



AJMS Newsletter

Happy holidays to all!



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Ms. Shockley brings exciting updates and looks towards the new month!

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... and more!



Greetings Generals!

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break with family and friends. I know that I was thankful for the opportunity to spend time with my family. Prior to break, students attended our annual Kidz vs Kopz event. Our 8th grade basketball players had the opportunity to play against the Titusville Police Department. We would like to thank our friends at TPD for providing us with a highly entertaining event. Also, our Best Buddies shared Friendsgiving at Titusville High School. In addition, we had some students participate in the Innovation Games. Congratulations to these students that placed in several different events!

We have just a few short weeks before Winter Break. As we approach the end of the first semester, students will be taking semester exams prior to the break. Please see the attached schedule for the exams. Students who are absent and miss an exam, will need to make up the exam upon returning to school in January. Semester exams may be a new experience for our seventh-grade students, so please reach out to teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

GAP sessions are a great opportunity to prepare for exams. Students return to school on January 8th and first semester grades will post to FOCUS on January 11th.

On December 13th, we are planning our StarBuck Mania event for students. As part of our Positive Behavior Support Program, students will be able to earn the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities such as Kelsey's Pizza Making, Basketball, Karaoke, Computer Games, and Movie Watching. This event is a great way for us to encourage positive behavior at school.

We hope each of you enjoy the holidays and we look forward to celebrating the New Year with our students in 2024!

Jennifer Shockley

Principal

Generals 23-24



December Calendar & GAP Session Schedule



DECEMBER

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 Be Outside With Brevard Zoo Trip - 9:45 AM - 2:30 PM |
| 3 | 4 | 5 Chorus /Orchestra Winter Concert 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Titusville High | 6 | 7 Beginning Band Rehearsal 4:20 PM - 5:15 PM NJHS Food Drive 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM | 8 | 9 Titusville Christmas Parade 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Cambridge Info Meeting 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Band Winter Concert 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Titusville High | 13 SAC Meeting 8:20 AM - 9:00 AM StarBuck Mania 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM | 14 Apollo Elementary Orchestra & Chorus Concert 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Jackson Middle School | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Schoolwide Scripps Spelling Bee 10:25 AM - 12:05 PM | 19 Pizza with the Principal 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | 20 Midterm Exams/Early Release | 21 Midterm Exams/Early Release | 22 Midterm Exams/Early Release 2nd Quarter Ends | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Winter Break! | 26 Winter Break! | 27 Winter Break! | 28 Winter Break! | 29 Winter Break! | 30 |

Our General Achievement Program offers “GAP” sessions where students can meet with their teachers before school for additional assistance with classwork, test preparation, and organizational strategies.

GAP SESSION SCHEDULE

| Math Department | | | ELA | | |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Carroll | Wednesdays | 8:20-9:00 | Dennison | Wednesdays | 8:30-9:00 |
| Wright | Mondays | 8:20-9:00 | Marshall | Wednesdays | 8:45-9:15 |
| Spencer | Thursdays | 8:20-9:00 | Kriewaldt | Wednesdays | 8:45-9:15 |
| Ezell | Fridays | 8:20-9:00 | Vaughan | Thursdays | 8:45-9:15 |
| Social Studies | | | Viera | Mondays | 8:30-9:00 |
| Carty D. | Wednesdays | 8:30-9:00 | Ragsdale | Wednesdays | 8:30-9:00 |
| Carty W. | Wednesdays | 8:30-9:00 | TBA ILA | | |
| Morgan | Wednesdays | 8:30-9:00 | Electives | | |
| Means | Wednesdays | 8:30-9:00 | Theobald | Mondays | 8:30-9:00 |
| Science | | | Burk | Mondays | 8:30-9:00 |
| Huskisson | Wednesdays | 8:30-9:00 | Gay | Wed & Thurs | 8:30-9:15 |
| Curry | Wednesdays | 8:30-9:00 | Andrus | Mondays | 8:30-9:00 |
| Mellon | Wednesdays | 8:30-9:00 | Genet | Wednesdays | 8:30-9:15 |
| TBA Science | | | Reetz | Wed & Thurs | 8:30-9:15 |
| ESE | | | Solis | Wednesdays | 8:30-9:00 |
| Rosabella | Fridays | 8:30-9:00 | White | Mondays | 8:30-9:00 |
| Ganoa | Thursdays | 8:30-9:00 | Bentley | By Appt. | 8:30-9:00 |
| Misquitta | Thursdays | 8:30-9:00 | Woodside | By Appt. | 8:30-9:00 |
| Steffan | Wednesdays | 8:30-9:00 | | | |

PARENTS:

If you haven't already completed the permission slip for GAP schedules, please do so as soon as possible.

Please be advised that Mr. Viera, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Ragsdale, Mrs. Dennison, Ms. Kriewaldt, Ms. Guadagna, Ms. Shields, and Mr. Vaughan are teaching ESOL out of field in the certification area of Reading and Language Arts for the 2023-2024 school year.

We want to assure you that the teachers are fully certified by the State of Florida and are currently working to become certified in ESOL.

Winter Concerts:



Share the holiday cheer and celebrate our young musicians!

