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Hello, MJMS Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year. We have been so busy at MJMS, and we are excited and ready to greet students and begin a wonderful year. Our first full day is Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember that our start time this year is 8:30, and our doors open at 8:00 a.m.

This newsletter has a LOT of information in it. **I promise not all of them are this long**, but please take time to read the important information included.

- **Open House Slideshows**: The slideshows from our open house have much of the information you might need, including the car rider information for both campuses.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade open house:  
<https://watch.screencastify.com/v/ho04MOE7SDIHIFhliQCG>
  - 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade open house:  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1mzgWyeb4EnSPwhcNqxfRbbes\\_p\\_XmAK5p/edit](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1mzgWyeb4EnSPwhcNqxfRbbes_p_XmAK5p/edit)
- **Swag Bags**: The student council is selling several different Swag Bags. Go ahead and get ready for Homecoming, Coming Home, and all our Black-and-Gold days. 6<sup>th</sup> graders, there is a special t-shirt just for you! (See flyer on last page)
  - T-shirts only bag:  
<https://wilsoncounty.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/24759/252/False/True>
  - T-shirt and hoodie bag:  
<https://wilsoncounty.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/24769/252/False/True>
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade class shirt:  
<https://wilsoncounty.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/24751/252/False/True>
- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Immunizations**: Don't forget to send proof of the Tdap to Nurse Monica at [garciam@wcschools.com](mailto:garciam@wcschools.com). Students cannot attend school without this. Please see the attachment for more information.)
- **Remind App**: I occasionally send out reminders of dress-up days or other events through Remind. The code is @wearemjms.
- **Attendance Matters**: We really need our Bears at school to make sure they are learning everything we want them to. When they are absent, they miss teacher-led discussion, student grouping, and all the other dynamics that make

a full classroom experience. When possible, we ask that you schedule routine appointments outside school hours. If they must leave during the day for an appointment, please bring them back if you are able.

- **Afternoon Dismissal:** The last 30 minutes of the day can be really hectic, as athletes move between campuses, busses and cars arrive, bus changes and afternoon announcements are read, etc. If you need to pick your child up early, we request that you do so by 3:00 so we can take care of all the last-minute necessities and won't have to keep you waiting.
- **Dress Code:** Please make sure students are dressed appropriately for school. No short shorts, pajamas, house shoes, etc. We want them to be comfortable, but "student professional."
- **Bear CAVE:** We will have grade-level meetings next week to talk about behavior expectations that help to build our CAVE: Community commitment, academic scholarship, value for oneself and others, and excellence in all we do. We expect our Bears to treat others with respect, take care of our campus, and give their best in the classroom.
  - Some "biggies" to talk about with your student: Vaping, keeping hands/feet/objects to oneself, refraining from derogatory remarks and/or racial slurs, and caring for the school property.
  - Bart Barker sent out communication about the new law regarding threats of mass violence. Please be sure to address with your student the serious nature of such comments.
- **Badges:** 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be required to wear badges this year. They are available for pickup at the main campus, or students can get them August 1<sup>st</sup>. If a student does not have a badge, we will make him/her one the first week.
- **Clubs/Organizations:** We encourage all our Bears to find a place to plug in. We have clubs, sports, and organizations to fit a variety of interests. Join a club. Join a team. Come to games. Come to dances. Get involved!
- **Car Riders:** The open house videos have a diagram showing the car rider line.
  - At the GHHS campus, you will enter the far north end and circle around to the Lebanon Road side of the campus.
  - At the MJMS campus, you will enter the circular drive near Elzie Patton and follow the path that leads behind the school. Students enter and exit vehicles behind the cafeteria, only as directed by teachers working the car line.

- We have about 2000 students at GHHS campus and 1600 at the MJMS campus. There will be traffic. It will be hot. That first week can really be a booger, so bring your patience. It will move more quickly after a week or so, as everyone figures it out. Please follow the car rider line to help us keep students safe!
  - Please do not drop off students in the front of the building. We realize that no one wants to wait in the car rider line, but we do not have space or supervision for cars dropping off as busses arrive and teachers try to find a parking spot for the day.
  - Students who are walkers will leave campus where the crossing guards are, either headed down Woodridge or toward Charlie Daniels Parkway.
  - A map of the drop off pattern is in the linked video from open house.
  - Car Rider Video - main campus:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAfT-IDyJkw>
- **Busses:** We hope for a better year with bus service. If you can, make use of the busses to keep our car rider line down. Students must be quiet and seated on the bus, so the driver can get them safely to and from school. This is particularly important at railroad crossings.
  - **Outside Food:** We do not allow outside food deliveries at MJMS. #NoDoorDash☺
  - **Free/Reduced Lunch Form:** These forms will be sent home with all students. There is a grace period for students who qualified last year, but that ends on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please turn those forms in as soon as possible.
  - **Student Accident Insurance:** This form can be found on our school and the district websites.

We can't wait to see you, Bears! This is going to be the greatest year. This is the year we will be REUNITED on one campus, and I just can't wait!

Bear Pride in the Middle,

Candis Angle

PS. Please forgive any typos I missed.



# MJMS SWAG BAG

**GRAB ALL THE MJ GEAR  
YOU NEED FOR THE 23-24  
SCHOOL YEAR!**



## HOMECOMING SHIRT

ROCK YOUR BLACK AND GOLD  
"GAME TIME" T SHIRT FOR THE  
HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME.



## COMING HOME SHIRT

FILL THE STANDS WITH ALL YOUR  
FRIENDS AND DEFEND "OUR  
HOUSE" FOR THE COMING HOME  
BASKETBALL GAME.



## MJMS SHIRT

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT ALL  
YEAR LONG WITH OUR MJMS  
SCHOOL SHIRT FOR 2023-2024.



## MJ LIGHT HOODIE

ADD ON THIS LIGHTWEIGHT BLACK  
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BLEED BLACK AND GOLD!



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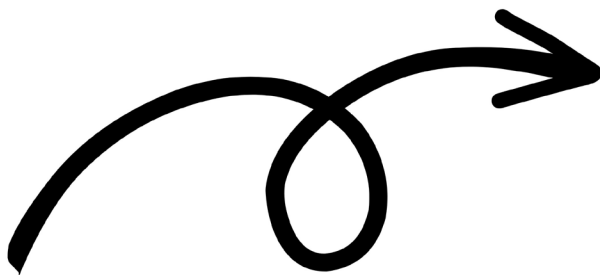
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