

Academic Success

For Parents and Families

Family Access

Access your student's grades, assignments, attendance, lunch account information and more online. Log on to **Family Access** through the South Kitsap School District's webpage: www.skschools.org. Please contact the counseling office if you do not know your login information and we can assist you.

How will I know if my child needs help?

Missing assignments can be a sign that students need extra support. There are many sources for additional assistance students and families. Talk to your student's counselor to find out more.

Support Classes

Selected students who do not meet standard on state assessments in ELA and math will be placed in a one semester required support class for targeted instructional support. Students requiring additional targeted support may be placed in a year-long support class.

Does your student tell you they do not have homework?

If a classroom teacher does not assign homework, we expect students to read a book/newspaper/magazine of their choice for 30 minutes. Students can also access their math text book online.

Volunteer

Parent help is needed and encouraged at JSMS. There are various volunteer opportunities throughout the year: General Store, popcorn sales, mailings, activity and field trip chaperones and more. Just fill out a volunteer form and give us a copy of your driver's license to complete a background check. Volunteers are cleared for 2 years and if you are cleared in another building in our district, you are cleared in all buildings. Our Volunteer Coordinator is Brandy Chermak and can be reached at Chermak@skschools.org for more information.

AVID

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, focuses on specific strategies and skills necessary for career and college readiness. AVID Tutors work in AVID Elective classes weekly to support student learning. **If you are interested in becoming an AVID Tutor, please contact Wilhelm@skschools.org.**

John Sedgwick Middle School General Guide



8995 SE Sedgwick Road
Port Orchard, WA 98366
360-874-6090

Dan Novick, Principal
Cherryl Christman, Assistant Principal
2022-2023

Belonging & Fun

JSMS offers engaging before and after school activities for all our Generals.

Important Dates

Aug 23-24	General Admission
Sept 5	Labor Day — Offices Closed
Sept 7	First Day of School
Sept 22	Open House
Oct 10	NO SCHOOL — Columbus Day Holiday
Oct 25-28	Middle School Conferences—1/2 Day Release
Nov 11	NO SCHOOL — Veteran’s Day Holiday
Nov 24-25	NO SCHOOL — Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 21	Winter Break Begins—1/2 Day Release
Dec 22-Jan 4	NO SCHOOL — Winter Break
Jan. 5	School Resumes
Jan 16	NO SCHOOL — MLK Holiday
Feb 3	End of 1 st Semester
Feb 20-21	NO SCHOOL — President’s Day Holiday
Mar 28-31	Middle School Conferences—1/2 Day Release
Apr 3-7	NO SCHOOL — Spring Break
May 29	NO SCHOOL— Memorial Day Holiday
June 16	Last Day of School

- Dates are subject to change. Please visit the JSMS website at www.johnsedgwick.skschools.org for current dates and information.

ACTIVITY	ADVISOR	MORE INFORMATION
Anime Club	Janine Chalmers	Students explore and create forms of anime.
ASB	Courtney Willson	Associated Student Body, leadership class that runs events and activities at our school.
Book Club	Eric Torgerson	Read and discuss new books with your librarian and guests from Kitsap Regional Library.
Diversity Club	Astrea Steen	Meets to support all students.
Magic! The Gathering	Dave Musselman	A time to join your fellow Magic! enthusiasts in collecting, trading, and playing the game.
School of Rock!	Ken Schroeder	Additional music group meets after school.
Photography Club	Ken Durham	Students meet after school and learn and practice photography techniques and skills.
Pickleball Club	Karen Langhorn	Students meet twice weekly to learn and play the game of Pickleball, a northwest favorite!
Spirit Squad	Stephanie Williamson	A team selected each spring which leads spirit chants/and performs half time shows during fall and winter sports games and assemblies.
STEAM Club	Brad Lantz	Extended learning activities for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.
WEB	Bre Coats	Where Everybody Belongs. Club dedicated to bringing inclusion and fostering respect.
Yearbook	Dezerae Cave	Club creating the JSMS Yearbook. Learning design skills, layout, photography and editing.

Belonging & Fun

Generals Athletics Program

Fall Sports Season

- Track
Coaches: John McNeil and Ken Durham
- Girls Fastpitch
Coach: Heather Grinde
- Boys Baseball
Coaches: Ben Hale
- Intramural Boys Baseball

Winter Season 1 Sports Season

- Girls Soccer
- Boys Basketball
Coaches: Frank Moppins and Ken Durham
- Intramural Boys Basketball
Coach:

Winter Season 2 Sports Season

- Girls Basketball
Coaches: Ken Durham and Karen Langhorn
- Wrestling
- Intramural Girls Basketball
Coach: Cassidy Wright

Spring Sports Season

- Cross Country
Coaches:
- Football (7th and 8th grade only)
- Intramural Flag Football
- Girls Volleyball
Coaches: Bre Coats-Leale
- Intramural Volleyball
Coach: Stephanie Williamson

Athletic Forms and Fees – Bookkeeper

For questions about athletic eligibility please contact our school bookkeeper: Alanna Speidel at 874-6100.

