



GREYHOUND NEWS

November 15, 2014

Region Choir News

Congratulations to the following students for making Region Choir 2014 for Region 23! They had their concert at Morton Ranch High School on Saturday, November 8. Out of 200 singers, Johnston had 50 in the choir!

Piper Hudson, Taryn Beard, Joanna Perez, Jahz Rodgers, Jasmine Burton, Angie Tovar, Leticia Hsieh, Amayah Gabriel, Makaiya Jones, Leah Ellis, Tamia Sam, Alexandria Collins, Julissa Ramirez, Elizabeth Ragan, Helen Huneycutt, Marin Hart, Allie Guerra, Kamryn Robins, Mary Phillips, Carol Lahana, Daphne Martin, Aliya Jackson, Khelihyah Houston, Aletta Husmann, Samantha Romero, Stefanie Nguyen, Jacquelyn Simmons, Sabrina Ramirez, Faith Pinon, Kiana Ardoin, Daniel Boyd, Parker Tagtmeier, Carson Brown, Jacob Holmes, Samuel Hadgu, Ulysses Chavez, Louis Thomas, Craig Gilmore, Josiah Jones, Rashad McMiller, Ryan Xia, Atillio Ator, Jaylon Marion, Owen Neumann, Jonathan Abraham, Hezekiah Booker, David Johnson, Isaac Diabate, German Lerma, and Patrick Hudnell.

Way to go, Greyhounds!

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TMEA Region 23 Honor Bands

Congratulations to the following Johnston students for earning, through audition, positions on the 2014-2015 TMEA Region 23 Honor Bands. The competition for this event is extraordinary as Region 23 includes Alief ISD, Houston ISD, Katy ISD, North Houston HS for Business, and Strake Jesuit. JMS is very proud of its students have achieved.

Sarah Winn
Madeline Nguyen
Marcelino Campos

Leslie Reyes – Band &
Orchestra
Arianna McPherson

Richard Cruz – Band &
Orchestra
David Rosen

The concert will be December 6, 2014.

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From Broadcast Journalism: Radio Story

Four JMS students have been selected to tell their holiday themed stories live on KPFT 90.1. **Ambar Caldwell** and **Shelby Edison** will be on the radio on November 20th, 2014, while **Kayla Clubb** and **Carson Brown** will be telling their stories on Dec 11, 2014. All four will be on *So What's Your Story?* which airs at 10 p.m. every Thursday night. It is hosted by Dr. Hank Roubicek.

It is huge honor for these four students to represent JMS and of course we are Johnston proud!

Ms. Arlt

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HISD All-City Band Results

Congratulations to the following JMS Band students, who earned (by audition) positions on the HISD All-City Band for 2014-2015. They are:

Nate Hart	Lawrence Turner	Yonas Eberhart
Leslie Reyes	Jacoby Guillory	James Carter
Jose Reyes	Tyler Johnson	Marcelino Campos
Salah Broussard	Richard Cruz	Demi Mitchell
Citlalli Gil	Josue Garcia	Paige Fly
Arianna McPherson	Jonathan Zepeda	Sarah Winn
Kathryn Chevez	Chris Houston	Cheyenne Moore
Jonathan Jones	Sebastian Alvarez	Madeline Nguyen
Juan Valeriano	Jarvis Goosby	Jessica Ajucum
David Rosen	Allanay Lister	Ruth Beauburn

Johnston Middle School had the most students make the All-City band this year than any other school in HISD. The Johnston Band students make up 1/3 of the All-City Band roster this year with 31 students. Kudos to our band directors, Mr. Fry and Mr. Siegrist, on a job well done with our awesome students as well. What an accomplishment!

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Region Orchestra Results Announced

The results are in and 16 Johnston students have earned a spot on the 2014 Region Orchestra! Please congratulate the following students for such their remarkable achievements.

Violins: McKenna Miller, Alexandra Maynard, Trinity Mosier, Angela Goodearl, Sophia Singleton, Anne Utech, Arturo Orozco, Elena Reid

Cellos: Sofia Puccio, Elise Gifford, Douglas Perry, Andrew Shaw, Owen Talley, Kennedy Hunter

Basses: Julia Tehauno, Thomas Swindell

The Region Orchestra Concert will be held on November 22 at Seven Lakes High School (Katy). The Philharmonic Orchestra Concert is set for 4 p.m. The Symphony Orchestra Concert is set for 4:45 p.m.

