



JARRETT STEAM ACADEMY

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Principal: Mr. Billy Gosnell

Assistant Principal: Ms. LaTonya Douglas

Dear Jarrett Families,

We are excited to welcome our students and families back to Jarrett STEAM Academy! This year, we remain committed to creating a learning environment that is engaging, collaborative, and focused on problem-solving. We look forward to a year filled with meaningful learning and enriching experiences for every student. Our mission is to develop responsible, respectful, and intentional learners who are committed to ongoing academic and personal growth. At Jarrett, we deeply value our partnership with families. Together, we can ensure the success of all students as we build a strong and supportive school community.

Attendance is crucial for student success. Research shows that regular attendance is closely linked to academic improvement and success. Our goal is for every student to achieve at least 90% attendance, which means missing no more than 17 days of school throughout the year. Missing more than 17 days equates to nearly an entire month of lost learning opportunities, significantly impacting students' academic progress.

We understand that there are unavoidable circumstances that may prevent 100% daily attendance, but we encourage you to minimize absences whenever possible. Regular attendance helps students keep up with lessons, build strong peer relationships, and develop a consistent routine, which are all essential for their success and well-being.

We are committed to continuously improving our attendance rates and creating a supportive learning environment. We ask for your partnership in this effort. Please ensure that your student is ready and present for school every day. Together, we can achieve our goal of 90% attendance for every student, paving the way for their academic and personal success, which will positively impact student achievement.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to your child's education. Let's make this school year our best one yet.

Sincerely,



Billy Gosnell

Principal, Jarrett STEAM Academy

6th Grade Orientation:

Thursday, August 20, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

7th Grade & 8th Grade Schedule Pick Up:

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

First Day of School:

The first day of school is **Tuesday, August 25th**. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m., and students may enter Door #10 if they arrive by car or walk and Door #2 if they arrive by bus. There will be no supervision for students arriving before the doors open at 8:30 a.m. each day.

Start & End Times:

Jarrett Steam Academy will continue to be a Tier III school, and our students' academic day will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Doors Open:

To meet the needs of our community, we will be opening doors and welcoming students at 8:30 a.m. We will have staff supervision available at that time. Please do not drop your child/children off prior to 8:30 a.m. each day.

Transportation:

All questions regarding bus transportation should be directed to the Transportation Department at (417)523-0500. Parents should receive a message/email from transportation giving the bus pickup/drop-off times and bus stop location before the school year begins.

Drop-Off Procedures:**Bus Riders:**

As buses arrive, the students will enter the building through the East entrance (Door #2) and exit through the East entrance (Door #2) at the end of the day for their ride home.

Student Walkers:

AM: Walkers will enter through (Door #10) at 8:30 a.m. and go to their breakfast in the classroom location.

Car Line:

There is only one car line. This is the loop through our parking lot. Enter from Portland, through the parking lot, and then back out from the West side of the building. Please do not drop off students at the "Event Entrance," as those doors will not be open.

*We will improve this process as we get more used to the drop-off and pick-up. To help ensure the safety of all students, have your child ready to exit the vehicle from the passenger side.

**Any student arriving after 9:00 a.m. will need to enter the building through the main North entrance (Door #1) facing Portland.

Pick-Up Procedures:**Bus Riders:**

Buses will park along the East side of the building to pick up students. At no time should vehicles pick up students in the bus lane as this will pose significant safety concerns. Students will exit through the East of the building (Door #2) and go to their assigned bus.

Student Walkers:

Students who will be crossing Portland will exit from the front of the building (Door #1) and cross at the crosswalk. There is no assigned crossing guard for this crosswalk; please be mindful of our kiddos.

Car Line:

Students being picked up by car will exit the building via Door #6 on the South side of the building. There is only one car line. Students will be able to exit the "Event Entrance" location. Students need to remain on the South side of the building to wait for their vehicles before loading.