Music Department Winter Concerts:

Chorus - Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 6:30pm

Orchestra - Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 7:15pm

Band - Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 7:00pm

All concerts will be in the Titusville High School auditorium and are free to the public.



Midterm Exam Schedule

Andrew Jackson Middle School 2023-2024 Midterm Exam Schedule

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

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| 9:30 – 10:25 | 7 th Period Study |
| 10:25 – 11:55 | 7 th Period Exam |
| 11:55 – 11:58 | 8 th Grade Passing |
| 11:58 – 12:01 | 7 th Grade Passing |
| 12:01 – 12:31 | 6 th Period Class |
| 12:31 – 12:34 | 8 th Grade Passing |
| 12:34 – 12:37 | 7 th Grade Passing |
| | <u>A Lunch</u> |
| 12:37 – 1:07 | First Lunch |
| 1:07 – 1:10 | 1 st lunch dismissal/pick-up |
| 1:10 – 1:45 | 5 th Period Class |
| | <u>B Lunch</u> |
| 12:37 – 1:12 | 5 th Period Class |
| 1:12 – 1:15 | 5 th period walked to lunch |
| 1:15 – 1:45 | Second Lunch |
| 1:45 – 1:48 | 2 nd lunch dismissal/pick-up |
| 1:48 – 1:51 | 8 th Grade Passing |
| 1:51 – 1:54 | 7 th Grade Passing |
| 1:54 – 2:24 | 4 th Period Class |
| 2:24 – 2:27 | 8 th Grade Passing |
| 2:27 – 2:30 | 7 th Grade Passing |
| 2:30 – 3:00 | 3 rd Period Class |
| 3:00 – 3:03 | 8 th Grade Passing |
| 3:03 – 3:07 | 7 th Grade Passing |
| 3:07 – 3:37 | 2 nd Period Class |
| 3:37 – 3:40 | 8 th Grade Passing |
| 3:40 – 3:43 | 7 th Grade Passing |
| 3:43 – 4:13 | 1 st Period Class |
| 4:13 – 4:15 | Staggered Release |

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| | <u>Wednesday – 12/20</u> | <u>Thursday - 12/21</u> | <u>Friday - 12/22</u> |
| 9:30 – 10:22 | 6 th Period Study | 4 th Period Study | 2 nd Period Study |
| 10:22 – 11:52 | 6 th Period Exam | 4 th Period Exam | 2 nd Period Exam |
| 11:52 – 11:55 | All Passing to 5 th | All Passing to 3 rd | All Passing to 1 st |

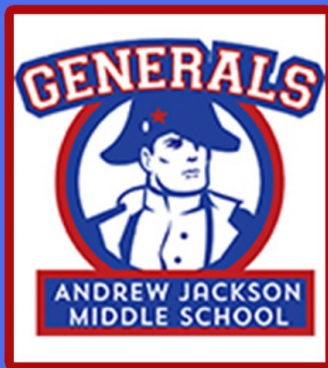
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| | 1st Lunch | | 2nd Lunch |
| | 11:55 – 11:58 walk students to 1 st Lunch | | 11:55-12:53 Study Period |
| | 11:58 – 12:28 1 st Lunch | | 12:53-12:55 walk students to 2 nd Lunch |
| | 12:28–12:31 lunch dismissal | | 12:55-01:25 2 nd Lunch |
| | 12:31 – 1:27 Study Period | | 1:25-01:27 lunch dismissal |
| 1:30 – 03:00 | 5 th Period Exam | 3 rd Period Exam | 1 st Period Exam |

Show us what you know!

Club Announcement:

Andrew Jackson Middle School Drive Up Food Drive

Dec. 7th



4:30-5:30

Located in the car loop
Non-perishable food items only



NJHS is hosting a Drive Up Food Drive on December 7th from 4:30-5:30pm.

Bring all non-perishable food items in your car through the car loop, and we'll unload it for you!

All collected food items are being donated to Indian River City Methodist Church.

Please email ezzel.zachary@brevardschools.org with any questions.

Student Celebrations:

From Mr. Theobald, our Business Education and Digital Information Technology teacher:

So far this semester, a total of 30 students in Computer Applications in Business classes at AJMS passed the ICT Word Processing Essentials certification test. This class is part of the BPS Career and Technical Education program.

Students receive a certificate for this achievement. Congratulations!

From Ms. Reetz, our Chorus/Orchestra Director:

Congratulations to Ava Sperr on making the 2024 Florida All-State Middle School Treble Choir!

Congratulations to the following musicians on making the 2023 - 2024 Brevard All-County Music Ensembles:

Bryanna Benner

Talitha Crespo

Ana Laura Daniel Escriba

Lily Falk

Jacquelyn Jobson

Keira Neger

Jaylee Pittman

Noelle Salter

Ryan Schultz

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Thank you, partners!

We want to thank the following
business partners:

Brevard Schools Foundation awarded the school a \$1500 grant
for our school garden.

Businesses who celebrated teachers with the 12 Days of
Christmas:

Park Avenue Baptist Church provided breakfast,
St. Luke's Presbyterian provided homemade cookies & candies,
and IRCUMC provided cookies & pastries.



PARK AVENUE
— BAPTIST CHURCH —



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