

Chief Joseph Middle School



Every Eagle - Every Day

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Chief Joseph Middle School: Stay in Touch

Main Phone Number: 509-967-6400

Attendance Number: 509-967-6402

Parent Square: Please register for Parent Square so you can easily communicate with CJMS Staff. Use this [LINK](#) for more information!

Family Launchpad: Allows you access to FamilyID, Bus Routes, Nutrition Services, Canvas, PowerSchool. Use this [LINK](#) to set yours up!



FamilyID: Register for chromebook, field trips, ASB, athletics, etc. - [LINK](#)

Online Payments: Use this link to make payments to your student's account - [LINK](#)

Canvas Observer: Monitor your student's academic progress and message teachers. Use this [LINK](#) to set up your account.



Principal: Eric Davis



A little about me:

This is my 6th year at CJMS and my 3rd year as the Principal. I have been in education for the past 26 years in numerous roles; teacher, coach, HS Assistant Principal, HS Athletic Director, District Athletic Director and now MS Administrator. I love spending time with my family and watching the Dallas Cowboys DOMINATE!

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

My goal is to support the academic and emotional growth of all students at Chief Joseph Middle School every single day.

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Assistant Principal: Jeff Ellersick



A little about me:

This is my 39th year in education. I love watching WSU football & Seattle Mariner games, spending time with my family and hanging out with my new grandson.

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

Promote a thriving, inclusive school environment for academic and social growth with community involvement for every student at CJMS.

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Assistant Principal: Kerri Yahne



A little about me:

- I taught for 18 years at Grandview Middle School and was Athletic Director for 8 years. My passion was coaching girls and boys basketball for 18 years, softball and volleyball.
- I have been AP for 7 years and this is my 3rd year in Richland at CJMS.
- For fun, I love camping with my family, kayaking, hiking, reading and playing with my grandson.

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

I enjoy working with middle school students to help them learn and grow, encourage them to be engaged in our school, activities and clubs, and guide them through difficult times. Each day, I try to build positive connections with families to help navigate through middle school years. I love working with staff to build positive school climate.

My main responsibilities are campus safety, PBIS, and supporting the students/families with A-G alphabet. Please let me know if you or your student need any support. Go Eagles! Go Cougs!

Contact information:

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Security: Brandon Humphrey



A little about me:

This is my 4th year at CJMS. I am also a football coach at CJMS. I enjoy hunting, fishing and going to Cougar Football games with friends. This year I am going to become a dad!

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

Working with our administration team to help students follow the Big 3.

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Counselor (A-G): Jessica Rodriguez



A little about me:

I am married to my amazing husband Ruben. We have 3 kids- Rylinn who is in 4th grade at Jefferson and three-year-old twins Evelyn and Warren.

I like to name my pets after food, we have a corgi named Churro and a lab named Angus!

This is my 3rd year at CJMS, my 5th as a school counselor and I recently became nationally board certified!

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

- Supporting student academic, social and emotional development
- Collaborating with families, support staff and community resources to support students.

Contact information:

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Counselor (H-O): Whitney Galstad



A little about me:

I've been working as a school counselor for 15 years--the last 5 of them at Jefferson Elementary. :) I love my job and am excited to be here!

My husband and I have four kids (8th, 7th, 5th and 2nd grade) and we live on a little farm in West Richland.

Things I love: Paddleboarding, basketball, camping, reading, art, my dogs & chickens!

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

To cultivate resilience and hope by supporting students with social-emotional/academic goals and challenges & collaborate with families and staff to create plans for student success.

Contact information:

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Counselor (P-Z): Ashley Edwards



A little about me:

- This is my 6th year as a school counselor here at CJMS! I was previously an elementary teacher.
- I love working with students and watching them grow!
- When I am not at school you can find me enjoying the outdoors, attending country music concerts, daydreaming about all the places I want to travel, working on my baking skills and spending time with family!

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

To collaborate with families, staff, and students to support the social, emotional and academic needs of all kids at CJMS. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

Contact information:

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Psychologist: Hannah Sahrblom



A little about me:

- This is my 8th school year as a school psychologist
- I love to bake bread when I am at home
- Fun Fact: I am learning to speak Swedish

*Jag heter
Hannah!*

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

As a school psychologist I complete special education evaluations. I also consult with staff and parents on how to best meet the needs of our students in their educational environment.

Contact information:

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Speech & Language Pathologist: Dammy Atiroko



A little about me:

- This is my 4th year with Richland School District.
- I also coach track here at CJMS.
- When I am not at school I enjoy listening to music, weightlifting, playing soccer, traveling and spending time with my family.

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

I support teachers and students by identifying, diagnosing, and offering speech-language therapy to students with communication disorders. e.g. (articulation disorder, fluency disorder, language disorders, social communication disorders and cognitive communication disorders).

Contact information:

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Occupational Therapist: Melissa Vander Top



A little about me:

This is my 4th year with the Richland School District. When I am not at school, I love to spend time with my family and spend time outside hiking or paddle boarding.

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

Supporting a student's ability to participate as successfully and fully as possible in their learning with support for fine motor skills in the school environment.

Contact information:

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Physical Therapist Jon Filkowski



A little about me:

This is my 4th year in the Richland School District. I am a graduate of Washington State University - GO COUGS!!! I enjoy spending time with family and friends, hiking, snow skiing, camping and especially spending summer days on the river.

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

Gross motor skill evaluation and intervention to insure student access to the school environment with focus on mobility and general gross motor skills.

Contact information:

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School Social Worker: Laycee Weier



A little about me and my role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

Hi, I'm Laycee Weier, I've been a social worker for 17 years and a school social worker for 4 years. My role as a school social worker means providing resource navigation, Crisis Management and mental health supports to students and their families.

I am an alumni of Chief Joseph Middle School and enjoy giving back to the school that helped me as a young person each day.

I have a wonderful husband named Chris and three dogs, Lolli, Nova and Bowie. When I'm not working I enjoy traveling, going to concerts, singing and playing various instruments.

Contact information:

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School-Based Child & Family Therapist: Isabella Senter



A little about me:

- I work for Catholic Charities Serving Central Washington and this is my 3rd year providing therapy in the school setting
- I was enrolled within the Richland School District as a student growing up and love that I am able to be back in district as a professional.

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

- I provide more accessibility to mental health services by meeting with students during their school day on the CJMS campus.
- I use evidence-based practices such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) with students who are struggling with anxiety, depression, trauma, behavioral challenges, etc. in hopes of improving their overall mental health.

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To refer, please reach out to your school counselor, or you can fill out the referral form by scanning the QR code!

Community In Schools: Esperanza Lira



A little about me:

- Hi everyone! I have been at CJMS for almost a year now.
- I used to be a Specialist at Pasco High School.
- On my free time I am at the gym, spending time with my family or going on a hike.

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

I am with Communities in Schools as a Student Support Coordinator. My role here is to collaborate with staff members to provide students and their families with resources and support. My goal is to help break down barriers and support students in any way possible!

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Student Assistance Professional: Gloria Piña



A little about me:

Hello! My name is Gloria Piña and this is my first year here at CJMS! I am excited to get started with the school year and to meet our students. I have several years of experience supporting students at both the high school and middle school levels.

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

My role here at CJMS is supporting students to be the best version of themselves. I teach students about personal and social responsibility, skills to make good decisions, how to care for their mental health and overall well being. This may include one on one visits or group work.

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Lead Secretary: Mandy Meyer



A little about me:

This is my 8th year at Chief Joseph Middle School.

My husband and I have 2 grown up sons and a cute puppy named Cooper.

I love spending time with our family, walking our dog and cheering on the local sports teams and WSU Cougars!

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

I am the lead secretary here at CJMS. I help manage all of the systems and processes here. If there is anything your family needs please let us know. We are happy to help!!

