



# Jasper Middle School

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## This Week at Jasper Middle School:

<p><b>Monday</b> Jan. 26</p>	<p>Lunch – Chicken Patty on Bun, Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit Or Salad Bar            Breakfast – Nutri Grain Bars Or Cereal            6:00PM Boys 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball (Jasper Black) vs Pike Central            6:00PM Girls 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball vs. Washington            6:30PM Girls 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball @ Princeton – Conference Tourney            7:30PM Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball @ Princeton – Conference Tourney</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> Jan. 27</p>	<p>Lunch – Salisbury Steak w/ gravy, Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit Or Salad Bar            Breakfast – Muffins Or Cereal            6:00PM Girls 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball @ Pike Central            6:30PM Boys 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball (Jasper Gold) @ Boonville            6:30PM Boys 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball vs Princeton – Conference Tourney            7:30PM Boys 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball vs Princeton – Conference Tourney</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> Jan. 28</p>	<p>Lunch – Bosco Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Broccoli, Brownie, Fruit Or Salad Bar            Breakfast – Bagels w/ Cream Cheese Or Cereal            Girls 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball – Conference Tourney – TBA            Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball – Conference Tourney – TBA</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> Jan. 29</p>	<p>Lunch – Taco Bar w/Boats, Toppings, Sidekick, Fruit Or Salad Bar            Breakfast – P/B Jelly Grahams or Cereal            Boys 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball – Conference Tourney – TBA            Boys 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball – Conference Tourney – TBA</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> Jan. 30</p>	<p>Lunch – Turkey Sandwich, Toppings, Chips, Pudding, Fruit Or Salad Bar            Breakfast – Poptarts Or Cereal</p>

Jasper Middle School provides daily breakfast options

## Upcoming Important Dates:

Feb. 6, 2015

Professional Development Day – No School

Feb. 16, 2015	Great Americans' Day – No School (Snow Day)
Feb. 18, 2015	Science Fair and Invention Convention
Feb. 19, 2015	Science Fair and Invention Convention Awards Ceremony
Feb. 23/25, 2015	Incoming Freshmen Parent Meetings
Mar. 2-11, 2015	ISTEP+ Applied Skills Testing Window
Mar. 6, 2015	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
Mar. 20, 2015	No School (Snow Day)
Mar. 23-27, 2015	Spring Break
Mar. 30, 2015	No School (Snow Day)
Apr. 3, 2015	Good Friday – No School
Apr. 6, 2015	No School (Snow Day)
Apr. 27-May 15, 2015	ISTEP+ Multiple Choice Testing Window
May 8-12, 2015	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip
May 4-13, 2015	Algebra 1 ECA Testing Window
May 22, 2015	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester

## Office Information:

- + **Incoming Freshmen Parent Meetings** – In February, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be making decisions about what courses he/she will take for his/her freshman year at Jasper High School. In order to make informed decisions, the high school counselors will be making a presentation to the parents of eighth grade students from Jasper Middle School and Holy Family. We will discuss graduation requirements, diploma options, and required and elective course decisions.
  - There will be an informational meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> in the Jasper High School auditorium. A parent, guardian, or adult representative will be required to attend one of these meetings; students are not required to attend. That same evening, parents will also receive a copy of the Jasper High School Program Planning Guide that will provide the same information in addition to course descriptions of all of the courses currently offered at the high school. In addition, you will receive the actual course enrollment form. This form will be used when enrolling in classes for the following year.

- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Jochum or Mr. Uebelhor at Jasper High School (482-6050); or Mrs. Maxey at Jasper Middle School (482-6454), or Mrs. Sternberg at Holy Family 482-5050.

### Teacher Information:

- ✚ **Problem of the Week** – The odds in favor of a person in North America appearing on television sometime in his/her lifetime are 1:3. If there are 24 students in a class, predict how many will appear on television.
- ✚ **Students of the Week** – Every week, staff members nominate students that have done well for a variety of reasons. These could be students that have displayed good character, put forth great effort, shown respectful behavior, made improvements or excelled academically. One male and one female from each grade is then chosen as Students of the Week for that week. Congratulations to this week's winners!
  - **6<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Sydney Small and Bennett Schmitt
  - **7<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Dulce Diaz and Jaime Diaz
  - **8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Natalie Wigand and Corbin Weisensteiner

