

Jayhawk Journal



Week of January 6 - 10

Principal's Corner

Thank you to all of our parents and community members who took the time to be a chaperone for our field trips this week. We hope you all had as much fun as our students did! As we prepare for a break, I wish you all a Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! When we get back in January, we will hit the ground running with so many great things ahead. Take the time to sit back, relax, and do whatever makes you and your family happy the next 2 weeks. Looking forward to the memories we make for 2025!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Koczara for being voted this award by her colleagues this week!

Mrs. Koczara is our instructional coach here at Johnson. She is dedicated to working with teachers and students to help deliver resources and lessons that help meet the needs of our students. She can be seen meeting and planning with teachers or in the classroom helping out in the classroom building relationships with students. We are so lucky to have her as part of our team!

PBIS Updates

This week we focused on using the restrooms (see attached SOAR Matrix) on the morning announcements. As we head back in from winter break, we will visit rules and expectations for the first few weeks that we are back. We will also have our SOAR Assembly to look over data for November and December, then set goals for January! We will have SOAR Clubs for students at the end of the month, so put together a plan with your student on how they want to earn their SOAR Bucks this month!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Holiday Spirit Week was a fun time for both staff and students!
- ⇒ Our Peer Connections Club participated in Cookies with Buddies this week!
- ⇒ CHS stopped by with both their Orchestra and Jazz Band to spread some Holiday Cheer for our students!



Planning for the future:

January 2025

- 12/23 - 1/3 Holiday Break
- 1/6 - School Resumes PJ Day
- 1/14 - PTA Meeting
- 1/20 - No School
- 1/23 - Bagel Day
- 1/31 - SOAR Clubs

Week At A Glance

- Monday 1/6 PJ Day
- Tuesday 1/7
- Wednesday 1/8
- Thursday 1/9
- Friday 1/10

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

The staff and students are amazing! It feels like a family here.

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

Traverse City

Foods:

Anything pasta related

Color:

Black

College:

University of Michigan

Movie:

Dirty Dancing

Sports Team:

Detroit Lions

School Subject:

ELA, naturally!

Staff Member of the Week



Mrs. Koczara

My hobbies:

I love cooking and reading! My son's hobbies are also my current hobbies....so soccer, Bluey, and painting!

PTA Updates

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Johnson PTA wants to wish our community Happy Holidays and a safe break. Don't forget to work on your yearbook cover contest design over break!

Johnson spiritwear is available all year. Check out <https://www.johnsonupperspiritwear.com/> to order some Johnson clothing today.

Feel free to reach our PTA at johnsonupperpta@gmail.com with any ideas or questions you may have.

Youth Making a Difference is a program that encourages and recognizes volunteer efforts by K-12 students. We'd love to see how our Johnson students volunteer! Please see attached forms.

Fundraiser Update

Don't forget that we have a Dave and Buster's fundraising campaign happening! [Click here](#) for more info!!

Save the date for our next
PTA meeting on January
14th at 6 pm.

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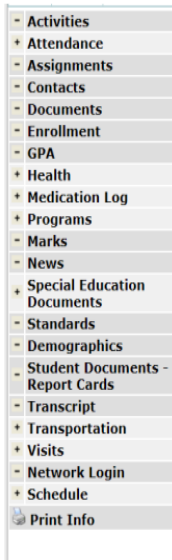
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Viewing Report Cards on Parent Connection

After logging into Parent Connection and clicking on a student, if necessary

Navigate to the Student Documents – Report Cards area located in the menu on the left.



The archived report cards will be listed

Title	Notes	Date	Document
2021 MP1 Churchill Report Card	2021 Churchill High School	11/13/2020	2021 MP1 Churchill Report Card
2018 Webster ACAT full year report card	2018 Webster Elementary	06/21/2018	2018 Webster ACAT full year report card
2017 Archive Report Card	2017 Webste ACAT	06/20/2017	2017 Archive Report Card
2016 Report Card	2016 Livonia Public Schools	06/17/2016	2016 Report Card

Click on the Document to the right (piece of paper)

The report card will open as a PDF and can be printed if desired

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LIVONIA PTSA COUNCIL'S
9TH ANNUAL

Admission Fee **\$5**

**This is a Cash Only Event!*

Chili Cook-off

Franklin High School
31000 Joy Rd, Livonia, MI 48150

SATURDAY
January 18 11AM-2PM

1st place winner receives a \$500 grant, courtesy of The Livonia Kiwanis Early Risers, for their LPS School, and bragging rights for 365 days!

VOTE FOR People's Choice Best Chili!

THE EVENT INCLUDES:
Admission gets you refreshments and unlimited chili samples from all of our entrants (while supplies last). 3 tickets to vote for People's Choice Chili.

Raffles, Bake Sale, and Snacks!

Think you have a winning Chili? Register online or download the entry form at livoniaptsacouncil.org



Questions? lptsacouncil@gmail.com



Kiwanis
LIVONIA EARLY RISERS
LivoniaKiwanis.org



Livonia
PTSA Council

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YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST



Would you like a chance to see your design on the cover of the yearbook? It's time to enter your artwork for the 2024-2025 Johnson Upper Elementary School Yearbook. Use a white sheet of 8.5"x11" printer paper and draw us your best drawing.