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JMS Art Students Win Art Awards at Texas Renaissance Festival

The annual Texas Renaissance Festival Art Contest encouraged students to make their own masterpieces. The student art was to reflect the themes of the Texas Renaissance Festival such as royalty, life in the 15th/16th centuries, fantasy, or renaissance literature, science or art. The entries had to be original in concept, design and execution. Before diving in to the contest, students learned about the art of the Renaissance, a period when art was taken to new levels and soared under the leadership of artists like Raphael and Michelangelo. Students also had the opportunity to go to the Texas Renaissance Festival on Nov. 5th to see the winning art on display.

Ms. Arsham is proud to announce JMS's three winning art students, their masterpieces chosen from among hundreds of entries from across the State of Texas.

Congratulations to Renee Peters who won 2nd place for her colored pencil drawing titled, “The Horse and the Maiden.”



Congratulations to Hailey Joseph who won 3rd place for her watercolor painting titled, “Texas vs. Texas.”



Congratulations to Ella Bernstein who received Honorable Mention for her colored pencil drawing titled, “Shining in the Darkness.”



The Orchestra's Annual Pasta Dinner, Auction, and Concert
Friday, December 5, 2014
5pm – 9pm
Johnston Cafeteria

Would you like to enjoy a pasta dinner and do some holiday shopping all while listening to your Johnston Middle School orchestras? You can do all that at the annual JMS Orchestra Pasta Dinner on December 5!

~ The Dinner ~

Dine on assorted Pastas:

Chicken Alfredo

Ziti Pasta with Meat

Vegetarian Ziti Pasta

Served with Salad & a Dinner Roll

Iced Tea, Coffee and Dessert for additional \$1.

Sit-down dinner: 5 to 8 p.m.

Take-out dinner: 4:30 p.m.

Tickets in advance -\$ 7 each / Tickets at the door - \$10 each

Ask any orchestra student, Dr. Rocha or the JMSOPA for sales information.

~ The Silent Auction ~

5 to 8 p.m.

During the performances, you can browse through the wide variety of items in our Silent Auction. Every year there is something different and unique to find there, and you won't find a more fun way to support the JMS orchestra than bidding on your favorite items. The auction closes at 8 p.m., and the winners will be confirmed and awarded their purchases after the final performance of the Advanced Orchestra.

~ The Concert ~

THE JOHNSTON ORCHESTRA GOES TO THE MOVIES!

The concert performed by our JMS orchestras will take a journey to Hollywood! Music from some of the best movies -- new and old -- will be performed. The audience will be delighted with music from **Charmed**, **Lord of the Rings**, **Jurassic Park**, **Frozen**, **Harry Potter**, and many more!

The music will start at 5 p.m. with a performance by our award winning Advanced Orchestra, followed by 8th Period Orchestra at 6 p.m., 2nd Period Orchestra at 6:30 p.m., 4th Period Orchestra at 7 p.m., 6th Period Orchestra at 7:30, and finishing with a second performance by the Advanced Orchestra at 8 p.m.

The Auction and Dinner will close at 8:30 p.m. All proceeds raised during the event will go to the Orchestra students' fundraising goals for trips and supplies to give them the rich orchestra experience that Johnston Middle School is known for.

Contact the JMSOPA at johnstonorchestra@gmail.com for any questions.

