J-WMS Weekly Update

J-WMS Community,

Sept. 6, 2026

Parent Drop off/Pick up

- Please adhere to dropping off and picking up students at the front loop of the school.
- Using the handicap spots and the parking spots nearest the track should be avoided as they impede the flow of traffic coming in and out of the school lot.
- Busses have the right away in all instances in our rear loop as there routes are time sensitive.

Energy Drinks and Caffeine

A reminder to not send students to school with energy drinks nor caffeinated beverages as they are not permitted at middle school.

J-WMS Student Council

Students can apply to be a part of the J-WMS Student Council. The timeline for the selection of officers is listed below. Students can see Ms. Brafford in room 126 or email her if interested.

Steps to Applying	Due Date
Join Google Classroom Code: svtntjqf	September 3, 2026
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Identify your top 2 positions	September 11, 2026
Submit Essay	September 11, 2026

J-WMS Clubs

Here is our club listing as of the beginning of September.

J-WMS Clubs

School Pictures

Date of school pictures: Sept. 11

Pictures available: approximately two weeks after photo day

Pre-order online: https://shop.imagequix.com/g1001415955

Questions about ordering: Email us at underclass@vosphoto.com

News from the J-WMS Library

- Coming Soon--Our fall book will be held from Sept. 28-Oct. 2. Family night will occur on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 3:10-6:30PM. You can set up an EWallet for your child three weeks before the fair using the link: J-WMS Fall Book Fair 2026 Info
- The Junior Librarians Club will begin on Thursday, September 24. Permission forms are on the wooden book drop right outside the library door. These forms must be turned in for students to remain after school for our club.

Student Devices / Acceptable Usage

This week we found that students are misusing their devices by downloading games that are not detectable through our monitoring software.

One other aspect of student misuse is entering codes to not be detected on our wifi, thus preventing our monitoring software from being effective.

We would like to avoid having to take student devices as a consequence due to unacceptable use and are asking parents to speak with your student about using their device for aspects related to our classrooms. Typically, students will lose their device for a period of time when they are consequence for unacceptable usage.

Volunteer / Chaperone

If you plan on being a chaperone this year or volunteering, it is best to go ahead and submit this form to CCPS for review and approval.

Online Volunteer/Chaperone/Mentor Application

Printable Volunteer/Chaperone Application

Athletics

Girls Basketball: (Home games highlighted)

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10-8 J-WMS @ Warren Co
10-13 Skyline @ J-WMS
10-20 NVJL Semi Finals TBD
10-22 NVJL Championship @ Warren Co TBD

Cross Country: (Home meets highlighted)

9-9 Skyline @ J-WMS
9-12 Bill Meyer Invitational
9-16 Aylor & Fred Co @ J-WMS
9-23 J-WMS & Aylor @ Skyline
9-30 Warren Co & J-WMS @ James Wood
10-3 Rifleman Classic
10-7 Fred Co & J-WMS @ Admiral Byrd
10-10 Third Battle Invitational
10-14 J-WMS @ Daniel Morgan
10-19 NVJL Championship @ Skyline

Calendar Events:

- September 7: Holiday (Labor Day)
- September 11: School Picture Day
- September 18: No School students (Teacher Inservice Day)
- October 2: 8th grade WOW field trip
- October 20-29: Q1 Benchmark assessments in English and Math classes
- October 23: No School students (Teacher Inservice Day)

August 23, 2026

Lunch / Cafeteria

- Energy drinks are not permitted at J-WMS. As well, all caffeinated beverages are not allowed in middle school.
- Please refrain from sending students to school with glass containers in their lunch boxes.
- Menus for the district:
  - Menus
  - Flyer to help navigate menus: Nutrislice/Menus

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J-WMS Band

If you student is in band and is wanting to get band merchandise please use this link:

https://top2bottomcustomwear.myshopify.com/collections/j-wms-bands

Athletics

Girls Basketball:

8-24 Pictures/Parent Meeting @ 5pm
8-31 Home game vs. Frederick Co

Cross Country:

8-24 Pictures/Parent Meeting @ 5pm
8-27 Home meet vs. Admiral Byrd and Warren Co.

Calendar Events:

- August 25: Back to School Night (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.) (for parents)
- September 7: Holiday (Labor Day)
- September 18: No School students (Teacher Inservice Day)
- October 23: No School students (Teacher Inservice Day)

August 5, 2026

Start of School:

- Student schedules will be released in PowerSchool Thursday, August 13.
- Bus schedules are also posted in PowerSchool on Thursday, August 13.
- 6th graders will get their Chromebook on the first day of school during their English class.
- 7th/8th graders should come on Friday, August 14th between 8am-12pm to pick up their Chromebook.
- The first day of school is Monday, August 17th.

Summer Updates / Information

- Two summer updates were sent to all parents on July 14 and July 21. Both updates contained important information on the following topics:
  - Orientations
  - Math Acceleration
  - Back to School Night
  - School supplies
  - Athletics
- Both summer updates are posted on our website and can be viewed by following this link: https://jwms.clarke.k12.va.us/parents-students/newsletters

Math Acceleration

- Parents who have students who have students affected by the Math Acceleration bill were notified via email on July 24. Please review the messaging on math acceleration and respond accordingly.

School Fees

- Please log in to PowerSchool and check your student's fee balance.
- All payments can be made through MySchoolBucks.
- Payments can also be made in person at J-WMS through our bookkeeper Ms. Dalton

School Meal Prices for 2026-2027

Please note that breakfast and lunch prices have changed for the new school year.

Breakfast - $2.00

Elementary Lunch - $3.35

Middle and High School Lunch - $3.65

If your family's financial situation has changed, or you think you may qualify, we encourage you to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Applications are available online and the division website www.clarke.k12.va.us, or by contacting your child's school. Completing an application may help reduce meal costs and ensure your child has access to healthy school meals throughout the year.

The Clarke County Nutrition Alliance has started a program to assist families who do not qualify for free and reduced meals but they still fall below the 200% poverty guidelines. In addition, you may apply for a short-term financial hardship. CCNA Special Assistance Program Application.

July 21, 2026

Community:

- **8th Grade Volunteers**
    - Any 8th grader who would like to assist with the 6th grade orientation with tours of the school and the activities should contact Mr. White or Ms. Rivera. Volunteers are needed from 8:50 - 10:45 the morning of August 14.
- **Orientations**

- 6th Grade: August 14 from 9:00 – 10:45 a.m. Please plan to drop off your child by 8:50 a.m. and return for a parent meeting at 10:15 a.m. Students will get their schedules, prepare their lockers and engage in activities throughout the two hours. The 10:15 a.m. parent meeting will be in the auditorium with parents meeting up with their child at 10:45 a.m. to set up lockers and prepare for the first day of school on Monday, August 17.
- 7th/8th Grade: August 14: Schedule/Chromebook pickup and Building walk is from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
    - Please try to avoid the 9:00 and 10:45 drop off/pick up times for the 6th grade orientation.

