently for updates, changes, and new announcements. We look forward to continuing successfully through the third quarter.

With appreciation,

Mrs. Holly Varnum, Principal