



The HOOT

August 2026

OWL Community Newsletter



Principal's Message

Welcome Back OWL Families,

Our JMC staff is happy to be starting another school year with you and our OWLS!



We've had a busy summer with many of our staff participating in professional development opportunities this summer at our JMC PBL (Project Based Learning) Institute. Our team spent a week together learning, practicing and planning PBL content for their grade levels. As always, teachers are excited to share PBL time with their students this year!

We've had a great start back to school and we thank you for your part in it! A main reason for our school's success is our strong parent/family participation. If you'd like to become a parent volunteer to help with classroom/school events & field trips, please be sure to complete and submit the volunteer form to our front office. This process takes about 4-6 weeks. In Addition, this year our district is requiring every volunteer to complete the Mandated Reporter Training. This training must be completed prior to having volunteer access. We thank you for your understanding and support of this new policy.

A reminder to please use caution and follow safe driving practices both to and from school. Read below for additional safety reminders pertaining to school drop-off & pick-up.

Be sure to attend our Back to School & Tie Dye Night on Thursday, 8/13! Please see the PTSA info below for additional details. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our staff is ready for an OWLmazing school year ahead with JMC our school community. As you saw in our staff welcome back video...Team JMC is READY! We carry on this mindset as we begin school year together with our students & families! HOOT, HOOT, HOOT!

In case you missed the video, I've linked it [here](#) for you to enjoy:)

In Partnership,
Dawn Archer - Principal



PTSA News

PTSA Owlance Board Members 2026-2027

President: Alyssa Escano

Vice President: Dawnelle Rosseland

Secretary: Darrah Dextraze

Treasurer: Marlene Chann

Parliamentarian: Kourtney Marriott

Historian: Heather Downing

School Reps: Jonah Kellar & Marisa Meeks

Find all the details and links to JMC's fundraisers on our
Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/JMCowliance>

August Happenings

8/10: Early Release @ 1:30

8/11: Picture Day!

8/11: Music Assembly Grades 4-8

8/12: LUSD Board Meeting @ 7:00 - Beverly Holt
Boardroom

8/13: Back to School & Tie Dye Night @ 6:00-8:00

8/14: Spirit Day Friday

8/17: Early Release @ 1:30

8/21: Spirit Day & Friday Flag Salute/

8/24: Early Release @ 1:30

8/26: PTSA Dine Out - Round Table Pizza

8/28: Spirit Day Friday





PTSA Owlance: Back to School & Tie Dye Night

Please join our JMC school community for our Back to School & Tie Dye Night on Thursday, August 13th @ 6:00-8:00! This event is an annual tradition for our JMC school community. Come meet our staff, visit classrooms, connect with parents, and join our OWLmazing PTSA! And your student also receives a free t-shirt to tie dye and wear for our spirit day Fridays at school!

Please note the schedule for this evening:

6:00-6:15: Meet in gym for staff welcome & introductions

6:15-6:35: Session A Classroom Visits

6:35-6:55: Session B Classroom Visits

- **Grades TK-6** - Meet in classrooms
- **Grades 7/8** - travel between middle school classrooms

7:10-7:30: PTSA Meeting

7:30-8:00: Tie Dye Time on field

Parking will be available at St. Basil's Church. Please enter the church on March Lane and pull forward for the entry gate to open. Families will walk over to JMC and meet in the gym.

Attendance Matters

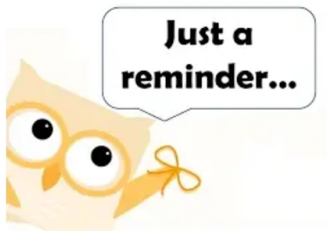


Every Day Counts at School Counts!

Attendance Matters at JMC! It's crucial that students attend school. Students who miss more than 9 days of school during the school year are at risk of falling behind. Students who have 18 or more absences are considered chronically absent. Absenteeism is directly related to academic success and college readiness. Please make every effort to ensure your child is at school everyday. If it's necessary to miss school, be sure to notify our office staff, Ms. Kara or Ms. Tessa, as soon as possible.

To kick-off and promote regular school attendance, students who have perfect attendance during the month of August will enter a raffle for a chance to win a Kindle!

GO OWLS!



Important Drop-Off & Pick-Up Reminders!

- Follow **safe driving practices** for drop-off and pick-up
- Pull **all the way forward** when dropping off your student in order to prevent blocking the flow of traffic
- Pick up your student after dismissal no later than **1:45 on Monday** and **3:30 on Tuesday-Friday**
- Keep **open communication** with your student's teacher
- Please **do not park in and/or block areas of surrounding businesses**. Park along the street or arrive closer to the end of dismissal time at 3:30
- Please **do not park in the painted RED zones**.
- Please be **patient and appropriate** when talking with school staff and family members

We appreciate your cooperation...THANK YOU!



Contact info

If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Please reach out via the following means:

- School Office (209) 888-0160
- Dawn Archer - Principal **darcher@lud.net**
- Brian Cobb - AP **bcobb@lud.net**
- [parentsquare.com](https://www.parentsquare.com)

Comments & Replies

Krystle Balduzzi Labor Day is 9/7. Do they get both Mondays off?

 • Reply • 1 day

Dawn Archer Hi Krystle. No, just an error. Thank you for catching it! I've went back and made the edit. The holiday will be listed in next month's newsletter.)

 • Reply • 1 day

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