- **Math Acceleration**
    - In accordance with Virginia legislation (**House Bill 2686**), school divisions are required to automatically enroll middle school students in advanced or accelerated mathematics courses if they scored in the statewide upper quartile (the top 25%) on their most recent Standards of Learning (SOL) mathematics assessment.
    - Parents of students who are in the math acceleration coursework will be receiving an electronic letter from J-WMS through SchoolMessenger the week of July 27th. No action is needed if you agree with your student being placed on the math acceleration track.
        - Action will be needed if you:
            - Want to opt out of the math acceleration course work
            - Want to have a discussion with your student's school counselor as which path is best for your student.
- **My School Bucks**
    - Please log in to PowerSchool and check your student's fee balance.
    - All payments can be made through MySchoolBucks.
- **Back to School Night**
    - We will have our Back to School Night on August 25 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Parents will attend shortened class periods replicating their student's schedule.

- Please plan to arrive so you are in your student's first period class by 6:30 p.m.

- **Bell Schedules**
  - Our bell schedule for the 26-27 school year is posted on the J-WMS website.
  - Reminder to parents and students about our new class schedule for this coming school year.
    - Monday/Tuesday/Friday: students attend all 8 periods with classes being approximately 50 minutes in length
    - Wednesday and Thursday: students will attend four of their eight periods. Wednesday will be an ODD period day with students attending periods 1,3,5,7 at approximately 100 minutes in duration. Thursday will be an EVEN period day with students attending periods 2,4,6,8 at approximately 100 minutes in duration.
- **School Supplies**
  - Supply lists for all classes are posted on the J-WMS website for the 26-27 school year.
  - J-WMS School Supply List 2026-2027
- **School Pictures**
  - Our Fall Picture day will be September 11. Students will be called from class for the school pictures beginning during first period.
  - Fall picture makeup date is October 16.
- **Athletics**
  - Cross Country
    - J-WMS Cross Country Schedule 2026 (Home events highlighted)
      - 8-17-26 1st day of practice (after school 3:30 - 5:00)
      - 8-24 Team Pictures/Parent Meeting @ 5pm (JWMS Cafeteria)
      - 8-27 Admiral Byrd & Warren Co @ J-WMS
      - 9-2 Daniel Morgan & J-WMS @ James Wood

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    - Girls Basketball
        - Offseason workouts
        - Tryouts
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    - Cheer
        - Tryout Dates: August 12, 13, 14
        - Tryout Times: 4:30-6:00 p.m.
        - Tryout Location: J-WMS Cafeteria

        - Open to all 6th, 7th, 8th graders
        - Wear athletic apparel and tennis/cheer shoes
    - Athletic Registration:
        - Clarke County HS Athletics registration is open for the 2026-2027 school year. Please use the link below to access detailed instructions and a link to the registration forms.
        - https://bit.ly/cchsathleticsreg26-27

July 14, 2026

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    - 7th/8th Grade: August 14: Schedule/Chromebook pickup and Building walk is from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **School Tours**
    - We are offering school tours to students new to J-WMS and rising 6th graders. Contact the main office to schedule.
    - Tour Dates and Times:
        - July 28: 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
        - July 29: 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
        - Aug. 4: 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
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- **Fair Volunteers Needed:**
  - We are already scheduling for the August 2026 Clarke County Fair (Sunday, August 9 to Saturday, August 15, 2026), it will be here before you know it!! Please reach out to us at your earliest opportunity to schedule. If you wait you could end up with a different shift or area instead of where you wanted to be.
  - Volunteers can be 13 years and above (we even have a 93-year-old who volunteers!). This is a great way to give back to the community, get involved and meet new people as well as **earn fair passes.**
  - One SIX-hour shift earns a weeklong fair pass.

We have the following shifts/areas available:

Food Stand (NOW WITH AIR CONDITIONING!!!)

- Sun 10am to 4pm
- Mon-Sat 10am to 4pm
- Mon-Sat 4pm to 10pm

Gates

- 10am to 4pm
- 3:45pm to 9:15pm

Ice Cream Stand

- Sun noon to 6pm
- Mon-Sat 4pm to 10pm

Parking (typically teenagers)

- 5pm to 8pm

Crew (jobs as needed…set up, moving items, running food, bagging ice)

- Sun and Mon 10am to 4pm
- Tue-Sat 11am to 5pm

Office Work

- Mon-Sat 10am to 4pm
- Mon-Sat 4pm to 10pm
- Sun Aug 16 10am to 4pm

BBQ Line

- 4pm to 7:30pm

If you know of anyone else who would like to volunteer, please send them our way. **It takes almost 450 volunteers to ensure the fair is successful.**

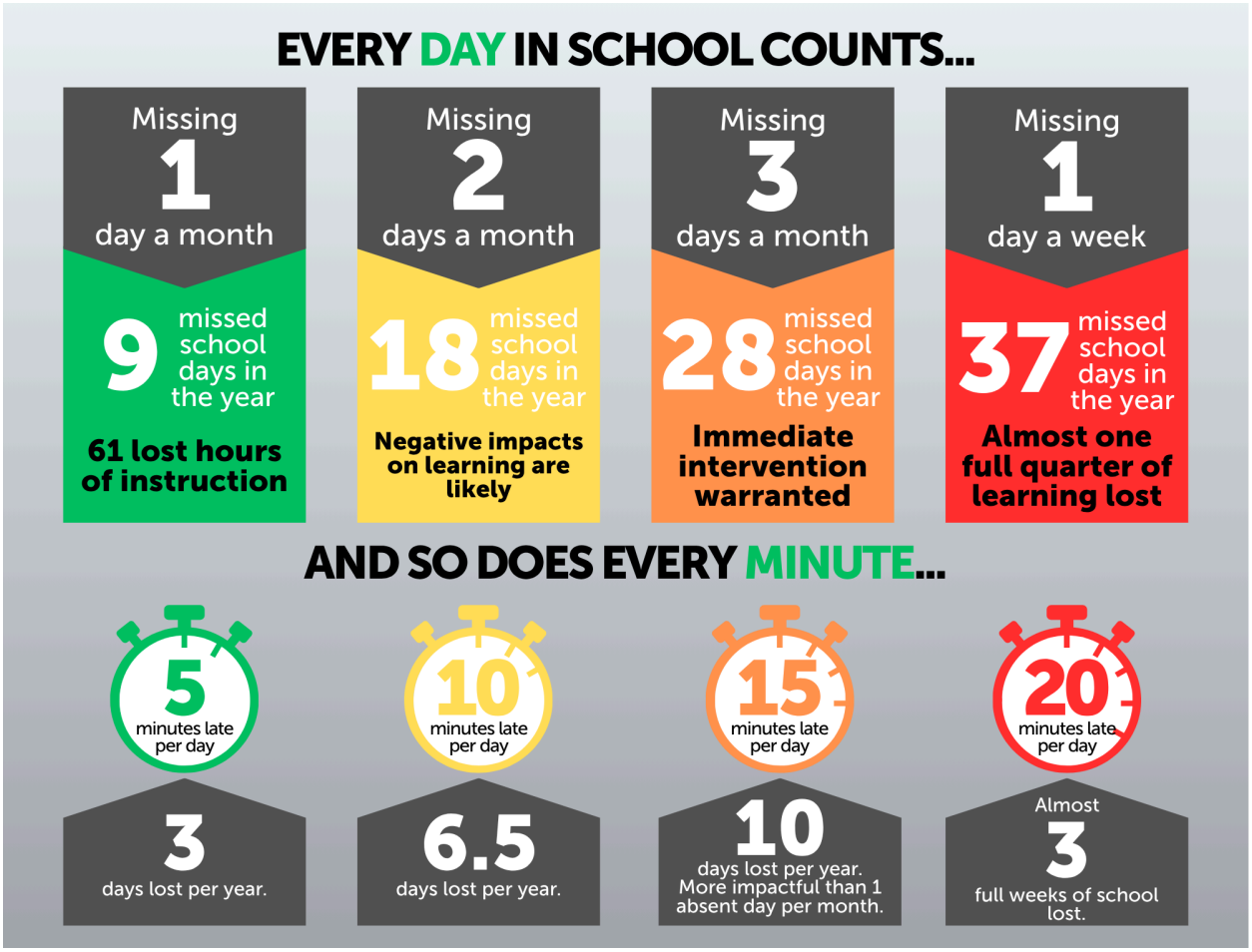
Thanks, and please reach out to us at volunteer4theruritan@gmail.com or Kelly at 540-303-1129.

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- **Attendance Matters:**
    - Please be mindful of school attendance as you plan medical appointments, family events and travel.
    - While our students are doing better at not being chronically absent we still have a way to go to reach our goal of less than 10% of students missing at least 10% of the school year.
    - A total of 18 absences during a school year is the defining criteria as to whether your child was chronically absent. It does not matter if the absences are excused or unexcused.



- **Calendar Dates for start of the school year:**
    - CCPS 2026-2027 School Year Calendar
        - August 14: Orientations for all grades as mentioned above
        - August 17: First day of school for students
        - August 25: Back to School Night (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)
        - September 7: Holiday (Labor Day)
        - September 18: No School students (Teacher InService Day)
        - October 23: No School students (Teacher InService Day)
        - November 3: Parent Teacher Conferences (No School students)
        - November 25-27: Thanksgiving Holiday
        - December 18: 1:00 p.m Student Dismissal (Winter Break begins)
        - December 21 - January 1: Winter Break
        - January 4: Students Return to school from Winter Break

- January 15: No School Students (Teacher InService Day)
- January 18: MLK Holiday (No School)
- February 15: President's Day (No School)
- March 26: No School Students (Teacher InService Day)
- March 29: No School / Easter Monday
- March 29 - April 2: Spring Break
- April 30: Apple Blossom Holiday
- May 27: Last Day of School (1:00 p.m. Dismissal)

March 15, 2026

This week:

- Upcoming Benchmark assessment dates
    - Math classes: March 19 except for 6th grade
    - English classes: March 23
    - Math – 6th grade classes: March 24

- Preseason workout dates added for Track and Field (J-WMS Athletics below)

NHS Project

We are supporting CCHS students with their NHS projects. This week's drive is for the animals of Clarke Co. Donations may include: cat food, dog food, cat litter, blankets, beds, toys, collars, etc. Please see this linked flyer for more details.

Shoe Drive

The Clarke County High School Environmental Club is excited to announce a partnership with Funds2Orgs for a community-wide shoe drive fundraiser running from February 23 through April 23.

Funds raised will be determined by the total weight of gently worn, used, and new shoes collected. Proceeds will directly support the Environmental Club's efforts, including park cleanups and school-based environmental projects that benefit our entire community.

Funds2Orgs provides a responsible way to donate shoes. The organization connects collected shoes to micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations, helping to spark economic growth and create small business opportunities around the world.

We need your help to make this fundraiser a success! Please consider donating gently worn, used, or new shoes that are clean, in good condition, and still wearable. All types and sizes of shoes are welcome. (We kindly ask that shoes with soles falling off, broken heels or parts, or that are no longer wearable not be donated.)

Donations may be dropped off at any of the following locations:

- Clarke County High School (CCHS)
- Johnson-Williams Middle School (JWMS)
- D.G. Cooley Elementary School
- Boyce Elementary School

Thank you for supporting the Clarke County High School Environmental Club and helping us make a positive impact in our community and beyond!

Yearbook Information

To order online: go to yearbookforever.com

To pay with cash or check in the main office, locate the form to print on JWMS website

8th Grade Tribute Forms went home with students last week! Deadline to submit 8th grade tributes is March 26. All questions regarding yearbook

J-WMS Athletics

Boys Basketball:

Game Schedule (home games highlighted):

3 – 17: Skyline MS @ J-WMS
3 – 19: J-WMS @ Daniel Morgan
3 – 24: NVJL Semifinals
3 – 26: NVJL Finals at Skyline Middle School

Spring Track and Field

Preseason workouts:

March 16, 18, 23, 25: 3:30-4:30 after school on the track.

April 7 – first day of practice after school. Track and Field does not do tryouts. Students are to attend the first practice if interested in joining the team.

Athletic Registration

Visit clarkeathletics.org and click on Activity Registration to complete the registration for JWMS/CCHS sports if you have not done so already.

We will NOT be accepting paper copies of physicals or any Athletics paperwork

-If the physical is dated before 07/01/2025, you will need to upload one file containing all 4 pages of the VHSL physical form that has been signed and dated by a doctor.
-If the physical is dated on or after 07/01/2025, you will need to upload one file containing the first 3 pages of the updated 6 page VHSL physical form

Physicals are valid for 14 months from the date the doctor signed it.

Calendar Dates

March 25: End of Q3

March 27: No school students / Teacher Workday

March 30-April 6: Spring Break

April 7: Student return to school

April 8: Q3 Student Recognition Night (Cornerstone Awards and Honor Rolls)

April 10: Q3 Reports sent to parents/guardians

April 10: Spring CEO Reward (Skate Rink)

April 10: Main Street Orchestra (student assembly)

October 26, 2025

Assistance for Breakfast and Lunch

Households may apply for free or reduced-price meals at any time during the school year. If a household is not eligible now but has a change, such as a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, becomes unemployed or qualifies for SNAP or TANF, the household should contact the school for an application or you can complete on online application found on the division's website at www.clarke.k12.va.us or https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact Renée Weir at weirr@clarke.k12.va.us of 540-955-6100.

Parent-Teacher Conferencing – Nov. 3, 2025

The parent-teacher conferencing day will be Nov. 3, 2025 from 11:00 – 4:00 and 5:00 – 7:00. Parents are to submit this form if they want to speak with their students' teachers. Please contact the main office with questions or for assistance.

