

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Jag News



A Season of Gratitude and Growth

November and December are a wonderful time to pause and celebrate all that makes our Jaguar family special. As the weather turns colder and the holidays draw near, the warmth on our campus only grows. We're grateful for our students, our teachers and staff, and our families who support us every step of the way.

Over these next two months, our Jaguars are putting their hard work on display:

- Academic Momentum: With the first quarter behind us, students are building on their progress in all of their classes. Many have set new goals for the second quarter, and we're proud of the effort we see every day as we work toward the end of the semester.
- Kindness in Action: Thanks to our school-wide focus on Kindness and the Sources of Strength program, we're seeing students lift each other up, include new friends, and show appreciation for one another. The season of giving is the perfect time to keep that kindness going!

As Thanksgiving and the winter holidays approach, we invite everyone to join us in a spirit of thankfulness. Take a moment to thank a teacher, a friend, or a family member who has made a difference for you.
A few reminders as we head into the holiday season: consistent attendance matters. Every day in class is a day of learning, and we want our students here, on time, and ready to shine, especially in the busy weeks before break. Please check the school calendar for Thanksgiving break, winter break, and upcoming holiday events.
Thank you for being part of our school family. We are grateful for each of you, and we wish you a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year!



Mrs. Searle, Mrs. Erspamer, and Mr. Lott





Jag Time Reminder

Understanding JAG Time

A Guide for Parents & Teachers

What is JAG Time?

JAG Time is a dedicated block built into our daily schedule for intervention and enrichment. It is not a catch-up period – it exists to make sure every student gets exactly the support (or challenge) they need in math and ELA.

What Happens During JAG Time

- **Re-teaching for absences:** If your child was absent when a new concept was taught, a teacher will re-teach that lesson in a small group so your child understands it before doing related work – not by figuring it out alone at home.
- **Targeted skill support:** Students who need extra practice with a specific math or ELA skill work in small groups with a teacher who can give focused, one-on-one attention.
- **Enrichment:** Students who have mastered a skill are challenged with deeper or extended learning, rather than sitting idle or reviewing material they already know.

What JAG Time Is Not

- It is not time to finish classwork that wasn't completed during class.
- It is not a general homework or study hall period.
- It is not "catch-up" time for work unrelated to a missed lesson.

Because JAG Time is targeted intervention and enrichment, keeping it protected for that purpose is what allows teachers to give struggling students the small-group re-teaching they need, and give advanced students meaningful enrichment.





Student Engagement

What's Kagan? A Look Inside Our Classrooms

You may hear your child talk about "Kagan," "Timed Pair Share," or "working with my team." Here's what that means!

Our teachers use Cooperative Learning, a set of research-based teaching strategies that get every student actively involved in the lesson. Instead of listening quietly while one student answers at a time, students often work in teams of four or with a partner to discuss ideas, solve problems, and practice new skills. Each activity (called a "structure") has clear steps that make sure everyone participates and everyone is responsible for their own learning. No one gets a free ride!

Why do we use it?

- More engagement: Every student is thinking, talking, and participating, not just a few.
- Stronger learning: Explaining ideas to a partner helps students understand and remember what they learn.
- Social skills: Students practice listening, taking turns, encouraging each other, and working as a team.
- A positive classroom: Team-building and class-building activities help students feel connected and confident.

What about grades? Even though students learn together, they are always assessed individually. Your child's grades reflect what they know and can do.

Ask your child about it! Try asking, "What Kagan structure did you do today?" or "How did your team help each other?"

We'd love for you to see it in action. If you'd like to visit a classroom, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.



November Sports/Activity Schedule

DATE	ACTIVITY	OPPONENT / EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Tue, Nov 3	Girls Basketball	Lyman	4:30 PM	Lyman
Thu, Nov 5	Girls Basketball	Pinedale	4:30 PM	Rock Springs
Fri, Nov 6	Girls Basketball	Jackson	3:00 PM	Jackson
Sat, Nov 7	Wrestling	Evanston Tournament	10:00 AM	Evanston HS
Tue, Nov 10	Girls Basketball	EMS and DMS	4:00 PM	Rock Springs
Thu, Nov 12	Girls Basketball	Lincoln	4:00 PM	Green River
Thu, Nov 12	Wrestling	Rawlins, Green River Duals	4:30 PM	Rock Springs
Fri, Nov 13	Girls Basketball	Star Valley / Teton	10:00 AM	Star Valley
Fri, Nov 13	Girls Basketball	Manila	10:00 AM	Manila
Fri, Nov 13	MathCounts	Wind River	TBA	Wind River
Sat, Nov 14	Wrestling	Kemmerer Tournament	10:00 AM	Kemmerer HS
Tue, Nov 17	Girls Basketball	Farson	4:30 PM	Farson
Thu, Nov 19	Girls Basketball	Rawlins	4:30 PM	Rock Springs
Fri, Nov 20	Girls Basketball	Laramie (7th Grade)	3:30 PM	Rock Springs
Fri, Nov 20	Girls Basketball	Laramie (8th Grade)	3:30 PM	Laramie
Sat, Nov 21	Wrestling	Rawlins Tournament	10:00 AM	Rawlins

