

Jayhawk Journal



Week of May 26 - 30

Principal's Corner

This time of year is always a time to look back and embrace change. This week we met a wonderful set of new students who will be coming in from Rosedale, Kennedy, Randolph, Grant and Webster. This move is much more than just a 5/6 building, it is the beginning of a cohort that will spend the next 7 years until they graduate at Churchill High School. As we get ready to send another group to Frost and bring from our feeder schools, I hope your journey through this Triad is everything you want it to be!

-Mr. Traub

Staff Member of the Week:

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

Mrs. Dimmer is one of our Elementary Student Assistant Providers (ESAP) here at Johnson. Mrs. Dimmer has a calm demeanor and works wonders for our students here at Johnson. She is always there when you need her! She is a tremendous team player and works well with her colleagues. She always goes above and beyond to make sure that all students feel safe and secure here at school!

PBIS Updates

This week we focused on technology and social media expectations (see attached SOAR Matrix) on the morning announcements. This week, the last SOAR Club is planned for Friday, May 30th. We will also have our final SOAR Celebration on Monday, June 2nd. Just a reminder that each student will need no majors and less than 3 minors to attend. It will be an extra recess outside! Discuss with your student the importance of following the SOAR expectations and ending the year strong!

Points of Pride

- ⇒ Our school was in great hands with our students for Principal for the day!
- ⇒ Our feeder schools Rosedale, Kennedy, Randolph, Webster and Grant all came in for 5th Grade Orientation this week!
- ⇒ Our Peer Connectors Group met this week for backyard games and a bbq with buddies this week!



Planning for the future:

May 2025

5/26 - No School
5/27 - No School Staff PD
5/29 - Field Day
5/30 - SOAR Clubs
6/2 - SOAR Celebration
6/5 - Last Day of School

Week At A Glance

Monday 5/26 No School
Tuesday 5/27 No School
Wednesday 5/28
Thursday 5/29
Friday 5/30

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My favorite part of being a Jayhawk is ...

Helping kids grow into the best humans they can be!

Some of My Favorite Things:

Place To Travel :

The Upper Peninsula

Foods:

Guacamole

Color:

Turquoise

College:

Eastern Michigan University

Movie:

The Dark Crystal

Sports Team:

Detroit Tigers

School Subject:

Social Emotional Learning-SEL

Staff Member of the Week



Mrs. Dimmer

My hobbies:

Collecting rocks and crystals, bowling, playing board games, doing puzzles and Yoga!

PTA Updates

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Thank You For The 2024-2025 School Year!

This year has been filled with many great memories, we just wanted to say thank you all the families who have joined or helped with PTA this year! We look forward to next year!

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

We need you! If you are interested in joining the PTA for next school year, please email johnsonupperpta@gmail.com and a board member will be happy to help.

2025-2026 PTA Board

President - Katie Simmons

Vice President - Jenny Morgan

2nd Vice President - Kim Staber

Corresponding Secretary - Heather Deady

Recording Secretary - Danielle Pelc

Treasurer - Sarah Street

We thank you to all who
attended the PTA
Meetings this year!

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The LPS Education Foundation is again offering Star Awards for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week 2025!

Are you looking for a unique way to thank a Livonia Public Schools staff member? A Star Award honors any LPS employee who has made a difference in a student's, family's or fellow staffer's life.

For a \$25 donation to the Foundation, a personalized, color certificate will be presented to your honoree, and they will receive recognition on the Foundation's website and social media platforms as well as the district's social media platforms.

The certificate will be personalized with your praise to show this LPS employee how much they mean to you!

Please click on the link below to send a Star Award to an awesome LPS staff member!

<https://bit.ly/LPSEF-StarAward>

Donations received will be used to help fund the Foundation's Grant Program so all funds will be going back into the schools to provide programs and supplies for our students and staff.

Thank you for your support! This is an ongoing fundraiser and Star Awards may be submitted at any time.

If you have any questions, please email lpsfoundation@livoniapublicschools.org

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Livonia Spree

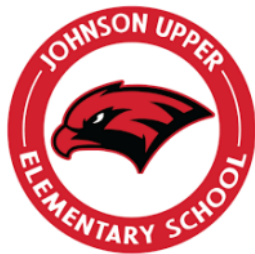
JUNE 24-29, 2025

PRE-SALE SPREE VOUCHERS NOW ON SALE!

**THE JOHNSON PTA IS OFFERING
PRE-SALE SPREE VOUCHERS!
VOUCHERS ARE BEING SOLD
EXCLUSIVELY ONLINE FOR \$27.75
(\$35 AT THE GATE). A SMALL
PORTION OF EACH SALE COMES
BACK TO THE PTA!**



**Scan here to
purchase!**



**ON SALE NOW UNTIL TUESDAY,
JUNE 24, 2025 AT 3:00 PM.
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A FLASH
SALE 6/4! SALE PRICE TBD**

PRE-SALE VOUCHERS ARE NOT VALID ON SUNDAY!

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**FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics team
interest signups are now open thru
May 26th.**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FROST ROBOFALCON?

The Frost RoboFalcons FTC10136 is a highly competitive robotics team that competes against other teams from Michigan and around the world. Every year the challenge is new, and the season game reveal is in September. There will be lots of activities to do over the summer, so sign up starts now. The typical season runs from September thru December and then a few meetings/events throughout the spring and summer. For more information, please visit www.livoniafirst.org or scan the QR Code.



