

Luther Jackson Middle School Rising 7th Grade Curriculum Night



We Are LJ!

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This presentation will be posted on our LJMS website on 1/31/24

Our Mission...Our Vision

Mission Statement

Luther Jackson Middle School welcomes our diverse community into a safe learning environment that fosters student growth and success through high-quality instruction for all.

LJMS Core Values

At
LJMS,
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Relationships

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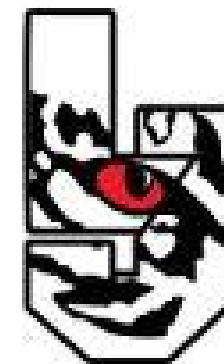
A strive for
cademic Success

R seek to
ealize our Potential

We are LJ-Students and Academics

- Diverse student body, over 40 countries rep
- Relevant & rigorous classroom instruction
- **Focus on LEARN Model of Engagement**
- High quality lessons and projects (PBL)
- Teacher collaboration through CT Model
- Literacy focus : Read, Think, Write, Discuss

- Portrait of a Graduate Skills



Recognition and Advisory

At LJMS, we teach and build awareness of how to model respectfulness and kindness each day

- Quarterly academic awards
- Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) activities
- Advisory Model
 - SEL lessons
 - Relationship-building
 - Build positive school culture
 - Academic intervention
 - Meets daily



Transition to Middle School

- At least 7 teachers & 7 classrooms
- More independence
- Dress out for Physical Education (PE) classes
- Homework assigned on a regular basis
- Most students take the bus to Jackson
- Jackson students come from 10-12 elementary schools

It Takes a Village

In addition to teachers and administrators...

- **School Counselors**' primary goal is to promote the academic, personal, and social growth of all students through self-awareness and respect, building positive relationships with others, and promoting positive learning experiences
- **School Counselors** cover topics such as academic planning and skill-building, stress reduction, and self-advocacy through individual counseling, small-group counseling, and classroom visits
- **School social worker, school psychologist, speech pathologist, family liaison and school resource officer** on staff

We are Responsible!

LJMS Tigers are on time and ready to learn!

Block Schedule 3-4 classes per day, 90 minute class time.

Period 4 (Advisory) meets daily for goal-setting, reflection opportunities, and intervention.

Lunches are determined by 5th pd on Odd days, and 6th pd on Even days.

LJMS BELL SCHEDULE

ODD Day	TIME	EVEN Day	
PERIOD 1	7:30 am to 8:55 am	PERIOD 2	
PERIOD 3	8:59 am to 9:44 am	PERIOD 3	
PERIOD 4 (Advisory/Break)	9:48-10:38 am	PERIOD 4 (Advisory/Break)	
PERIOD 5	10:42 am to 12:45 pm	PERIOD 6	
A Lunch	B Lunch	C Lunch	D Lunch
A Lunch 10:42 - 11:12 Transition & A Class 11:12 - 12:45	B Class & Transition 10:42 - 11:13 B Lunch 11:13 - 11:43 Transition & B Class 11:43 - 12:45	C Class & Transition 10:42 - 11:44 C Lunch 11:44 - 12:14 Transition & C Class 12:15 - 12:45	D Class & Transition 10:42 - 12:15 D Lunch 12:15 - 12:45
PERIOD 7	12:49 pm to 2:15 pm	PERIOD 8	

We Are a Team

...actually several teams per grade.

- Teams consists of three teachers (English, Social Studies, and Science), an administrator, a school counselor, and approx. 125 students
- Eases transition from elementary to middle school
- Allows for coordination of assignments, tests, projects
- Facilitates discussion and development of strategies to meet the needs of the students
- 7th grade teams are Explorers, Phoenix, Seekers, Titans, and LJ United

We are Responsible

Students take 5 required courses in 7th & 8th grade-

English Social Studies PE

Science Math

Please be sure to attend the honors/gen ed classes presentation for more information on core curricular classes.

Students have 2 more spaces for electives and can take one of the following combinations:

- 2 full year electives
- 1 full year elective and 2 semester electives
- 4 semester electives

Choose Electives Carefully

FULL YEAR CHOICES -

Band, Chorus, Orchestra, AVID, WL, Yearbook

SEMESTER CHOICES - students

should rank preference 1-6

Art Foundations	Engineering 1-4
3D Art Exploration	Music Participation Lab
Art Extensions	Media Communication
Chorus	Journalism
Coding 1	Technical Theater
Coding 2	Theatre Arts
Creative Writing	Family & Consumer Sciences

- **Choose electives wisely** – staff is hired and sections are created based on student choices
- Any **spring/summer** changes? Contact Tanya Shuford @ twshuford@fcps.edu.
- Schedule changes **will not** be made in the Fall during the first 3 weeks of school except for obvious errors or omissions

World Language Options

7th and 8th grade students may choose from the following full-year language options -

- **French 1**
- **Spanish 1**
- **Chinese 1**
- **Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1**