Office Staff

Administrative Team

Principal	Dan Novick	874-6090
Assistant Principal	Cherryl Christman	874-6090
Dean of Students	Kevin Plutko	874-6093
Librarian	Eric Torgerson	874-6155
Instructional Specialist	Angela Mehling	874-6106
Instructional Specialist	Norm Smith	874-6157
ASB Advisor	Courtney Willson	874-6090
Head Custodian	Joe Langley	874-6087

Counseling Team

Counselor A-K	Makinzi Wick	874-6105
Counselor L-Z	Nicole Baker	874-6103
Registrar	Tara Zantow	874-6102
Psychologist	Tracey Grandmaison	874-6156
Nurse	Nikki Oerting	874-6088

Office Team

Office Coordinator	Bridgett DeHoff	874-6099
Attendance	Jennifer Dennison	874-6096
Bookkeeper	Alanna Speidel	874-6100
Office Assistant	Sharon Rice	874-6098
Office Assistant	Jennifer Richardson	874-6101
Volunteer Coordinator	Brandy Chermak	874-6097

Security Team

Security Officer	Ashley Kapsch	874-6158
School Resource Officer	Deputy Bernard Brown	874-6159

Mission, Vision, and Beliefs

Our Mission...

The mission of JSMS is to help all students reach their full academic, social, and emotional potential.

Our Vision...

The John Sedgwick team protects and promotes the right of ALL students to work hard, have fun, make a difference, create and support a safe environment, and take pride in themselves, their work and our school.

We Believe...

- Students' learning needs are the primary focus of all decisions affecting the work of the school.
- Students learn in different ways and require a variety of instructional approaches to support their learning.
- Each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.
- It takes teachers, administrators, students, families and the community to share the responsibility for advancing the school's mission.
- *It's always a great day to be a General!*

Thank you for being part of our Sedgwick Family! Please feel free to call or email us at any time. We look forward to working with you this year!

Library:

- Sign or code-in/out upon arrival and departure.
- Store belongings in designated area.
- Use appropriate noise level and language.
- Push in chairs before you leave.
- Leave area clean.

Computer Lab:

- No food or beverages allowed.
- Handle your computer with care.
- Protect your password, and access your own computer.
- Visit only appropriate web sites.
- Log off, push in chairs, and leave area clean.

Locker Room:

- No cell phone use, gum, glass, or horseplay.
- Use appropriate noise level and language.
- During class, store belongings in large locker and transfer your lock.
- Stay in locker room until dismissed; leave area clean.
- Report any inappropriate behavior.

Outside:

- No food or beverages allowed.
- Keep area clean.
- Stay within blue line boundaries, and use crosswalks.
- Walk bikes, skateboards, and other wheeled devices on campus.
- Wait for buses behind the curb line.

Assemblies:

- Enter and exit in a safe and orderly manner.
- Sit in designated student section.
- Be silent on signal, and actively listen.
- Demonstrate appropriate behavior.
- Remain seated until dismissed.

Sporting Events:

- Let the players play, coaches coach, and officials officiate.
- Only positive cheering allowed.
- Spectators may not use the floor/equipment during intermissions.
- Stay in supervised areas; do not wander around the campus.

JSMS Common Area Expectations

The General Way:

- Treat others and school property with respect.
- Follow staff directions, electronics policy, and the dress code.
- Use appropriate noise level and language.
- Be safe with hands, feet, and objects.
- Leave area clean.

Hallways:

- No food, beverages, cell phones, or loitering
- Always walk, and stay to the right.
- Be safe with hands, feet, and objects.
- Use appropriate noise level and language.
- Use passing time to move to the next class.
- A pass is required to be in halls during class time.

Stairs:

- Always walk.
- Stay to the right.
- Keep the flow of traffic moving.

Commons:

- Always walk; maintain a single-file line; no cutting.
- Stay seated unless waiting in line or going to the restroom.
- Stay within blue line boundaries.
- Be silent on signal, and listen to announcements.
- Wait for permission to be dismissed, and leave area clean.

Office:

- Enter the office quietly.
- Check in with office staff.
- Stay in student designated areas.
- Wait patiently and calmly.

