

November 2024



Dear JCCS Families,

As we move through this school year, I am thrilled to share with you the wonderful academic progress our students have been making. Each day, our teachers witness and foster a deep love for learning, and it's exciting to see the growth and dedication within our classrooms. From our youngest students in kindergarten who are mastering foundational skills to our high school students who are tackling advanced concepts and college courses, our students are rising to new challenges. At Jefferson County Christian School, we are committed to academic excellence rooted in faith, and it is evident that our students are reaping the benefits of a Christ-centered education.

This season of Thanksgiving is the perfect time to pause and reflect on our many blessings. We are blessed with a dedicated teaching staff, a supportive community of families, and, most importantly, students who bring light and joy to our school. As we gather with our families this November, let us be mindful of the words of Psalm 107:1: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Indeed, we serve a God whose mercies are new every morning. This Thanksgiving, and every day, I encourage each of us to remember the abundant grace and provision we receive from Him daily.

In our classrooms, students are not only learning about the importance of gratitude but also practicing it in meaningful ways. Whether through special projects, chapel services, or daily interactions, we see our students growing in thankfulness and humility. Let us remember 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Together, we celebrate not only the accomplishments of our students but also the Lord's faithfulness that guides our school each day.

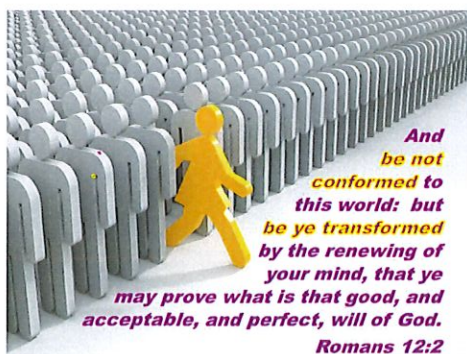
Thank you for partnering with us in this journey. Your prayers, support, and encouragement are invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for each family that God has brought to JCCS. May you have a blessed Thanksgiving filled with love, joy, and gratitude.

With a thankful heart,

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Scott Abercrombie

School Administrator



What's Happening

Tuesday, November 5th

In Uniform Picture Make-Ups

Wednesday, November 6th

PTF Monthly Meeting

Thursday, November 7th

Veteran's Day Chapels

School Board Meeting

Monday, November 11th

NO SCHOOL— Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 13th

Musical Auditions

Friday, November 15th

Progress Reports

Thursday, November 21st

Spelling Bee

Monday, November 25th

Spelling Bee make-up date

Wednesday, November 27th -

Monday, December 2nd

NO SCHOOL— Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, December 3rd

School Resumes

Wednesday, December 4th

PTF Monthly Meeting

Friday, December 6th

PTF Christmas Shop

In Uniform Fall Pictures Make-Ups / Retakes

Make-Ups: If student was not picture in September, bring your order envelope & be picture ready the morning of **Tues. 11/5**. If you lost your order form, there are more in the school office.

Retakes: If student was pictured, enclosed is your order or a preview of their picture with online option to still order. If unhappy with picture, be picture ready **Tues. 11/5** & return the form, complete package & \$5 retake fee.

If any questions, please contact Kathleen & Paul's at 304-723-1460 or JCCS office at 740-275-4326.



Please sign & return packets monthly!

PTF NEWS!

- The next PTF meeting will be November 6th at 2:45. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria. All parents are welcome!
- We are now accepting donations for this year's Christmas Shop!
Items needed:
Wrapping paper, candy canes, tape and volunteers!
- PTF is gearing up for another used uniform sale! The sale will run from December 3rd through January 10th. Please go through your used uniforms over Thanksgiving break and send them in with your student!

2024 VETERANS DAY CHAPEL

Thursday, November 7th

Guest Speaker: Diane Hutchison



Let's Celebrate Our Vets
Our Defenders of Freedom

- ✦ 8:00am Secondary Chapel (7th-12th grades)
- ✦ 9:30am Elementary Chapel (preK-6th grades)

Guests are welcome to attend. We encourage students to invite veterans to join them!

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NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF
VETERAN'S DAY
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JCCS PRESENTS

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

MARCH 13th, 14th, and 15th 2025

Auditions Wednesday, November 13th 3:00-6:00 pm

Please plan to stay for the entire audition as callbacks will be completed the same day. See Mrs. Haines with any questions or conflicts or email ehaines@myjccs.org

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION



THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2024

BEGINS PROMPTLY @ 8:30AM WITH EACH GRADE COMPETING CONSECUTIVELY, BEGINNING WITH 1ST GRADE. PARENTS ARE WELCOME!

