

**Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Arlington, Virginia
Wednesday, September 29, 2021**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is an Anchor Day with A classes for 6th graders.

From the PTA:

Please don't forget Wednesday September 29th is our first Restaurant Night of the school year at Pupatella (the one at Wilson Blvd) from 3PM to 9PM.

The TJMS PTA is partnering with many local restaurants during the 2021-2022 school year to support our school and to help build our Jefferson community! You are welcome to either "dine out" at the restaurant or "order in" by getting takeout or delivery – whatever works best for your family schedule.

Pupatella is going to donate back 25% to our school! **Please mention Thomas Jefferson Middle School PTA when you order.**

From Coach Sam:

Congrats to the Girls Ultimate Frisbee Team for winning the first game of the season. Varsity team won with a score of 5 to 3.

7th grader Penny Nussbaum was the MVP for that game with amazing catches.

JV team won with a score of 10 to 2.

6th grader Juliet Thorn was the MVP for that game for making 5 of the points.

Great job girls! Next game is home against Kenmore. See you there!

From Mr. Curran:

Jefferson's Boy's soccer team opened up their 2021 season on the road at Williamsburg. Jefferson dominated the Timberwolves of Williamsburg earning a 2-0 victory. Mainor Cruz assisted by Jonan Paz scored the first goal of the season with a beautiful upper 90 shot that no goal keeper was going to stop. Ben Hall added a huge second insurance goal to seal the victory. Jeremy Sejas earned his first shut out of the season. Sebastian Awotwi held the left side of the defense the entire game. Jefferson's next game will be home on Thursday against Swanson.

From Mr. Siegel

Come to the first home soccer game tomorrow after school against Swanson. The game starts at 3:15 PM, we can throw a football around and play soccer ahead of time. There will be free snacks and hotdogs for our fans. People who stay to watch the game can take the late buses home at 4:20 PM.

After school drop-in open gym will be after school tomorrow from 2:30-3:30 PM. Come to the game after you're done in the gym.

Because of the half day there are no late buses after school today or after school activities with the exception of tennis that will have practice.

From Ms. Wall:

The Library is closed after school today.

From Mr. J Anderson:

Good Morning Yellow Jackets. Picture Day is coming this 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.

From Ms. Leonberger:

GSA is back! The Thomas Jefferson Middle School Gay-Straight Alliance will meet Thursdays 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.

From Ms. Jordan:

Students,

Need a place to catch up on homework after school? Need a quiet place to study or read a book?

Then come to after-school Study Hall in the Library. We have Study Hall every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 2:30-3:30PM. Students coming to study hall can take the late bus home.

From Ms. Dunbar:

Good Morning Gardeners!

Garden Club meets Fridays after school!

From Ms. E Shepardson:

Art Club meets Mondays. Come to the art room (#61) from 2:30 to 3:30. This is a drop-in program where you can draw or paint with your friends. It is not a class; you don't have to sign up or attend every session. It's an opportunity to make art after school. See you Monday!

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 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!

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.

Here's today's Hispanic Heritage Month book:

My Family Divided is a memoir by Diane Guerrero, a star of the show "Orange is the new black." She tells her story of living in Boston with her happy, loving family. One day, without warning, her undocumented parents were taken from their home and deported. This book depicts a difficult but relatable childhood that was both challenging and full of hope.

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 after school with Mr. Malinosky in room 277B.