The JMS Update

November 20, 2026

Happy Thanksgiving

As we head into Thanksgiving Break from November 23–28, we want to express our deepest gratitude to our incredible students, families, staff, and community partners. Your ongoing support, collaboration, and dedication are what truly make our middle school such a vibrant and wonderful place to learn and grow. While this week is a well-deserved pause, it also offers a great opportunity for students to catch up on any missing assignments or get ahead on upcoming projects. More importantly, we encourage everyone to step away from their screens, unplug from their devices, and unwind with a great book. We wish all of our families a safe, restful, and joyful holiday!

Fresh Off The Press!

Check out the new Jefferson Journal

The latest edition of the *Jefferson Journal* is here! Written, edited, and designed entirely by your fellow students and classmates, this issue is packed with campus stories, local guides, and sports takes you won't want to miss.

Inside this issue:

- **Día de los Muertos:** Relive the sights and traditions from our recent campus celebration.
- **Campus Spotlights:** Get to know a dedicated educator in our **Staff Spotlight** and discover a standout student group in the **Club Spotlight**.
- **Around Torrance:** Your guide to upcoming events happening right here in our community.
- **The Sports Desk:** A look back at the World Series and the biggest storylines heating up the NBA right now.
- **Things Ahead at Jefferson:** Key dates and upcoming school events to keep on your radar.
- **Just for Fun:** Games, trivia, and entertainment pages for a quick brain break.

Read the full issue here: https://jefferson.tusd.org/our-school/the-jms-journal

Grab a cozy spot, read through it together as a family, and help us cheer on the student journalists who brought this edition to life!



JEFFERSON FAMILIES

This Thanksgiving Give Thanks and Give Back!

As you begin checking off your holiday shopping list, help support Jefferson Middle School PTSA through our Charleston Wrap fundraiser!

Here's how to participate:

1. **REGISTER YOUR STUDENT:** Parents, visit **www.registercw.com** and register your student. All newly registered students will receive a prize!
2. **SPREAD THE WORD:** Once registered, use your student's personalized shopping link to send invitations to at least **10 friends and family members** by text or email.
3. **SHOP & SUPPORT:** Friends and family can browse holiday gifts, treats, and more from the convenience of home. Shopping is just as easy as other online sites, and orders ship directly to the buyer!

Every registration, share, and purchase helps support Jefferson students, programs, and activities. Thank you for helping our Jaguars!

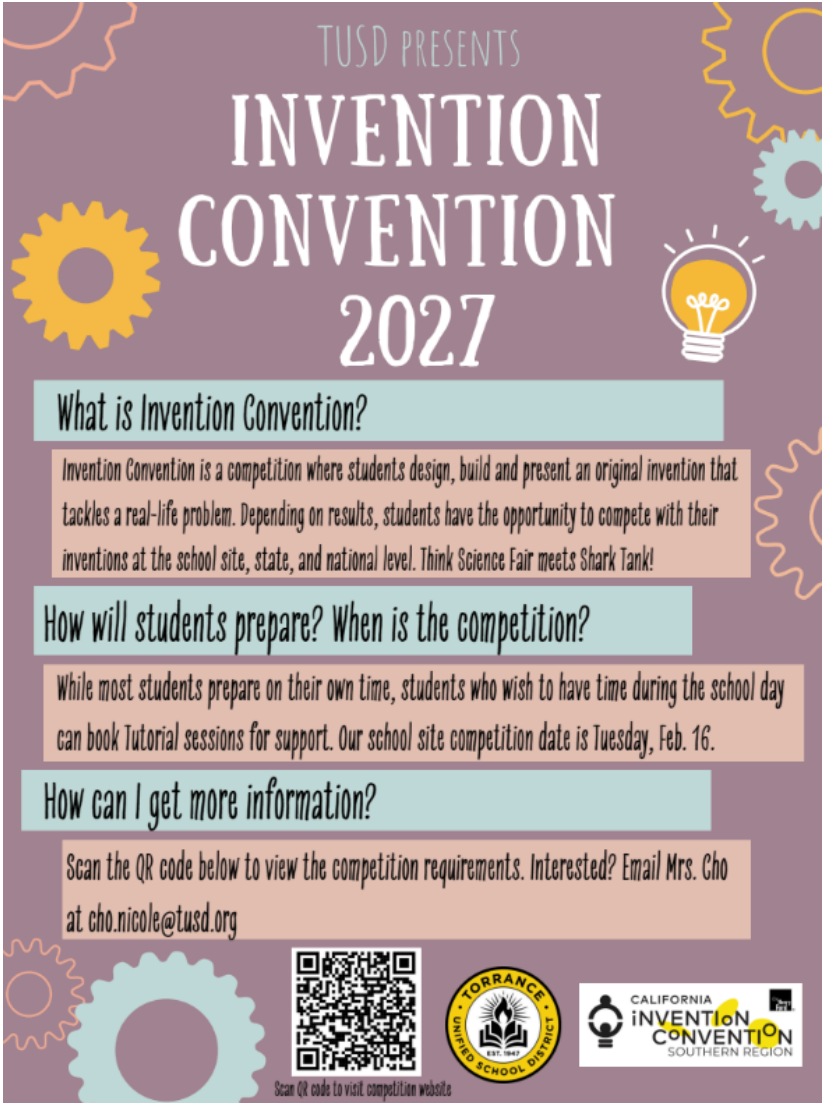
Register today at www.registercw.com



Calling All

Inventors, Creators and Innovators

Calling all inventors! Our annual Invention Convention competition cycle is starting soon! See the flyer below for more information.



Sports Central

JMS Volleyball

Bump. Set, Spike

Congratulations to both our boys and girls volleyball teams on their superb performance this week! Both boys and girls represented JMS with sportsmanship and fantastic play to win their games. It was an exciting afternoon and we look forward to the next game on December 3 at Magruder versus the Mustangs. Keep up the great teamwork Jaguars!

Emergency Supples Donations -- Update!

Thank you to our wonderful JMS community for making donations towards our Classroom Emergency supplies pool!

Thanks to your generosity, we have collected the required numbers, and will be stocking every classroom with some snacks to have on hand in case of an emergency.



Building Bridges Resources Hub

For those that could use a bit of extra help we have the Building Bridges Resource Hub. A guide to support services and resources for students, family, and staff. (Please note that listed programs are for informational purposes and are not presented, endorsed, recommended, supervised or sponsored by Building Bridges and JMS). We hope this is helpful for either our JMS families that might need a little extra support or someone they know.

In addition to these resources Vida's Closet will be hosting a one day pop-up on December 5 one of our community partners started Vida's Closet, to support families with clothing (every day needs, graduation, interview wear, etc) They have collected donations of pre-loved clothing and some new for families to come and shop. Most clothing is in Women's and Men's sizing. That however pretty much fits most middle - high school students. All the event details are in the flyer including registration link.



Sign up to Sponsor a Family for the Holidays



As the holiday season approaches, some families in our community face challenges that make this time of year especially difficult. For students experiencing homelessness or in foster care, the holidays can feel overwhelming & isolating.
Your generosity can provide not just gifts, but the warmth of connection & the joy of being seen & valued. Join us in making a difference, your sponsorship can transform lives. Let's create a brighter holiday for those who need it most. Sign up here to sponsor a family



Volunteers Needed to assist with Adventures in Art's Project 2!
AIA needs volunteers to assist our docents with our next Adventures in Art project on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, 12/2, 12/3, & 12/4.
Art experience is not required, just a love of art, and a willingness to share it with students. All volunteers must be Raptor cleared.
Sign up for a time slot today! https://tinyurl.com/JMSAIA26Project2
Questions? Email jmsaiaart@gmail.com

Digital Weekly Tips for Families

Protect Sleep First

Check out the link for:
Ask the teacher: “Which tools does my child use, and how can I support them at home?” The use of devices is common at school. This information can help equip familes in working with their Jaguars and give a better understanding of how these tools can can be used to benefit their learning.

The Gift of Giving

We are collecting unwrapped new toys from December 7th - 18th. The toys will be delivered to the Torrance Fire Department so the firefighters can deliver them to needy families throughout the City of Torrance. Our city works with the Toys for Tots program. CJSF students are sponring this toy drive. Thanks for your support!



FALL & HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER IS OFFICIALLY LIVE!

Help support **Jefferson Middle School PTSA** today through **December 4th** with our Charleston Wrap Fundraiser!

Over 2,500 items available online!

Shop custom gift wrap, gourmet treats, kitchen essentials, personalized gifts, tote bags, and seasonal holiday favorites!

100% Online & Direct Home Delivery:

Purchases ship directly to your supporters' doorsteps—perfect for gifting across town or across the country!

Prizes for Students:

• **Register in 30 seconds** to score an instant registration prize!
• Level up to unlock even more awesome prizes as you sell!
• Share student links instantly via text, email, and social media.

How to Support:

Register your student with the link below! Use Organization ID 32731.

https://registercw.com/registrant/registration

Don't have a specific student to support? Use our general PTSA link to shop directly!
https://registercw.com/gateway?organizationMidasId=32731

Thank you for supporting JMS PTSA!



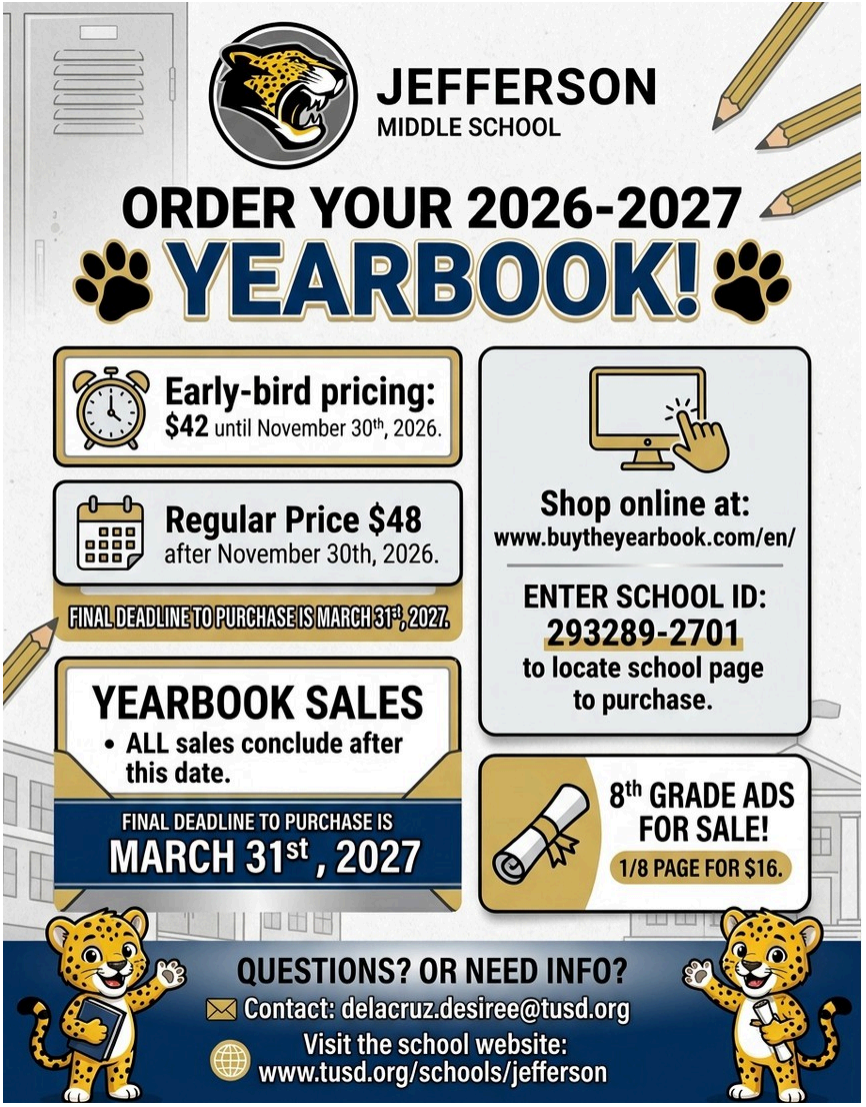
Capture the Memories

The 2026-2027 JMS Yearbook is Now on Sale!

