



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 31, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES: OCTOBER

31 - Swim Meet @ Swim Houston Aquatic Center (SHAC) 12:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT DATES: NOVEMBER

1 - No School - CPE Day for Staff

8 - Swim Meet @ Swim Houston Aquatic Center (SHAC) 5:00 P.M.

11 - Veterans Day Program

14 - 7th Grade Field Trip

14 - 16 - James and the Giant Peach

18 - 22 - Fall Book Fair

19 - Open House

22 - Fall Field Day
Dress in House Colors!

25 - 29 - Thanksgiving Break

NOTE FROM MRS. CARROLL, HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Dear Parents,

I pray that you all have a wonderful three day weekend! Though we are sad that we had to reschedule our Fall Field Day, we are very thankful for the much needed rain.

Looking ahead to our Veterans Day Program on the 11th, I know our History department has been speaking with our students about Veterans Day and who they may know who is a veteran. I invite you to speak with your student(s) about who is a veteran in their family as we would love to be able to honor them on our program that is handed out that day.

Whatever your's and your student's plans might be for tonight I pray that you are safe and dry!

Blessings,

Melisa Carroll

Head of Middle School

COUNSELOR'S CORNER:

PSAT Scores (8th Grade)

We are excited to inform you that the College Board has released the PSAT 8/9 scores. The 8th grade students that took the PSAT 8/9 here at school on October 9th can now access their score at www.collegeboard.org. No printed score reports will be issued from the College Board.

If your student has not already signed up for a College Board account, he/she will need to create a new account. Please go to www.collegeboard.org and click the "Create Account" button. Students will click "Student" and then enter their student information, parent information, and username/password. Students will need to verify their email address and phone number. Once they have created their account, their PSAT 8/9 test scores can be found.

If your student's test score is not posted in their College Board account and he/she needs an access code, please have your student come to Mrs. Pizzitola's office. If the information your student entered on their PSAT matches with the information used to create their College Board account, your student will not need this code.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Pumpkin Decorating Contest! House points were awarded to every participant and extra points were awarded to the first and second place winners. Please see the link to view this year's entries.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/j4oxBbL3p9cpE4UN8>

📖 Fall Book Fair Announcement! 📖

We're excited to announce our upcoming Fall Book Fair, happening from **November 18th to November 22nd**! This year, we are switching to a new vendor, Literati, to provide a wider selection of titles that reflect our students' interests and our community values.

Join us for this wonderful opportunity to explore new books and encourage a love of reading! We can't wait to see you there!



James and the Giant Peach Jr.

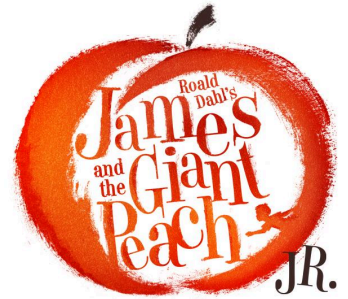
Get ready to dive into a world of adventure with *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*! Join us as we journey across the sea on a GIANT peach with James and his insect friends. You won't want to miss the fun, laughter, and a whole lot of peachy magic! 🍑 ✨

Tickets are going fast, so don't let this peach slip away! Grab yours and come be part of the magic.

See you there for a peachy-good time! ❤️

Here is a link to get you there:

[James and the Giant Peach, Jr. Ticket Link](#)



WEEKLY HOUSE STANDINGS:

1st Place - 453 points

Doxa

House of Honor

2nd Place - 415 points

Kyma

House of Attitude

3rd Place - 398 Points

Chaliki

House of Perseverance

4th Place - 356 Points

Vouno

House of Motivation

5th Place - 355 Points

Vronti

House of Optimism

6th Place - 310 Points

Ilios

House of Nobility

7th Place - 270 Points

Katharos

House of Integrity

Dynami

House of Courage

GENERAL MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION:

External Emails

This year, as an added safety precaution, students are no longer able to receive any outside emails. This does include any emails from their parents. If you have any messages that you need to get to your student, please feel free to email or call the Middle School office and we would be happy to pass along the information!

