

West Jackson Weekly



October 11, 2011

Reminder about Updated Jackson County Schools Calendar

The Jackson County 2011-2012 school calendar has been updated, and there are some changes that affect vacation days for your child. You may view a revised school system calendar online at www.jackson.k12.ga.us/.

- October 10th has been changed from a student day to a teacher workday.
- December 16th has been changed from a holiday to a normal school day for both students and teachers.

Competition Cheerleading Team

Congratulations to the WJMS competition cheerleading team for placing in three of their four competitions this year - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!

2011 Softball Champions

Our team was undefeated throughout the tournament and began by beating EJMS 8-1, then Banks County, twice, 3-2 to clench the title. Shelton Kendrix hit a homerun over the centerfield fence against Banks County. Destiny Gaudlock was named Tournament MVP by her coaches and teammates for her outstanding performance throughout the tournament. She also made the final out of the tournament to solidify our victory. Our team finished the season 11-2.

Book Fair

The WJMS Media Center will be holding a pirate-themed book fair the week of November 7. We will be open late on November 8 and November 10 until 7 p.m. If you have any pirate decorations you would like to share with the media center, we would love to have them. Please label them with your name so we can return them to you after the fair. For more information about the Book Fair, check out the media center website. "Aarr" you ready for the book fair?

Yearbooks

Parents, if you want to get the cheapest price for the yearbook, now is the time to order! The price goes up to \$32 on October 16. If you have any questions about yearbook, please check out the WJMS yearbook site.

<http://sites.jackson.k12.ga.us/wjmsyearbook/>

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Parents, please drop off and pick up students in the front of the school. The side of the building is for buses, walkers, and a few handicapped students only! Please remember that our primary concern is always student safety.

Science Fair Timeline

Research your topic. Aug. 22 – Sept. 2
Complete your paperwork. Sept. 2 – 9
Construct your question and hypothesis. Sept. 2 – 9
Design experiment. Sept. 9 – 23
Conduct experiment. Sept. 23 – Oct. 14
Analyze data and draw conclusions. Oct. 14 – 21
Prepare your report. Oct. 21 – Nov. 11
Prepare your display. Nov. 11 – 30
Final project is due on Nov. 30.



Featured Teacher - Lara Komanecky

I'm from Blackshear, Georgia, and I attended UGA while studying both History and Family and Consumer Sciences Education. I live in Athens with my two dogs, a Lab mix and a Maltese mix. I love to travel, and my favorite places to visit are Savannah, New York City, and anywhere new and exciting. I try to visit a new city every year. My hobbies include reading, traveling, and watching UGA football games. In my spare time, I enjoy seeing movies, reading, or playing with my dogs .

Baseball Conditioning

Baseball conditioning is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders not actively participating in a fall or winter sport. Baseball conditioning will start on Tuesday, October 11 from 3:35–4:45 and is for students who plan on trying out for baseball in the spring. Conditioning will be each Tuesday in October and will expand to Tuesdays and Thursdays in November. Should you have any questions, please contact Coach Vance. (bvance@jackson.k12.ga.us)

Cheerleading Tryouts

Basketball cheerleading tryouts will be held on October 17th–19th after school in the gym until 5:15 p.m. Tryouts are \$5. Students MUST have a current physical to try out for cheerleading.

Basketball Tryouts

Basketball tryouts will begin October 24th for both boys and girls. Students interested in trying out will need to have a physical and proof of insurance turned in to Mrs. Hayes before then. There will be an informational meeting for interested students at the beginning of October. Should you have questions before then, you can contact the basketball coaches, Coach Veldhuis for boys and Coach Gilstrap for girls.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. WJMS will show their support by wearing purple clothing and/or ribbons Oct. 10–21. Let's support this worthy cause.

Mark your calendars!

- Tuesday, October 11 - Away cross country championship meet at Crow's Lake at 4:30
- Thursday, October 13 - Home football game vs. East Jackson Middle
- Friday, October 14 - Outdoor football dance - 3:45 - 5:45 p.m.
- Monday, October 17 - Friday, October 21 - School Bus Driver Appreciation Week
- Tuesday, October 18 - Report cards go home
- Monday, October 24 - Friday, October 28 - Red Ribbon Week
- Tuesday, October 25 - WJMS Night at Zaxby's 3:00 - 10:00 p.m
- Monday, November 7 - Friday, November 11 - Parent conference week
- Wednesday, November 9 and Thursday, November 10 - Early release at 11:30 a.m. due to parent conferences
- Friday, November 11 - Veterans' Day Program