SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# John Adams Middle School

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**Welcome back to John Adams Middle School!**

We hope families are enjoying the summer and finding time to rest, relax, and have fun together. Summer has been a busy time at John Adams, with staff preparing for the new school year, which begins on **Thursday, August 20, 2026**.

We look forward to an exciting and productive year! As a school community, our focus continues to be the development of the whole child. As most of you know, our core values are **kindness, connectedness, and compassion**. Forging positive relationships between the school and our community is critical for this work. We welcome and encourage family involvement. Our children benefit when school staff and families form strong partnerships and work together on their behalf.

This year, we will continue strengthening our work in PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports), Restorative Practices, and schoolwide Social Emotional Learning (SEL) while expanding **Project-Based Learning (PBL) across our classrooms**. Together, these approaches create engaging, student-centered learning experiences where students build critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and problem-solving skills while developing empathy, responsibility, and resilience. By connecting meaningful learning with a positive and inclusive school culture, we are preparing students to succeed both in and beyond the classroom.

We will have our traditional **Pick Up Your Stuff Day** on **Thursday, August 13th**. We will hold two sessions from **9:00–11:00 a.m.** and **2:00–4:00 p.m.** This will be an opportunity for students and families to see their fall schedule, pick up PE clothes, donate to the Ed Foundation and PTSA, and reconnect with old friends. We will also hold a **6th grade and new student orientation for parents from 5–6:30 p.m.**

**Please make note of these important dates:**

- August 7: Aeries Online Registration goes live (more information to come)
- August 13-14: 6th Grade Science Camp
- August 13th: Pick Up Your Stuff Day
- August 20th (Thursday): First day of school
- August 21st (Friday): Family Picnic on the front lawn from 4-6 pm
- AM classes will begin Monday, August 24th

We are looking forward to an outstanding school year. We are all fortunate to be part of such a uniquely diverse learning community. So lets all work together to build a kind, compassionate and connected school, providing an exceptional educational experience for all of our students and families. If you have questions, contact Angelica Malone at JAMS at ext. 72-202.

Sincerely,
**Dr. Chacon**
JAMS Principal