We will close the form for submissions at close of day on Oct. 27, parents who want to request a conference will need to submit the form prior to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 27.

Parents will receive their conference schedule through a secure document delivery on Oct.30/31 for the November 4 conferencing day.

SCA Canned Food Drive

Our Student Council will be sponsoring a food drive from Nov. 5 through Nov. 21. Donations will be accepted through your students' first period class.

J-WMS Staff Fall Appreciation

The PTO is asking for donations to surprise the teachers and staff with some Halloween/fall treats on Friday October 31st.

Snack donations can be dropped off in the main office by Thursday October 30th and no later than 8am Friday October 31st.

We are looking for donations of Halloween or fall themed items - cookies, bakery treats, candy bars, individual snack bags like popcorn, chips, crackers, granola bars…anything to make this day a little sweeter for our staff. We are also looking for a few gluten free/vegan items.

We are also collecting donations of tissue boxes, hand sanitizer bottles, and cleaning wipes to help during this cold and flu season.

Thank you for your support!!

Contact Heather Beebe with any questions beebeh@clarke.k12.va.us

NHS Tutoring

CCHS students are offering tutoring for our middle school students. If you are interested in getting you student some additional help with school work please submit this form.

Q1 Student Recognition Night

We will be recognizing students for the first quarter academic achievements the evening of Nov. 12 at 7:00 p.m in the J-WMS auditorium. Parents who have a student being recognized will be notified via email on Nov. 4.

Veterans Day

Johnson-Williams Middle School (J-WMS) is proud to announce a special initiative to honor the brave men and women of Clarke County families who have served our nation. This Veterans Day, the school will create a **"Field of Flags"** on the school grounds to visually represent and celebrate the service of our local veterans.

The entire Clarke County community is invited to participate! Community members can have a flag displayed in the "Field of Flags" in honor or memory of a family veteran.

How to Participate:

To have a flag placed for your family veteran, please complete this short Google Form submission. This form will allow you to provide the veteran's name and details of their service for inclusion in the display.

Let us join together to create a powerful tribute and honor those who have sacrificed for our freedom. The "Field of Flags" will be a moving display of gratitude for the service of Clarke County family veterans.

J-WMS Athletics

Upcoming Events

Winter Sports—all students planning on trying out for wrestling and volleyball are required to have their athletic paperwork completed and loaded into the site listed below (Arbiter Registration) in order to participate in tryouts and practice. Students who do not have the required physical and forms will not be allowed to tryout.

J-WMS Wrestling:

- Practice began October 23.
- Students may still join the team. Practices are planned for Tues-Thurs with notices of changes on our morning announcements.

Volleyball:

- Tryouts will be November 5,6,7

Athletic Registration

Special Note - you will be required to upload a single file for the physical form. (This can be a scanning app for a phone camera, most have this function built in to the camera. There are also tools available to convert pictures to pdfs and merge multiple pdf files into one for uploading available for free at pdfcandy.com) ***We will NOT be accepting paper copies of physicals***

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Thank you,

Clarke Football Boosters

Arbiter Registration

Calendar Dates

October 27: Teacher Workday

November 3: Parent Teacher Conferences (11:00-4:00 and 5:00-7:00)

November 4: Teacher Workday

November 7: Q1 Reports Cards (email delivery to parents/guardians)

November 11: Veterans Day (J-WMS event begins at 8:30 a.m.)

November 11,12: 6th Grade Blandy Field Trip

November 12: Q1 Student Recognition Night at J-WMS auditorium (7:00 p.m.)

November 26-28: Thanksgiving Holiday

December 5: Q2 Progress reports (email delivery to parents/guardians)

December 8: Winter Choir Concert – 6:00 p.m. (auditorium)

December 12: Winter Band Concert – 6:00 p.m. (auditorium)

December 22: Winter Break begins

September 21, 2025

Q1 Progress Reports

As we have reached the half way point of the first quarter, parents were sent their student's progress reports in a secure document delivery email on Friday at 4:00 p.m. You have to enter your student's lunch number to access the progress report.

Class Fees

A reminder to all parents/guardians that class fees have been assessed in PowerSchool. Payment can be made through MySchoolBucks.

STUDENTS' FOOD AND DRINKS

A couple of reminders for parents:

- Please refrain from packing student lunch items in glass containers.
- Energy drinks are not permitted at the middle school as they contain upwards of 200mg of caffeine.

Parent Volunteers / Chaperones

We have several field trips throughout the course of the school year. Some of the ones that we will need a number of parent chaperones are the 6th grade to Blandy and the 8th grade trip to D.C. If you plan on chaperoning or volunteering at CCPS, please submit this form to be on the approved volunteer list.

BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

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September 14, 2025

September - Attendance Awareness Month

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- **Reduce stress** by preventing students from falling behind on their work.

- Make it **easier to connect with friends and teachers**, building a strong support network.

- Directly **support learning** by ensuring students don't miss key lessons and can build on their knowledge consistently.

As of Friday, students have had 18 days of school. Students who have missed more than two days are considered **chronically absent**, as their absenteeism rate is over 10%. While it's still early in the school year, every day is important when you consider the course of a 180-day school year. Please call us if you need help with attendance.

On Track Attendance

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September 7, 2025

Classroom Instruction

Thank you to our parents who attended the parent information night on our evidence based instructional practices. The presentation shared with parents is linked below for those who are unable to attend.

Parents seeking more information may request a binder explaining the instructional practices with resources for supporting your child in reading and math skills at home. Please contact the main office if you would like us to send one home.

Parent Night / Evidence Based Interventions in English and Math classrooms

SCHOOL PICTURES

School Picture Day is Coming!

Date: Friday, September 12, 2025

Pictures Available: Approximately two weeks after photo day

Questions about Ordering? Email us at underclass@vosphoto.com

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August 31, 2025

Parent Info Night

All parents are invited to attend our parent informational night on the evidence based instructional approaches being used in English and Math classrooms. This will be held in the J-WMS auditorium the evening of Sept. 4 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Parent resources for supporting students at home will be provided.

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August 24, 2025

Back to School Night

We will have our Back to School Night on August 26 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Parents will attend shortened class periods replicating their student's schedule. First period begins promptly at 6:30 with parents checking their student's locker during the Advisory class period.

iReady Diagnostics

Delivery dates:

Math iReady – Tuesday, August 26 (two hour delay bell schedule)

Reading iReady – Wednesday, August 27 (two hour delay bell schedule)

Students will take the diagnostic assessments from 8:00 a.m.– 10:00 a.m. and begin classes on the two hour delay bell schedule.

Please remind your student to charge their Chromebook each evening so they are prepared for the assessments.

