



August 2019



First Day of School-Aug.14th
& Back to School Night
6:00 -7:30 pm (start in Gym)

No School:

- Labor Day-Sept. 2nd
- Veteran’s Day-Nov. 11th
- Thanksgiving Break-Nov.25-29
- Winter Break-Dec.20th-Jan.3rd
- Martin Luther King Jr.-Jan.20th
- President’s Days-Feb.14th & 17th
- Spring Break-April 6th-13th
- Memorial Day-May 25th

Minimum Days:

- Parent Conf. Week- Sept. 23-27
- November 22nd
- December 19th
- April 3rd
- June 2nd - 4th

8th Gr. Promotion- June 2nd

Last Day of School- June 4th

Important Phone Numbers

- Main Office 822-2150
- Counseling Office 822-2258
- Fax 822-2156
- Bus Barn 822-2115
- Café 822-2144

Absence Reporting

Hotline 822-2157

(leave us a message 24 hours)

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Jacobsen Middle School

A Message from the Principal

My name is Sharon Heitman, and I am excited to be your returning Jacobsen Middle School Principal! Welcome back to our established Bulldog families, and if this is your first year here, we can’t wait to meet you!

I am proud of our Tehachapi school system and believe that JMS has a lot to offer. We get the best of both worlds at the middle school; the students are still children, yet they are developing into a more mature version of themselves. I believe with caring adults to help mentor them in their decisions and provide positive guidance during challenging times, they will be able to successfully navigate through some of the most difficult years in their social development. We are so fortunate to have staff here who believe this as well. Our staff hold the best intentions for your children. I encourage you to get to know them and meet face to face when you can. Also, volunteering is still welcome here, so don’t be shy! You’d be surprised that students still enjoy parents here whether they admit it or not.

We have some new and exciting changes happening this year that I’d like to share with you, all of which will add to a positive school climate. First, we will have three separate lunches (one per grade level.) This will help with student safety and supervision. We will not have a homeroom period so that our academic class periods are a few minutes longer, allowing for optimal learning. Also, our sixth grade teachers will now be single subject teachers like our other secondary teachers in the district. They will be “content experts” so to speak, and each one will be teaching a subject they love. This will allow sixth grade teachers to work in teams just like their seventh and eighth grade colleagues. They can collaborate more, share best practices, and work together to trouble shoot or provide supports for the students they share. The sixth grade wing is planned to open in October, and though the wait has been long, it’s about to pay off as all classrooms will have brand new furniture and technology such as Smart TV’s (aka touch screen Smart Boards) which we anticipate will increase student engagement, collaboration, and help build pride. We will transition the students to the new building the week before we move in by having them tour the wing with their schedule reflecting new room numbers. An open house will be planned for parents and community members as well. Lastly, the front parking lot will now have designated visitor parking spots available to families when you need to come to Jacobsen during school hours.

Looking forward to creating a positive school climate together.

Sharon Heitman

We will no longer have a homeroom period, however the period 3 teachers will pass out and collect important papers



Getting to know your student's school staff and other parents by being involved in the PTO is not only a benefit to the school, but personally rewarding. Our monthly meetings will be the 1st Thursday of each month @ 9:30 with our 1st meeting being Sept. 5th. JMS PTO always welcomes new members! Last year our Bulldog card sales raised enough money to purchase 4 filtered water bottle filling stations for the school that all of our students are happy to have. Please help us leave our mark benefitting all of our students.

From the Vice Principal

Hello Bulldogs!

I want to start off by welcoming every student and family member to Jacobsen Middle School. This is my very first year at this school and I could not be more excited and more enthusiastic to meet all of you and begin supporting every student for a successful year. I have enjoyed working in education as a mathematics teacher, instructional coach and dean of students for over 22 years in Los Angeles and I have to say that the best part of being a teacher is working with the students. I believe in working closely with the families to support and guide students in the most positive manner possible. Your child will feel cared for, welcomed, and feel a sense of belonging here at Jacobsen. I try to treat every child with the same care as I would treat my own child.

My wife and I lived in Burbank for most of our lives and we fell in love with the City of Tehachapi and the wonderful, friendly people here. Now we live here with our son Marc who just recently graduated high school. We are all very excited to be here.

As your Vice Principal, I understand that each individual grows and develops in their unique way. Every student needs guidance and support and my door is always open. Please feel free to come in and speak to me about any concern or suggestion you may have. It is our goal to provide a safe, welcoming, and meaningful learning environment for our students.

As Vice Principal, safety of every student on this campus is very important and all discipline decisions will be based on safety and the well-being of JMS students, district policy, and the State of California's Education Code. My Restorative Justice approach to student discipline includes:

1. Being Proactive
 - a. Building Trust
 - b. Develop Community
 - c. Working with families
2. Responsive
 - a. Manage Conflict
 - b. Repair the Harm
 - c. Restore Relationships

I look forward to meeting every student and supporting everyone here at JMS. Here's to the beginning of a wonderful year.

Michael Bin

Volunteer Training Dates:

We will have two sessions:
7:45 am or 2:30 pm
(Sessions last about 30 minutes)
August 27th
September 10th
October 29th
November 19th
January 28th
February 25th
March 24th
April 28th



Thursday – School Colors
(Blue & Gold)



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From the Counselor

Welcome Bulldogs!

As your counselor, I am pleased to start the New Year with you. I am the only counselor here at JMS so I am responsible for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. I am starting my 12th year at JMS as your School Counselor. My door is always open for everyone. Together we can create a successful academic year.

You are starting your secondary school career, and this is an exciting time in your life. You will be challenged academically and I am here to assist in meeting those challenges. Middle school is also a social time. This is part of the growing process. The key is not to let the social aspect be more important than the classroom lessons. I am also here to help you find that balance between school and friends and make good choices that will prepare you for high school.

As your counselor, I deal with many issues like schedules, grades, student's personal problems, and bullying. Bullying is a serious issue and *will not* be tolerated. Please remind your student that the first step to solving any bullying problem is to tell an adult. Any staff member can bring you to the counseling office or front office. Together, we can have a successful school year.

Let's make this a terrific year,
Ms. Erin Dyer

From the Learning Director

Hello,

My name is Eric Loe and I am the Learning Director at Jacobsen Middle School. I am excited to be starting my 24th year with the Tehachapi Unified School District. I began my teaching career at Wells Elementary where I taught third grade for four years. I then spent 14 years teaching 2nd-4th grades at Cummings Valley School before moving to JMS five years ago. I taught 6th grade for four years here. I started as the learning director here last year and I am really looking forward to this year to come!

As Learning Director I will be working with teachers, students, parents, and the community to ensure that Jacobsen Middle School is a safe, productive environment for your children. Thank you for trusting us to be partners with you in the education of your students! If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns you would like to share please do not hesitate to contact me. I am a good listener!

Sincerely, Eric Loe

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