



WARRIOR WAY NEWS

SPECIAL ATHLETICS EDITION

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A Newsletter for the Jennings School District and Community



Message from the Superintendent

Playing the Warrior Way and Making an Impact on Our Students and Community

For July, I am excited to share my message with our athletic department as we start building our athletic program for the 2026-27 school year. Two years ago, we hired Marlos Reynolds as our athletic director and charged him with strengthening our athletic programs, building coaching talent and expanding offerings at both the elementary and secondary levels.



Last fall, we introduced a new Warrior mascot that better represented and connected with our student population. This is the first logo we have created since the Indian Chief head was respectfully retired. Our students and community rallied around the new era of school pride.

Despite the challenges of the December flood at the high school and the temporary loss of our main gymnasium, Coach Reynolds and his team have helped the program move forward.

Now with a brand-new gym, we will return to hosting our community in comfort and style. We resurfaced our tennis courts and introduced new or expanded programs in soccer and flag football.

On April 15, for the first time, our district hosted Unified Sports' Special Olympics. Students from across the region came to Jennings to participate in athletic events, which were overseen by our coaching staff and student-athletes. We have an amazing new jumbotron on the high school football field to ensure that our community is a part of the action.



Every day is an opportunity to practice and perfect performance, not only in sports but in all academic pursuits. As we prepare for the new school year, including hosting our community at home and traveling in style in our new shuttle for away events, I want to thank Coach Reynolds and his entire coaching team for helping our students, pre-K through 12th grade, develop an appreciation for the skills learned through competitive sports and help them translate these skills to life lessons. Whether in sports or in real life, no matter the score, it's always a win when you play the Warrior Way.

In service together,
Dr. Paula D. Knight
Superintendent of Schools

Happenings in the "J"

Annual Back-to-School Jamboree: August 8 at Gore

The 2026-27 Jennings Back-to-School Jamboree is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, on the Gary Gore Campus (**NEW LOCATION!**)

This year's **FREE** event for the Jennings community promises to be even bigger and better than ever with free backpacks, school supplies, sports physicals and immunizations. Family-friendly entertainment includes arts and crafts, music, prizes, food, fun and more! Enrollment for PreK and support for K-12 families, plus registration for after-school programs, will be available during the Jamboree.



Park 'n Ride to Jamboree from Northview, Junior and Senior High Schools

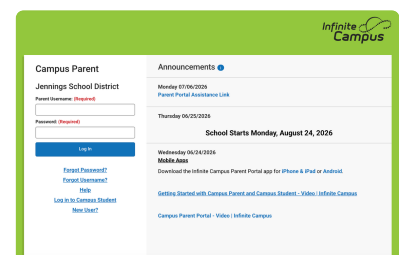
BIG NEWS! Free Park 'n Ride shuttle service will be available to transport guests to the Jamboree on the Gore Campus, since there will be no guest parking available at Gore for attendees. Shuttles will run every 15 minutes to and from Northview Elementary School, Rose Mary Johnson Jennings Junior High

School and Jennings High School locations and the Jamboree on the Gore campus. **Looking forward to seeing you THIS Saturday!**

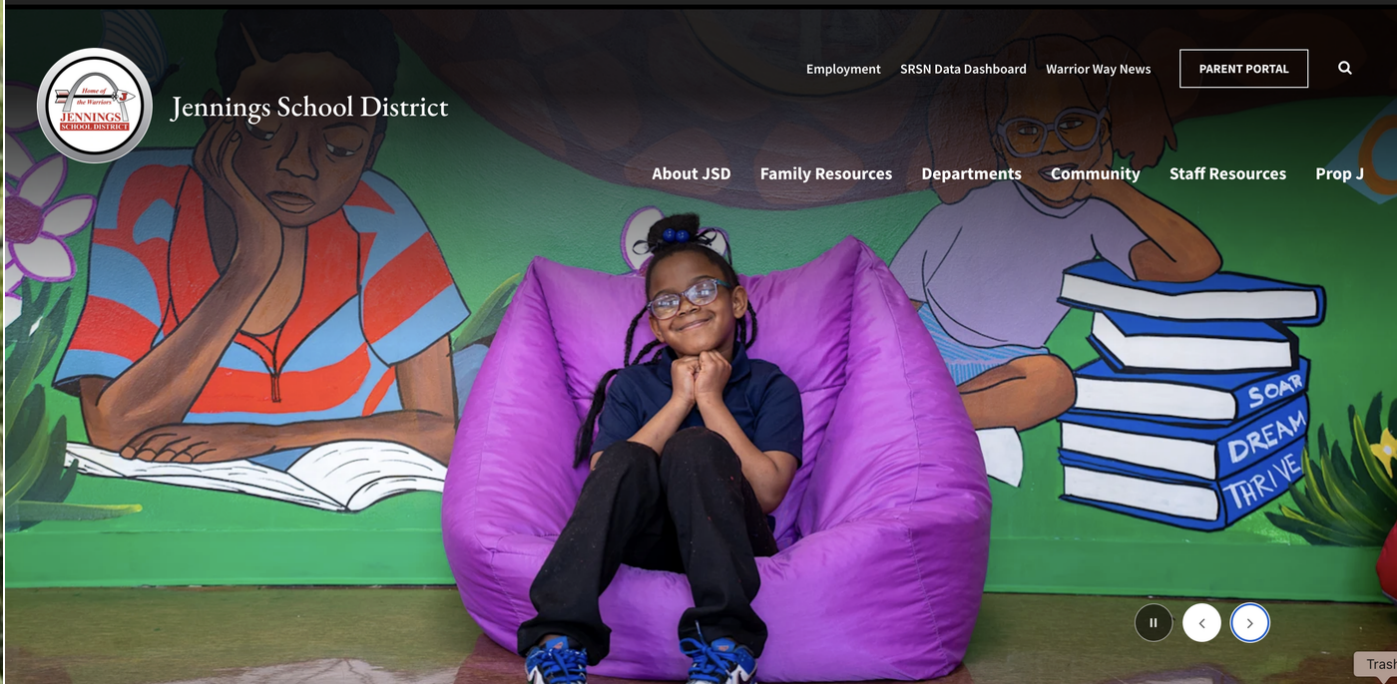
Student Enrollment Is Open for the 2026-27 School Year!

All current Jennings parents are asked to please re-enroll your child for the new school year as soon as possible.

Online enrollment is available via your [Infinite Campus / Parent Portal](#) account or during the annual Back-to-School Jamboree. If you have any questions, please contact your [school office](#). Learn more about enrollment at www.JenningsK12.org/Enroll.



School Year 2026-27 Starts Monday, Aug. 24!



New JSD Website Is LIVE!

Announcing a new website for Jennings School District was launched the last week of July in preparation for the new school year. Check out the new home page with District News, District Calendar of Events, Social Media Stream and new home pages for each of our schools. With a new host, many of our pages have new URLs, so please be sure to check the bookmarks for your favorites and update if needed.

Summer Immunizations by Appointment at Fairview Clinic

Parents looking ahead to the upcoming school year can get an early start on their back-to-school checklists. Thanks to a new community partnership between the Jennings School District and Affinia Healthcare, the Fairview Clinic is offering immunizations and boosters by appointment throughout the summer. Securing an appointment now ensures students are healthy, protected and fully prepared for day one. Parents can easily schedule a summer appointment by calling their child's school nurse.



Inspired by the Patients We Serve

JSD Athletics News



J-Town Swag Shop Coming Soon!

The Jennings Athletic Department will be offering spirit wear in the J-Town Swag Shop and through an online store with BSN Sports. Purchased orders will be directly mailed to the address provided on the online order form. [Watch for details to come on the Athletics website.](#)



Show Your Warrior Spirit with JSD Athletic Season Passes

2026 Season Passes are NOW available for purchase online via [GOFAN \(link\)](#). The Athletic Department sells season passes for EACH SPORT. Please consider one of the following two individual season pass options to support our students and our school:

- **All Athletic Season Pass** - *The bearer of this pass may be admitted to all athletic "home" events at Jennings High School when there is an admission charge. Price ranges from \$12 to \$30 based on the number of events for the individual sport season, due by Aug. 28 for fall, Nov. 21 for winter and March 8 for spring. ALL SEASONS Sports Passes are available for only \$100 - contact the Athletic Department for more details.*
- **All Home Events Season Pass** - *The bearer of this pass may be admitted to all events (not just athletics) at Jennings High School when there is an admission charge.*

- Children under 5 years old are admitted free to Jennings events listed above.