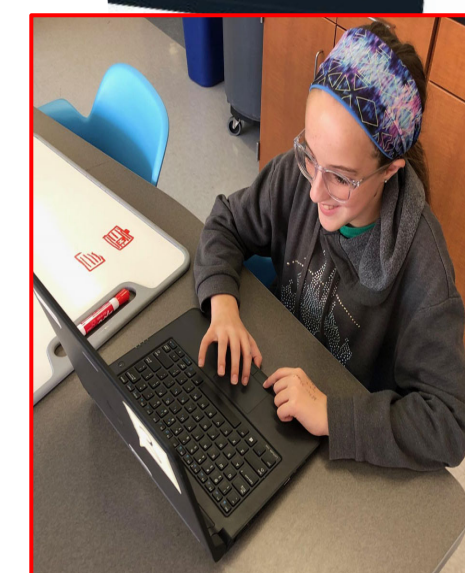
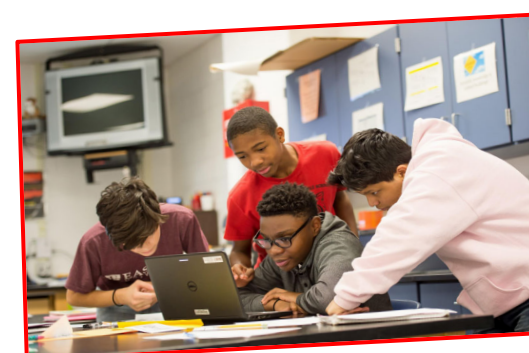
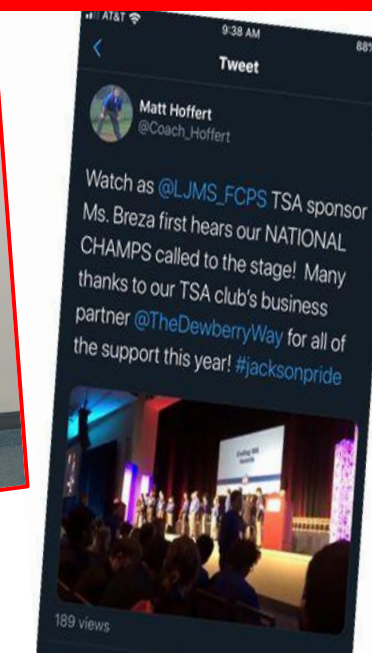
Level 1 courses, upon successful completion, earn a high school credit, which counts toward high school graduation requirements, and will be included in student's overall high school GPA

Course Selection Process

- Elementary counselors and teachers received information on how to assist students with course registration using a Google form.
- Students will enter their courses on a draft document first for parent review and then on the Google form by March 1.
- Please sign up for ParentVue with your elementary school to view courses and more information.

We are After School STEM!

- Technology Student Association
- MathCounts
- Science Olympiad
- Robotics Club
- Science Bowl
- Get 2 Green Club
- Project WILD
- Video Game Club



We are After School SPORTS!

Intramural Sports:

Basketball, Volleyball, Flag
Football, Soccer, Frisbee,
Tennis, Pickleball, Futsal

Interscholastic Sports:

Cross Country
Track & Field

Plus more in 2024-2025!

And so much more!

NJHS
Model UN
Battle of the Books
Yearbook
Drama
Art Studio
Jackson Journal
Student Government
Appian Board Games
Movie Club
Crochet Club
After school programs &
buses are four days a week:
M, T, W, & Th



VIP CAMP

Dates: June 28-July 28
(no camp on June 30, July 1, July 2)
July 1-Aug 1
Time: 8am-4pm

Location: LJMS

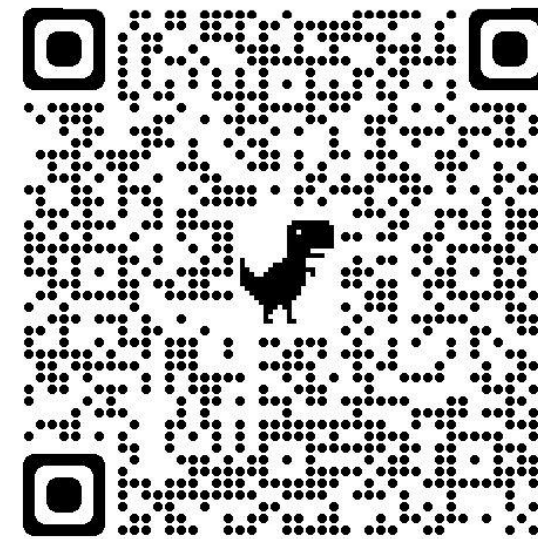
Cost: \$50 plus any field trip fees--
Transportation, Breakfast and Lunch included

Eligibility: Preference is given to *rising 7th and 8th graders* from Jackson, Thoreau, Kilmer, Poe, Holmes and Glasgow Middle Schools.

Rising 9th graders (*current 8th graders*) can join if there is space.

INTERESTED?

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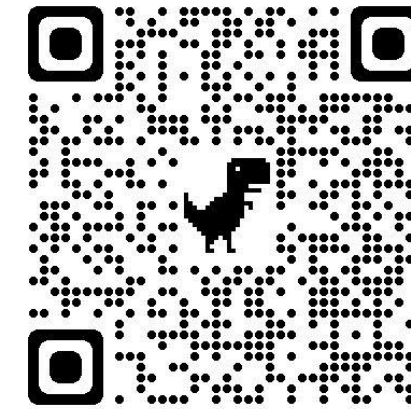


DISCLAIMER: THIS IS NOT THE REGISTRATION FORM. THIS JUST LETS ME KNOW YOU WANT MORE INFO WHEN I'M READY TO SHARE!

We are Ready!

- **Summer Programs– How to Survive and Thrive in Middle School: July 31-Aug 1.**

Registration is open NOW!



- **Tiger Time Orientation – August 15** Opportunity to meet teachers, return completed school forms, fill out all required forms, pick up class schedule, (buy PE uniform, add money to lunch account) create ParentVue account
- **School starts on August 19, 2024**

Stay in Touch! Be in the Know!

- LJ Website
<http://www.fcps.edu/LutherJacksonMS/>.
- News You Choose
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/VAEDUFCPS/subscriber/new?qsp=VAEDUFCPS_1
- ParentVue
- Schoology
- After School Program Site

We are here to help! Questions?

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