

**Thomas Jefferson Middle School  
Arlington, Virginia  
Thursday, September 23, 2021**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Today is an A Day.***

***From Mr. Siegel:***

All students are welcome to stay after school for drop-in sports in the gym. Mondays will be basketball day with 1v1 - 5v5 games being played (depending on how many students show up). Indoor soccer will be on Tuesdays. Thursdays will be open gym with pickup soccer and open basketball courts. Fridays will be outdoor flag or two hand touch football. No registration is required to participate on any of these days. Students who stay for drop-in sports/open gym will be allowed to take the late buses home. As a reminder, because we will be indoors it is required that we wear masks at all times. Be sure to be in the gym by 2:40 if you want to participate.

***From Mr. Siegel:***

Open gym today after school for students who want to shoot basketball or play indoor soccer. Be in the gym by 2:40 PM. People who stay for open gym can take the late buses home.

Football Fridays returns tomorrow after school on the upper field. Be on the field by 2:45 PM to play two-hand touch or flag football.

***From Mrs. Detweiler***

The PTA is hosting the reflections art contest. If you are interested in submitting an entry, the theme is "I can change the world by..." You may enter in any of the following categories.

- visual arts
- dance/choreography
- film production
- literature
- music composition
- photography

Entry forms are available outside Mrs. Detweiler's office, room 221. All entries are due to Mrs. Detweiler by October 15th.

***From Mr. J Anderson:***

Good Morning Yellow Jackets. Picture Day is coming next Friday, October 1st. Look out for more information about picture day and how to order your photos during TA.

***From Ms. Mann:***

Do you enjoy reading manga? Are you really into anime? Would you like a space to share and enjoy these interests with your fellow Yellowjackets? If so, join the Anime Club! We will meet on Thursdays in Ms. Mann's room, 273, from 2:30 to 3:30. Our first meeting is today.

***From Ms. Leonberger:***

GSA is back! The Thomas Jefferson Middle School Gay-Straight Alliance will meet this Thursday, September 23rd in room 206 (Ms. Calhoun's room) after-school from 2:30 to 3:30. ALL students, including LGBTQ+ students, straight allies, and students who aren't sure of their identity, are welcome and encouraged to attend. It will be fun and maybe there will be jolly ranchers? Who knows? I don't. But I DO know that you won't know for sure unless you come to the GSA meeting... after-school in Ms. Calhoun's room... on Thursday. SO SEE YOU THERE!

***From Mr. Malinosky and Mr. Siegel***

There will be an SCA information meeting next Monday in the auditorium right after morning announcements. Be sure to come if you want to be a part of this years SCA.

Study Hall has begun. If you'd like some help from teachers with your homework and a quiet place to work, please come to the Library. Study hall runs 2:30 to 3:30pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays. Come straight after school. You can take the late bus home or walk home afterward.

***From Ms. Dunbar:***

Good Morning Gardeners!

Garden Club WILL meet this week. If it is too wet to be outside, we'll work on our seed envelopes for Harvest Fest in Room 272. But hopefully we will get outside to harvest vegetables, too. New members are still welcome.

***From Ms. Black:***

Students if you submitted a registration for an ACT II class, it should now show on your schedule as a period 9 or 10. Please reach out to Ms. Black in the counseling area if you have any questions about your ACT II registration. Please still attend ACT II classes even if you are not sure if you are registered yet.

*Please note that both the ACT II class Robotic competitions and Tech Innovations are now full. Any new registrations will be put on the waitlist!*

***Here's Mr. Clark:***

Good morning TJ students! I'm Mr. Clark. I am the new sponsor for Jefferson's Model United Nations Club. We will begin next week after school on Tuesday September 28th in room 80, which is in front of the cafeteria by the gym doors. We will review basic information about the club and the expectations involved. If you are interested, or curious about international affairs and how to solve them, join us! We will be debating world affairs and how to come up with solutions to international problems. For those who are interested and have a conflict with their schedule, let me know because it is possible that we can work something out. Again, the Model United Nations Club will begin next Tuesday after school in Mr. Clark's room 80. Join us!

Today's Hispanic Heritage Month fact is that the US Hispanic population reached 62.1 million people in 2020, up from 50 million in 2010. In 2020, Hispanics made up 19% of our nation's population, up from 16% in 2010, and just 5% in 1970!

***From Mr. Malinosky:***

The #ClimateCrisis is upon us. From flooding in Arlington to fires in California, hurricanes in the gulf coast to droughts in the west global warming is here.

- Want to learn more?
- Want to take action locally?
- Want to push for change globally?

Join the Jefferson Environmental Club, on Thursdays starting today after school with Mr. Malinosky in room 277B.

Now here's Ms. Leonberger: