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James Irwin Charter Middle School

Jag Pause Newsletter

Our Brother's Keeper

The season of giving is just around the corner. There are times when we find ourselves and our family in the position to give generously, and there are times when we find ourselves and our family in the position of need. Where do you find yourself at this time in the year?

If you or someone you know are in need, please contact the Administrative Assistant at bibi.pettit@jamesirwin.org or 719-302-9000 x 3232. Our team of teachers, along with our student body and families would like to support you and your children during the holidays with a food basket for Thanksgiving and Christmas and possibly some gifts through Operation Christmas Stocking. It's our pleasure to work beside and serve our JI families.

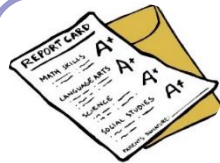
If you are ready to bless others, this is a great way to participate! The **JICMS food drive** runs October 17 to November 10. Donations will provide meals for JICMS families for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please consider participating by donating non-expired canned goods, dry goods (potatoes, stuffing, rice, mac n cheese, etc.), and/or turkeys and hams. The school provides rolls and bags of potatoes to each box.

After the Veteran's Day assembly on November 10, **Operation Christmas Stocking** will also begin! If you would like to bless another JI family by providing gifts for a child in need, please stop by the front office to choose a child/student. On the tree will be a card with the child's age and a wish list detailing wants and needs for home and school. Choose a card and take it to the front office window to register your name and card number(s). Wrapped gifts need to be turned in to the office on or before Wednesday, December 6. You will make a child's Christmas special this year!

SAVE THE DATE Veterans Day Assembly

Join us on **Friday, November 10, 2023** in the JICS Astrozon Campus Field House from **12:00-1:15** as we honor the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country.

REPORT CARDS



Middle school student report cards can be viewed and printed from Infinite Campus beginning October 13.

<u>Grade Scale</u>	Students must pass 6 out of the 7 required classes in order to be promoted to the next grade.
A 90-100	
B 80-89	
C 70-79	
<u>Failing Grades</u>	
D 60-69	
F 0-59	

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE—October 17-November 10

TO SUPPORT JICMS FAMILIES IN NEED,
please donate canned goods, non-perishable food items,
and frozen hams or turkeys!

When:

Tuesday, Oct. 17 – Friday, Nov. 10

What:

Students will bring items to their Period 1 Blue Day class

Hams and Turkeys will count as **10 points**

All other items will count as **1 point**

Students in the class **with the most points in each grade level** will receive a free JI Casual Pass and donut!

Need Support?

If a JICMS family you know is in need during the upcoming holiday season, please contact Bibi Pettit at

bibi.pettit@jamesirwin.org or (719) 302-9000 x3232.

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us. What we have done for others and the world remains immortal.” Albert Pine

Late/Missing Work

Please review page 31 in the student handbook (online or in the student planner) to be sure you understand the middle school late and missing work policy. All work that is missing when a teacher enters grades into IC—excused and/or unexcused absences—will be recorded as a missing assignment with an *M* in the IC gradebook which is automatically calculated as a zero. Once the work is turned in, the teacher will correct the grade for full credit (excused absences) or partial credit (late or unexcused absences).

Check out your child's behavior report!

1. Login in to Infinite Campus portal
2. Choose drop down menu (top left)
3. Choose “More”
4. Choose “Behavior”

SPIRIT WEEK

October 23 \$1 MON	October 24 \$1 TUES	October 25 \$1 WED	October 26 \$1 THUR	October 27 FREE FRIDAY
PAJAMA	DISNEY	Hoodies	SPORTS	Tie Dye or Neon

**DATE
CHANGE**

Weather permitting, the annual

JICMS CARNIVAL

will take place on

Friday, April 5,

2:00-4:30!

When the time comes, we will need parent volunteers and donations!

October Reminders	
October 2	Count Day
October 12	11:00 dismissal (No afternoon Bus)
October 13	No School / Staff Day
October 16	No School
October 19	Picture Retakes
October 23-27	Spirit Week

OCTOBER COUNT

**COLORADO COUNT DAY IS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2.**

On this day, all students attending public schools in the State of Colorado are counted to determine funding for each school; consequently, this is a crucial day for JICMS as it allows us to continue delivering the excellent education provided to your student each day. *All students who are in Period 1 class will receive a Casual Pass for Wednesday, October 4.*

8th grade only: SLIDE SHOW PICTURES

due November 27

Please email (or submit thumb drive) 4 pics for the promotion slide show:
infant, toddler, elementary school, and 8th grade.

