

Return to School Q&A

2024 - 2025

Katherine Johnson Middle School

Outcomes

1. Get to know Mr. Smith
2. Meet members of our KJMS Administrative Team

1. Overview of Key Dates &

KATHERINE JOHNSON
MIDDLE SCHOOL



GUESS WHO'S BACK,
BACK AGAIN
WELCOME
PRINCIPAL SMITH





Important Dates

July 30th - Parent Q & A 10:00 AM

August 1st - Ice Cream Social 5:00 PM

August 6th - Ice Cream Social 12:00 PM

August 8th - Parent Q & A 5:00 PM

August 15th - EagleFest 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

August 30th and September 2nd - Labor Day Holiday

September 10 - Back to School Night 6:00 PM

[Parent Handbook](#)

How to Stay Connected with KJMS?

- KJMS Website
- Check your student's internet use with Lightspeed
- News You Choose newsletters & 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

KJMS SOAR Traits

At KJMS, our students, teachers, and staff **SOAR** by being **S**ocially responsible, **O**pen-minded, **A**ccountable, and **R**espectful.

- Socially Responsible
- Open Minded
- Accountable
- Respectful



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



School Supplies

Teachers may ask for more specific items once the year starts:

- plug-in wired earbuds/headphones compatible with FCPS laptop
- laptop case or backpack with laptop pocket
- pencils, pencil sharpener, erasers
- pens
- highlighter
- markers or colored pencils
- scissors
- loose-leaf paper (or a spiral notebook)
- binders/folders - check with your student's Team Teachers about organization

Transportation

Bus Stops/Times:

Review your [ParentVue](#) account in Student Information System (SIS) for updated bus route assignment information after August 9, 2024.



Transportation

General Reminders:

- Patience the first couple weeks
 - buses and kiss & ride
- Arrive at least 5 minutes early to the bus stop in the morning



Attendance

Report attendance using one of the methods below.

- **ParentVUE**
 - Beginning in the 24-25 school year, parents/legal guardians can submit full-day absences using ParentVue. Learn more about attendance reporting through **ParentVUE**.
- Email JohnsonMiddle.Attendance@fcps.edu
- **703-934-2424**

ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW!



Visit: 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



Breakfast/Lunch

- Students will need to pay for breakfast and/or lunch unless Free/Reduced Lunch forms are completed/approved
- Lunches will run longer the first week to establish cafeteria routines/expectations
- FCPS Meals Information



Student Arrival

7:00am - Buses Arrive

7:10am - Kiss & Ride Drop-Off Begins (7:10 AM)

Students report directly to 1st Period, picking up breakfast from the cafeteria on the way if needed

7:25am - Students are in class for Morning Announcements

7:30am - Instruction Begins

Bell Schedule

Blue Day (Odd Day)		Yellow Day (Even Day)
1st Period	7:30 - 8:15	1st Period
3rd Period	8:20 - 9:45	2nd Period
5th Period Learning Seminar (includes Recess)	9:50 - 10:40	4th Period Teacher Advisory (includes Recess)
7th Period (includes Lunch)	10:45 - 12:45 A Lunch 10:45 - 11:15 B Lunch 11:15 - 11:45 C Lunch 11:45 - 12:15 D Lunch 12:15 - 12:45	6th Period (includes Lunch)
9th Period	12:50 - 2:15	8th Period

School Security

- Lockdown Drills - Two per year; one within the first 20 days of school
- Fire Drills - twice in the first 20 days of school; once a month the remainder of the year
- Tornado Drills - once a year; usually March
- Bus Evacuation Drills - twice a year; September and February
- Crisis Management Team - school based team participates in table top exercise once a year with FCPS Safety and Security team
- Each classroom has a black cover for the door window and crisis management plan
- All exterior doors are shut and locked during the school day
- Front office checks ID's to verify people who are picking up students

Grading

- Grades are now A-F scale, no longer 1-4 scale
- 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



FCPS Middle School Phone Policy

Phones must be silenced and kept put away for the duration of the school day. Students are prohibited from using phones, tablets, and other mobile devices in restrooms and locker rooms, unless there is a medical necessity or emergency. Storage may be in a backpack, pencil bag, etc., during the day. 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 phones may be used on campus only before the first bell and after the last bell.

Student Medication

- Medications **must** be transported to and from school by a parent/guardian.
- Medications **must** be kept in the school health room or other school-approved location.
- Drop-off - EagleFest (8/15) or by appointment with clinic on 8/13 or 8/16.

Other Items

- Student will receive computers the week of 8/19
- Middle School start times remain the same for 2024-25 school year; FCPS School Board may make changes for 2025-26
- Immunization information in our weekly messages

After School Activities and Sports

Participation in Cross Country and Track & Field require a completed FCPS Middle School Sports Athletic Participation/Parental Consent/Physical Examination Form (PPE). The exam must be completed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant.

Please note that the form must be dated **on or after May 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.**

2024-25 Registration Consent Form



Parent Involvement

- We welcome volunteers ([Volunteer In FCPS](#))
- Positive Presumptions - Assume positive intent of our staff