TICKETS

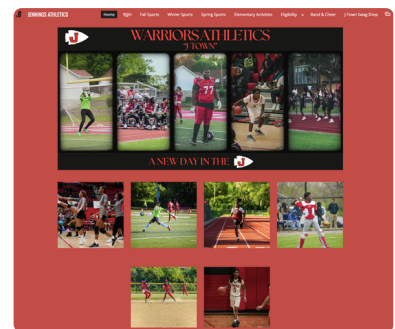


gofan.co/app/school/M024123

Keep up with Athletic Department News!

The JSD Athletic Department hosts a vibrant and informational site. [Click here to check it out](#) for updated information about the teams, rosters, ticket sales and more. Also, follow them on social media:

- **Facebook:** @jenningsatheltics
- **Instagram:** @jenningsatheltics
- **TikTok:** @jenningsatheltics
- **X (Twitter):** @sportsatjtown



Warrior Athletic Club honors JHS athletes with GPAs of 3.0 or higher. WAC Student-of-the-Month starts with a first honor in September, so watch for the announcement in an upcoming Warrior Way News.

For Elementary Students

Seasonal elementary sports offer students physical and mental activities that develop and strengthen both the body and the mind. In the fall, students in **kindergarten through third grade** may participate in Jr. NBA basketball, while **fourth- and fifth-graders** play PAL kickball alongside a dedicated cheerleading program. The winter season shifts focus to **fourth- through sixth-grade** basketball, boxing, wrestling, cheerleading, tumbling and drums. The year concludes in the spring with flag football. Additional Girls on the Run is available for **third- through eighth-grade** student-athletes throughout the school year.



For more specific details and registrations, [click here to visit the Elementary Activities section of the District Athletics website](#).

For Junior High Students

At RJJJH, junior high athletics foster personal growth, teamwork and school spirit while preparing students for high school competition. The Warriors athletic program offers cornhole each spring and fall, cheerleading in fall and winter, along with seasonal sports, including fall girls volleyball, winter basketball and spring track. Boxing is also available to all students ages 5 to 18 on a year-round basis.



For more details, [click here to visit the Junior High Activities section of the District Athletics website](#).

Athletic Season Begins with a Health and Wellness Check

Attention All Junior & Senior High Parents/Guardians: It's Time to Set Up Your Student's Athletic Portal

For the second year, the Jennings Athletic Department is promoting a link called "Final Forms" to streamline the athletic process by eliminating the need for paper forms. Established by the Missouri State High School Athletic Association (MSHSAA), this forms portal ([JSD Participation Information - Final Forms](#)) makes it easier for parents/guardians to upload students' physicals and other required information. **All mandatory information will be collected online.**



1. **Click on the link and set up an account in [Final Forms](#).** The physical examination for the 2026-2027 school year must be turned in before participating in any sport. If you created a Final Forms Account last year, you are all done! Physicals are good for two years.
2. **Obtain a physical from your physician** or from another community source, such as the Fairview Clinic in Jennings (designated dates will be posted), which is FREE to District students during designated hours. Other places, such as The Spot, Walgreens, CVS or Urgent Care, may charge. We will post a list of free sites on the Athletic web page.
3. **Approval from the Athletic Department** will come once all forms are in and have been reviewed.

Additional information:

- Link to [MSHSAA FORMS](#) (upload page 5 only to Final Forms)

Need help getting a NO- or LOW-cost sports physical?

Care STL

The **CareSTL Health Center at Fairview Elementary School** provides licensed pediatric medical care and behavioral health services directly to enrolled Jennings students in grades PreK-12 during regular school hours. Families can easily access services like immunizations, physicals and chronic disease management without worrying about an inability to pay, as no upfront payments are requested from students' families. To book an appointment or manage your child's care online, you can sign up through the [CareSTL Patient Portal](#) or call their dedicated scheduling line at (314) 882-1284.



JSPOT at JHS and WUStL's The Spot

[The SPOT at Jennings \(JSPOT\)](#) is a school-based clinic opened at Jennings High School in 2015 by WashU Medicine to provide free, integrated medical care, behavioral health, and social services with community partners, as detailed on [JHS JSPOT Portal](#). This clinic is an extension of Washington University in St. Louis's flagship initiative, [The SPOT](#), a safe, free healthcare drop-in space for youth ages 13 to 24 located at 4169 Laclede Ave., 63108. The main center offers first-come, first-served walk-in medical services

on Mondays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., while appointments for Tuesday through Friday can be scheduled online via [The SPOT Website](#).

