

# Welcome! Katherine Johnson Middle School



**ACCOUNTABLE**

**Socially  
Responsible**

**Respect**

**Open-Minded**

**We Are *ful* KJMS**

**SAFE EMOTIONAL &  
PHYSICAL MINDSET**

**Always Innovate &  
Compassionate**

**Relationship  
Builders**

**OPTIMISTIC  
EXPECTATIONS**

# KJMS Administrative Team



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Principal 23-24  
Health & PE



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Exceptional Ed.,  
Science,  
Cavaliers, &  
Highlanders



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CTE,  
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Director of Student Services  
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ESOL  
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**Dean of Students**  
**Ryan Smith**  
Attendance  
Testing

*We are excited to partner with*

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# Office Staff



Emily Gardiner  
Principal's AA  
Spanish



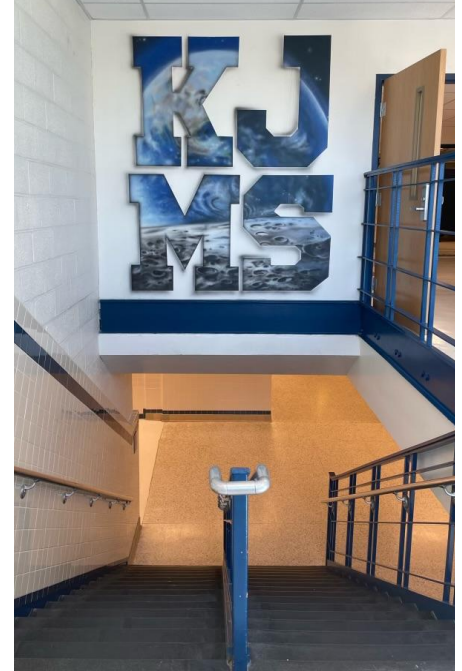
Kara Payne  
Office Assistant  
Spanish



Weris Jama  
Office Assistant  
Arabic



Andrea Holmes  
Student Services  
German



*How might we support you?*

# KJMS Student Services Team



Carrie Brown



Maria Marris



Laura Kaniewski



Curtiss Barnes



Dayle Ranallo



Friday Oeur



Tyisha Williamson



*We are here for you!*

# Why Teams?



*Transition, Support, Celebrate*

## Hokies Staff

### Teachers

Michelle Wright (Science)  
Seth Jarboe (History)  
Sydney Luther (English)

### Counselor

Dayle Ranallo

## Hokies Newsletter

Quarter 1



### Q1 Shoutouts!

We are excited to have had a strong first quarter with our Hokies team! We wanted to call attention to these Hokies who went above and beyond in demonstrating the SOAR Traits this first quarter:

- **Baker Morris**—Baker always demonstrates a positive attitude and works to include others often. He is extremely responsible and always there for those who need support!
- **Olivia Ho**—Olivia consistently demonstrates social responsibility and helps create a positive classroom environment. She lifts up her classmates and teachers!
- **Arseniy Eremiy-Arseniy** has a can-do attitude, he starts every day with a smile on his face that never leaves. He's a model for persistence.



Hokies students wading for macroinvertebrates, to assess aquatic ecosystem health on our Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) field trip to Cub Run Park in Chantilly.





# Safety & Security



Officer Carrie Johns  
School Resource Officer



Jose Cruz  
Safety & Security Officer



*Working with you, to keep KJMS  
safe*



# Support Staff



**Julio Dejo**  
After School  
Programs



**Abigail Quinn**  
Reading  
Specialist



**Meg Dombro**  
Advanced  
Academic  
Resource Teacher  
and ESOL Coach



**Abhilasha Tripathi**  
Multi Language  
Learners  
Department Chair



**Carleigh Wilson**  
Exceptional  
Learning  
Department Chair

*We look forward to learning and growing with you and your student!*

# Technology

**Kelsea Owens**  
School Based Technology Specialist



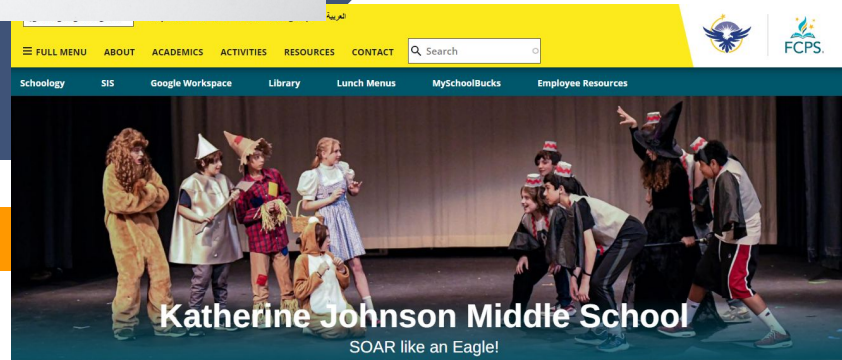
**Jyothi Appanaboyana**  
Technology Support Specialist



*We are here  
to keep you  
connected!*



# What to expect from your middle school experience



# KJMS On Time

1st Tardy - 2nd Tardy - Verbal Reminder & Information Recorded in SIS

3rd Tardy - Parent Contact, Recorded in SIS, Counselor Notification

4th Tardy- Referral to your Assistant Principal



## 10/10 RULE

You should not leave classrooms during the first & last 10 minutes of class.

- Learning targets, class agenda and lessons are previewed in the first 10 minutes.
- A summary of all the learning from today's lesson and a sneak preview for the next lesson happen in the last 10 minutes.
  - Don't miss them!



Running late? Text your student (after 2:15) and they can wait in the after school program, pick up at Door 7



7:00 - Buses Arrive

7:10 - Kiss and Ride ★

\*Breakfast pick-up immediately after entering the building

Students Report directly to 1st period

7:25 - In Class for Announcements

7:30 - Instruction begins

2:15 - Dismissal

Late Buses - 4:30 Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

Class Time	Duration (min)	Odd/A Day	Even/B Day	
7:30 - 8:15 <small>Students in class at 7:25 for announcements. Instruction begins at 7:30</small>	45 mins	1st	1st	
8:20 - 9:45	85 min	3rd	2nd	
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*Time to learn and grow*

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# Attendance Matters!

## Not feeling well?

- Always use the KJMS attendance form or call the school

## Planned absence?

- Use the attendance form, send a note, or call ahead. The form works best as the phone lines can get busy!
- Absences of 3+ days should be submitted at least a week in advance

-Always bring a photo ID for check out  
-Students can only be released to people 18 or older who are listed on emergency care card - be sure to update!

Chronic absenteeism is a primary cause of lower academic achievement even when the absences are "excused" or understandable.

Students who attend 90% or more of the school year are more likely to graduate from high school on time.

**ATTEND TODAY  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!**



FCPS  
Visit: [www.fcps.edu/attendance](http://www.fcps.edu/attendance)

WHEN DO ABSENCES  
BECOME AN ISSUE?



**SATISFACTORY**  
9 or fewer days

**WARNING SIGNS**  
10 to 17 days

**CHRONIC ABSENCE**  
18 or more days



# S

# Socially Responsible

## SOAR Traits After School Programs Increase Awareness of Others

### Students SOAR Traits

**S** - Socially Responsible

**O** - Open Minded

**A** - Accountable

**R** - Respectful

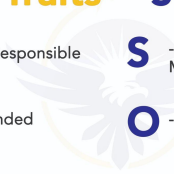
### Teacher SOAR Traits

**S** - Safe Emotional & Physical Mindset

**O** - Optimistic Expectations

**A** - Always Innovative & Compassionate

**R** - Relationship Builders



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MIDDLE SCHOOL

## After School Program Assistance

- Teacher Office Hours
- Homework Club
- Enrichment - Clubs and Activities
  - Battle of the Books
  - Drama Club
  - Eco Club
  - Math Counts
  - Model UN
  - Science Olympiad
  - Weight Room
  - Write Brain Books
  - NTHS STEM Club
  - ...and more!!!