Student Safety:

The safety of our students is paramount here at Jarrett Steam Academy, and we strive daily to maintain a safe and welcoming environment. Each day we will utilize safety procedures surrounding building access, student supervision, and promoting healthy habits within our daily routines.

Visitors/Volunteers:

All visitors and/or volunteers will be required to check in at the main office (Door #1), show a valid ID, and will be limited to only the access necessary for that visit.

SPS University & Jarrett Meet the Teacher Night: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Home Access Center: All Parents MUST Review/Update Student Information

Jarrett uses a digital process to update your student's demographic information. If you do not have your username, please contact the main office at (417)523-6600 for assistance. Through this portal, you will access your student's demographic information in our district database. This is where you can update phone numbers, add email addresses, and update emergency contact information. **If you have a change of address, you will need to provide (Proof of Residency) to the main office.** Once this information has been updated by you, a notification will be sent to Jarrett. We will then finalize the current information and your student's account will be active for the school year. This information must be kept current. **If any of this information should change throughout the year, please make all updates by using the Home Access Center.** Please don't hesitate to contact our front office should you have any questions or need assistance resetting your password.

Activities & Athletics:

Involvement in school outside of the classroom is a critical connection for students' success. These opportunities develop a sense of belonging for our students and enhance the overall school experience. Jarrett offers a wide variety of activities, clubs, and extracurricular activities. Sixth-grade students may participate in Cross Country in the fall, Wrestling and Archery in the winter, and Track & Field in the spring. Students participating in athletic activities are required to have a physical and Proof of Insurance.

Paperwork: Physicals are good for two calendar years. In addition to the physical exam, students **must** also complete and return the following forms: Proof of Insurance and Citizenship Card. Students may not attend tryouts, camps, or open gym practices until all paperwork and a physical are on file at the school. All submissions must be done through Final Forms. Please see the coaches or the Athletic Coordinator for more information.

Fall Sports: Information for Fall Sports (Volleyball, Football, Cheerleading, & Cross Country) will come to you from those respective coaches. Fall Sports practices begin on **Monday, August 17th.**

Participation Requirements: Students must participate in 14 practices before they are eligible to participate in their first event. Additionally, athletes must meet grade eligibility requirements, failing zero classes the previous quarter. If students begin to fail a course, they then become ineligible for

contests, but can remain practicing. If that grade rises, then they can return to contests. According to MSHSAA, if a student is failing more than one course at the quarter, they are not academically eligible until the next grading period is completed. The middle school division has agreed that zero failing grades as the standard to participate in middle school contests.

SPS Middle School students participating in athletics must maintain a minimum attendance rate of 90% to be eligible for extracurricular & athletic activities. (New Policy)

This policy aims to:

1. Promote academic success by prioritizing consistent school attendance.
2. Ensure students meet the educational standards that support their overall development.
3. Reinforce the connection between attendance and teamwork, commitment, and accountability

Middle School Athletic Passes: Student spectators may purchase a \$5.00 card that will allow them to attend all in-district Jarrett events. Adults may purchase a \$15.00 card to attend in-district events in which Jarrett is participating with the exception of championship tournaments. Students attending any athletic event must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of their stay at said event. Events outside of Springfield Public Schools may have an additional entry cost.

Students must have and wear their I.D. badges to be admitted into athletic contests even when accompanied by their parent/guardian.

School Health Information:

All 8th-grade students must have a Tdap & meningococcal immunization before they can attend school. If your student needs medication or an inhaler during the school year, please fill out a medication administration form available in the nurse's office. **The medication must be brought to school by a guardian in the original container with a label.** Students are not allowed to self-medicate while at school; therefore, they cannot bring medication to the nurse. If you have questions regarding a medical condition or need assistance, please contact our nurse at (417)523-6630.