### Extracurricular Activities:

- ✚ **Fastpitch Softball Clinic** – Will be held on Feb 1. Instruction will be provided by the coaching staff of Butler University. Students can contact Mr. Rupert if they are interested.
- ✚ **Optimist Club Of Jasper Youth Bowling** – Registration forms are available in the main office and are due no later than Jan. 28. The cost is \$25 and covers 6 weeks of bowling (2 games/week, shoe rental and t-shirt).
- ✚ **Patoka Hills Youth Quail Hunt** – Will be held Jan. 31 starting at 8:30AM at Cane Creek Hunting Preserve in Otwell, IN. Registration forms are available in the main office.
- ✚ **Middle School Softball** – Optional conditioning will begin Monday, January 26 at the softball fieldhouse. Please contact Mr. Tolbert with any questions.
- ✚ **From the JMS and JHS Bands** –

- SUPER-SAVER MIX-UP. There were a large amount of super saver cards turned in that were not collected from the HS band office (Mr. Goodhue's fault-he's very sorry) If you got a call or email saying you didn't turn them in, but you know you did, disregard the message. Updated info will be out soon.
- We've had several people ask when band camp will be. It will be Sun. July 19-Friday July 24th.
- Spring Fruit Sale for HS and 8TH Graders: Last week's newsletter said the sale would begin the first week in February-Wed. Feb 4. THIS HAS CHANGED. The fruit company sort of "made us" do it much earlier, so the sale actually started THIS WEEK! The forms and money need to be turned in Wed. Feb. 11-Please do not turn anything in until then. Most of the profit from the sale goes directly into students' band accounts to help pay for band-related expenses (like band camp).
- Congratulations to Lindsey Welp (alto sax)! She was selected to the IMEA All-State Jazz Ensemble.
- Congratulations one last time to the following JMS students for being selected from taped auditions to be a member of this year's IBA Junior All-State Band. They performed at the state music convention in Ft. Wayne last weekend: Clarinet-Vince Obermeyer (1st chair), Megan Burger, Mackenzie Walling, Annie Donato (7th grade); Alto Sax-Jack Goodhue; Trombone-Cole Weyer; Tuba-Grant Keller
- The students selected from the HS were: Bari Sax-Courtney Obermeyer; Bass Clarinet-Kevin McInerney; Trumpet-Isaac Messersmith; Trombone-Max Otto (1st chair), Tyler Richardson; Euphonium-Grace Harmon (1st chair)
- Congratulations again to Ellen Backer- flute (principal) and Adam Fierst-trombone for being selected from taped auditions to be members of the IMEA All-State Orchestra. They also performed at the state music convention in Ft. Wayne this past weekend.
- Also, congrats again to the 4 students selected from applications to participate in the IMEA Honor Band: Clarinet-Elizabeth Magee; Bass Clarinet-Ryan Fritz; Bari Sax-Reagan Moorman; Alto Sax-Lindsey Welp. All of these students performed during the state music convention in Ft. Wayne.

- Two percussionists were selected from taped auditions to be members of the IMEA All-State Percussion Ensemble: Rachel Kreilein and Melanie Stone. They performed during the state music convention in Ft. Wayne.
- Last week's newsletter said the band dept. (not band parent) spring fruit sale would begin the first week in February-Wed. Feb 4. THIS HAS CHANGED. The fruit company sort of "made us" do it much earlier, so the sale actually started THIS WEEK! The forms and money need to be turned in Wed. Feb. 11-Please do not turn anything in until then. Most of the profit from the sale goes directly into students' band accounts to help pay for band-related expenses (like band camp).
- Solo and Ensemble is Jan 31. GOOD LUCK, BUT PRACTICING WOULD PREVENT YOU FROM NEEDING LUCK!
- The People's Concert is Feb. 1 at 1:00 in the JHS gym.
- State Solo and Ensemble for any group I events that qualify and wish to enter is Feb.28. (You will have to pay the 13.00 solo entry and/or any 7.00 ensemble entries at 5th Street on Jan. 31.)

### **Community Information:**

- ✚ **10<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School Quarter Auction** – 10<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary PTC will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Quarter Auction on Friday, Feb. 20, in the St. Joseph's Parish Center Gymnasium. Doors open at 6PM and the public is invited.
- ✚ **Touchstone Energy Camp** – This three-and-a-half day long camp, June 3-6, 2015, will be held at Camp Tecumseh YMCA Outdoor Center just north of Lafayette in Brookstone and is for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - This camp will blend traditional camp activities – like archery, arts and crafts, and canoeing – with educational sessions about electrification, electric safety, and understanding the cooperative business principle.
  - Dubois REC will sponsor 3 students to attend this camp. Applications are available in the JMS main office. The deadline for applications is February 13.