PTEC NEWS

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OCTOBER 19, 2023●



October 19th-20th - 11:30am early release, Parent Teacher Conferences, no lunch served.

November 4 - Trades Expo **November 20-24th -** Thanksgiving Break -No School

December 15-20th - 11am early release, Final Exams, no lunch served December 21 - Staff day, no students December 21 - January 8 - Christmas Break- No school January 9 - Students return

PTEC

(719) 301-6200 2460 Waynoka Place Office Hours: M-TH 7:30-4 Friday 7:30-2

JUST IN

Parent Teacher conferences Oct. 19, 12:45-6pm, Oct. 20, 11:45-1:45pm: If your student currently has a grade of D or F in any subject or if there are concerns about their academic progress, our dedicated teachers will be reaching out to you. You will receive a signup link via email from your student's teacher to schedule a Parent-Teacher Conference. However, if you have not received any communication from your student's teacher and would like to schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress or any concerns you may have, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher directly. They will be more than happy to arrange a suitable time for the conference.

Lifetouch school re-take photos: A link will be available to purchase photos in the next couple of weeks. IDs will be sent to the school in the coming months and will be passed out to students.

COVID is treated as a regular illness with no special instructions. Students may return to school when fever free for 24 hours.

Congratulations to Lane T. for winning this week's Spelling Bee Olympiad. His winning word was realpolitik. It sounds simple, but the K at the end threw everyone for a loop. Well done, Lane.

Yearbooks can now be purchased online. You can even add photos or purchase an advertisement. For more information please contact Mrs. Chamillard at megan.chamillard@jamesirwin.org

Click here to order yearbook

PTEC's 2nd Annual Trades Expo is coming! Saturday, November 4th

You have the opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind items crafted by our talented students! This event is a fantastic way to support our students' creativity and hard work. Don't forget to invite your family and friends to attend as well. We're also excited to have several local vendors participating. There will be something for everyone!

For more information, please contact Mrs. Grenier at jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org.

For any attendance needs, please email PTECattendance@jamesirwin.org

PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED



Lunch menu is posted on bulletin board in the cafeteria. You can find October lunch menu in the flyers attached below

2024 Iceland STEM trip for 8-12th graders. Parent informational meeting Tuesday, October 24th, 4:30-5pm on campus. Deadline to sign up for the trip is Nov. 10th. courtnie.schobert@jamesirwin.org for more information.

See flyer below.

Not a James Irwin sponsored trip.

Please let Mrs. Marroquin know by TODAY October 19th, if you are able to donate any items listed below.

Mrs. Marroquin's Spanish classes are sponsoring El Dia De Los Muertos after school on Nov. 2nd, 3:15-4:15 PM. In order to provide this free event for all students, they are in need of donations of decorations and food to serve. This event is free for all students grades 6-12. If you are interested in donating, please email Mrs. Marroquin at karina.marroquin@jamesirwin.org. Some of the items they are in need of is: can corn, chips and dip, nacho cheese, sour cream, tajin, Mexican cheese (Cotija), mayo, limes, jars of sliced jalapeno's, pumpkin pies, desserts, can drinks, plates, napkins, plastic wear, Styrofoam cups, battery operated candles, artificial marigold flowers, decorations for Day of the Dead. A box is in Mrs. Marroquin's classroom to drop off donations at any time.

High School students: a new feature rolled out in Infinite Campus. All course plans will show that you are not on track because Mrs. Longoria and Mrs. Greene have not met with you regarding next school year's courses. Once they meet with you this school year, that will go away.

Impact Aid forms will be passed out on Tuesday Oct. 24th. If students return it the next day, Wednesday 25th, they may wear a hoodie to school. On Wednesday 25th, if students are absent or do not return the form they will not be allowed to make up the "wear a hoodie" day. For all forms turned in on or after Thursday 26th students will not get to wear a hoodie or have a hoodie pass.

DID YOU KNOW?

We have T-shirt Friday's! Unless stated otherwise in daily announcements. Exact money for payment is recommended \$1 in cash or coin. We can no longer accept bills larger than a five dollar bill. Please take note of this as it begins this Friday 20th.

CAMPUS ... Student

Infinite Campus App Icons

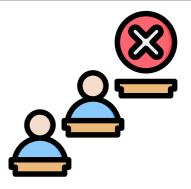
Did you know that Infinite Campus has an app for that? If you are not set up for a parent portal, please email Mrs.



Parent

ent portal, please email Mr Grenier to schedule an appointment.

Infinite Campus is where you can access your student's assignments, attendance, grades, teacher email addresses, add or remove emergency contacts and more. Don't know if you have an account? Can't remember your password? Are you receiving calls/texts regarding weather and or school announcements? Please email Mrs. Grenier for more information. jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attention All Students and Parents!

Attendance Matters!
We've observed a staggering total of 791 days absent from school this year already. Let's work together to ensure that every day counts for our students' academic success and growth. Remember, regular attendance is key to achieving academic excellence.

For general inquiries, feel free to contact our communications secretary, Mrs. Grenier at jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org.

Kindly direct any concerns or feedback to our Assistant Principal Mr. Kollasch at ryan.kollasch@jamesirwin.org.

