



John Adams Middle School

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Welcome back to John Adams Middle School! We miss you all so much. We hope families are enjoying this unusual summer and finding time to rest, relax and have fun together. Summer has been a busy time at John Adams with staff busily preparing for the new school year which begins **Thursday, August 20th**.

We look forward to an exciting and productive year! As a school community our focus continues to be the development of the whole child. As most of you know, our core values are **kindness**, **connectedness** and **compassion**. With that said, we welcome and encourage family involvement. Our children will benefit as school staff and families form strong partnerships and work together on their behalf.

We will **NOT** have a traditional **Pick Up Your Stuff Day** this year due to our current public health crisis. We will be scheduling limited appointments for those who need chromebooks or WiFi hot spots. A SignUpGenius link will be sent out in early August with specific dates. All textbooks are accessible online. But we do know that there will be some courses that require materials which are not technology based or do not have online resources (ex. art, engineering, music, etc.). We will schedule time for these material pick-ups after schedules are finalized. This may be after our August 20th start date.

As you already know we will be starting this year in a **distance learning** model. Daily schedules, expectations and logistics regarding daily live online learning will follow in a detailed email in August.

Please make note of these important dates:

- July 27/28 or July 29/20: Online 6th Grade Science Camp
- August 3-7 (Mon.-Fri.): Online 8th Grade Science Magnet Summer Institute
- August 10-14 (Mon.-Fri.): Online 7th Grade Science Magnet Summer Institute
- August 20 (Thursday): First day of school
- AM classes will begin Monday, August 24th

We look forward to an outstanding school year. We are all fortunate to be part of such a special, unique, diverse learning community. It will be important to lean on one another during these challenging times. So lets all work together to build a kind, compassionate and connected school, providing an exceptional educational experience for all of our students and families. If you have questions, contact Kathy McGrath at JAMS at ext. 72-202.

Sincerely,

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