Contact information:

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Attendance Secretary: Jennifer Catone



A little about me:

This is my 15th year at Chief Joseph Middle School. My husband and I have 3 grown up kids, all Chief Jo alumni, two wonderful daughter in laws, and a new grandbaby.

I love spending time at the ocean or in the mountains with our dog Maverick and cheering on the UW Huskies! Go Dawgs!

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

- I am the attendance secretary and registrar here at CJMS.
- I am always happy to see students, even when they are late.
- I am the one parents or guardians should call or email when your student has an absence or appointment.

I'm here to make sure every Eagle feels welcome every day!

Contact information:

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ASB/Athletics Secretary:

Joy Heid



A little about me:

Hi, my name is Joy Heid, I am the ASB Secretary/Treasurer. I've worked at Chief Joseph Middle School almost 20 years now. My two children attended CJMS and loved it. When they moved on to high school, I liked it so much, I stayed. I like to travel, read, try new recipes and spend time with my family and labradoodle name Marlo.

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

I help with ASB and Athletics. I take payments and help with registrations. Whatever your student needs!

Contact information:

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Nurse: Holly Bartlett



A little about me:

This is my 3rd year at CJMS and as a school nurse. I previously worked in the Emergency Department and was on our trauma team, specializing in orthopedics at Kadlec and a small rural hospital in Oregon.

In my spare time, I help coach cross country, am a kickboxing instructor, and love running, hiking, and spending time outside with my dogs.

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

I strive to promote the health and wellness of students in all aspects of their life. I love connecting with students and helping them during vulnerable times.

Contact information:

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LAP Coordinator: Lisa Werner



A little about me:

This is my 4th year at CJMS and this is my 11th year in education. I have 4 grown boys and always look forward to spending time with them. When I'm not at school, I enjoy hiking with my dog and paddle boarding.

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

I am the Activities Director and ASB Coordinator. I teach 7th/8th grade ELA/Leadership and Skills and Strategies.

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Multilingual Learner Specialist: Jawn Michelle Cottrell



A little about me:

This is my 16th year in education, all of which I have worked with multilingual learners. I graduated from WSU (Go Cougs!). I love to cook but am terrible at baking. I also love to read, fantasy being my favorite genre. I wish I could travel more often than I get to. My husband and I have been married for 6 years and we have 2 cats.

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

I am the ML (Multilingual Learner) Specialist.

- I support students and their families whose first language is not English.
- I also support teachers of these students. We collaborate on ways to increase educational access and strengthen their English language skills so students can be successful in school.

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Librarian: Kristin DeVere



A little about me:

I have worked in education for 30 years and have been at CJMS for 24. I hold three degrees from WSU, Heritage University and CWU. I love spending time outdoors, cooking, photography and reading (of course).

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

At CJMS I strive to curate a library that meets the needs of all our students. I provide a safe place for kids to unwind and work with teachers to supplement their curriculum needs. I also handle technology issues and chromebook checkout and repair. Stop by the library to cozy up with a good book!

Contact information:

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Athletic Directors: Alexa Guidry & Kimmi Krueger



A little about us:

This is our second year as Co Athletic Directors at CJMS. We are both recently married (you might have noticed the name changes)! We both love spending time with our families, friends and anything that has to do with WSU. Go Cougs!

Role at Chief Joseph Middle School:

Supporting our athletes in finding sports they love to participate in! Let us know if you have any questions about signing up or sports we have to offer! Go Eagles!

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(our emails will be changing to include our new last names)

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)



Delphine Appriou

President

My daughter Armelle is in 8th grade.

Role at CJMS:



Kate Scotece

Vice-President

I have one former, one current and one future CJMS Eagle!



Andie Miller

Treasurer

My daughter is in 7th grade.



Helen Mackey

Secretary

My son Simon is in 7th grade.



- We're on a mission to create a positive impact by organizing a range of events. Every dollar we raise is reinvested in resources, programs, and events that enrich the lives of our teachers, students, and families. [We enthusiastically invite you to join us and be a part of this meaningful endeavor!](#)

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