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November 15 through December 19, 2014

- 15 Free Throw Contest – 9 a.m. to noon
- 17 Ethics Bowl Team Mr. Barber 10:20 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. –JMS Library
- 17-18 Boys UIL Soccer Tryouts – 4:15-5:30 p.m.
- 19 Magnet Tours - 1:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Early Dismissal – 1:25 p.m.
- 20 Fall Piano Concert – 6 to 9 p.m.
- 20-21 Boys UIL Soccer Tryouts – 4:15-5:30 p.m.
- 21 Orchestra Regionals – 3 to 9 p.m. at Seven Lakes High School
- 24 Spelling Bee – 4 to 5 p.m.
- 25 JMS Mariachi Los Galgos Elementary Trip – 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- 26-28 Thanksgiving break

December

- 1-5 STAAR EOC Testing – daily 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- 2 Spelling Bee – 4 to 5 p.m. - Library
Band Boosters Meeting - 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Choir and Handbell Concert – 7 p.m.
- 3-9 LOTE final exams
- 3 Magnet Tours - 1:15 to 3:45 p.m.
- 4 Winter Ensemble Concert – 7 p.m.
- 5 Orchestra Spaghetti Dinner, Silent Auction and Concert
- 5-6 Band - All Region Clinic
- 6 Band - All Region Concert
- 9 JMS Dance Ensemble field trip to Wortham – 10 a.m. -1:30 p.m.
Beginning Band Concert – 7 p.m.
- 10 Theatre Production – 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Advanced Jazz and Band Concert – 7 p.m.
- 12-13 7th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament – 5-9 p.m.
- 15-16 Algebra 1A Final Exam

December 22 through January 3, 2015 Winter Break

A complete calendar listing for all Johnston events can be found on the JMS website at <http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/78514>. Current dates are on the main page <http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/78513>. The 2014-15 Magnet Performance schedule can be found under “Magnet Information”. Sporting events are also under the Athletics Department calendar. Events are also listed in the JMS Student Planner.

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Magnet Applications

Though Magnet Awareness Week is over, there are still opportunities to tour Johnston’s Performing and Visual Arts magnet program. (See calendar for times.) Magnet applications can be filled on line at www.houstonisd.org. The deadline for magnet applications is December 19, 2014.

For questions or to schedule an individual tour, please contact Gary Leger, JMS Magnet Coordinator, at 713-726-3616.

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A Uniform Reminder

As the cold weather swoops down from the North, necessitating student use of sweatshirts and hoodies to keep warm during the school, please remember that the allowable colors are **Black, Grey, White** and **Purple**. Navy Blue is NOT an approved color. Sweatshirt/hoodies should not have any large logos or graphics on them. They must be plain. Official JMS sweatshirts and hoodies are always fine.



The cost of the official JMS sweatshirts, whether the pullover with a pocket or the hoody, is \$25. Payment must be cash. In light of the upcoming colder weather, there will be a special sale day at the School Store for these JMS items. Quantities are limited.

Special JMS Sweatshirt/Hoodie Sale

When: Friday 11/21/14

Where: JMS School Store

Time: Before School 7:30-8:15 a.m. **AND** After School 3:45-4:30 p.m.

(The PTO does not run or have any ties to the School Store. The store is solely organized by Asst. Principal Lee. As a courtesy she is letting the PTO sell the hoodies/shirts for the convenience of JMS students. Thank you, Asst. Principal Lee.)

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JMS PTO Needs You!

Are you experienced in grant writing?

Are you familiar with managing websites?

Do you have marketing experience?

Your JMS PTO needs you!

**For more details, please contact 2nd VP Ann Guerra at annieguerra@att.net.
Working together, we make a better JMS learning experience for all.**

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JMS Beautification

A face lift has come to Johnston campus! The PTO has formed a new committee called Beautification headed by Elizabeth Shaw.

Mr. Brian Busby, HISD Director of Facilities and Grounds, came out to our school to look around. He was shown a variety of areas needing work. During the next four days, trees were cut back and trimmed out front and along Manhattan. Electricians were here to measure and change out lights in outdoor walkways to energy saving LEDs. Outdoor drains were snaked and flushed out on the grounds to help with drainage. Sheet metal workers took measurements to repair leaks in walkways awnings. Carpenters took measurements for cutting out sections of wooden deck to allow for drainage and replacing missing pieces and staining the wood.

Thank you to Mr. Huff and his crew for all their help and cooperation in helping make campus look better.

It is exciting to see changes happening at Johnston. Look for more improvements in November and December!

Elizabeth Shaw



Tree trimming and removal from the JMS front entrance done November 6th

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JMS Fine Arts Fund (previously known as the Super Fund)

The JMS Fine Arts Fund committee is working toward improving the Johnston Middle School fine arts program. The committee is co-chaired by Ann Guerra and Steve Martin. Members of the committee are working with HISD but are in need of community support to fund aspects of the program not covered by the school district.

