



# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 14, 2024

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## IMPORTANT DATES: NOVEMBER

- 14 - 16 - James and the Giant Peach
- 18 - 22 - Fall Book Fair
- 19 - Open House for prospective students
- 22 - Fall Field Day  
Dress in House Colors!
- 25 - 29 - Thanksgiving Break

## IMPORTANT DATES: DECEMBER

- 6 - Late Start @ 9:00  
House Dress Up Day
- 18 - 20 Finals for 7th and 8th Grade  
Early Release
- 23 - 1/6 - Christmas Break

## **NOTE FROM MRS. CARROLL, HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our beautiful Veterans Day program. It was a meaningful occasion to honor our Veterans and to share with our students the history and significance of Veterans Day.

As we head into the weekend, I'd like to extend a personal invitation to join us for the *James and the Giant Peach* musical. Our cast and crew have been working diligently over the past months to prepare for this event, and they would love your support! There are four opportunities to attend, and you can find information below on reserving your free tickets. If you are able to attend, please have your student check in with a Middle School Staff member or email a picture of themselves at the musical to Mrs. Barnett in order to receive house points! We'd also appreciate your prayers for our performers, stage crew, tech team, and directors as they debut their first performance for families tonight.

Additionally, in celebration of World Kindness Day yesterday, we've been encouraging our students to practice small acts of kindness throughout their day. We'd love for you to continue this conversation at home and support them in finding new ways to show kindness to others.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

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](http://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](http://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.

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### **James and the Giant Peach Jr.**

It's not too late to get your tickets!!

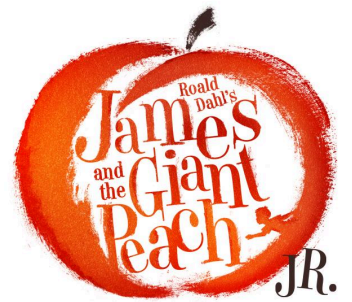
Get ready to dive into a world of adventure with *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* Join us as we journey across the sea on a GIANT peach with James and his insect friends. You won't want to miss the fun, laughter, and a whole lot of peachy magic! 🍑 ✨

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](#)



### **Performance Times:**

Thursday, November 14 @ 7:00 PM

Friday, November 15 @ 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 16 @ 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

### **Fall Book Fair Announcement!**

From November 18-22, students will explore starfields of stories at our Literati Book Fair! Every purchase supports our school!

### **Book Fair Hours:**

Monday – Thursday 7:15-4:30

Friday 7:15-2:30

- **Shop Our Fair Online:** Can't attend in person? No worries! Shop a wider selection of books at [fairs.literati.com](https://fairs.literati.com), including popular online exclusives like *Dog Man* and *The Baby-Sitters Club*. When you search for our school, double-check that you have the right city and state.
- **Buy Gift Cards:** Purchase digital gift cards for use at both our in-person and online fairs, for an easy payment method that won't get lost in a backpack (and never expires!).



### Lost and Found

Please take a look at the pictures below to see if any of these items belong to your student(s). These pictures were taken on Tuesday, 11/12.

We will be cleaning out our Lost and Found before Thanksgiving Break and any items left will be donated at that time.





**NOVEMBER WEEKLY HOUSE STANDINGS:**

**1st Place - 2,174 points**

**Kyma**

**House of Attitude**

**2nd Place - 1,906 points**

**Vouno**

**House of Motivation**

**3rd Place - 415 Points**

**Katharos**

House of Integrity

**4th Place - 385 Points**

**Vronti**

**House of Optimism**

**5th Place - 305 Points**

**Chaliki**

**House of Perseverance**

**6th Place - 270 Points**

**Doxa**

**House of Honor**

**7th Place - 250 Points**

**Ilios**

**House of Nobility**

**8th Place - 215 Points**

**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](#)

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Please see below for reference:

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