



Jayhawk Journal

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By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, 75% of our students will meet or exceed in Lifelong Learning Skills, earning at least 45 points per trimester. All students will purposely and effectively communicate through writing in all content areas using building wide guidelines.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Every Monday our students will be dismissed at 1:45. Students will be dismissed at 3:15 Tuesday through Friday.

- All 8th graders will take the PSAT 8/9 Test, for high-school placement, on SATURDAY, Oct. 1st

Upcoming Events:

Monday's dismissal at 1:45

Sept. 1st – GBN Parent Open House (6:30 PM)

Sept. 5th – Labor Day (No School)

Sept. 8th – Board of Education mtg. (7:00PM)

Sept. 12th – 6th grade community meeting

Sept. 14th – PTA mtg. (6:30 PM)

Sept. 14th & 15th – Field trip to Fermilab (8th grade)

Sept. 16th – 6th grade redemption

Community mtg. dates

Sept. 12th (6th grade)

Sept. 19th (7th grade)

Sept. 26th (8th grade)

Be READY – Show RESPECT – Take PRIDE

Jay Stream Middle School's learning community uses these three behaviors to create an environment where everyone can be successful. They are the expectations for everyone in our community who wants the best for themselves, and they are applied to every area of all things Jay Stream.

To start the year we had everyone in our school go through training on the expectations in each of the different areas of our building. We also informed parents about our PBIS expectations and system during the administrations presentation at our Curriculum Night event on August 24th.

Thank you to those of you who joined us on the evening of the 24th for our annual Curriculum Night event. Hopefully you found our new format productive and you were able to personalize your evening to your specific specifications.

Our new School Improvement Plan was introduced, information on PBIS was given, as well as in on our work to improve our environment – including composting building wide. Teams were also able to present to parents and provide specific information about their classrooms, team, and grade level expectations. We had a guest speaker from Glenbard North talk about the transition to high school and we offered training on PowerSchool as an option as well.

Life Long Learning Skills: Please take a few minutes to look at your child's daily agenda (assignment notebook). In the front of the agenda are gold color pages with very important information. The gold pages are our Student Handbook and at the front of the handbook are the operational definitions for each of the fifteen Life Long Learning Skills. Here you will find the expectation and standard score for each skill.

Power School/Grade book: The middle school years are important years for teaching individuals the need for self-monitoring and personal responsibility. For the second year in a row our middle school students will each have the capability of viewing their progress through the teacher's grade book without parental assistance. Parents and students will each have their own user name and password. A letter will go out next week to those students and parents (6th grade and new families) who do not currently have access to the portal.

School Improvement Plan (SIP):

The 2016-17 school year marks the beginning of a new School Improvement Plan for Jay Stream Middle School. The focus will be on student writing and their Life Long Learning Skills. Please look for more information on the specifics of our plan in the coming weeks.

LIVE THE JAYHAWK WAY!