Personal donations, corporate and small business sponsorships will move Johnson Middle School into the 21st-century to provide quality conditions for the fine arts students. The financial goal is \$250-300,000 to fund everything from computers to drafting tables to pianos to cameras to dance bars to costumes to sheet music to band instruments to desks, chairs and paint.

(Although it is a cooperative effort with JMS PTO, it is not financed by any funds from PTO. The PTO will continue to support teacher appreciation, school hospitality, publicity, school beautification and miscellaneous needs as requested by the principal.)

Contributing to the JMS Fine Arts Fund will support the entire JMS student population. Having a quality program will encourage cooperative learning and higher standards of excellence. Johnston Middle School is already an award-winning school across its Fine Arts Departments. The students and teachers deserve state of the art equipment, improved learning environments and an updated and safe auditorium. All donations acquired by the fund will be put forth to ensure quality equipment and quality programs are available for present and future JMS students.

Please consider donating to the JMS Fine Arts Fund. All contributions are tax deductible. Receipts will be provided. You can donate at jmsfineartsfund.com or mail your contribution to:

Johnston Middle School
PTO Fine Arts Fund
10410 Manhattan Dr.
Houston TX, 77096

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



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Want Johnston Middle School Info?

Go to talktomejms.org

Did you receive our November Greyhound newsletter? If not, then sign up for MySchoolAnywhere, which is an on-line directory. After you sign-up, you will start receiving JMS communications such as newsletters, volunteer opportunities, upcoming events and more!

IT'S FREE!

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¿Quieres recibir información de Johnston MS?

Ve a talktomejms.org

¿Recibiste nuestro boletín de noviembre Greyhound? Si no lo recibiste, inscríbete en MySchoolAnywhere que es un directorio en línea que le permitirá obtener comunicaciones de JMS como boletines de noticias, oportunidades de voluntariado, eventos, y mucho más.

¡ES GRATIS!

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Auditorium Improvement Update

The Magnet Awareness Week Concert on Nov. 6 shined a bit brighter thanks to new lights in the auditorium. A large number of lights have been replaced. HISD had also resurfaced the front of the stage. More improvements are on the way and will be completed over the summer. Thank you, HISD.



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'Twas a Boo-tiful Evening



To make up for the mandate that there would be no Halloween festivities – costumes and candy – on Halloween at Johnston, some Johnston 6th graders, Parker Elementary alumni, banded together for a Halloween night reunion. The pack of costumed kids amazed neighbors as they roamed door to door in search of CANDY! Among the 6th graders were Johnston students Leeann Dromgoole, Alayna Evans, Michael Brooks, Prince Frazier, Ellis Haverkamp, Rory Johnson, Abby Nitsch, Isabel Pitts and Serena

West. Costumes included Ninja Turtles, Sith Lords, action-heroes and, of course, Princess Elsa from **Frozen**, played by Abby Nitsch's little sister Olivia. One notable quip from Ellis Haverkamp, "If one more parent calls this (referring to his light saber) a WAND...."

A trick or treatin' good time was had by all!

Susan Pitts

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Painless Fundraising

Painless is the operative word. Our families all eat. Several local stores as well as a web store have programs for which designated organizations can benefit based on a percentage of receipts. Ideally JMS will be listed as your favorite beneficiary.

There is KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS. One must have a registered Kroger Plus card account online to be able to link one's card to an organization. A Kroger Plus Card can be obtained when creating an account online or at any Kroger store. **Link your card at www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com.** **And follow the directions. The ID number for JMS is 96068 or name Johnston Middle School** (Complete Kroger Community Rewards sign up information is in November 1, 2014 issue.)

Thank you for participating in our Kroger Community Rewards program!

Don't forget **Randall's** has its Good Neighbor Program. The ID number for Johnston Middle School is **5075**.

Target has a donation program, too. The JMS Target ID number is **98699**.

Amazon Smile has another painless fundraising program that can benefit JMS. Please log on to smile.amazon.com to designate JMS as your charity. Detailed information on Amazon Smile is in the October 1, 2014 newsletter.

