



THE

WILDCAT WIRE

SEPTEMBER
2026

EVERY DAY, EVERY STUDENT. WE'RE GREATER TOGETHER!

Regular school attendance is a powerful part of student success. When students are in school each day, they stay connected to learning, strengthen relationships, and develop habits that support them throughout their education.

Attendance matters from the very beginning. In preschool and kindergarten, frequent absences can make it more difficult for children to build early reading and math skills, form friendships, and establish positive school routines. By sixth grade, absenteeism is one of the leading indicators that a student may not graduate from high school. By ninth grade, attendance is a stronger predictor of graduation than eighth-grade test scores.

When a student misses school, the impact reaches beyond the individual student and can affect the entire classroom community.

Research shows that 64% of children who attend school regularly in kindergarten and first grade read on grade level by the end of third grade. In comparison, only 17% of children who are chronically absent during both years reach that benchmark. Every missed day represents a missed opportunity to learn, connect, and grow.

How Families Can Help

- Make school attendance a priority and talk with your child about the value of being present each day.
- Create consistent routines, including regular bedtimes, prepared backpacks, and healthy breakfasts.
- Whenever possible, schedule appointments and trips outside of school hours.
- If your child is experiencing academic, social, or emotional challenges, contact a teacher or counselor as soon as possible.
- Stay involved with teenagers by monitoring their progress, encouraging participation in activities, and maintaining open communication.

Together, families, schools, and our community can help every student attend regularly and reach their full potential.

SEPTEMBER STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH



JESSICA LICHLYTER - JES

Jessica is an invaluable member of our school team who consistently goes above and beyond to support our students, staff, and families. She has worked through several changes in leadership and secretary co-workers with grace and flexibility. Mrs. Lichlyter greets others with a smile and welcoming attitude, making everyone who walks through the doors feel valued and cared for. Mrs. Lichlyter truly embodies the spirit of teamwork and service; we are fortunate to have her as part of our school family.

SEPTEMBER SNAPSHOTS



Above: Zaxbys visited Ireland Elementary School to talk about the Wordy Bird Program.



Left: The Little Wildcats cheered at the Jasper High School Pep Session.

Below: Jasper High School held a pep session to recognize the fall sports teams.



Above: Jasper Elementary School introduced a new lunch menu item made from scratch: Greek Meatballs!

COLLEGE AND CAREER CORNER

October 8

Tour of Opportunity - Freshmen

PSAT - Sophomores

SAT - Juniors/Seniors

October 9

ASVAB Test @ JHS

Visit [Sallie](#). This free, no registration required collection of videos help educate you on the top four most important things you need to know about 13 common financial aid terms and topics, all in 80 seconds or less.

About 45 students (AP Computer Science and 8th Graders) attended the CRANE Open House.



College and Career questions or want to get involved? Contact ejochum@gjcs.k12.in.us.