



July 24, 2019

Dear Jackson Parents/Guardians,

It is with great honor and excitement that I welcome you and your child to the 2019 - 2020 school year! For many of you, it is a warm welcome back to Jackson. For those families who are joining our Jackson community, it is a brand new educational journey for your child. The Jackson staff looks forward to working with you and your child to make this the most successful school year yet!

A new school year always brings positive change and a time of renewal. If you have not had a chance to do so yet, please visit www.d45.org to access 2019 - 2020 Back-to-School information for all D45 schools. You can also access Jackson's information in Backpack on the Jackson website. There you will find information regarding our Jaguar Jump-Start Day, grade level school supply lists, and other school/district "Need to Know" information. Below are some important reminders and updates:

Jaguar Jump-Start Day

We are excited to welcome our students and families back next week! Jaguar Jump-Start Day is scheduled for **Thursday, August 1st**. Jaguar Jump-Start times are as follows:

- All grades: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- All grades: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Jaguar Jump-Start time should take less than an hour to complete. During this time, you will:

- finalize any necessary registration paperwork, if needed
- pay this year's registration fees
 - If you would like to expedite the Jaguar Jump-Start process, pay this year's registration fees online prior to August 1st. Visit www.myschoolbucks.com to pay this year's fees.
 - If you plan to pay registration fees during Jaguar Jump-Start, please bring cash or a check. We cannot accept credit card payments on this day.
- receive your child's class schedule
- have the opportunity to organize your child's assigned hallway locker
 - new 7th/8th and all 6th grade students will receive a school hallway lock and will need to purchase a PE lock (\$5.00)
 - returning 7th/8th grade students should bring last year's hallway lock
- turn in all completed health forms
- complete the grade level specific Chromebook distribution process (see below for further details)
- purchase your child's PE uniform (district is partnering with an outside vendor)
 - A PE shirt is required (\$5.50 + tax); shorts are optional (\$8.00 + tax)



- PE uniforms will be distributed during PE classes the first week of school
- have your child's school photo taken by Lifetouch photography (the photo is used for IDs, school yearbook, and available for families to purchase)
- have the opportunity to purchase yearbooks at the PTA table (yearbook purchases are separate from registration fees and checks should be made payable to Jackson PTA)
- have the opportunity to join the PTA and find out about volunteer opportunities

Chromebook Distribution

Below is grade level specific information regarding 2019 - 2020 Chromebook distribution:

Returning 7th/8th grade students:

- Students will receive Chromebooks during Jaguar Jump-Start time

Incoming 6th grade students:

- Students will receive Chromebooks during Jaguar Jump-Start time
- Students and parents/guardians will sign the district middle school technology use agreement

Students new to District 45:

- Students will receive Chromebooks the first day of school
- Students and parents/guardians will sign the district middle school technology use agreement

For those students who receive a Chromebook during Jaguar Jump-Start time, the expectation is that the device should be fully charged for the first day of school. Username and passwords will be available for distribution the first day of school for new 7th/8th and all 6th grade students. Returning 7th/8th grade students will use the same username/password as last school year. For students who have forgotten their username/password, username/passwords will also be available the first day of school.

First Day of School

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 14th. This is a full student attendance day (8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.). All students should gather in the bus plaza prior to the 8:20 a.m. entry bell. Staff will direct students where to report in the building following the 8:20 a.m. entry bell.

Jackson Spirit Wear

New spirit wear is an exciting part to the start of a new school year! Check out and order our newest Jackson spirit wear. You can access the Jackson PTA online store by visiting <https://jacksonmiddleschoolspirit19.itemorder.com/sale>. Special thanks to the Jackson PTA for helping families and staff build their spirit wear collection. The order deadline is August 26th.



Curriculum Night

Please mark your calendar to join us for Curriculum Night on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m. Curriculum Night is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and hear about some of the wonderful experiences your child will have for the 2019 - 2020 school year. We will share the Curriculum Night schedule once it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please call our main office at (630) 516-7600. Please note that our office will be closed during Jaguar Jump-Start Day, as our office staff will be assisting Jackson families. I look forward to getting to know you and your child and I welcome you to a spectacular school year!

Warmest Regards,

Jill Amrhein, Principal
Jackson Middle School