Many products come with special labels. Why not clip them for Johnston?

JMS benefits from Box Top\$ for Education and the Tyson A+ Program.

For more specific details about any of these programs, please refer to the October 15, 2014, JMS Newsletter unless noted otherwise.

Yes, painless fundraising is the best kind. Thank you for participating.

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Johnston Middle School has a chance to raise up to \$12,000 in extra school funds this year by participating in the Tyson Project A+ program, sponsored by Tyson Foods.

Students, parents, teachers and other members of the community are encouraged to collect Tyson Project A+ labels from Tyson® product boxes and bags. Tyson will send the school a check in the amount of 24¢ per label. Funds raised through Tyson Project A+ can be spent on anything the school needs, including supplies, equipment, building repairs and school programs.

Here's how it works: Just clip and collect Tyson Project A+ labels from participating Tyson® product packages and send them to school with your student. We'll collect the labels and send them to Tyson Foods, and Tyson Foods will send our school a check. Each label is worth 24¢!

Please have your student place their Tyson labels in their house collection bin located in the **school library** or **cafeteria**. Be sure that they label their bag or envelope with their name, house, grade, mentor, & number of Tyson Project A+ labels.

We hope you'll join us in collecting Tyson Project A+ labels this year and spread the word to your friends and relatives.

So, start clipping and save those Tyson labels!

Thank you,

Tyson Project A+ Coordinators

Cynthia Chavez (cynthiachavez9543@sbcglobal.net)

Mandy Duran (mduran396@gmail.com)



Spirit Night Benefiting JMS!

4-8 p.m.

1st Wednesday every month

Percentage of evening's receipts donated to JMS.

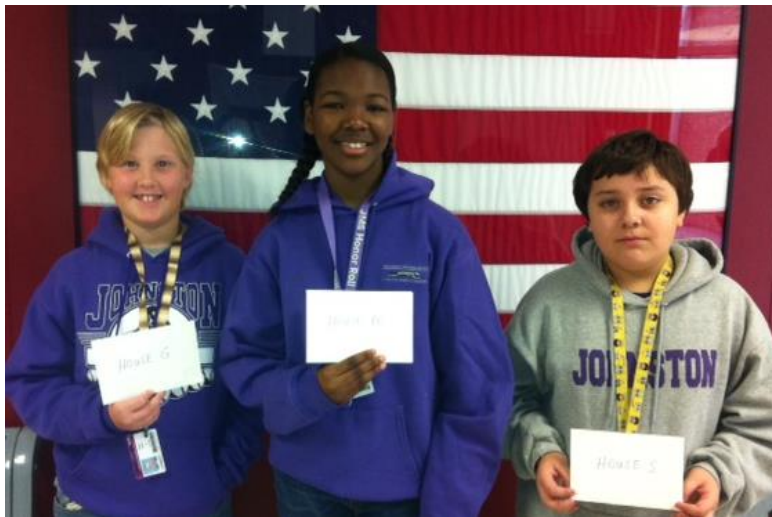
This fundraiser is painless and delicious!





The Box Top Committee conducted its drawing for prizes Thursday morning for each of the houses (J, M, S, & G). Every student who had collected and submitted at least 10 Box Tops last month had their name entered into a Box Tops drawing for a chance to win special prizes. Four drawing winners were selected to receive an AMC theater prize.

Congratulations to students: Ayla Castillo – House J, Sarah Winn - House M, Chase Chavez - House S, and Riley Gwin - House G.



Pictured Left to right: Riley Gwin, Sarah Winn, & Chase Chavez. Ayla Castillo not present.

Thanks to everyone who contributed and participated!

The collection of Box Tops will be an ongoing program throughout the school year. We hope that you will check your grocery items and continue saving these Box Top coupons for our school. Our next contest collection will be launched in the Spring.

If you haven't already signed up, please be sure to register through the Box Tops for Education website at www.boxtops4education.com to support Johnston Middle School.

Keep up the good work! Thank you for your support! Let's keep the momentum going!

The Box Top\$ Committee

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PTO BOARD POSITIONS

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