Restrooms:

- No food, beverages, cell phones or loitering.
- Flush toilets and urinals.
- Wash hands with soap and water.
- Keep toilets, urinals, sinks, counters, and floor clean.

Expectations for ALL Generals	
GUIDING PRINCIPLE	Meeting Standard
WORK	<p>Attends school regularly; arrives to classes on time; comes to class prepared; completes all assignments.</p> <p>Uses class time effectively (works steadily, stays focused and does not disrupt others).</p> <p>Work is of good quality. Makes an effort to improve.</p> <p>Demonstrates resiliency, grit, determination, and accountability.</p>
FUN	<p>Models behavior that encourages rather than interferes with the learning of others.</p> <p>Gets involved in school activities, clubs, and sports.</p> <p>Demonstrates enthusiasm for learning.</p>
SERVICE	<p>Uses kind words and addresses others appropriately.</p> <p>Judges ideas not people; treats people with respect.</p> <p>Helps others feel as though they belong and encourages others to reach their full potential.</p> <p>Makes our school and the world a better place without expecting anything in return.</p>
SAFETY	<p>Monitors own behavior and acts appropriately whether alone or with others.</p> <p>Language and actions in the hallways and classrooms are <u>free</u> from bullying, intimidation, swearing, and harassment.</p> <p>Follows posted hallway, classroom, and campus expectations.</p> <p>Demonstrates respect for property.</p>
PRIDE	<p>Makes best effort in all areas regardless of circumstances.</p> <p>Develops an identity and self-confidence as a result of doing the right thing always and in all ways.</p> <p>Shows respect for self and others and appreciates those who came before you.</p>

Teachers:

6th GRADE

Humanities Block	STEAM Block	Learning Specialist
Tricia Lee Debbie Hamilton Dezerae Cave	Shelley Geisreiter Chuck Queen Ronda Ramsey Kate Sappington	Emily Nard

Schedule for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

Period	Time
0	8:10-8:20
1 st and 2 nd (BLOCK 1)	8:20-10:15
3 rd (Encore/Support)	10:20-11:15
4 th (Encore/Support)	11:20-12:15
LUNCH	12:15-12:45
5 th and 6 th (BLOCK 2)	1:50-2:45

Schedule for Late Start Wednesday

Period	Time
ADVISORY	8:55-9:27
1 st and 2 nd (BLOCK)	9:30-11:03
3 rd (Encore/Support)	11:06-11:51
4 th (Encore/Support)	11:54-12:39
LUNCH	12:39-1:09
5 th and 6 th (BLOCK)	1:12-2:45

Resources

South Kitsap Family Service Center – 3200 NE Rainshadow Court, Port Orchard, 360-473-2144; www.kcr.org

-Serves: Families in the South Kitsap School District. The South Kitsap Family Service Center offers the following services: Energy Assistance (By Appt.), Veteran’s Assistance (Wednesdays By Appt.), Housing and Community Support Services, WIC, Computer Lab, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Health Nurses, and DVR Assisted Technology. Classes are available through WorkSource at this location.

-Open: Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm.

Food

South Kitsap Helpline Food Bank 1012 Mitchell Ave, Port Orchard; 360-876-4089; www.skhelpline.org

-Serves: Low income residents in South Kitsap.

-Open: Food Bank: Monday-Friday from 12:00pm-5:00pm; Nursey: Monday-Friday from 10:30am-5:00pm.

Life Care Community Services Food Bank 3901 SE Mullenix Road, Port Orchard, 360-876-5094; spiritoflifelc@gmail.com

-Serves: Residents of rural South Kitsap County living between Sedgwick Road and the Pierce County line. Proof of address required. Qualifying residents may obtain four to seven days of food once per month. Food available on an emergency basis by contacting the church.

-Open: Saturday from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Free & Reduced Lunch

Students may qualify for Free or Reduced Breakfast and Lunch at school. Please pick up an application form from the Counseling Office.

Internet/Phone

Low Cost Internet Access Programs (See websites for eligibility guidelines)

-CenturyLink Internet Basics: www.centurylink.com/home/internetbasics

Free Cell Phones and Minutes Programs for income eligible families

-Safelink Wireless: www.safelinkwireless.com

Resources

Clothing and Personal/Grooming Needs

Adventure of Faith Church – Emmanuel’s Clothes Closet 4705 Jackson Ave SE, Port Orchard; 360-876-0061; www.faithadventure.com

-Serves: Residents living in SKSD. They provide clothing to those in need.

-Open: 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Coffee Oasis Youth Centers, 807 Bay Street, Unit A, Port Orchard, 360-602-0408, www.thecoffeeoasis.com

-Serves: Street and homeless youth. They are a refuge center and offer showers, laundry, food, clothes, hygiene products, mail/email, and connection to other case management and employment programs.

