



THOMAS JOHNSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Greetings, **Jaguar Nation** - TJMS family, friends, and partners,

As we stand on the threshold of a new academic year, it is with great anticipation and heartfelt enthusiasm that we welcome each of you back into the fold of our vibrant educational community. Together, we are engaging in the noble endeavor of fostering a unified community dedicated to the pursuit of excellence, the cultivation of safe spaces, and the advocacy for holistic wellness and academic achievement.

This year, our collective focus is on setting and realizing ambitious student expectations. We are committed to nurturing an environment where every student is encouraged to reach their highest potential. Our academic goals are both rigorous and supportive, emphasizing critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and the integration of technology to prepare our students for the ever-evolving global landscape. We are resolute in our mission to provide opportunities for growth and learning that are inclusive and equitable, ensuring that no child is left behind in their quest for knowledge and personal development.

The involvement of parents, guardians, and community members is paramount in actualizing these aspirations. We encourage active participation in school activities, open lines of communication with educators, and a shared responsibility in cultivating a supportive home environment that reinforces the values and lessons learned within our classrooms. By uniting our efforts, we can create a robust support system that not only enhances academic performance but also promotes the overall well-being of our students. Together, we can build the foundation of enduring success and limitless possibilities for our students.

As we embark on this academic journey, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to our core values (**PAWS** - embodying Purpose, promoting Advocacy, nurturing Wellness, and cultivating Safety). It is through our shared vision, mission, and collective action that we will continue to create an environment where every individual has the opportunity to flourish, grow, and achieve greatness. Please see below for important details guiding our work for the year ahead.

- **School Supplies List:** Click [HERE](#) to view the list.
- **Uniforms:** Click [HERE](#) to view the uniform and dress code expectations.
- **Immunization Requirements:** Click [HERE](#) to view immunization requirements.
- **Bus Routes:** Click [HERE](#) to view bus route information.
- **Student Schedules:** Click [HERE](#) to access your child's schedule.
- **School Lunch:** All students at Jaguar Nation are afforded free lunch.
- **Back-to-School Drive and Dash:** Free school supplies at Charles Herbert Flowers High School, High Point High School, and Oxon Hill High School on Saturday, August 17, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., or while supplies last.
- **Welcome Back Parent Orientation (Option 1 - virtual):** Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Welcome Back Parent Orientation (Option 2 - In-Person):** Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **New-Student Orientation (6th graders and new 7th & 8th graders only; in-person):** Friday, August 23, 2024, 9:35 a.m. - 1:05 p.m.
- **First Day of School (all students):** Monday, August 26, 2024, 9:35 a.m.
 - Click [HERE](#) to use the First Day Selfie Signs and [HERE](#) if you'd like to share your photo with PGCPS.
- **School Closed:** Monday, September 2, 2024
- **Back-to-School Night (6th grade only; in-person):** Monday, September 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **Back-to-School Night (7th grade only; in-person):** Monday, September 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **Back-to-School Night (8th grade only; in-person):** Monday, September 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kia Cadet, NBCT
Principal