Coach Green Reminds Us "What's in YOUR DNA?"



During last year's Convocation, JHS Football Coach Darrell Green stood before colleagues and community members and shared encouraging words for the new school year - and especially his words for his scholar-athletes: "Remember what's in your DNA—Discipline, No excuses, Accountability." DNA is deeply embedded in our Jennings Athletic Department's core values that they build their program's foundation on five fundamental pillars: Accountability, Discipline, Sportsmanship, Academic Excellence, and Character & Leadership. In JSD, winning on the scoreboard is always secondary to developing champions in life.

Important Dates for JHS Athletics

Sports Tryout Mondays:

- FALL SPORTS: August 10, 2026
- WINTER SPORTS: November 2, 2026
- SPRING SPORTS: March 1, 2027

Parent Meeting Thursdays:

- FALL SPORTS: August 13, 2026 at 6:15 p.m.
- WINTER SPORTS: November 5, 2026 at 6:15 p.m.
- SPRING SPORTS: March 4, 2027 at 6:15 p.m.

Team Picture Tuesdays:

- FALL SPORTS: August 18, 2026 (plus Thursday, August 20, 2026)
- WINTER SPORTS: November 10, 2026

2026 - 2027

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What is Required of a JHS Warrior Athlete?

MSHSAA Activities Eligibility Requirements

Please verify your high school student's schedule using this document as a guide to ensure they meet the MSHSAA Academic eligibility requirements. Students must be enrolled in courses for 3.0 or more credits during the current semester(s) of play and must have received a passing grade in at least 3.0 credits the previous semester.

Warrior Way

Participation in school activities is not a right; it's a privilege and requires certain behaviors and attitudes. More specifically, any athlete representing Jennings in sports, athletic/school events, field trips and activities (prom, homecomings, etc.) must maintain the following eligibility standards

1. Passing grades in all classes
2. Three or fewer disciplinary infractions in a semester; no severe discipline (10 days, etc.)
3. At least an 85% or higher attendance rate
4. Must be present at school on practice and game days to participate.



Thanks to our Athletic Partners

Community partners make inclusive athletic programs possible for children across the metro area. Through our partnership with the Special Olympics of Missouri, Unified Champion Schools ensures all scholars have the opportunity to participate in any sport they choose. Additionally, our collaboration with the Police Athletic League (PAL) helps promote unity across local neighborhoods. We know student success relies on strong community support and we are grateful to these sponsors for working alongside our families to help every student succeed.

What is MSHSAA?

MSHSAA stands for the **Missouri State High School Activities Association**. It is the voluntary, nonprofit governing body for interscholastic sports and non-athletic activities for roughly 750 junior high and high schools throughout Missouri. Headquartered in Columbia, it oversees state championships, sets eligibility standards and enforces safety regulations.

The competitive calendar begins with boys and girls cross country, football, boys soccer and volleyball in the fall. Winter sports shift indoors for boys and girls basketball. Spring athletics include flag football, boys track and field, girls track and field, and girls soccer. MSHSAA programs

such as cheerleading (only in fall and winter for JSD), band, color guard and esports are outside of traditional single-season constraints and may operate year-long.



Upcoming Calendar Dates

Important 2026-2027 District Calendar Dates!

- Aug. 3-7: New Teacher Orientation
- Aug. 8: District Jamboree for SY 2026-27 ([Click here for table registration](#))
- Aug. 10: District Convocation for Staff, Collaborative Planning and Cultural/Climate
- Aug. 11-14: District Professional Learning
- Aug. 14: J-Town Market distributions resume 2nd & 4th Fridays, 1 p.m., Gore Center
- Aug. 17-19: Building Orientation and Professional Learning
- Aug. 20-21: Teacher Workdays
- Aug. 24: First Day of School for SY 2026-27
- Sept. 7: Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 14-18: Open House Week
- Nov. 23-27: Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 21-Jan. 4: Winter Break and J Readiness Day
- March 22-29: Spring Break
- May 27: Last Day of School for Students

[Click here for printable 2026-27 JSD District Calendar Below](#)