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Beginning of School / August 16, 2025

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Summer Update / August 5, 2025

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Cell Phone Policy—CCPS (updated)

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Cell Phone Policy

Cell Phone Regulation

J-WMS Dress Code

Students are welcome to choose school-appropriate outfits with the following limitations and guidelines:

- All clothing shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments and ensure that the chest, torso, midriff, behind and armpits are adequately covered at all times.
- Pants, skirts, bottoms must fit snuggly at the waist and be near fingertip length when arms are extended. Belts, if worn, shall be through the loops and not hang-down.
- Any tears, rips, cuts, and/or see-through material on bottoms/pants should be below the student's fingertips when arms are extended.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Athletic shoes shall be worn for PE.
- Accessories must be safe and non-suggestive.

Students may NOT wear any of the following during the school day:

- Clothing that does not represent our commitment to respect, acceptance and inclusion
- Clothing that references drugs, alcohol, weapons, violence, sex, gang activity, racism, bigotry, vandalism, or vulgar language.
- Hats or hoods while in the building
- Accessories should not disrupt the learning environment. Please refrain from wearing spikes, chains, dog collars, and gloves in the building
- Pajamas, blankets, slippers or other sleepwear

If students are not dressed appropriately, the steps that we take are as follows:

- Students are asked by a staff member to adhere to the dress code and may be referred to an administrator
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J-WMS Athletics

Cross County:

Preseason workouts will begin August 4. (3:30 – 4:45 Mon-Fri)

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Girls Basketball:

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Summer Update / July 25, 2025

Immunizations

A reminder to parents of 7th graders that the required immunizations are to be completed prior to the start of school. Please reach out to Ms. Bosley if you have any questions.

Meal Prices

News from the district regarding meal prices for the 25-26 school year:

Student Breakfast - $1.90

Elementary Lunch - $3.25

Middle and High School Lunch - $3.50

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Update, Feb.9, 2025

7th Grade Immunizations

The 2020 Virginia General Assembly passed a law which *requires all rising 7th grade students to have a tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) booster shot and a Meningococcal (MenACWY) vaccine prior to entry into 7th grade!*

Effective July 1, 2021, a minimum of 2 doses of MenACWY vaccine. The first dose should be administered prior to entering 7th grade. The final dose should be administered prior to entering 12th grade. If the first dose is received at or after 16 years of age, a second dose is not needed.

Q2 Student Recognition Night

The second quarter Recognition Night is scheduled for Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the J-WMS auditorium. **All honor roll students (All A's and All A's/B's) are invited to attend**. As well, we also present our Cornerstone Awards for each department. Parents who have students being recognized for a Cornerstone award have already received a personalized invite to the recognition night.

Student Fees

Parents please check your students' **myschoolbucks** account for any outstanding fees. You can pay with a credit or debit card online at myschoolbucks.com or send payment with your child to the Main Office.

CEO Event

Our next CEO event is scheduled for March 28 after school. All students will receive the behavior contract in Advisory the week of March 3. The criteria students must meet to be eligible to attend the event is included below.

CEO Reward Event Behavioral Contract

The third CEO reward event is scheduled for March 28, 2025 from 3:30-5:00. Students will be participating in several outdoor and indoor activities. In order to be eligible to participate students must adhere to the following criteria for the remainder of this school year:

- Have less than 2 referrals between February 3, 2025 and March 28, 2025.
- Have not been assigned to silent lunch or after school detention for more than 4 days between February 3, 2025 and March 28, 2025 .
- Have not been in ISR for more than 3 days between February 3, 2025 and March 28, 2025.
- Must be passing at least 5 classes for the third quarter.
- Have less than 10 tardies to periods 2-8 between February 3, 2025 and March 28, 2025.
- Less than or equal to three days absent between February 3, 2025 and March 28, 2025.

Students may request to meet with the Principal or Assistant principal if they wish to "earn" their way into attending the CEO Event if they are unable to meet one of the above listed requirements. It is at the discretion of J-WMS administration whether any student is permitted to attend or not.

Cell Phone policy update

The new policy addressing cell phones and electronic devices was shared with the Clarke County community on Dec. 23. The current practice regarding cell phones and electronic devices at J-WMS is closely aligned to the new policy. Our middle school students will no longer be able to

check their phones during class changes as the new policy prohibits them from accessing devices between 8:00 – 3:10.

As a parent, we find ourselves in need of communicating with our children at times during the school day. If you have a need to get your child a message, please call the main office and J-WMS will ensure the message is delivered.

The new cell phone and electronic device policy can be viewed here.

VA School Climate Survey

This state survey will be administered to students during the week of Jan. 27. Parents may opt their child out of participating in this survey by completing this form.

National Junior Honor Society Tutoring

Our NJHS students will be offering peer tutoring starting soon. Parents can request to have a peer tutor for their child.

Please submit the form below to request tutoring for your student.

https://forms.gle/3oFnaqTFQGa8Fuo4A

J-WMS Yearbook

The link to purchase a yearbook is now active: J-WMS Yearbook 2025

As well, you can find the paper order form and the link to order on the J-WMS website.

School Pictures

School Photos are now online!

Families should have received an E-proof via email.

Please remember to check your spam.

For any questions about your student's school pictures please contact:
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Tryouts Flyer

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Update, Feb. 2, 2025

8th Grade Transition to CCHS

The information shared with parents following the Parent Night at CCHS is included for all parents of 8th grade students:

This email will provide students and families with a Program of Studies Presentation, the IB Program Presentation and directions on how to complete a student's course registration. Course selections for the 2025-2026 school year will be completed online.

Other information such as the Program of Studies with course descriptions and additional applications for special programs can be found on the Clarke County High School website.

Course registrations are due no later than February 2, 2025.

If you have questions please contact your school counselor:

Last Name A - L, Mrs. Chanda Feathers feathersc@clarke.k12.va.us

Last Name M-Z, Ms. Chelsea Martin martinc@clarke.k12.va.us

7th Grade Immunizations

The 2020 Virginia General Assembly passed a law which *requires all rising 7th grade students to have a tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) booster shot and a Meningococcal (MenACWY) vaccine prior to entry into 7th grade!*

Effective July 1, 2021, a minimum of 2 doses of MenACWY vaccine. The first dose should be administered prior to entering 7th grade. The final dose should be administered prior to entering 12th grade. If the first dose is received at or after 16 years of age, a second dose is not needed.

Q2 Student Recognition Night

The second quarter Recognition Night is scheduled for Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the J-WMS auditorium. **All honor roll students (All A's and All A's/B's) are invited to attend**. As well, we also present our Cornerstone Awards for each department. Parents who have students being recognized for a Cornerstone award will receive a personal invite via email on Sunday, Feb. 2.

CEO Event

Our next CEO event is scheduled for March 28 after school. All students will receive the behavior contract in Advisory the week of March 3. The criteria students must meet to be eligible to attend the event is included below.

