

# LAWRENCE E. JONES MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## December Newsletter

### PRINCIPAL UPDATE

**Happy Holidays!** We hope that everyone is able to enjoy this season. With the change in the weather, please help your children traveling to and from school to be aware of their surroundings. We have lots of great winter sports and theater performance, I hope that you have been able to watch your child during these events. We are so proud of the accomplishments of your children, we had over 800 awards given to students during our Honor Assembly. Thank you for all that you do to help your child be successful.

### COUNSELOR CORNER

Technology High School applications are due to Mrs. Teich no later than January 18<sup>th</sup>. All parts of the application get turned into Mrs. Teich and she will then submit completed applications to THS.

### NEW MERIT PROGRAM:

#### LIVESCHOOL IS UP AND RUNNING

LJ has purchased a new Merit program and it is officially up and running! LiveSchool is an app that helps LJMS create a positive learning environment. Staff can award points for good behavior and hard work, as well as document negative behavior and comments. By working hard on a regular basis, your child will be able to earn rewards and participate in fun events.

Your child should have shared a page with you providing instructions on how to download the app and how to login and monitor from home. Feel free to contact Student Services if you need this information.

### LJ IS REACHING OUT AND HELPING OTHERS: OUR FOOD DRIVE TO SUPPORT NOAH

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one." - Mother Teresa

It's time for our annual food drive to benefit the NOAH food pantry which helps families in Cotati, Rohnert Park, and Penngrove. Our Leadership class has teamed up with Ms. Hawkins and will be collecting any non-perishable food to provide support to those in need. All LJ students are encouraged to bring in items in exchange for a ticket. A raffle will be held at the winter assembly before break. Winners will receive gift cards.

### LEADERSHIP PRESENTS: STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Written by Kalani Gonzales

Every month one special student from each grade is chosen to be the student of the month. For the month of November, the subject was math and the students chosen were Shane Flyer (8<sup>th</sup>), Madison Tichava (7<sup>th</sup>), and Kylie Daniel (6<sup>th</sup>). These outstanding students were chosen for their hardworking personality, their ability to never give up. At school, the students will be given a LJMS bracelet and certificate. Congrats to the winners and GO Jaguars!

### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CHECK IN

Students are currently taking diagnostic assessments online through a program called No Red Ink. This program reinforces English concepts in grammar and punctuation and works to strengthen writing skills. All students will be expected to complete some parts of the practice assignments outside of class. This is a program that can be accessed at any time through [noredink.com](http://noredink.com), and students are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous activities to help them become more literate.

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### **BREAKING A SWEAT IN PE**

The PE department will be hosting a Holiday Hustle during class on Tuesday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

It is a mile run that the PE department puts on. All classes run together and raffle tickets and prizes follow the run.

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SPORTS?**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball (by Coach Weingand)**- In the Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> game against Santa Rosa middle school Makena Kane served a total of 5 aces in the second match, Madi T. got 2 kills in the 1st match, and Ireland repeatedly covered the ten foot line providing valuable defense through our the second match.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball (by Coach Bell)**- The boys started the 1st week of the season going 1-1. Losing to Rincon Valley Middle at home and bouncing back with a road victory vs Santa Rosa Middle. All 15 players played and had 7 three point shots in the win against Santa Rosa!

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball (by Coach Landgraf)**- We won our first two games against Rincon Valley and Santa Rosa. We play again Kenilworth and Slater this Tuesday and Thursday. Great start to the season. Let's keep the momentum rolling!

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball**- 8th grade girls' volleyball had a rough 0-2 start this season, but look to rebound against Kenilworth and Slater at home. "This year's team has incredible potential," said Coach Sullivan, "and I believe their season record will reflect their talent." On Saturday, December 1st, a volleyball tournament was held at SSU, and the LJMS 8th grade girls were competing for 5th/6th place out of 16 teams from their 2-2 record in pool play. "I am really excited to

see the chemistry develop between the girls so I can truly see what they are capable of doing on the court." With 10 games left in the season, Coach Sullivan is very optimistic of how this season will end.

### **HOMEWORK HELP AND TUTORING,**

Your children are welcome to come to our LJMS library for assistance on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3-4pm. There are adults and Tech High students available to help. The Rohnert Park Library also offers free drop-in homework help on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30.

### **UPCOMING FANTASTIC DRAMA PRODUCTION AT LJMS**

A flying car? Spies? A child catcher? Candy that whistles? What isn't there to love about the classic musical Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. **Bring the entire family to LJ's fall performance—Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr. Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 or Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 or 6:30 in the theater.** There is a \$5.00 suggested donation per person, and a bake sale will be available at intermission. Please come support our drama students, and have a truly enjoyable experience.

### **LJMS REMIND AND FACEBOOK**

For up to date information we communicate through the app Remind. To access, text the code @ljmsjags” to 81010 on your device to get text updates from the administration team throughout the school year. We will use this mode of communication for updates. Our school Facebook page is updated regularly with information and pictures of our amazing students doing amazing things! Like us on FB!

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### IMPORTANT DATES

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12/3 ExL: Mandatory Parent Mtg. for  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> – Yosemite  
12/4 Girls Volleyball @ LJMS  
12/4 Boys Basketball @ Kenilworth  
12/6 Girls Volleyball @ LJMS  
12/6 Boys Basketball @ Slater  
12/7-8 Fall Play: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang  
12/11 Girls Volleyball @LJMS  
12/11 Boys Basketball @Windsor  
12/11 Winter Concert: Band Performance  
12/13 Girls Volleyball @ Petaluma  
12/13 Boys Basketball @ LJMS  
12/13 Winter Concert: Band Performance  
12/14 Dance  
12/19 MSABC Mtg @ LJMS  
12/19 MSPABA Mtg @ LJMS  
12/20 Girls Volleyball @ LJMS  
12/20 Boys Basketball @ Rincon Valley  
12/21 School Holiday  
12/21-12/31 No School

#### January

1/1-1/4 No School  
1/7 ExL Field Trip @ Yosemite  
1/7-1/11 Library Closed  
1/10 Mental Health Pre. 6<sup>th</sup>  
1/16 MSABC @ TMS  
1/16 MSPABA @ TMS  
1/17 Mental Health Pre. 7<sup>th</sup>  
1/18 Step Up Day – RHS  
1/18 Progress Reports  
1/21 No School – MLK  
1/24 PTSA Mtg: Parent Series- Your  
children and the concerns of Vaping  
1/25 THS Registration Starts  
1/25 RCHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentation  
1/28 ELAC Mtg  
1/28 SSC Mtg  
1/29 2<sup>nd</sup> CoC @ Library  
1/30 Sports Parent Mtg  
1/30 DELAC Mtg @ DO