

Go JICA Jets!

Dear JICA family,

We are so elated to have our students back in the building. With our new “normal” we have many new procedures that require patience, adjustments, and change. We want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we put things in place that we have never done before. Perhaps our greatest adjustment has been morning and afternoon carline. The first day took over an hour and now we are down to 30 minutes. We will have an automated system soon that should decrease this even more. The more hands we have helping the more efficient our procedures.

We want to take time to thank Stacy Marshall Chelsea Mau, Valaree Maizon, and Matthew Apodaca, and Mr. Brandon Whittaker for helping with our carline. Your suggestions and willingness to volunteer has been so valuable. If you would like to volunteer for carline please contact our front office at 719-302-9100.

Again, we appreciate your patience and encouraging words as we are streamlining our processes. The partnership we share with our parents is essential for our mission.

All the best,

Saadia R. Rumes



Dates That Rate

Fri., Sept. 4th & Mon., Sept. 7th: No School

Friday, Sept. 11th: Virtual Coffee with Principals

- This is a time for parents to have a casual conversation with the parents. Our first meeting will focused on new procedures and other questions that may be on our parents' minds. **Please join us on Facebook Live from 8:30am-9:00am and ask your questions in the comment box.** We are looking forward to sharing this time with you.



Courtesy Begins in the Carline



Please be kind and courteous to the members of the Jefferson Neighborhood as they share their space with us. Be mindful when residents need to move into or out of their driveway and allow them to safely pass through.

We appreciate your patience as we are solidifying and streamlining procedures. Thank you so much for your partnership in keeping our JICA students safe.

Communication



COMMUNICATION Is Important

It is our desire to communicate clearly and communicate often so families are aware of what is taking place at school: grades, activities, events, deadlines, etc.

Please note the many ways JICA will communicate with you:

- **Facebook**

- **Infinite Campus** (computer and app for both iPhone & Androids)
- **Phone calls**
- **Emails** (from school and teachers)
- **Newsletters**
- **Student Folders**

Parents In the Know

Parent Involvement

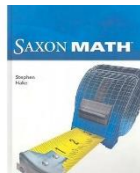
How to Teach Your Child to Read in 100 easy Lessons

This presentation will help parents to support their student's success in reading. We will record this presentation and send it out to our K-1 parents on September 10th. Please take advantage of this presentation by our own Lynda Kenyon, Kindergarten Teacher.



Saxon 3 Homework Help

This presentation will help parents guide their students through Saxon homework. You will learn how Saxon Math is presented in the classroom, homework expectations, and how to help Saxon students with their homework. We will record this presentation and email it to our 2nd-5th grade parents on September 10th. Please take notice of this presentation by our own, Laura Gvazdauskas, 3rd Grade teacher.



Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 7:30AM-3:00PM & Fri. 7:30AM-1:00PM

We close our office early in order to safety and swiftly carry out or carline procedures.

How to take Care of JICA Business

Paying Fees/Lunch: Please send payment in an envelope with student name, grade level, teacher, amount and purpose

Medical Appointments: When picking up a student early for a medical appointment, please come to inner doors with you ID ready. Our office staff will get your child from the

classroom and bring them to you for your convenience. Please pick up students for appointments prior to 3:00PM as our staff will need to transition to Carline at this time. ☺

Student Updates: If your student usually rides the bus, walks home, or attends YMCA and this changes, please write a note on the learning plan and call the front office at 719-302-9100 to ensure that this is noted. Students in YMCA will need to be signed out by a YMCA staff member. We are unable to simply transfer them from YMCA to carline. This helps YMCA keep their sign in and out system complete and enhances student accountability.

Contact Information

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Messages are checked daily. When you leave a message, please include your email address.

American Heart Association

JICA is a proud winner of the Kids Heart Challenge grant! We are honored to be chosen for giving back and raising money for a great cause. Thank you, @AmericanHeart! [#KHCGrant](https://www.kidshartchallenge.org/) [#HeartHealthyLeader](https://www.heart.org/healthy-living/healthy-lifestyle/being-a-healthy-leader/)



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