Please submit all drawings to the PTA mailbox no later than [January 10, 2025.](#)

Important Guidelines:

- ★ Use a 8.5" x11" piece of white paper
- ★ Paper needs to be portrait style (vertical)
- ★ Make sure the word **Johnson** is on the cover
- ★ **Design must be an original design-** do not copy licensed or trademarked items/images
- ★ Design needs to be appropriate and relatable to school
- ★ **DO NOT** put your name on the front of the paper. Please write your name and teacher's name on the back of the paper in the lower corner (write in pencil)
- ★ Make sure words are NOT along the edges or border of the paper
- ★ Using markers makes for a more vivid image. But, you can use colored pencils.

Entries that do not follow the guidelines may not be considered for entry in the contest.



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JOHNSON UPPER
ELEMENTARY

DAVE & BUSTERS FUNDRAISER



**\$20
POWER
CARD**

\$10 GOES TO PTA

FUNDRAISER RUNS THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2024



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PKWY, LIVONIA

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LIVONIA PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TOPIC: PICKY EATING

VIRTUAL MEETING

Please join us for a virtual presentation about picky eaters and how to support them. This will be presented by our LPS Occupational Therapists.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15
6:00-7:00 PM

MORE INFORMATION :
Contact jwarrick@livoniapublicschools.org
(Bethe Warrick) for any questions.

SCAN HERE TO ACCESS THE
GOOGLE MEET:



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CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL

HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP 2024

**CAMPERS WILL BE PUT THROUGH DRILLS IN THE FOLLOWING SPORTS:
BASEBALL, BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL**

- **GRADES: 1ST - 8TH**
- **WHAT TO BRING:** SHOES, GYM CLOTHES, EQUIPMENT (BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, ETC.), AND A SACK LUNCH.
- **EQUIPMENT PROVIDED:** BASEBALL EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE THEIR OWN.
- **EXTRAS:** ALL CAMPERS WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT!

DECEMBER 26 & 27		JANUARY 2 & 3
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REGISTER

8.00AM - 3.00PM
\$120 - ALL 4 DAYS OF CAMP
OR
\$50/DAY OF CAMP
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
COACH FEIGEL: AFEIGEL@LIVONIAPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG

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[E-Backpack Mail - Click & Scroll to Find Out What's Happening! \(livoniapublicschools.org\)](http://livoniapublicschools.org)



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JOHNSON POSITIVE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS MATRIX

	ANTI-BULLYING BE AN UPSTANDER	BUS	ARRIVAL/ DEPARTURE	HALLWAYS	CLASSROOMS	ELECTRONICS SOCIAL MEDIA	BATHROOMS	CAFETERIA	RECESS/ PLAYGROUND
STAY SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk: • Report to an adult immediately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep body to self • Stay in seat until bus stops • Face front, sit up • Indoor voice • Follow adult directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Keep body to self • Quiet • Stay in line • Follow Adult directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk (on right side of hall) • Keep body to self • Silent • Stay in your spot in line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Keep body to self • Use objects appropriately • Use furniture safely • Ask permission to leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phones are turned off and in locker during school • School appropriate content • Treat others with respect online • Do not share personal information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Wash hands with soap • Keep water in sink • Report all problems to an adult immediately • Return to class immediately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk • Keep body to self • Ask permission to leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep body to self • Use equipment safely • Follow all staff directions • Stay on playground • Report all problems immediately to the nearest adult
OWN OUR SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe: • Look for others that need a friend • Make an effort to include 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Do not damage bus property • Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be polite, greet others • Keep areas clean • Hold the door for others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Be respectful of displays or student work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep our school clean • Keep desk and locker clean/organized • Greet visitors politely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log off when done • Put devices away after use • Charge equipment after use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Respect school property • Flush (toilet paper only) • Turn off water when done • Report all problems to an adult immediately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up after yourself • Put trash in trash can • Help clean table tops and under tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put trash in trash can • Take care of equipment • Take care of school property
ACT RESPONSIBLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk: • Invite people who are being disrespected to join you and move away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow bus rules • Keep track of your belongings (coat, backpack, lunchbox, etc.) • Share seats when necessary • Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus • Keep body inside the bus • Sit respectfully and quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep track of your belongings (coat, backpack, lunch box, etc.) • Stand/sit in line appropriately • Quiet voice • Follow directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report problems to an adult • Follow directions • Stay safe • Ask permission to leave • Take the most direct route/no wandering • Electronic devices remain in locker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come to school and be on time • Work hard • Be prepared with materials • Be an active listener • Show parents daily planner/notes • Volunteer to help out • Take care of school materials and supplies • No electronic devices, unless given permission • Keep backpacks and purses in lockers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use equipment with care • Put devices away and charge them after use • Visit only approved sites • Follow teacher directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use restroom closest to your class • Use sink and toilet appropriately • Wash hands • Make sure you are presentable before you leave • Return to class quickly • No electronic devices • Report all problems to an adult immediately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep track of your lunch/ lunch box • Keep yourself clean (face, clothes, hands) • Help others clean up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow recess rules • Keep track of borrowed equipment and return when you are done • Report problems immediately to the nearest adult • Electronics remain in locker
RESPECT EVERYONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop: • Interrupt and model respect, rather than watch or join in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Solve problems peacefully • Respect personal space • Be polite and use manners • Report problems to the bus driver before exiting the bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Be aware of others and personal space • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Stay in your spot in line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet voice • Respect personal space • Be friendly, give nice greetings • Use manners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Raise hand to speak • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Solve problems peacefully 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat others with respect online • Share/take turns • Sign out when done 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect privacy of others • Respect personal space • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Use patience and wait your turn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Stay in your spot in line • Be polite and use manners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a good sport • Use respectful words, body language, and voice • Solve problems peacefully • Include others • Be an upstander • Report problems immediately to the nearest adult