Nutrition Services:

We will serve breakfast in the classroom and lunch in the cafeteria daily. Students will have a 30-minute lunch period each day. We ask all families to complete the **Free and Reduced Lunch Application** as this could assist your family in qualifying for increased services. If you need assistance with this please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

Student Check-Out Procedures:

For the safety and security of our students, any time a student is checked out of school early they must be signed out in the main office by a parent or guardian. Also, any person picking up a student must provide a photo I.D. This procedure is strictly enforced for the safety of our students and is a districtwide expectation. Individuals must be on the student's approved pick-up list. Outside of emergency situations, we ask that **no student(s) be picked up between 3:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.** Please allow for normal dismissal procedures after 3:45 p.m.

Lunch Visitors:

For the safety and security of our students and staff, we are unable to accommodate parents or guests eating with their children. Students will **not** be allowed to accept DoorDash or other outside food deliveries to the school.

Student Handbook:

Paper copies of the Student Handbook will be provided. Parents and guardians must review the handbook with their children as they will be held accountable for complying with established rules and regulations set by the Springfield Public Schools Board policy. Verification of receiving and reviewing the Student Handbook will require the parent's signature to be returned to school.

Cell Phone Policy:

Please read the district handbook policies on cell phone usage. For the protection of our students, no pictures or videos are permitted to be taken at school (or while walking or riding the bus to and from school) Cell phones and/or smart watches should be kept turned off, in a backpack or stringbag, and are not to be seen, heard, or used while at school. **Cell phones and/or smart watches are not to be used in the school hallways or restrooms at any time.**

I.D. Badges:

All 6th–8th grade students are required to wear their student ID badge daily while on campus. Each student will receive one free ID badge and lanyard during the first few weeks of school, along with one free replacement if lost. Students who purchase an activity or athletic pass will have an indicator printed on their badge, which will serve as their official event pass. Students will not be admitted to athletic events without their ID badge and their guardian at Middle School events. ID badges may also be used for “Where’s the Bus” tracking, cafeteria point-of-sale, and library checkout. Students who purchase a pass after receiving their original badge will be issued an updated badge at no cost. Additional replacements will cost \$3 for a badge and \$2 for a lanyard.

Jarrett Steam Academy At-A-Glance

Important Dates	Contact Information	Athletic Opportunities
August 8/17 - Fall Sports Begin 8/20 - 6th Grade Orientation 8/18 - 7th/8th Grade Schedule Pick Up 8/25 - First Day of School September 9/7 - No School - Labor Day 9/9 - SPS U/Open House 9/23 - Mid-Quarter 9/29 - Picture Day October 10/22 - End of 1st Quarter 10/23 - No School 10/26 - 2nd Quarter Begins 10/26 - 30 Parent/Teacher Conferences (Days & Times TBD) November 11/2&3 - No School 11/19 - Mid-Quarter 11/25-11/27 - Thanksgiving Break December 12/18 - End of 2nd Quarter 12/21 - 1/4 - No School Winter Break January 1/5 - 3rd Quarter Begins 1/15 - No School MLK Day February 2 /5 - Mid-Quarter 2/16 - No School Presidents' Day March 3/12 - End of 3rd Quarter 3/15 - 3/22 - No School Spring Break 3/23 - 4th Quarter Begins April 4/6 - No School 4/23 - Mid-Quarter May 5/27 - Last Day of School 5/31 - Memorial Day District Closed	Main Office: (417)523-6600 Attendance Office: (417)523-6615 Fax Number: (417)523-6695 Nurses Office: (417)523-6630 JMS Counselors: Mrs. York (6th/7th A-K) (417)523-6660 Mrs. Kurtz (7th L-Z/8th) (417)523-6661 Transportation: (417)523-0500 Website: http://sps.org/jarrett 	Fall: Football (Grades 7/8) Girls Volleyball (Grades 7/8) Cross Country (Grades 6/7/8) Cheerleading (Grades 7/8) Winter: Boys Basketball (Grades 7/8) Girls Basketball (Grades 7/8) Wrestling (Grades 6/7/8) Archery (Grades 6/7/8) Cheerleading (Grades 7/8) Spring: Track & Field (6/7/8)  Parent Square will be the new communication tool for K-8 and Middle School Buildings. More Information to come.