**S**-Choose behaviors to benefit the good of the group

**O**-Approach each experience knowing that you have something to learn

**A**-“Own” your own behavior

**R**- Respect self, respect others, respect property

*Staying focused on the **WHOLE** child*

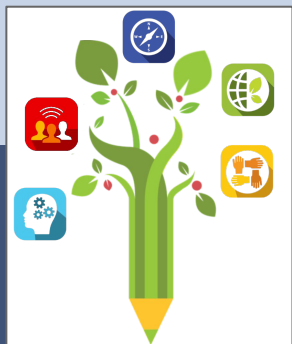
**Late buses 4  
days a week!  
See end of  
presentation  
for more  
details!**

**Pick up at Door 7**



# 0 Open-Minded

**Teacher Advisory**  
**Engaging Core Classes**  
**Elective Exploration**



POG Skills

Collaborator

Communicator

## Life Skills (Social Emotional Learning/(SEL))

- Social Awareness
- Self Awareness
- Self Management
- Relationship building
- Responsible Decision Making

## Portrait of a Graduate (POG) Skills

- Communication skills
- Collaboration skills
- Ethical and Global Citizenship
- Creative and Critical Thinking skills
- Goal Directed and Resiliency skills



**Lexia to  
grow  
reading  
skills**

***Middle School is About  
Becoming my Independent Self***



# 0 Open-Minded

## Learning Seminar Exploration

Career Day!  
First or  
Second week  
of Nov!!!

Acceleration and Enrichment

Creative and Critical Thinker

Goal Directed and Resilient

Ethical and Global Citizen

POG Growth

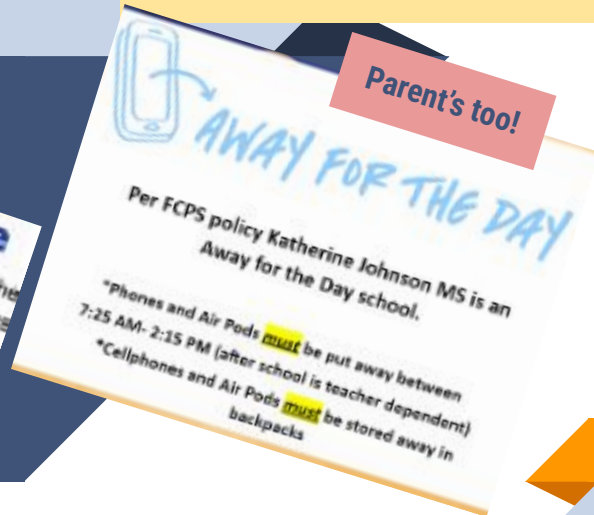


***Middle school is about exploration***

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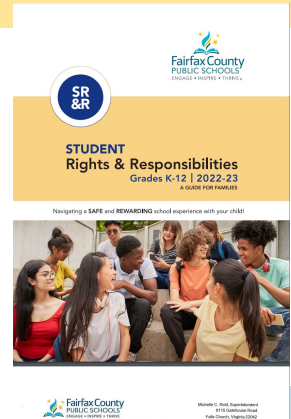
- ★ Quarterly **SR&R** Assemblies
- ★ Regular Reminders TA Lessons, Announcements
- ★ In MS, accountability looks like:
  - **On Time** *Finding the fastest way from class to class*
  - **Attendance** *Waking up earlier*
  - **Schoology** *Executive functioning strategies*
  - **Advocacy** *Asking questions/for help*
  - **7+ Teachers** & Block scheduling

Restoring relationships and making the most of teachable moments



Expect it... don't accept it.  
Middle schoolers:

- ★ make mistakes
- ★ communicate through behavior
- ★ are looking to expand their friend groups
- ★ thrive with clear expectations and boundaries
- ★ need our support and coaching just as much now as they ever have



# ACCOUNTABLE



## KJMS Grading Philosophy

- ★ 7th graders no longer earn 1-4 and start to earn A-F
- ★ FCPS is committed to being a responsive, caring, and inclusive culture where all feel valued, supported and hopeful. Research tells us that a sense of hope and a sense of belonging are important to student learning. Katherine Johnson Middle School is committed to school-wide consistent grading practices where grades are an accurate reflection of student learning. KJMS teachers separate achievement and work habits, provide additional instructional time (Learning Seminar and After School Hours) and opportunities for students to demonstrate proficiency.
- ★ Rolling Gradebook; Retake policy - kids will need help recognizing when to retake and when to move on.

R

Respect

To and From School

Bathrooms

Class Transitions

Cafe

Classroom and other Learning Spaces

Online and with Technology (in and out of school)

*Creating respectful  
relationships in person  
and online*



Before you speak:

**THINK**

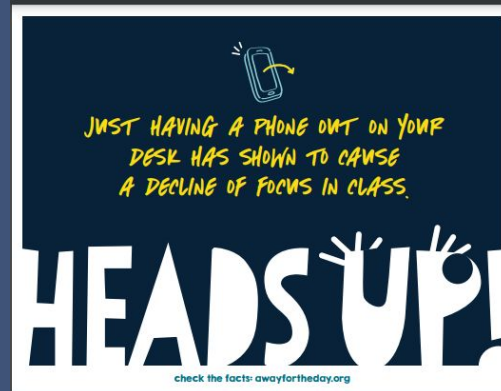
**T** = Is it True?

**H** = Is it Helpful?

**I** = Is it Inspiring?

**N** = Is it Necessary?

**K** = Is it Kind?





# Let's Stay Connected

- [KJMS Website](#)
- Check your student's in school online use with [Lightspeed](#)
- [News You Choose](#) & Keep in Touch emails from KJMS
- [Schoology](#) - current assignments and class resources
- [SIS ParentVUE](#) account and [check grades](#) weekly with your student
- Use [Talking Points](#) or email teachers and counselors directly
- Call teachers and counselors - every teacher has voicemail
- [Attendance](#): Report on the [KJMS Website](#) or call 703-934-2424
- Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#)

THE SINGLE BIGGEST  
PROBLEM IN  
COMMUNICATION IS THE  
ILLUSION THAT IT HAS  
TAKEN PLACE.

PLAYWRIGHT **GEORGE BERNARD SHAW**,  
BORN IN DUBLIN, COUNTY DUBLIN

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# Important Forms to Electronically Submit to Start the School Year

- [SR&R Agreement](#)
- [Emergency Care Information](#)
- [Health Information](#)
- [Opt Out Forms](#)
- [Digital Resource Consent Form](#)

**Eagle Fest!**  
**Thurs Before**  
**School Begins**  
**SignUp Genius will be**  
**sent over summer**





# Back to School Info in SIS Student and Parent VUE

Johnson Middle School  
(703-934-2400)

**Home**

- Messages
- Calendar
- Attendance
- Class Schedule
- Course History
- Course Request
- Grade Book
- Health
- Report Card
- Student Info
- FCPS Links
- Test History
- Documents

ID: [Redacted]  
Johnson Middle School

Grade report period 'Final' is ending on 6/16/2023

**Check here for your actual schedule the week before school starts**

**Look here now for courses you selected for next year. No changes after last day of school this year.**

**Look here the weekend before school starts and scroll down for bus info**

Opt Out Directory	Opt Out Family Life Ed Student participating	Counseling Opt Out	Opt Out Military	Commercial Use Release	Accept FCPS Device	SEL Screener Participation Yes	Tutor.com Access Yes	Strategic Plan Student Survey Access Yes	Hazel Health-Access to Free Virtual Therapy Appointments No
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Counselor	
Counselor Name	Williamson, Tyisha S.