Don't let the best moments of this school year slip away! From spirit days and sports games to classroom laughs and everyday fun, the JMS Yearbook captures all the incredible memories our Jaguars are making this year. You can lock in the pre-sale price of $42 by ordering before November 30th, 2026. After November 30th, the regular price will increase to $48, with a final purchasing deadline of March 31st, 2027.

Attention 8th-grade families: you can celebrate your graduating Jaguar with a dedicated tribute in the yearbook for just $16! Share proud messages, showcase favorite baby photos, and create a lasting memory they will treasure forever.

To secure your yearbook copy or learn more about 8th-grade dedications, visit our Jefferson School Website. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our Yearbook Coordinator, Desiree De La Cruz, at delacruz.desiree@tusd.org. Order today so your student doesn't miss out!"



Easy Earnings for PTSA

Earn cash for our school!

Box Tops makes it easy to support our school with products you already buy. Plus, you can earn extra for our school if you use the Refer-a-Friend QR code below or enter my referral code **FZI12JHZ** when you create your account in the Box Tops app.

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Get the app.
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Earn.
We'll both earn 25 Bonus Box Tops ($2.50) for our school!*

Referrals add up fast!

You can find your own QR code and referral code in the app by tapping on the profile icon, then on "Refer a Friend."

- If you refer 1 friend, that's **$5** for our school
- If you refer 5 friends, that's **$25** for our school
- If you refer 10 friends, that's **$50** for our school



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Do you have a RALPHS REWARDS CARD?

Donate to Jefferson Middle School PTSA EVERY time you shop!

Click HERE to register your RALPHS Card.

What is Ralphs Community Contribution program?

Ralphs Community Contribution program gives back to your organization every time you shop at Ralphs. All you have to do is register your Ralphs card with our PTSA's number.

How to Register for Ralphs Rewards or link previous Ralphs Rewards account to Jefferson PTSA:

You can register for Ralphs Rewards at any customer service desk at any local Ralphs store, call customer service at 1-800- 443-4438, or register online at www.ralphs.com.

- You must create an online account to enroll in the Community rewards program.
- Once you log in, click on your name in the right hand corner, then click on my account.
- Scroll to Community Rewards and enroll.
  Jefferson PTSA's organization code is **CT390**.
- Reward cards must be used at checkout to make each purchase count.

PTSA Membership Raffle!!!

Join the fun! Every **new PTSA membership purchased between October 15 and November 15** will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win **one of TWO $25 gift cards** to local favorite hangouts!
Join today, support our Jaguars, and you could be a winner!
Every membership counts. Every student benefits.
Scan the QR code on the flyer to join, or go to -- https://jointotem.com/ca/torrance/jefferson-middle-school-ptsa

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Holiday photos made easy - and they support Jefferson Middle School!

Looking for beautiful family photos for your holiday cards, gifts, or keepsakes? Take advantage of our **JMS Fund Photo Fundraiser**!

For just **$50**, you'll receive a **15-minute family mini session** at one of several beautiful local locations of your choice, plus **2 high-resolution digital images**.

Featured locations include:

Hermosa Beach Under the Pier

Palos Verdes Eucalyptus Grove

Manhattan Beach / Hermosa Beach Greenbelt Trail

Torrance Beach

...and more!

It's a quick, affordable way to capture some beautiful family memories **while supporting Jefferson Middle School!**

$50 • 15 minutes • 2 high-resolution images

Book your session today and help support JMS!

Perfect for holiday cards, family gifts, or simply capturing this moment in time.

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TORRANCE BEACH
...and more!
Perfect for Holiday Cards, Gifts & More!
HELP SUPPORT JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL WHILE CAPTURING BEAUTIFUL FAMILY MEMORIES!



Check Out All the Ways to Support PTSA!

🚨FLASH RAFFLE ALERT!

PTSA Direct Donations Make A Difference & Have Perks!!!

Help the Jaguars thrive! Jefferson Middle School PTSA has launched our Direct Donation Drive with a goal of reaching **200 family donors**. Every dollar stays right here at JMS to fund Camp Jaguar, Field Trips, Teacher Enrichment, STEM Nights, and more. No amount is too small, and suggested giving levels start at just $25! Plus, donations of $250 or more (including corporate matching) receive a **FREE Jefferson Yearbook**!
Donate today by cash, check, or online!

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