CEO Reward Event Behavioral Contract

The third CEO reward event is scheduled for March 28, 2025 from 3:30-5:00. Students will be participating in several outdoor and indoor activities. In order to be eligible to participate students must adhere to the following criteria for the remainder of this school year:

- Have less than 2 referrals between February 3, 2025 and March 28, 2025.
- Have not been assigned to silent lunch or after school detention for more than 4 days between February 3, 2025 and March 28, 2025 .
- Have not been in ISR for more than 3 days between February 3, 2025 and March 28, 2025.
- Must be passing at least 5 classes for the third quarter.
- Have less than 10 tardies to periods 2-8 between February 3, 2025 and March 28, 2025.
- Less than or equal to three days absent between February 3, 2025 and March 28, 2025.

Students may request to meet with the Principal or Assistant principal if they wish to "earn" their way into attending the CEO Event if they are unable to meet one of the above listed requirements. It is at the discretion of J-WMS administration whether any student is permitted to attend or not.

Cell Phone policy update

The new policy addressing cell phones and electronic devices was shared with the Clarke County community on Dec. 23. The current practice regarding cell phones and electronic devices at J-WMS is closely aligned to the new policy. Our middle school students will no longer be able to check their phones during class changes as the new policy prohibits them from accessing devices between 8:00 – 3:10.

As a parent, we find ourselves in need of communicating with our children at times during the school day. If you have a need to get your child a message, please call the main office and J-WMS will ensure the message is delivered.

The new cell phone and electronic device policy can be viewed here.

VA School Climate Survey

This state survey will be administered to students during the week of Jan. 27. Parents may opt their child out of participating in this survey by completing this form.

National Junior Honor Society Tutoring

Our NJHS students will be offering peer tutoring starting soon. Parents can request to have a peer tutor for their child.

Please submit the form below to request tutoring for your student.

https://forms.gle/3oFnaqTFQGa8Fuo4A

J-WMS Yearbook

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Update Nov 17, 2024

Q1 Recognition Night

Parents who have students being recognized for a department award were notified with individualized emails.

As well, all Honor Roll students are welcome to attend as they will be recognized as well. We will recognize All A Honor Roll and All A/B Honor Roll at our recognition night.

The event will start at 6:30 p.m on Nov. 20 in the J-WMS Auditorium.

Book Fair

Our book fair will be held this week, November 18-22, in the J-WMS Library. Students can shop before school, during advisory, and after school. English classes will be visiting as well. Our family night will be

Wednesday, November 20, from 5:30-8:00 PM. If you want to set up an e-Wallet, a virtual gift card for your child, click here. See you at the fair!

Please review the letter attached:

Book Fair Principal's Letter

Holiday Assistance

Dear parents/guardians,

With the holidays approaching, schools often come together as a supportive community to serve families that may benefit from assistance. This year we are working together to provide Holiday Gift Assistance to students at Johnson-Williams Middle School.

If you would like to be considered to receive holiday assistance for your family please fill out the attached form and return it to Mrs. Feathers before 11/06/2024.

Holiday Assistance Holiday Assistance - Spanish

I have also attached the Holiday assistance information for the Department of Social Services Angel Tree program.

Angel Tree Child - DSS Angel Tree Senior - DSS

If you would like to provide a donation to our holiday assistance fund please reach out to Mrs. Feathers before 11/15/2024.

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Student Devices – CCPS Issued Chromebooks

A reminder about acceptable use of student devices:

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A reminder about student device care:

Please do not place stickers on the inside of the device. As well, sharpies and paint on the exterior of the Chromebook will result in damage fees.

Please take a moment and review the Student Chromebook Guide giving specific attention to the Acceptable Use Guidelines (section 7).

Students who continue to divert the CCPS monitoring software will lose device privileges based on the incident. We have seen an increase in students accessing noneducational sites and configuring their devices to be "hidden" from teacher monitoring software during class time.

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Makeup Pictures are now available.

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6th - 8th graders can participate. Katie Holmes (holmesk@clarke.k12.va.us)

- Picture day 11/15/24 starting at 3:30 PM - Wrestling and Volleyball
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Nov. 18-22: J-WMS Book Fair (Family Night is Nov 20 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.)

Nov. 20: Q1 Student Recognition Night (6:30 p.m.)

Nov. 27-29: Thanksgiving Break (No school students)

Update, Sept. 2, 2024

iReady Testing

On September 4and September 5, we will conduct our Fall iReady testing. Students will report to school as normal and we will administer testing from 8:00-10:00. Classes will resume at

10:00 as we will use our 2-hour delay bell schedule (testing will occur during the delay time with students reporting to class at 10:00 once testing is complete).

Clarke County Public Schools will adopt Curriculum Associates' i-Ready Diagnostic as an alternative to the Virginia Growth Assessments (VGA) by Pearson during the upcoming fall and winter assessment windows. These assessments will continue to support reading and math growth for students in grades 3-8.

Lockdown Drills

Our first Lockdown Drill will be the week of September 9. Per Virginia Code parent are to be notified in advance of this type of drill. Our second Lockdown Drill will be the week of Nov. 18.

*VA CODE 22.1-137.2

A. Every public school shall provide the parents of enrolled students with at least 24 hours notice before the school conducts any lock-down drills. Nothing in this section requires such notice to include exact date and time of the lockdown drill.

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Thank you in advance for your prompt response to student invoices.

School Pictures

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024

Pictures Available: Approximately two weeks after photo day

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Update August 25, 2024

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Summer Fun

We will be creating a display that will show what activities and places our students engaged this past summer. If you would like to share a fun picture of your child on a summer "fun time" please email that to Ms. Rivera.

New Student Orientation

6th Grade: August 19 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Please plan to drop off your child by 8:50 and return for a parent meeting at 10:30. Students will get their schedules and Chromebooks, prepare their lockers and engage in activities throughout the two hours. The 10:30 parent meeting will be in the auditorium with parents meeting up with their child at 11:00 to set up lockers and prepare for the first day of school on Tuesday, August 20.

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Cell Phones and Dress Code at J-WMS

J-WMS Cell Phone / Electronic Device Policy:

Phones and any other non-issued CCPS electronic device must be silenced and stored in student lockers between 8:00-3:10. Phone accessories are also to be silenced and away when phone use is prohibited. Watches that serve a dual purpose (e.g., smart watch) may be worn; however, phone features (e.g., texting, Internet, calls, etc.) are to be off when phone use is prohibited. Cell phone use is prohibited in restrooms and locker rooms during instructional hours. Teachers may allow limited usage of cell phones for specific instructional purposes only. CCPS one to one devices through our Chromebooks meet all students' needs with regards to learning. Cell phones may be used on campus before the first bell and after the last bell.

J-WMS Dress Code:

Students are welcome to choose school-appropriate outfits with the following limitations and guidelines:

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- Any tears, rips, cuts, and/or see-through material on bottoms/pants should be below the student's fingertips when arms are extended.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Athletic shoes shall be worn for PE.
- Accessories must be safe and non-suggestive.