Transportation		
Transportation Intent Yes		
Bus Route To School KJ06AMQ	Pick Up Transport Time 6:47 AM	Pick Up Bus Stop MAIN ST & TEDRICH BV- NEAR MIDDLE TELEPHONE POLE
Bus Route From School KJ06PMQ	Approx. Drop Off Time 2:53 PM	Drop Off Bus Stop MAIN ST & TEDRICH BV- NEAR MIDDLE TELEPHONE POLE

Additional Transportation				
Transport Type	Location Type	Transport Time	Transportation Days	Comment
Bus	Drop Off	5:30 PM	Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri	Bus Route: KJLR10MWThFQ Stop Location: MAIN ST & TEDRICH BV- NEAR MIDDLE TELEPHONE POLE

Bus info on "Student Information" Tab in SIS Student or Parent VUE - Scroll down

Pick up and drop off times and location

This is Bus 6

Late bus information

# KJMS Rise

<https://johnsonms.fcps.edu/activities/summeropportunities>

**This 1 day experience will ensure you start off middle school at KJMS on the right foot!**

- 1 Day Orientation for Rising 7th and new 8th Grade KJMS Students.
- Choose from 3 dates – July 26, 29, 30
- Make new friends!
- Meet teachers!
- Learn your way around the building.
- \$25 Registration Fee.
- Lunch provided!
- KJMS Spirit Wear!





*Partnering with  
you for an  
amazing school  
year!*

Together

T

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Everyone

Achieves

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More



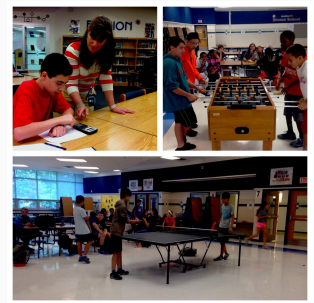
**KJMS**

*Reach for the Stars*



# After-School Schedule

<https://johnsonms.fcps.edu/activities/after-school-program>



- September - May
- Monday-Friday
- Late Buses everyday except Tuesday
- No After-School during breaks, holidays or early dismissals



- 800+ KJMS students stay after-school each week!
- KJMS is in the top 3 in after-school attendance among FCPS Middle Schools!
- Over 100 students stay after-school at least 3 times per week!
- Data shows that students who stay after-school at least 3 times a week had no D's or F's during the first 3 quarters!



# After-School Clubs & Activities

<https://johnsonms.fcps.edu/activities/after-school-program>

**Sports - KJMS will offer a variety of sports throughout the year:**

- Interscholastic Sports (competing against other middle schools)
  - Fall - Cross Country, Basketball
  - Winter - Futsal
  - Spring - Track, Volleyball
- Intramural Sports (KJMS in-house leagues)
  - Fall - Flag Football
  - Winter - Futsal
  - Spring - Basketball



# After-School Clubs & Activities

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**Academics - KJMS students have the opportunity for Academic Assistance and Enrichment in After-School:**

- Assistance
  - Teacher Office Hours
  - Homework Club
  - Quiet Study
- Enrichment
  - Battle of the Books
  - Math Counts
  - Model UN
  - Quiz Bowl
  - Science Olympiad
  - Write Brain Books
  - Vex Robotics
  - and more!!!!



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**Clubs and Activities - KJMS After-School offers variety of activities each year based on student and staff interest**

- Some Clubs and Activities that we had this year in KJMS After-School:
  - Art Club
  - D&D Club
  - Drama Club
  - FCCLA
  - Kindness Club
  - Paper Quilling Club
  - Print Production Club
  - Ping Pong Club
  - SCA
  - Super Smash Club
  - Weight Room
  - More based on your interests!!

