

Thomas Jefferson Middle School  
Arlington, Virginia  
Friday, January 14, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is a B Day.

From Ms. Dunbar

There will be no Reading Buddies this week. We will begin again next Friday. Remember to bring a favorite picture book from your childhood to share with your buddy next week. Thank you.

From Ms. Black

Do you like to play board and card games? Game Lunch Group meets today during all Lunch periods in room 111 (Mr. Wintersteen's room) Bring your lunch and join us for some fun!

From Ms. Burton.

Good morning 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, please report to your TA to pick up your orange slips before going to your TA Flex teacher today, if you haven't done so already.

From Ms. Leonberger:

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the TJMS Science Fair is going virtual! Instead of an in-person fair, participants will submit a short video presentation of their science fair projects for judging. Ask your science teacher for the link to the sign-up google form and resources for making your video. If you need help creating your video, ask your TA teacher for permission to visit Ms. Leonberger during TA in room 225. The sign-up form is due TUESDAY January 18<sup>th</sup> and the video is due WEDNESDAY January 19<sup>th</sup>

From Mr. Somerville:

TJMS Girls Basketball Tryout will take place the week of January 18, 2022.

On Tuesday January 18: **All grades will report for tryouts.**

Please make sure that you are in the gym and dressed by 2:35. An activity bus will be provided. If there are any questions, reach out to Coach Somerville/Coach Sivells.

Now here's Ms. Smith:

Now here's Mr. Siegel:

From Ms. Wall:

The Library is closed after school today. We will return to being open regularly after school on Tuesday.

Remember that Monday is Martin Luther King Day. Try to make it a National Day of Service—see if you can do something to help your family, a neighbor, or your community. Make it a day on, not a day off.

From Ms. Bennett:

Attention all TJMS writers, poets, photographers, and artists! It is time for our first semester edition of the Jefferson Journal. The Jefferson Journal is a place to publish your art and writing for a larger audience of TJMS students and community members. If you have work you'd like to submit, or if you'd like to check out last year's Jefferson Journal, go to [tinyurl.com/TJMSLit](http://tinyurl.com/TJMSLit), check out the link on the TA canvas page, or reach out to Ms. Bennett! Submissions are due January 31.

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From the Main Office:

This is a friendly reminder that students need to bring a reusable water bottle to school every day to make sure they stay hydrated throughout the day.

From Ms. Leonberger:

Jefferson's GSA meets 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. 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 meet on Thursdays in Ms. Mann's room, 273, from 2:30 to 3:30. You must bring a permission slip signed by your parent or guardian to participate. Pick up a permission slip from Ms. Mann in room 273 or from Ms. Egbert in room 234.

Here's a special announcement from Ms. Jordan:

### **Cafeteria procedures**

- Wash/Sanitize your hands before and after lunch.
- Those who want to eat in the small gym, line up the lockers near the boys locker room.
- Have a seat and be quiet.
- We'll call you up for lunch line by table.
- Stay seated, no visiting other tables during lunch.
- Keep your mask on except when eating.
- Throw away your trash when done.

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.