



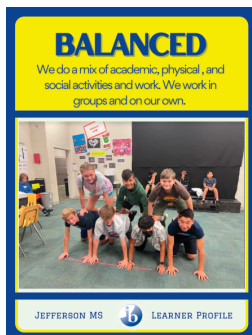
Thomas Jefferson Middle School

IB MYP September Newsletter

Learning together to understand and improve ourselves, our futures, and our world.



Learner Profile Attribute of the Month: **BALANCED**



This year we are recognizing our students on a monthly basis for living the IB Learner Profile attributes. These traits include being caring, open-minded, inquirers, and thinkers among others. Students will vote on the top three actions of staff/ student submitted nominations per grade level throughout the month. This month we are focusing on being balanced with our academics and activities. [See the larger poster here.](#)

IB MYP Standard-Based Grading



We are using IB standards-based grading. Grading at Jefferson will be more transparent,

consistent, fair, and inclusive. In every class, grades will be determined by mastery of subject specific standards. The idea is that report cards in addition to giving a grade will also give you information about how your student is performing against subject specific criteria in every subject. Learn more about how we will apply these values in this letter [IB MYP Standards Based Grading](#), [En Espanol IB MYP Standards Based Grading](#), [watch a video explanation](#) and [visit this website](#) to see additional resources.

Community Project



The Community Project, our capstone project for the MYP has been changed this year to ensure every student completes it. The project will again be supported in Geography classes. Students will explore the objectives of investigating, planning, taking action and reflecting on a community need they

choose. Furthermore, the Geography objectives investigating and communicating will be assessed. The Community Project will be introduced in mid-October in Geography classes. [Learn more here.](#) Source: [pixbay.com](#)]

Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday & Friday, Oct 26-27 - Drama Fall Play. 6:30pm
- November 2, Fall Orchestra Performance, 7:00pm
- November 6, End of 1st Quarter
- November 7, Election Day (no school).

Principal's Update

Stay Connected with TJMS!!

In December, teachers and school staff will no longer use platforms like Remind and Class Dojo to share classroom news. All communication will occur through ParentSquare. To learn more about ParentSquare and to view more resources, [visit our ParentSquare information center.](#)

The ParentSquare app is one of the best ways to stay up to date.

- Download for [Apple](#) or [Android](#).
- If you haven't registered for your ParentSquare account, go to [com/signin](#) and use the email address we have on file in ParentVUE.
- ***Did you know? You don't need a code or other activation key. You can [set preferences to bundle all communication](#) in one daily digest.***

ParentVUE is an online service that allows families to:

- [Update parent and emergency contact information annually](#) (Online Back-to-School Packet)
- View their student's assigned bus stop
- Report upcoming absences
- View student attendance and class schedules
- Communicate with teachers
- View assignment grades and report cards

Once a student is enrolled at APS, families receive an activation code that is required to set up their ParentVUE account. **For questions or support, contact your student's school.** Download the app on your [iPhone](#) or [Android](#) today!

Canvas is the Learning Management System used by teachers and students in the classroom. Parents may create a Canvas Observer Account which allows them on a limited basis to see what is going on in their students' courses. This is optional. [Learn More about Parent Observer Accounts](#)

Secondary (6-12) Weekly Grade Summary Email - Automated emails to parents/guardians will be delivered each Tuesday at 7 p.m. during the established time frames in the table below. Parents/Guardians will not receive the summary the week before the end of the grading period while teachers finalize grades.

- Q1** Tuesday, Sept. 12th - Tuesday, Oct. 31st
Q2 Tuesday, Nov. 14th - Tuesday, Dec 19th AND Tuesday, Jan.9th to Tuesday, Jan. 16th
Q3 Tuesday, Feb. 6th - Tuesday, Apr. 2nd
Q4 Tuesday, Apr. 23rd - Tuesday, June 4th

The email summary will pull grades that are in Synergy as of 5 pm that afternoon.

TJMS Communications Plan - is a calendar of important communications, holidays, events, meetings, and school closings.

[TJMS Website](#)