Students may NOT wear any of the following during the school day:

- Clothing that does not represent our commitment to respect, acceptance and inclusion
- Clothing that references drugs, alcohol, weapons, violence, sex, gang activity, racism, bigotry, vandalism, or vulgar language.
- Hats or hoods while in the building
- Accessories should not disrupt the learning environment. Please refrain from wearing spikes, chains, dog collars, and gloves in the building

- Pajamas, blankets, slippers or other sleepwear

Vaccinations

Reminder to all parents of 7th grade students that vaccinations must be up to date to start school. Please contact Ms. Bosley, school nurse, if you have any questions.

MySchoolBucks

Please check your student's account for payments that are due from previous school years and Tech charges. Parents can clear the balances through a payment to MySchoolBucks. You can send money to the school with your child or pay online using My School Bucks.

MATH STANDARDS UPDATE:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want to inform you about an important change coming to our mathematics curriculum. The state of Virginia is adopting new Mathematics Standards of Learning, which will be fully implemented in the 2024-2025 school year. These updated standards are designed to better prepare our students for the demands of a changing world by emphasizing problem-solving, critical thinking, and real-world applications of mathematics. Our teachers have already familiarized themselves with the new standards. We will provide ongoing updates and resources to help you support your child's learning at home throughout this transition. If you have any questions or would like more information, please visit the Virginia Department of Education's link to new standards or contact the school.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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Math curriculum specialist

Clarke County Public Schools

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Practices will begin 8/12/24 Mon - Fri 3:45 - 5:00 PM at J-WMS

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Head Coach Casey Childs (childsc@clarke.k12.va) - please contact for workout and team information

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Follow us on social media

Facebook - Johnson-Williams Middle School

X - @JWMSGoCougars

Schedule and other athletic information - clarkeathletics.org

Athletics Registration

J-WMS Athletic Page for all athletic paperwork

Important Dates:

August 19: 6th Grade Orientation (9:00 a.m.)

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Cell Phones and Dress Code at J-WMS

J-WMS Cell Phone / Electronic Device Policy:

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Students are welcome to choose school-appropriate outfits with the following limitations and guidelines:

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- Accessories must be safe and non-suggestive.

Students may NOT wear any of the following during the school day:

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- Clothing that references drugs, alcohol, weapons, violence, sex, gang activity, racism, bigotry, vandalism, or vulgar language.
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MATH STANDARDS UPDATE:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want to inform you about an important change coming to our mathematics curriculum. The state of Virginia is adopting new Mathematics Standards of Learning, which will be fully implemented in the 2024-2025 school year. These updated standards are designed to better prepare our students for the demands of a changing world by emphasizing problem-solving, critical thinking, and real-world applications of mathematics. Our teachers have already familiarized themselves with the new standards. We will provide ongoing updates and resources to help you support your child's learning at home throughout this transition. If you have any

questions or would like more information, please visit the Virginia Department of Education's link to new standards or contact the school.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Harry Holloway

Math curriculum specialist

Clarke County Public Schools

J-WMS ATHLETICS

Any parent who wishes to be a part of the J-WMS Athletic Boosters should contact Mr. Kidrick.

All Athletic events at J-WMS will be $5.00 this year for spectators.

2024 - 2025 J-WMS Fall Athletics

J-WMS Fall athletics for the 2024-2025 school year will begin August 12, 2024. Each Sports tryout, workout, and the coaches contact information is listed below. Please contact the head coach with sport specific questions, Contact Mr. Kidrick with general athletic questions.

All Athletes trying out / participating in J-WMS athletics during the 2024-2025 school year must have a VHSL physical dated after May 1, 2024. All J-WMS athletic paperwork can be completed online at clarkeathletics.org. Please click on “register athlete” at the top of the page and complete the process. Team rules and uniform deposit forms will be given to the participating athlete to return to the coach.

J-WMS Cross Country:

Gary Wymer (wymerg@clarke.k12.va.us) - please contact for workout and team information

Practices will begin 8/12/24 Mon - Fri 3:45 - 5:00 PM at J-WMS

J-WMS Girls Basketball:

7th grade - Reginia Downing (downingr@clarke.k12.va.us) - please contact for workout and team information.

7th grade tryouts 8/12/24, 8/13/24, 8/14/24 - time - TBA

8th grade - Christian Waters (watersc@clarke.k12.va.us) - please contact for workout and team information.

8th grade tryouts 8/12/24, 8/13/24, 8/14/24 - time - TBA

CCHS Freshman Football:

Head Coach Casey Childs (childsc@clarke.k12.va) - please contact for workout and team information

Practice will begin 8/1/2024. 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Grades 8-9 report to the CCHS cafeteria at 4:15 PM

J-WMS Cheer: TBA

6th - 8th graders can participate. Katie Holmes (holmesk@clarke.k12.va.us)

Tryouts 8/12/24, 8/13/24, and 8/14/24. Time 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM

Follow us on social media

Facebook - Johnson-Williams Middle School

X - @JWMSGoCougars

Schedule and other athletic information - clarkeathletics.org

Athletics Registration

J-WMS Athletic Page for all athletic paperwork

Important Dates:

August 19: 6th Grade Orientation (9:00 a.m.)

August 19: 7th/8th Grade Schedule Pickup (11:00 a.m.)

August 20: First Day of School for Students

August 27: J-WMS Back to School Night (6:30 p.m.)

September 2: Holiday / Labor Day

September 12: Student Pictures (Oct. 17 picture makeup day)

September 20: Teacher Workday / No School Students

September 20: Progress Reports for Q1 sent home

October 24: End of First Quarter

Update July 14, 2024

Summer Tours

On July 30, 31 and August 1 tours will be offered to students new to J-WMS and 6th graders. Tours will start at 10:00 and 2:00. Please email Mr. White or Ms. Rivera or contact the main office if you would like to sign up for a tour of the school.

New Student Orientation

6th Grade: August 19 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Please plan to drop off your child by 8:50 and return for a parent meeting at 10:30. Students will get their schedules and Chromebooks, prepare their lockers and engage in activities throughout the two hours. The 10:30 parent meeting will be in the auditorium with parents meeting up with their child at 11:00 to set up lockers and prepare for the first day of school on Tuesday, August 20.

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All students participating in athletics must submit a physical form from their physician. CCPS moved to an online system for submitting and managing athletic documents. Please review the document below to become familiar with the new system.

All students planning to participate in Cross County and Girls Basketball at J-WMS should begin to complete their physical and other athletic forms so they are eligible for the first day of practice. All dates for Cross County and Girls Basketball will come in future updates. All athletic paperwork can be found on the athletic page of our school's website (linked below).

