



Johnstown Elementary School
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Dear Johnstown Elementary Families,

As I begin my 40th year in education, I am so honored to continue to serve this community as principal of Johnstown Elementary School and also the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology. Johnstown Elementary is truly a special place. We have an amazing staff, awesome students, and supportive parents. I truly feel this is the best job in the world!

Important Back-to-School Information

As we prepare to kick off another great school year at **Johnstown Elementary School**, please take a moment to review the important information below:

Grade Level Curriculum Nights- New this year. Parents will have the opportunity to visit the classroom and then learn about the curriculum and classroom expectations at a *Grade-Level Parent Curriculum Night*.

- **Monday, August 17th: Kindergarten and first grade parents and students**
 - 4:30-4:45 Visit your child's classroom
 - 4:45-5:15 Grade Level Meetings (K in the gym and 1st in the Commons)
- **Monday, August 17th Second and Third grade parents and students**
 - 5:30-5:45 Visit your child's classroom
 - 5:45-6:15 Grade Level Meetings (2nd in the gym and 3rd in the Commons)

In addition, representatives from **Community Bus Services** will be available on-site to answer any questions related to bus routes or transportation. Remember, we have an Opt-In System. **Student Transportation Form Reminder 2026**

Important items distributed during Building Grade Level Curriculum Nights include:

- **Dismissal Cards** - Required for carline pick-up. These will be distributed by each homeroom teacher.
- **Student Name Tags** - Students are asked to wear these during the first few days of school to assist with a smooth arrival process. Nametags will be available for pickup in your child's homeroom.

Our building will be closed to visitors on August 18th so that staff can participate in professional development activities.



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Returning Student Forms - Action Required

All families — including those who have recently enrolled or are new to kindergarten — must complete the **Returning Student Forms** in the **PowerSchool Parent Portal**. These forms are required **annually** and must be completed in **July or August**, regardless of previous submission.

 [Click here](#) to complete the online forms. You **MUST** go to the returning student forms and complete forms A-G. Most of your answers will remain the same, but this is required each July/August prior to school starting. **PLEASE do not complete the change of address form unless you have moved.**

Beginning **August 10th**, I will begin sending teacher assignment emails to families who have completed *all required forms*. Please note that with nearly 430 students, this will be a multi-day process — your patience is appreciated.

➡ Families who do **not complete the forms before August 14** will be asked to do so during the **Curriculum Night**. Classroom assignments will be provided **after** form completion at that time.

* **Reminder:** Families who submit forms **after 5:00 PM on August 14th** will receive their child's teacher assignment during the Curriculum Night event, not via email.

Thank you for your attention to this important start-of-year requirement. Your timely completion helps us ensure a smooth and well-prepared start for all students.

Transportation Opt-in: Beginning this school year, the district will implement designated safety zones. Under these updated guidelines: • Students in grades K-3 attending JES who would be required to cross State Route 62 or State Route 37 when walking to school are now eligible for transportation services.

As in previous years, our third-party transportation partner, Community Bus Services (CBS), is using an "opt-in" model. This means that if your student(s) plans to ride the bus to or from school next school year, you should have completed the "Returning Student Transportation" form in [PowerSchool](#) no later than July 10 in order to receive transportation services at the start of the school year on August 19.

All returning student forms in PowerSchool are currently active and available for completion for the upcoming school year. Students who submit transportation requests after July 10 will not be eligible to begin receiving transportation services until Monday, August 31. To complete the Returning Student Transportation form, families must log into the PowerSchool Parent



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Portal, select Forms, then enrollment to access the **Returning Student Forms section**. This timeline is necessary to give Community Bus Services (CBS) sufficient time to design and finalize bus routes before the start of the school year.

Breakfast and Lunch

To view menus, manage food service accounts, or make payments, please visit the **Meal Magic Family Portal**.

We encourage all families to create a Meal Magic account. This will allow you to:

- View account balances
- Review purchase history
- Make deposits
- Transfer funds between siblings
- Set parental controls for purchases

Note: All electronic payments must be made through the Meal Magic Family Portal.

School Supplies and Fees

This year, the district will again bulk-purchase **all school supplies** for students. Families only need to provide a **backpack** (no wheels, please).

The school fee for technology is \$20. Please make sure you have paid this amount to the office or on the parent portal by September 30th.

First Day of School

- **Grades 1-3:** First day is **Wednesday, August 19th**.
- **Kindergarten:** Students will follow a staggered start schedule:
 - **August 19th:** Last names A-L



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- **August 20th:** Last names M-Z
- **August 21st:** *All kindergarten students attend*

This gradual start allows students to ease into school in smaller groups.

Arrival and Dismissal - [Click here to view full arrival and dismissal procedures.](#) Our arrival and dismissal times are changing slightly this year due to transportation.

- Students may enter the building starting at **8:10 a.m.**
- **Car riders** should remain in vehicles until drop-off begins.
- **Walkers** will enter through the **Commons door near the playground.**
- **Bus riders** will remain on the bus until 8:10 a.m.

To help staff assist during arrival, **students should wear the provided name tags** for the **first three days of school.**

Due to parking limitations and to ensure student safety, **only kindergarten parents** may walk their child to the classroom on the first day.

Welcome New Staff Members!

Please join us in welcoming the newest additions to our team:

- **Secretary:** Mrs. Kenyon
- **Dean of Students:** Mrs. Graber
- **Student Support Specialist:** Ms. Chace
- **Second Grade:** Ms. Lopez (formerly first-grade teacher)
- **Intervention Specialist:** Mrs. Bullard (formerly second-grade teacher)
- **Intervention Specialist:** Mrs. Gray
- **Third Grade:** Ms. Robertson
- **Building Substitute:** TBD
- **Math Paraprofessional:** Mrs. McMannis
- **Student Attendant:** TBD



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If you have any questions, please email me at rwagoner@jmk12.org. I will send a follow-up message the first week of August as a reminder.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and growth at Johnstown Elementary!

Together We Learn,

Roben Wagoner