Aug. 3-7	New Teacher Orientation	July 2026	August 2026
Aug. 8	Back To School Jamboree	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa
Aug. 10	District Convocation/Collaborative Planning/Culture & Climate	1 2 3 4	1
Aug. 11-14	District Professional Learning	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Aug. 17-19	Building Orientation/Professional Learning	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Aug. 20-21	Teacher Work Days	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	16 17 18 19 20 21 22
Aug. 24	First Day of School for Students	26 27 28 29 30 31	23 24 25 26 27 28 29
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Sept. 7	Labor Day Holiday	September 2026	October 2026
Sept. 14-18	Open House Week	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa
Sept. 25	Half Day for Students - Professional Learning (Building)	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3
Oct. 16	End of First Quarter (39 days)/Homecoming Game	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Oct. 16	Half Day for Students - Professional Learning (District)	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	11 12 13 14 15 16 17
Oct. 19 - 22	Parent Teacher Conference Week (Oct. 22: 3:30pm-7:30pm)	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	18 19 20 21 22 23 24
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Nov. 13	Half Day for Students - Professional Learning (Building)	November 2026	December 2026
Nov. 23-27	Thanksgiving Break	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa
Dec. 14-18	Finals Week	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5
Dec. 18	End of Second Quarter (40 days)	8 9 10 11 12 13 14	6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Dec. 21-Jan.1	Winter Break	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	13 14 15 16 17 18 19
	Blackout Dates: Nov. 13	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	20 21 22 23 24 25 26
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Jan. 4	J Readiness Day	January 2027	February 2027
Jan. 5	Students Return to School	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa
Jan. 18	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday	1 2	1 2 3 4 5 6
Feb. 5	Half Day for Students - Professional Learning (District)	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	7 8 9 10 11 12 13
Feb. 15	Presidents' Day Holiday	10 11 12 13 14 15 16	14 15 16 17 18 19 20
	Blackout Dates: Jan. 4, Feb. 5	17 18 19 20 21 22 23	21 22 23 24 25 26 27
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Mar. 12	End of Third Quarter (47 days)	March 2027	April 2027
Mar. 15-19	Parent Teacher Conference Week (Mar. 18: 3:30pm-7:30pm)	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa
Mar. 22-29	Spring Break	1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3
Apr. 16	Half Day for Students - Test Prep/ Instructional Planning (Building)	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	4 5 6 7 8 9 10
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May 24-27	Finals Week	May 2027	June/July 2027
May 27	Last Day of School for Students (48 Days)	Su M Tu W Th F Sa	Su M Tu W Th F Sa
May 28	Teacher Work Day	1	1 2 3 4 5
May 28	Graduation	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	6 7 8 9 10 11 12
June 1-4	Make Up Days (If Needed)	9 10 11 12 13 14 15	13 14 15 16 17 18 19
June 7-July 1	Extended School Year	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	20 21 22 23 24 25 26
June 14-July 8	Should Make Up Days Be Used	23 24 25 26 27 28 29	27 28 29 30 1 2 3
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Blue	Legend
Orange	Blackout Day
Red	Professional Learning
Yellow	No School/Breaks/Holidays
Green	End of Quarter
Pink	Extended School Year/Summer School
	Half Day for Student - Professional Learning

Half Day Dismissal Time:
11:30 am for all students

The calendar may be adjusted during the school year to ensure compliance with state law.



We realize that some of you may have missed prior issues of our monthly e-news publications. To catch up on ALL the news, please check out our new website at www.JenningsK12.org/WWNews.

To submit tips for upcoming news stories, please email them to communications@JenningsK12.org. Thank you!

Having **Warrior Way eNews** emailed directly ensures receipt of important school news, updates and other timely reminders – helping you to never miss news that impacts students and school community. While parents and staff should automatically receive this e-newsletter, community members are encouraged to opt in. [Click here to complete a brief registration form](#). Thank you!


WARRIOR WAY NEWS
A Newsletter for the Jennings School District and Community

JSD Community Opt-In Form
 The Jennings School District has launched a virtual Warrior Way newsletter with information for and about students, staff and community partners. If interested in receiving this newsletter via email, please complete the form below.
 If you OPTED IN and want to discontinue / OPT OUT, simply note CANCEL in the Action Requested section. Thank you!
 Questions? Please email Communications@jenningsk12.org.

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