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Update June 2, 2024

SOL Testing – Week of May 27

We will administer makeup and retake SOLs this week following the schedule here:

DATE	TEST
Mon, June 3	MATH - ALL GRADES - RETAKES
Tues, June 4	CIVICS 8 RETAKES
Wed, June 5	SCIENCE 8 RETAKES

8th Grade Bell Ringing Ceremony

Parents are welcome to attend the bell ringing ceremony. Please gather in the back parking lot as all 8th graders will proceed through the bell tower to ring the bell for the ceremony.
The Bell Ringing Ceremony will take place the morning of June 7 at approximately 9:15. All 8th graders will ring the bell in the bell tower to mark the end of their middle school years as they move on to CCHS. The bell ringing will precede our field day activities for the entire school.

Medication Pick up

Please remember to pick up your child's medication by the last day of school (Friday, June 7). We are required to discard any medication left in the clinic at the closing of the final day of school.

Students may not carry their own medication on the bus, or as a walker.

An adult must come to the clinic and sign for the medication.

Please contact Ms. Bosley if you have any questions.

Field Day

With the predicted weather for field day, we are asking parents for donations to help keep our students hydrated. Bottled water and juice boxes can be dropped off in the main office this week for our field day on the last day of school (June 7).

Student Fees

We are closing out the year and some new fees for missing and damaged items have been added to student accounts. Please check your child's status.

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Upcoming Dates/Events

June 7: 8th Grade Bell Ringing Ceremony (approx. 9:15 a.m.)

June 7: J-WMS Field Day / Last Day of School

Update May 5, 2024

SOL Testing – Week of May 6

Thursday, May 9: All grades will take the Reading SOL
Friday, May 10: 8th grade only will take the Integrated Reading and Writing SOL
Please ensure your child gets a good night sleep and has their Chromebook charged for testing each day.

Spring Concert Dates

Chorus Concert: Tuesday May 14th at 7:00 p.m. (J-WMS Auditorium)

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8th grade Semi-Formal

Please take a look at our sign-up genius to see how you can support the 8th grade dance. Snacks, drinks and volunteers are still needed.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AAAA822A3FFC25-49455209-jwms

Ticket Sales: available for purchase this week as communicated through our morning announcements.

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May 10: SOL IRW (8th grade only)

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Update: April 21, 2024

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Sports/Band Physicals

Event is hosted by Eagle Athletics

Date: May 11

Location: CCHS Gymnasium

Boys: 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Girls: 10:30-12:00 p.m.

$10 donation requested

CCHS Volleyball

Flyer for Eagle Volleyball Camp 2024

J-WMS Athletics

23 - 24 J-WMS Track & Field Schedule

4-18 Team / Individual Pictures

4-22 Warren co. @ J-WMS

4-25 J-WMS @ Daniel Morgan

4-30 Skyline MS & RMA @ J-WMS

5-6 J-WMS @ Frederick Co

5-9 R.E. Aylor & James Wood MS @ J-WMS

5-13 J-WMS @ Admiral Byrd MS

5-20 NVJL Championships @ Skyline MS

All Athletic events start at 5:15 PM unless otherwise stated

CCHS Athletic strength and conditioning program

Times: 6:30 pm - 7:30pm

When: Every Tuesday and Wednesday

Starts: Tuesday, April 9th

Ends: Wednesday, May 29th

Who: Any current 7th grade (rising 8th) Male or Female athlete planning on participating in a CCHS sport in the 2024-25 school year

Where: CCHS weight room (enter through exterior door "J")

Coach: See below

Description: This training is intended for all current 7th grade JWMS student athletes who plan on participating in a CCHS sport next school year. It will serve as an introduction to strength and athletic performance training. We will break down the primary movement patterns (squat, hinge, press and pull) while also working on other performance qualities like power, speed and agility in a safe and controlled environment. All training sessions will be programmed and monitored by a certified strength specialist and will last approximately 1 hour.

Rising 8/9th Grade Athletes

Upcoming Dates/Events

April 18: Art 8 Field Trip (National Gallery of Art)

April 19: Mural Assembly (Swan Ave Foyer Dedication) 2:00 p.m.

Update: March 24, 2024

Solar Eclipse

With the solar eclipse taking place on April 8, 2024, all science classes will conduct a lesson on solar eclipses in each grade addressing SOL standard 6.2 as well as safety aspects regarding solar eclipses.

.J-WMS Track Update

J-WMS track and field starts on Monday, April 8, 2024.

Coach Taylor will be having workouts on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on 3-19. Workouts will be from 3:30 to 4:30 on the track.

Please see Coach Taylor or Mr. Kidrick for the needed paperwork.

Recycling

J-WMS has earned a outdoor bench from Trex due to our recycling efforts. The competition is over and we will no longer be doing recycling this school year. We will announce the start of next year's competition next school year in hopes of repeating our performance.

Q3 Student Recognition Night

Our third quarter recognition night is scheduled for April 10 at 7:00 p.m.. Families of students receiving our Cougar Cornerstone awards will be notified by March 28. Students who make the all A and all A/B honor roll are also encouraged to attend as they will be recognized as well.

SOL Testing Calendar

Our SOL testing schedule is finalized with the below testing dates. Please use the below dates as guidance when scheduling appointments and ensuring your child gets a good night's rest and is prepared for state testing.

May 9: Reading All Grades (6-8)
May 10: Integrated Reading and Writing (Grade 8 only)
May 21: Civics (Grade 8 only)
May 22: Science (Grade 8 only)
May 23: Math All Grades (6-8)
May 28-31: Makeup Testing (All Grades)

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3/25 NVJL Semi - Finals

7th grade: #3 J-WMS @ #2 Daniel Morgan MS

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Track

Starts 4/8

Workouts beginning 3/19 Tues & Thurs. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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Mon. - Thurs. Boys: 3:45 PM Girls 5:00 PM

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The strength training at CCHS is still only open for 8th graders at JWMS at this time.
7th graders (rising 8's) will be able to attend after spring break and will likely have a different schedule with training in the evenings.

Coach Dave Jarvis (jarvisd@clarke.k12.va.us)

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Upcoming Dates/Events

March 29: No School students and teachers

April 1-5: Spring Break

April 10: Q3 Student Recognition Night / 7:00 p.m. (J-WMS auditorium)

Update: March 3, 2024

Chess Tournament

The J-WMS Chess Club will be hosting a chess tournament for J-WMS students. This week they will be determining student interest with sign up sheets located in the Library. If your child would like to participate please stop by the library and sign up.

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March 8: AG Field Trip to DG Cooley

March 12: Daylight Savings Time starts

March 21: AG Reading day at Boyce Elem

March 21: End of Third Quarter

March 22: FFA Area Rally at Laurel Ridge

March 20: No School Students and Teachers

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Update: Feb. 25, 2024

8th Grade Picture

We will do the 8th grade picture for the yearbook on Feb. 29.

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Rising 9th Graders

Dear Parents of Rising Freshman and Sophomores,

Please see the attached form 2024 PE Summer School (1).pdf if you are interested in having your child participate in summer school PE for this summer. Please note that the deadline for summer school is **Friday, March 1, 2024.**

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