WISHLIST & FAVORITE THINGS

Our staff has a list of their own "My Favorite Things". Do you want to surprise your student's teacher with their favorite candy, drink, snack or classroom wishlist item? Please email Mrs. Grenier - jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org for more information.

Our Teachers and Staff have an Amazon Wishlist!
Click the link below or copy and paste.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16KOM7N9
UYNEJ?ref=wl_share

Some items in need are snow shovels, two flag stands and two nice flags to put in our meeting rooms, heavy duty paper shredder for offices, several 5-gallon buckets, anti-fatigue mats, and two large microwaves for the staff lounge.



Teamwork in Action! Mr. Jaramillo and his dedicated helpers tackled moving items at the old campus with determination. They might have come back a little gritty and dirty, but their hard work shines through!



ACTIVITES, CLUBS, & SPORTS

Brawlhalla Club

When: Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 PM Who: Grades 6-12

Contact: ryland.negrete@jamesirwin.org Where: Mrs. Espinoza's room #1087

Chess club - When: Thursdays 3:15-4:15 PM Who: Grades 6-12.

Contact: drew.robertson@jamesirwin.org Where: Mr. Robertson's classroom #1082

Cross Country

When: Monday - Thursday 3:30-4:30 PM Who: Grades 6-12

Contact: patricia.samora@jamesirwin.org chad.baker@jamesirwin.org

E-Sports - When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:15-4 PM

Who: Grades 6-12

Contact: brandon.espinoza@jamesirwin.org Where: Mr. Espinoza's classroom # 1097

Game Design Club

When: Wednesdays 3:15-4:00 PM and Thursdays 3:15-4:45 PM Who: Grades 9-12.

Contact: shawn.mcgee@jamesirwin.org Where: Mr. McGee's classroom # 1100

Weightlifting Club

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays <u>mornings</u> 6:15 AM-7:15 AM

Who: Grades 6-12.

Contact: codey.martin@jamesirwin.org Where: Mr. Martin's room #1028

Guild council- Is selling pretzel rods for \$1 each.
Students can purchase them at the front office during passing period, lunch, or after school. There is also a snack shack with various items for sale in Mr. Rice's room. Can be purchased during passing period, before and after school.



Cell Phone Policy Reminder

-Cell phones can be in students' backpack or locker, powered down during the day. -During the school day, cell phones should not be on a student's person.

-No student cell phones out or in use from 7:30 am to 3:15 pm

PTEC's 2nd Annual

TRADES, CRAFTS & MORE

Career and Technical
Education (CTE) classes will
be selling items that PTEC
students have made. They
will also be taking orders for
an early December delivery.





Is your student a budding entrepreneur? Do you have a small business to showcase? Do you have craft items, baked goods or more?

Scan the QR code to fill out a form to participate.

Deadline to register for a booth is Oct. 27th at noon.

Who can participate?
Anyone, it's open to
the public.



Public Welcome! Concessions available.

Looking to participate? Scan the QR code to register for a spot today!

Contact Mrs. Grenier for more information
jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS IN Iceland

Volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls, and more! A trip to Iceland gives you an up-close and personal look at the adventurous side of scientific study. Explore the iconic Blue Lagoon, get inspired by the five forces of nature, and have a blast making unforgettable memories with your friends.

LEAP into STEM

This trip will provide endless opportunities for hands-on interaction with the science and natural wonders you may have only seen in your classroom. We call this LEAP-Learning through Exploration and Active Participation-and it creates the perfect balance of fun and education on every trip!





THE GREAT GEYSIR



BLUE LAGOON



VIK/DYRHOLAEY AND REYNISFJARA BEACH



KERID CRATER LAKE



EYJAFJALLAJÖKULL VOLCANO



OLDEN CIRCL



SÓLHEIMAJÖKULL GLACIER



Safety is our top priority

You're never alone when you travel with WorldStrides. Here are some of the ways we support our travelers:

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caring and dynamic individuals who are specially trained to guide your group throughout your trip and make learning come to life

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with years of experience driving and working with student groups

Student Name Tags

printed with WorldAssist's toll-free number

Doctors on Call Program

an exclusive partnership with The George Washington University Department of Emergency Medicine that grants us access to doctors for consultations and treatment recommendations

Tools to help pay for your trip

We offer several tools to help make these experiences possible for every student!

Financial Assistance: Over \$2.5 million in assistance is given out each year to families with annual adjusted gross incomes of \$85,000 or less

Gift of Education: An effective fundraising tool where 100% of the money raised goes to pay for your trip

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Sign up today!

800-468-5899 worldstrides.com/signup

Students who travel have a...



54% increased willingness to know, learn, and explore new things



36% increased desire to attend college/university



50% increase in selfconfidence, independence, and self-esteem



37% increased marketability to potential employers

According to the Student Youth Travel Association 2018 Survey.

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Every student. Every day.

Remember:

365: calendar year

174-177: days in our school year

188-191: days left to spend with family, doctor's appointments,

vacations, shopping, household jobs or personal days.

Student attendance is very important for academic achievement, school engagement and social acclimation. It is our responsibility and goal to have every student to be present every day. Each student should miss no more than 1 day per month or 9 days in a school year.

Please help us with our goal.