

AJMS Newsletter

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!



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Letter from the principal

Ms. Shockley brings exciting updates and looks towards the new year!

Basketball Season Begins

Come cheer on our boys and girls as they represent Jackson on the court!

Calendar and events

Stay up-to-date on the happenings around the school and our community.

... and more!



Welcome Back Generals!

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year. I am so honored and humbled to be the new principal here at Jackson. We are looking forward to working with all our families as we continue to strive to provide an excellent education for all our students. I would like to personally invite each family to become a partner with us here at the school as we work together to ensure the success of each of our students. While we have two scheduled parent conference nights during the school year, please reach out to us and your child's teachers anytime throughout the year with questions or concerns you might have. We truly value family engagement in our school and we will strive to make it a priority this year. With the additional funds we receive for being a Title I school, we have created a plan for family and community engagement events throughout the year. We would also like to invite our families to regularly monitor FOCUS for updates on your child's progress, join our PTO (Parent Teacher Organization,) and attend our SAC (School Advisory Committee) meetings.

The 2022-2023 school year showed academic gains in both reading and math. We will continue this year to strive for all our students to make learning gains. Our School Improvement Plan will focus on writing in response to reading and using student data to inform our instruction. We will continue our Generals Achievement Program (GAP) sessions in the morn-

-ing before school where every teacher is available for academic support during the week. New this year, the state of Florida is requiring permission slips for all school events and activities. If you haven't already done so, please complete the permission slip for our GAP sessions. While your student may not need assistance now, they may need it in the future.

While academic success is a priority here at Jackson, I'd like to encourage our students to become involved outside of the classroom. Basketball season is starting and we will have Track season next semester. In addition, we have a number of clubs for students. Students can participate in National Junior Honor Society, Best Buddies, Drone Club, First Priority, Stomp Crew, STEM Club, and American Sign Language.

Again, welcome back to school. We are proud to be the Generals and look forward to providing our students a positive, supportive, and energetic learning environment with a high standard of excellence. Together we will have a great year!

Jennifer Shockley
Principal



September Calendar & GAP Session Schedule

2023 SEPTEMBER	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	3	4 Labor Day - School Closed	5 Basketball vs Kennedy (Home) 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	6 FAST ELA TESTING - PM1 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	7 FAST MATH TESTING - PM1 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Basketball at Jefferson 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	8 Transportation Meet and Greet 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	9
	10	11 1st Interim ends	12 Basketball vs Cocoa (Home) 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	13	14 Interim Report Cards Published Picture Make-up Day Basketball vs Madison (Home) 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	15	16
	17	18	19 Parent Conference Night 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM	20	21 Basketball vs McNair (Home) 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	22	23
	24	25	26 Basketball at Emma Jewel 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	27	28 Basketball at Kennedy 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	29	30

Our General Achievement Program offers “GAP” sessions where students can meet with their teachers before school for additional assistance with classwork, test preparation, and organizational strategies.

GAP SESSION SCHEDULE

Math Department			ELA		
Carroll	Wednesdays	8:20-9:00	Dennison	Wednesdays	8:30-9:00
Wright	Mondays	8:20-9:00	Marshall	Wednesdays	8:45-9:15
Spencer	Thursdays	8:20-9:00	Kriewaldt	Wednesdays	8:45-9:15
Ezzell	Fridays	8:20-9:00	Vaughan	Thursdays	8:45-9:15
Social Studies			Viera	Mondays	8:30-9:00
Carty D.	Wednesdays	8:30-9:00	Ragsdale	Wednesdays	8:30-9:00
Carty W.	Wednesdays	8:30-9:00	TBA ILA		
Morgan	Wednesdays	8:30-9:00	Electives		
Means	Wednesdays	8:30-9:00	Theobald	Mondays	8:30-9:00
Science			Burk	Mondays	8:30-9:00
Huskisson	Wednesdays	8:30-9:00	Gay	Wed & Thurs	8:30-9:15
Curry	Wednesdays	8:30-9:00	Andrus	Mondays	8:30-9:00
Mellon	Wednesdays	8:30-9:00	Genet	Wednesdays	8:30-9:15
TBA Science			Reetz	Wed & Thurs	8:30-9:15
ESE			Solis	Wednesdays	8:30-9:00
Rosabella	Fridays	8:30-9:00	White	Mondays	8:30-9:00
Ganoa	Thursdays	8:30-9:00	Bentley	By Appt.	8:30-9:00
Misquitta	Thursdays	8:30-9:00	Woodside	By Appt.	8:30-9:00
Steffan	Wednesdays	8:30-9:00			

PARENTS:

If you haven’t already completed the permission slip for GAP schedules, please do so as soon as possible.

Please be advised that Mr. Viera, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Ragsdale, Mrs. Dennison, and Ms. Kriewaldt are teaching ESOL out of field in the certification area of Reading and Language Arts for the 2023-2024 school year. We want to assure you that the teachers are fully certified by the State of Florida and are currently working to become certified in ESOL.

Important Updates

New This Year

The district has updated the Student Code of Conduct. Thank you to all that have signed and returned the acknowledgement form. If you haven’t already done so, please do so as soon as possible. The entire Code of Conduct can be viewed on the district website. Some highlights from the new Code of Conduct are as follows:

- At Jackson, cell phones are to be turned off and in their backpacks during the day. Cell phones are only allowed in the cafeteria during lunch.