RoboFalcons Sign Up

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Johnson Upper Elementary Menu

5/26/25 – 5/30/25

5/26 NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY

5/27 NO SCHOOL – PD Day

5/28 Breakfast: Cereal Bar, juice, milk

Lunch: Pizza Roll, marinara cup, apple crisp,
milk

5/29 Breakfast: Cinni-Mini, Applesauce, milk

Lunch: Soybutter PBJ, berry cup, carrots,
chips, milk

5/30 Breakfast: Banana Bread, juice, milk

Lunch: Pizza, marinara cup, fruit cup, milk

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

AGES 7-14 (GRADE LEVEL 1-8)

DATES: WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH – FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST

TIMES: 9AM-2:30PM

LUNNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

CAMPERS WILL RECEIVE FREE WATER BOTTLE AND WRIST BAND

PLEASE REGISTER WITH ATTACHED GOOGLE FORM LINK

\$120 PAYABLE TO:

VENMO (@chargersbball) CASHAPP (\$chargersbball) ZELLE or CASH @DOOR

ANY QUESTIONS: camscott25@gmail.com

REGISTER @: <https://forms.gle/Kh5zd185oA5FY5uJ7>

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Churchill Football 2025 High School Camp

Grades 9-12 (25-26 school year)

June 23-25, 4pm-11pm

July 28-30, 4pm-11pm

Location: Churchill High School

Cost: \$120

*Campers will need their football helmet, cleats, running shoes and the signed liability Agreement.

Scan the QR code to register



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Churchill Girls Basketball Camp

WHO: 6th-12th (2025-2026 school year)

WHAT: Girls Basketball Skills & Development Camp!

Over the course of this camp, we're going to focus on:

- Building fundamentals — mastering the skills that translate to game success.
- Competing with passion — learning to push yourself and your teammates.
- Growing your basketball IQ — understanding how the game works from both a mental and physical standpoint.
- Having fun — Because that's what the game is all about.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sack lunch or snack, basketball shoes, and a water bottle

WHERE: Churchill High School

WHEN: June 18-20 (9am-12pm)

COST: \$150 per player – each pre-registered camper will be guaranteed a camp T-shirt.

***Sibling discount: \$50 off for second child and additional children.**

*** Pre-registration must be completed by June 6th, 2025.**

***Payment: Cash or Checks made out to Churchill High School.**



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The Churchill Summer Youth Experience

A three-season sports camp offering!

Football-Basketball-Track & Field

Boys will participate in all three sports

Girls will receive extra basketball and/or track & field training in-lieu of football

WHO: 1st-8th graders (2025-2026 school year)

WHAT: A multi-sport day-camp. Three major sports, all in one day! The camp will be separated into two groups: 1st- 4th & 5th- 8th. Leadership, character, NCAA recruiting, and weightlifting training will be provided to the 5th – 8th grade groups! All age groups will be exposed to guest speakers!

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sack lunch and a water bottle, shoes, and cleats (if available).

WHERE: Churchill High School

WHEN: June 9 – June 12

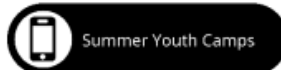
- 1st - 4th graders: 9am-5pm
- 5th – 8th graders: 9am-5pm

COST: \$180 for 32 hours of camp, and each camper will receive an aluminum CHS water bottle!

*Sibling discount: half-off for second child. Third child and beyond will be free.

***Bottles are only guaranteed for pre-registrations received by May 16th and for those who pay for all four days of camp.**

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!



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YOUTH BIG MAN CAMP

What: Offensive and defensive line FUNDamentals training for 3rd-8th graders (2025-2026 school year)

When: Thursday, July 26, 6pm-8pm

Where: Churchill HS

Cost: Free!

What to bring: cleats, shoes, water

Dress: athletic

Offensive and defensive line play is crucial to a team's success. Come train with us, for free!

Scan or visit the link to register



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Livonia Churchill High School's Sports Physical Day for the 2025-2026 School Year

Presented by Trinity Elite and Trinity Health Academic Family Medicine
Northwest Livonia

Wednesday May 28, 2025

Location: Churchill High School Competition Gym

Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm

To try out or practice with any Churchill High School Athletics program you must have a current Sports Physical dated on or after April 15, 2025

Cost: \$20 (Cash or Check made payable to Churchill High School)

What to bring: Completed Physical Form signed by a Parent or Guardian

Questions: Please contact Trinity Elite at trinityelite@trinity-health.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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6th Grade Clap-Out: We have started a tradition over the last 5 years where our 6th Grade students leave our building on the last day by being clapped out by their classmates and teachers here at Johnson. We will continue this tradition and do so on the last day of school, once again, this year. More detailed information about parking, where to stand and times will be sent out in the near future. We look forward to this event!

Lunch Menu Changes: Just a friendly reminder that our kitchen will be under construction for the rest of the school year. Please see the attached flyers for an updated menu that will take place the next few weeks.

Moving or Changing Schools?: *For this upcoming fall, if you are moving or attending a different school not located in Livonia Public Schools, please email our school secretary, Tina Mallia at cmalliak@livoniapublicschools.org so we can make sure your child's educational files are prepared for your child's next school and we can accurately account for this in our projected enrollment and staffing plans.*

Construction Update: You may have already noticed, but we are now in the beginning phases of our renovations that will take place for the upcoming school year. We will be getting a new library and kitchen over the Summer. Please be aware that our Media Center is now closed and we will be shutting down the main kitchen at the end of the month. A new food menu for Johnson will be shared on April 14th and will start on April 28th that will run for the rest of the school year. Thank you for your flexibility!

Lost and Found: Please be sure to stop in and take a look, it is overflowing. We have many, many designer brands, hoodies, coats, water bottles, etc...ALL items will be donated at the end of school year. Please take a look prior. We will be posting photos of leftover items on Facebook once the inventory gets more manageable. There are more than 100 clothing items!

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.

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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.

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!

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.

"Never settle for less."

- Unknown

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