Schedules are subject to change. Please check with coaches and advisors for updates.

GO JAGUARS!

December Sports/Activity Schedule

DATE	ACTIVITY	OPPONENT / EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Tue, Dec 1	**Girls Basketball**	Mountain View	4:30 PM	**Mountain View**
Wed, Dec 2	**Jazz Band**	Jazz Band Concert	7:00 PM	**Rock Springs HS Auditorium**
Thu, Dec 3	**Girls Basketball**	Lincoln	4:30 PM	**Rock Springs**
Fri, Dec 4	**MathCounts**	Evanston	TBA	**Evanston**
Sat, Dec 5	**Wrestling**	Rylee McCollum Tournament	10:00 AM	**Jackson**
Tue, Dec 8	**Girls Basketball**	Star Valley	4:30 PM	**Rock Springs**
Tue, Dec 8	**Band**	Holiday Band Concert	6:00 PM	**Rock Springs HS Auditorium**
Fri, Dec 11	**Girls Basketball**	South Division Tournament	9:00 AM	**Jackson**
Fri, Dec 11	**Wrestling**	Conference Tournament	11:00 AM	**Green River**
Wed, Dec 16	**Choir**	Winter Concert	6:00 PM	**RSJH Auditorium**
Wed, Dec 16	**MathCounts**	Pinedale	TBA	**Pinedale**

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Performing Arts

🎵 Music Notes: A Season of Song 🎵

Band

Our band students did an awesome job at their first concert, and they're already hard at work preparing for the Holiday Band Concert on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 PM. This year's program will feature the percussion section on handbells, small groups performing a variety of Christmas favorites, and some really fun full-band pieces. You won't want to miss it!

Our Symphonic and Jazz Band students also have the opportunity to perform at Temple Square in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, December 22. This optional event combines our students with the high school band and the junior high and high school choirs for a few incredible combined pieces. It's a memorable experience, and we're excited to offer it to our students again this year.

Choir

Our choir students are working hard on their holiday music. Join us for the Winter Choir Concert on Wednesday, December 16, at 6:00 PM at RSJH.

Bucket Drumming

Our bucket drummers are building their technique and skills while creating their own holiday routine. Performance dates are coming soon, so stay tuned!

We hope to see you at our upcoming performances!

Cell Phone Policy

Cell Phone Procedures K-8

Sweetwater School District One recognizes the importance of communication and collaboration, and provides devices for students to be productive in the classroom. Students in grades K-8 will be permitted
to bring personal telecommunication devices on school property. To prevent
disruptions and distractions to the learning environment, and to keep students focused on academics, students will not be permitted to possess or use personal telecommunication devices during school hours. Possession and use of devices will be limited as follows:

· Students will be required to turn any devices off and keep such devices in their school lockers or other
school designated location before the morning bell rings, until school is released for the day.

· The use of any device or camera capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in classrooms, locker rooms, or restroom areas at all times.

· The District is not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen electronic device.

· If a student needs to make an emergency phone call, or a parent or guardian needs to contact a student
during the day, the student shall make or receive such phone calls at the school's office.

Procedure Violations of Students in Grades K-12

Teachers will first give a warning and re-direction of the violation of this procedure, any subsequent violation will result in the device being confiscated and sent to the school's office. A confiscated device will be returned as follows: For a first offense, students may pick up the device at the end of the school day. For subsequent offenses, parents must pick up the device from a building administrator. For a third offense, administration will determine further consequences and parents must pick up the phone.

Students not following teacher or other staff directives related to this procedure will be deemed to be acting in open defiance of school authority. This may result in a disciplinary referral.

If a personal telecommunication device is a device that is able to transmit telephonic, electronic, digital,
cellular, or radio communications. Examples of personal telecommunication devices include, but are not limited to mobile telephones, laptop computers, mp3 music players, pagers, smart watches, and tablets.

Student Electronic Signaling Mobile Communication Devices

Policy File: JFCN