Minor Wireless Communication Device Misuse	
1 st Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A discipline referral submitted in Focus.• Confiscation of WCD• Parent/legal guardian contact is required.
2 nd Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A discipline referral submitted in Focus.• Confiscation of WCD• Parent/legal guardian contact is required.• Loss of cellphone privileges
3 rd Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A discipline referral submitted in Focus.• Confiscation of WCD• Parent/Legal Guardian contact is required.• Student may be assigned other corrective strategies according to the Code of Student Conduct.
Any violation beyond a 3 rd offense may result in an out of school suspension, up to a 10-day suspension pending possible placement in an alternative setting.	

- Updated Dress Code Policy (the entire policy can be viewed on the district website)
 - All clothing must be appropriately sized, securely fastened and cover midriff, back, sides, and all undergarments at all times.
 - Garments must be of a length and fit that are acceptable to the build and stature of the student. The cut of sleeveless garments must not expose undergarments. Clothing must cover the body from one armpit across to other armpit. Upper garments should meet lower garments.
 - Pants and shorts shall conform to the build and stature of the student, shall be worn at the waist, and shall not extend below the heel of the shoe in length. Rips, holes, or tears in clothing must be below midhigh.
 - Shorts must have clearly discernable inseams that cover the buttocks.

School Advisory Council (SAC) Update:

The following parents were unanimously elected to serve on the SAC committee for the 2023-2024 school year:

Jessica Allen
Mary Salter
Debbie Lust
Lola Merrick
Jessica Pittman



JACKSON BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2023-2024



DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
9/5	KENNEDY	HOME
9/7	JEFFERSON	AWAY
9/12	COCOA	HOME
9/14	MADISON	HOME
9/21	MCNAIR	HOME
9/26	EMMA JEWEL	AWAY (@ CLEARLAKE)
9/28	KENNEDY	AWAY
10/3	JEFFERSON	HOME
10/5	COCOA	AWAY
10/10	MADISON	AWAY
10/17	MCNAIR	AWAY
10/19	EMMA JEWEL	HOME

1st game of week – Girls play first 2nd game of week – Boys play first

Games start at 5:30pm and 7:00pm

Please welcome our 2023-2024 Generals Basketball Teams!

BOYS:

Jordan Landis
Joshua Mckelvin
Kayden Jackson
Jayden Brown
Andre Kattke
Dolton Dokos
Cordero Smith
Phillip McNally
Brycen Vaughan
Kylan Davis
Jaiden Myers
Scotty Pina
Jaquarius Sanders

GIRLS:

Ja'layah Anderson
Shyauna Garrett
Abriana Henry
Kiasia Carter
Jasmine Allen
Sariyah Glenn
J'vauna Garrett
Briya Patel
Olivia Allen
Lee'aja Riley
My'Anna Haynes
Bailey Fayson
Alise James
Sofia Garcia

Cambridge Corner



Welcome to Cambridge!



My name is **Ms. Kriewaldt**,
and I am happy to be the new **Cambridge Coordinator**.

I will send out information
about the Tallahassee trip for our 8th graders soon.
The trip will be during the February and March time frame.

PBIS

Jessica Kriewaldt
Cambridge Coordinator
7th grade Cambridge English
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At Jackson, We Celebrate Being STAR Generals



	Halls	Patio	Cafeteria	Restroom	HOT Hangout	Dismissal Areas
<u>S</u>tay Safe	-Keep moving -Follow the flow of traffic -Walk at an appropriate pace -Keep feet on the ground	-Notify staff of any spills -Walk to desired location	-Notify staff of any spills -Keep hands, feet and food items to self	-Use the restroom, wash your hands, & exit -Notify staff of any spills or other concerns	-Walk to desired area -Use equipment for its intended use	-Walk to desired location -Pay attention to moving vehicles
<u>T</u>ake Responsibility	-Use appropriate language -Maintain an inside voice -Electronic devices in backpacks	-Stay in your original seat -Clean up your area before leaving -Electronic devices in backpacks	-Get in line or find a seat quickly -Stay in your original seat the entire time -Clean up your area before leaving -Electronic devices in backpacks	-Ensure you have a pass during class time -Keep the restroom clean -Electronic devices in backpacks	-Have your student ID ready -Report any unsafe behaviors -Electronic devices in backpacks	-Clean up your area before leaving -Report any unsafe situations -Electronic devices in backpacks
<u>A</u>chieve Academic Excellence	-Arrive to class on time and be ready to work -Use transition time effectively	-Utilize your time effectively -Use hall passes to visit teachers and office	-Raise your hand to go to the library, patio, or other activity	-Use instructional time wisely	-Come inside when time is called	-Keep all items in your backpacks
<u>R</u>espect Yourself & Others	-Keeps hands, feet, and object to self -Be kind and use appropriate language	-Maintain an inside voice -Be kind and use appropriate language	-Wait your turn in line -Maintain an inside voice -Be kind and use appropriate language	-Wait your turn -Be kind and use appropriate language	-Be kind and use appropriate language -Leave food and beverages inside	-Keep hands, feet, and objects to self -Be kind and use appropriate language

PBIS is our incentive program for rewarding STAR General behavior!

The STAR Bucks Store opens the last week of August.

STAR General behavior can earn Positive Referrals and Student of the Week awards.