-Open: Monday-Friday from 2:00pm-5:00pm and Monday & Friday 6:00pm-9:00pm.

Housing

StandUp for Kids – Homeless Youth Street Outreach, Call for location, 360-286-1502; www.standupforkids.org

-Serves: Homeless school children and street youth to help them acquire necessary living skills and provides clothes, blankets, hot meals, and hygiene items when available.

Housing Solutions Center – 3200 SE Rainshadow Court, Port Orchard, 360-473-2146; www.kcr.org/housing services

-Serves: Residents of Kitsap County. Services include emergency shelter and housing assistance, housing counseling services, and deposit assistance and eviction prevention.

-Open: Monday-Friday from 8:30am-11:30am and 12:30pm-3:30pm.

Health Care

Apple Health for Kids 1-855-923-4633; www.hca.wa.gov

-Free or low-cost medical coverage for children under age 19.

Peninsula Community Health Services – 320 S. Kitsap Blvd, Port Orchard, 360-876-7215; www.pchswb.org

-Serves: Children and adults of low-income, uninsured, and underserved families with their medical care.

-Open: Monday-Friday from 7:30am-5:00pm.

Teachers: **7th GRADE**

Humanities Block	Math	Science
John McNeil Bre Coats-Leale Shannon Honeycutt Astrea Steen	Aaron Wallach Kari Freiboth	Candace Barich Max Dieffenbach
Learning Specialists		
Krystal Kennedy-Wheeler		

Schedule for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

Period	Time
0	8:10-8:20
1 st (Encore/Support)	8:20-9:15
2 nd (Encore/Support)	9:20-10:15
3 rd	10:20-11:15
4 th	11:20-11:45 and 12:18-12:45
LUNCH	11:45-12:15
5 th	12:50-1:45
6 th	1:50-2:45

Schedule for Late Start Wednesday

Period	Time
ADVISORY	8:55-9:27
1 st (Encore/Support)	9:30-10:15
2 nd (Encore/Support)	10:18-11:03
3 rd	11:06-11:51
LUNCH	11:51-12:21
4 th	12:24-1:09
5 th	1:12-1:57
6 th	2:00-2:45

8th GRADE

Teachers:

ELA	Social Studies	Math	Science
Janine Chalmers Tiffany Wilhelm	Ken Durham Michele Herl	David Musselman Lynne Pelczar	Theresa Johnson Pete Darragh
Learning Specialists			
Mandy Roth			

Schedule for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

Period	Time
0	8:10-8:20
1 st	8:20-9:15
2 nd	9:20-10:15
3 rd	10:20-11:15
LUNCH	11:15-11:45
4 th	11:50-12:45
5 th (Encore/Support)	12:50-1:45
6 th (Encore/Support)	1:50-2:45

Schedule for Last Start Wednesday

Period	Time
ADVISORY	8:55-9:27
1 st	9:30-10:15
2 nd	10:18-11:03
LUNCH	11:03-11:33
3 rd	11:36-12:21
4 th	12:24-1:09
5 th (Encore/Support)	1:12-1:57
6 th (Encore/Support)	2:00-2:45

Encore Elective Teachers

Art/Pottery	Band/Choir	Orchestra/Choir	Robotics
Katie Million	Ken Schroeder	Erin Martin	Theresa Johnson Pete Darragh
Technology/ Engineering Woodshop	PE/Weights	Leadership/ AVID	Drama/Speech & Debate
Max Dieffenbach Ken Durham Brad Lantz	Wendy Colbo Kevin Darcey Karen Langhorn Chuck Queen	Courtney Willson Michele Herl	Wendy Colbo

Safety

It is our goal that every student feels safe at John Sedgwick Middle School. If your student is being harassed, intimidated or bullied, we need to know about it so we can act right away to make sure the negative behavior stops.

How to Report:

We have HIB (**H**arassment, **I**ntimidation, **B**ullying) forms in the main office, in the counseling office and on online under the students, and counseling office section of our website. Any student or parent call fill out a form and return it to the office if they witness any HIB behaviors or are a victim of HIB behaviors.

What is Considered HIB?

HIB occurs when a student or students are being exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more students. HIB exists when there is intentional harm-doing and there is an imbalance of power.

How We Encourage Safety:

At John Sedgwick we encourage safety as part of our code of conduct, but also by providing an atmosphere **Where Everybody Belongs**. Our school WEB leaders are students who are active in engaging their peers in expressing themselves and getting assistance. By encouraging involvement, belonging and respect, we believe this encourages a safer environment for all our students and staff.