

Dragon Community Newsletter #28

Denn John Middle School 24-25: March 10, 2025

Together! Always!

Dragon Community,

As we approach the upcoming spring break, I would like to take a moment to emphasize the critical importance of **consistent attendance**, especially in the days leading up to the break. Our students are currently working hard on new learning goals and targets, and each day of instruction plays an essential role in their academic growth. Missing school during this important time can create gaps in learning, and we want all of our students to be fully prepared as they continue to progress toward their goals. Please encourage your child to attend school every day, and remind them that their participation and focus are key to their success.



Additionally, I'd like to kindly remind all families to **spring forward** by setting your clocks one hour ahead today as daylight saving time begins. This simple adjustment ensures that we can all stay on track with our schedules and return to school ready for another productive week.

As we look forward to spring break, I want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of **staying safe** during this time. Whether your family is traveling or enjoying some downtime at home, please make safety a top priority. We want all of our students to return refreshed and ready to continue their academic journey after the break. Remember to follow safety guidelines, especially if you are traveling, and enjoy quality time with family and friends.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's education. Your engagement and commitment make a tremendous difference in their success. We are grateful for your dedication to ensuring that our students thrive, and we look forward to seeing all of our students back in school after the break, ready to continue working toward their learning goals.

Wishing you and your family a safe, enjoyable, and well-deserved spring break!

Note, the newsletter will return on Sunday, March 23, 2025.

What's New?!

1. March Referral Challenge

Community, the grade level with the least number of discipline referrals (month of March) will receive a free social hour on Friday, April 4.



2. DJMS Field Days

Parents, DJMS will host Field Days in March. On these days, students should bring extra water, hydration drinks, a towel, and light snacks. Please check out the Field Day by grade level. (Note, limited indoor activities will be available) **In order to participate, student must not have received a referral from Tuesday, Feb. 25 - the Field Day.**

- Tuesday, March 11- 7th Grade
- Thursday, March 13- 8th Grade
- Friday, March 10- 6th Grade

3. 8th Grade Class Photo- Pictures for Purchase

8th Grade Parents- if you would like to purchase a copy of the 8th grade class photo, Ms. Foster will release a sales order soon. Please be on the lookout.

4. DJMS Pep Rally w/ OHS

Our spring semester pep rally will be on Friday, March 28. The following criteria is needed to participate: (2nd semester only)

- No Referrals
- No Minor Infractions
- No Tardies

6. Spring Semester Tutoring @ DJMS (Regular & State Test Tutoring)- Begins Tuesday, March 4 ([See flyer below](#)).

7. Student Laptop Chargers

Parents, should a student lose laptop charger, DJMS cannot replace it. The parents will have a financial responsibility to replace the laptop charger.

8. Spring Break & Return

No school Monday, March 17 - Monday, March 24. **All students return to school on Tuesday, March 25.**

9. 3rd Quarter Ends & 4th Quarter Begins

Last day of the 3rd quarter is Friday, March 14. The first day of the 4th quarter is Tuesday, March 25.

Denn John Middle School: Spring Tutoring

Regular Tutoring

AM Sessions- 8:00 - 9:00 am

Math: 6-8

Tuesdays: Jazmi Rm. 1-143

ELA: 6-8

Thursdays: Clark Derico Rm. 1-153

PM Sessions- 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Math: 6-8

Thursdays: Bailey Rm. 1-145

ELA: 6-8

Tuesdays: Birol Rm. 1-230



State Test Tutoring

8th Life Science

Tuesdays: 8:00 - 9:00 am- Rm. 1-244

Thursdays: 4:30 - 5:30 pm- Rm. 1-242

Biology

Thursdays: 4:30 - 5:30 pm- Rm. 1-244

ESE Math Support

Tuesdays: 8:00 - 9:00 am- Chorus Rm

ESE ELA Support

Tuesdays: 4:30 - 5:30 pm- Rm. 1-151

Thursdays: 8:00 - 9:00 am- Rm. 1-151

Algebra I

Tuesdays: 8:00 - 9:00 am- Rm. 1-243

Wednesdays: 8:00 - 9:00 am- Rm. 1-243

Thursdays: 4:30 - 5:30 pm- Rm. 1-243

ESOL Support

Tuesdays: 8:00 - 9:00 am- Rm. 1-253

Thursdays: 4:30 - 5:30 pm- Rm. 1-253

Civics

Tuesdays: 8:00 - 9:00 am- Rm. 1-246

Thursdays: 8:00 - 9:00 am- Rm. 1-246

#Learning is required!