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Recess Update: As snow begins to fall, just a reminder that boots will be necessary to play in the snow during recess. Students can bring shoes and leave boots in their lockers during the day. Students in shoes will still be allowed outside, but will be playing on the blacktop areas. Make sure that students are dressed appropriately and are warm for outdoor recess. We will continue to go outside as long as it is 15 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer.

ICHAT: Our parent volunteers are awesome and we could not do it without you! If you will be volunteering at Johnson or driving students for field trips, LPS requires you to have a completed iChat background check approved prior to the event. Completing the form is simple and quick. Go to www.livoniapublicschools.org click on the "Parents" tab, then click on "Forms" and click on the iChat box to access the form.

Student Emergency Cards: We ask that ALL Jayhawk families go onto parent connect and review their student information that is listed. Please confirm your emergency contact information! This information is added to the PINK STUDENT EMERGENCY CARD we print for students. Emergency cards will be printed on Tuesday, September 3 and we ask that all data be updated and confirmed by that time. Thank you for helping up keep your kids safe!

COMMUNICATION - The beginning of the day and the end of the day are always busy times in the school office. At Johnson, we realize there are always unexpected circumstances that arise and we will do everything in our power to accommodate unplanned interruptions. We also ask parents to call the office after 9:00am and prior to 3:00pm if they are making alternate transportation arrangements for their students' trip home. Teachers frequently use the end of the day time for classroom reorganization, recess and/or specials and catching up to a class can be a challenge. We appreciate your help. The office phone number is (734)744-2740.

OFFICE HOURS - Mr. Traub, Principal and Mrs. Samouelian, Assistant Principal, are available via email, telephone and in person. If you have any questions or concerns, please set an appointment to discuss your situation privately with one of our Administrators. The Johnson school office is open M-F from 7:45am to 4:15pm. Teachers are generally unavailable during the day as they are teaching. If you have a concern, please reach out to teachers via email or contact the office directly at (734) 744-2740. Students will not be permitted back into the building for forgotten items once the office is closed for the day!

SACC: Affordable School Aged Child Care, is still available at Johnson. Simply call (734) 744-2966 to make arrangements for your students before or after school caregiver needs. SACC opens at 7:00am and closes at 6:00pm daily.

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Transportation: In order to receive Bus Transportation, you must live in an area eligible for transportation and you MUST apply for transportation. If you believe your student is eligible for transportation, simply apply for bus service following the steps on the attached transportation information form at the end of this newsletter. If you want to see if you have transportation, simply login to Parent Connect and you will be able to see your student's transportation arrangements if they have been completed. If you have applied for transportation and still have not received transportation, we encourage you to reach out to transportation directly at (734)744-2156.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL - Oftentimes a student will come to the office with a medical need. The office staff is able to dispense medication as needed as long as the medication is: 1) Delivered to school by a parent in the original unopened package or prescription container, {NO MEDICATION can be brought to school by students} 2) As long as there is an individual, signed medical authorization on file for each medication {form available in the office and online} Medication includes but is not limited to cough drops, aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, prescription drugs, creams, lotions, vitamins, inhalers, EpiPens, etc.... We cannot administer any medication that is not listed on file in the office. Please reach out to Jill Jablonski in the office to set up a time to bring in medications and to review your student's medical needs when they are in the building.

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK (BIAB) - FREE weekend meals and snack packs are available for those families that could use a little extra help. Johnson has teamed up with Blessings in a Backpack to offer weekend meal assistance to families that are struggling for whatever reason. A form is attached to the newsletter for your convenience. Simply complete the form and have your student return it to the office. Mid September, delivery will begin.

Emergency Drills: As we head back to school, student safety is always a priority. We will be having several different drills coming up to acclimate the students to emergency procedures. We encourage you to let students know we are working in their best interest and we ask that they follow instructions given by staff during these drills so we can ease their concerns and keep them safe. Thank you for working with your students and supporting our safety drills.

"You can get excited about the future. The past won't mind."

- Hillary Depiano

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