Email photos to rick.greene@jamesirwin.org or drop off a thumb drive at the front office with the students name on it. (We cannot scan printed photos.)

Thumb drives will be returned to student.

Tutoring

Math Course 6+	Monday & Wednesday	Mrs. Hamilton	A101
Math Course 1	Monday & Wednesday	Mrs. Prewitt	A108
Math Course 6/5	Tuesday & Thursday	Mrs. Aquino	F101
Math Course 2	Tuesday & Thursday	Ms. Klein	F102
Math Course 3 / Alg I	Tuesday & Thursday	Ms. Long	F103
History 6-8	Monday	Mr. Surin	B108
Grammar/Comp 6-8	Tuesday	Mr. Hepworth	F100
Literature 6-8	Wednesday	Mrs. Washington	B107
Science 6-8	Thursday	Mrs. Sacco	C103

FUN FRIDAYS - \$1.00

Students may wear anything relating to the day's fun theme—pajamas, jerseys, sweatshirts, hoodies, costumes, etc., as long as their outfit is JI appropriate (knee-length and loose).

September 1 – Disney	October 6 – Class Color Day 6 th =Red; 7 th =Blue; 8 th =Green; Staff/Admin=Tie Dye	November 3 – Hoodies/Crazy Socks
December 1 – Christmas	January – no Fun Friday	February 2 – GO RED!
March 1 – Decades	April 5 – Western	May 3 – Cartoon



JAMES IRWIN CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Character Development and Academic Excellence

The mission of James Irwin Charter Schools is to help guide students in the development of their character and academic potential through academically rigorous, content-rich educational programs.

School Accountability Committee

Meetings 2023-2024

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

October 5

November 16

January 25

April 4

**You are invited to
all SAC & school
board meetings!**

School Board Meetings

2023-2024

6:00 P.M.

Working Sessions - 6:00 p.m.

*Second Tuesday of each month unless noted***

August 8, 2023

September 12, 2023

October 10, 2023

November 7, 2023**

December - No Meeting

January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

March 12, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

begins at 5 PM due to choir concert.

Board Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

*Fourth Tuesday of each month unless noted***

August 22, 2023

September 26, 2023

October 24, 2023

November 28, 2023

December - No Meeting

January 23, 2024

February 27, 2024

March 19, 2024**

April 23, 2024

May 28, 2024

June 4, 2024



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James Irwin Charter Schools (JICS) is a network with a proven track record of creating successful schools with superior academic achievement for students, regardless of race, ethnicity, or socio-economic status. Presently, there are five schools on three campuses.

US News and World Report rated 17-year old **James Irwin Charter High School** as the 23rd best high school in Colorado.

James Irwin Charter Middle School serves as a national role model for successful implementation of single-gender classrooms and is known for helping students develop personal responsibility and leadership skills.

James Irwin Elementary School-Astrozon Campus has established a legacy of academic excellence by consistently having over 90% of the students score proficient or above in math, reading, and especially writing on the CSAP/TCAP tests.

James Irwin Elementary School-Howard Campus, had the highest 4th grade TCAP scores in math, reading, and writing of all southern Colorado schools.

Power Technical School, our grades 6-14 trade school, opened its doors in the fall of 2016.

Our elementary schools, middle school, high school, and trade school have been named the Gazette's Best of the Springs many times.

Even more important than academic excellence is our commitment to character development. All schools share a similar culture that focuses on 5 pillars of character: Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Excellence.

Military Families

If you are in the military and are undergoing any changes such as deployments or pending relocations, please let us know. We want to provide support to you and your family.

Contact one (or more) of the following:

JICMS Front Office: 719-302-9108 or hope.guerrero@jamesirwin.org

Principal: michele.prusinowski@jamesirwin.org

Anchored For Life: lisa.winters@jamesirwin.org

MFLC: cathy.angelica@jamesirwin.org

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