MAKE-UP DAY WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024



THANKSGIVING Dinner

November 26, 2024

Volunteers needed for Thanksgiving dinner for lunch!

- ⇒ Donation of pies/desserts
- ⇒ Monday 11/25 prep help
- ⇒ Tuesday 11/26 servers @ all 3 lunches

Please contact Mrs. Martin if you are able to help with any of the above at kmartin@myjccs.org or 740-275-4326 ext. 206

JCCS MERCH SALE

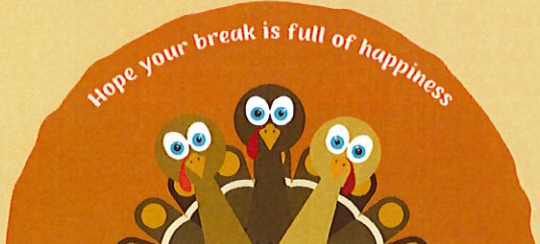

PAY BY CASH OR CHECK IN THE OFFICE
MAKES GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

<p>BASEBALL HAT</p>  <p>\$25</p>	<p>STICKER/CAR DECAL</p>  <p>\$5</p>	<p>TEE SHIRT: YOUTH MED -1 YOUTH LARGE -2 YOUTH XL -4</p>  <p>\$10</p>
 <p>\$2</p>	<p>REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE</p> <p>\$25</p>	 <p>50X60 SOFT BLANKET</p> <p>\$25</p>

Thanksgiving Break

November 27-December 2

Hope your break is full of happiness

Bring in a non perishable food item on Tuesday, November 26th for the Wintersville Good Neighbor food pantry & get to Dress Down that day!

Counselor Corner

spotvin@myjccs.org (740) 275-4326, Ext. 205



November 1, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am doing a series of presentations during our chapel services for both elementary and upper school.

Using our theme verse of Romans 12:2, "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind", my goal is to teach our students that just because we feel something, that doesn't make it right. We are, in my opinion, living in a culture where feelings and emotions are ruling the day. If people feel angry, they blast others with their words or actions. If they feel anxious, they shut down and don't move forward. If people get offended because they feel hurt, they end relationships. Even to the extreme, that if a male feels like a female, he can identify as such and vice versa. This is crazy, upside down.

God's word teaches us that He created us with a mind, a brain, that is to govern our emotions. "A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back." – Proverbs 29:11. Truth is supposed to reign over feelings. Truth is supposed to cause us to discipline things within ourselves. "When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down." Eph. 4:26

God created our emotions – and they are good, helpful, fruitful, create energy and compassion within us – but unbridled, they cause destruction to ourselves and others. Just like fire has so many positive uses and does so much for us – but out of control, it becomes destructive.

There is a fear in our society that to control our emotions or to teach our children to control their emotions (anxieties, fears, unhappiness, anger) is to suppress them. This is not true because suppression and being in control of our emotions are two very different things. Suppression denies the emotion whereas controlling our emotions acknowledges them and helps us learn how to express them in a healthy and appropriate way. I love hearing our elementary teachers calmly telling a student who is upset to "take a breath" (ie: get a hold of yourself) and then "use your words to tell say what is bothering you" (make a choice to express yourself in a healthy way).

I honored our high school and junior high when I spoke to them. They are doing a great job of appropriately controlling their emotions. We have quiet, cheerful hallways. We don't see fights, hear screaming or see aggression. Here at JCCS we want to equip our students so they consciously choose to let the Truth govern their feelings and their choices and have the words and wisdom to help their friends and neighbors. So needed today!!

One of the Fruits of the Spirit is Self-Control (Gal. 5:23). Let us purposely ask the Holy Spirit to help transform our culture back into one that actually lives by this grace.

In other news: Our seniors are working on their future plans including college, military and going into the work industry. Parents will be able to fill out the FAFSA beginning Dec. 1, 2024. Our collaboration with WVNCC is up and running with many more students now being able to take college classes. Juniors will be taking the ACT in March here at our school. The first quarter is behind us and we are ready to keep digging in!

Much blessings to all our families!

Mrs. Potvin