Student Birthdays

Parents, please feel free to come decorate your student's locker on their birthday. You are welcome to come after school the day before up until 4:00 p.m. or the morning of their birthday. As a reminder, students are only able to keep their lockers decorated for the week of their birthday.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES:

Tardies

If your student is tardy to a class, they will be marked absent and then the office will change it to a tardy. The process for it to appear as a tardy and not an absence may take up to 24 hours.

REFERENCES

[Middle School Lunch Menu](#)

[Spirit Wear Store \(able to be worn on any Friday\)](#)

[24-25 Middle School Bell Schedule](#)

[Middle School Athletics Calendar](#)

[24- 25 Traditions Calendar](#)

[24 - 25 Instructional Calendar](#)

IT Parent Training Videos

[Navigating Blackbaud](#)

[Lunch Tab](#)

[School Pass](#)

[Student iPad Tutorial](#)

[SNAP Nurse's Portal](#)

School Times

School starts at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m.

Middle School Drop-Off

Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:15 a.m. (If you need to drop your child off earlier, please sign them up for the Extended Care Program.) Students arriving after 7:15 a.m. will go directly to the cafeteria and will be dismissed at 7:30 a.m. to go to their lockers and then to their first period class. All students should be dropped off in the front car line area. There will be staff outside directing traffic and welcoming students.

Students are not allowed to go upstairs until 7:30 A. M.

Middle School Afternoon Pick-Up (Middle School Students only)

Students should report immediately after the 3:05 p.m. dismissal to the front of the school. Pick up will be made in one of two lines. Students with the last name beginning with the alphabet

A-M is picked up in the lane closest to the school.

N - Z is picked up outside lane between the 1st and 2nd row of parked cars

There is staff outside assisting students to their cars. Please make sure you have your car tag visible.

Middle School Afternoon Pick Up (Upper, Middle and Lower School Students)

Students of carpools that also include upper school and/or lower school students report to the area outside the front doors and wait for the lower school carpool to begin at 3:15 p.m.

Upper school carpool begins at 3:30 p.m.

Any student not picked up by 3:45 p.m. goes to the Extended Care Program and regular extended care fees are billed to the parent's account.

No middle school student is allowed to leave campus from the upper school.

Lunch

"A" lunch for 5th and 6th grade students is from 12:10 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. on regular days and 12:00 p.m. - 12:35 p.m. on Chapel days.

"B" lunch for 7th and 8th grade students is from 1:00 p.m. - 1:35 p.m. on regular days and 12:50 p.m. - 1:25 p.m. on Chapel days.

You are always welcome to come and join your child for lunch.

We do not allow DoorDash deliveries for students.

Technology

All Middle School students are issued an iPad for their school use. Students may use their own device at home; however while on campus, they will be required to use the school issued IPAD only.

5th grade students do not take IPADS home.

6th, 7th and 8th grade students are responsible for bringing their IPADS to and from home, as well as making sure they are fully charged each day.

The office will no longer issue students a loaner IPAD in the event they leave theirs at home.

MYFBCA and Student Password

MyFBCA is our online portal where parents and students can see classes and resources. Please follow the instructions below to obtain your student's password information.

1. Sign in to [MyFBCA](#) - as a parent with your email address
2. Under Children select the student's name
3. Click on the Contact Card tab
4. Under General Information note the Student ID #

Student ID numbers are only visible to faculty, staff, the student, and the student's parent/guardian. A student ID # should never be shared with anyone else. The default password for students will be Fb+Student ID # (for example, the student has a student ID # of 12502099, therefore the temporary password is Fb12502099).

House Shirt Orders

If you are interested in purchasing a House Shirt, please follow the link below! These are able to be worn any Friday and especially for house dress up days! Also, this year, students will receive 20 house points EVERY Friday that they choose to wear their house shirt. This is such an easy way for students to get house points and show their house spirit!

[Middle School House Shirts](#)

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Please see below for reference:

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Middle School Attendance

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