DJMS FIELD DAYS

TUES. MARCH 11: 7TH GRADE

THURS. MARCH 13: 8TH GRADE

FRI. MARCH 14: 6TH GRADE

Outdoor Activities Indoor Activities Include:

Include:

- Meter Dashes
- Sprint Relays
- Tug of War
- Free Throws
- Soccer Shots
- Football Throws
- Broad Jump
- Sack Race
- Sponge Relay
- Board Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Jewelry Making
- Character Building
- Coloring

****All students should
bring closed-toe tennis
shoes, water bottle, & a
towel****



**Note, students who received a discipline referral
beginning on Tues. Feb. 25 will not be eligible to
participate.**



At Home Support

Parent Portal Sign Up

The best way to know live data of your student's performance is through the parent portal! Here you can see grades, attendance, discipline referrals, teacher notes, and testing information in live time. For your reference, below you will find the attachment to sign up. I highly recommend this for all parents!

Here are five ideas for parents to promote both academics and fun with their children during spring break:

1. Reading Together

- Set aside time each day for reading. Whether it's a family reading session or encouraging independent reading, spring break is a great time to dive into a new book or explore different genres. Parents can also engage with their kids by reading aloud or discussing the stories, helping build comprehension and vocabulary skills while fostering a love of reading.

2. Educational Field Trips

- Take advantage of local museums, zoos, historical sites, or science centers. These outings can be both fun and educational, providing hands-on learning experiences that tie into subjects such as science, history, or art. Discuss what your child learned after the visit to reinforce the new knowledge.

3. STEM Activities or Crafts

- Engage in fun science experiments or craft projects that promote problem-solving and creativity. There are many simple and fun STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities that can be done at home, like building a volcano, making slime, or creating a simple circuit. These activities can help reinforce critical thinking and encourage an interest in these subjects.

4. Educational Games and Puzzles

- Play board games, card games, or puzzles that require strategic thinking or creativity. Games like Scrabble, chess, or memory games can help improve language skills, math, and memory. You can also find educational apps or online games that align with your child's learning goals in subjects like math, spelling, or geography.

5. Write a Spring Break Journal

- Encourage your child to keep a journal during the break, where they can document daily activities, thoughts, and reflections. This can be a great way to practice writing skills, including grammar, sentence structure, and creativity. If your child enjoys art, they can also include drawings to illustrate their experiences. After the break, they can share their journal with you, reinforcing their communication skills.

These activities blend learning with fun, making spring break an enjoyable and productive time for both kids and parents!



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Athletics

1. Track & Field Practice- 4:30 - 5:50 pm

2. Flag Football Try-Outs- 4:30 - 5:50 pm

Boys Try-Outs: March 11 (invite only)

All physicals must be on file



Track and Field flyer.docx

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Testing

Attendance:

Parents, completion rates matter for state testing. Note, the school must complete a 95% completion rate for all tested areas in PM 3. Therefore, please plan accordingly.

FAST & EOC Testing:

DJMS testing dates are confirmed for May! See Attachment:

- March 12- FAST Training- For Teachers
- April 2- BEST Writing
- May 1- ELA
- May 5- Math/Algebra/Geometry
- May 7- Science/Biology
- May 12- Civics



2025 EOY Testing Calendar.pdf

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PBIS

2025 March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Osceola Magic Game at 3pm	3	4	5	6	7 8th Grade Class Photo Lowest Referral Count - 6th grade!	8
9	10 Field Day 6th Grade	11 Field Day 7th Grade	12	13 Field Day 8th Grade	14 Flipping Friday PBIS Store	15
16	SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL 3/17-3/21					22
23	24 TEACHER WORK DAY	25	26	27	28 PBIS Store DJMS Pep Rally w/ OHS	29
30	31					

Get Involved!

Community, we need more parental involvement: Check it out

1. Parent Volunteers @ School

Teacher assistants, hallway monitors, restroom monitors, lunches, & front desk assistance

2. Parent Boosters- Build Programs @ School

Band, Orchestra, & Sports!

3. Upcoming Major Events

Field Days, 50th Anniversary Party, 8th Grade Activities

Parents & Community- if any of these items are of interest, simply contact Mr. Hernandez directly at Marc.Hernandez@osceolaschools.net or 689.261.3280 (District Cellphone)

As a friendly reminder, all volunteers must be Oasis Approved. Please see the information below to begin the registration process! It's quick and easy!

[Volunteer Application \(schoolcheckin.net\)](http://schoolcheckin.net)

Upcoming Events

1. SAC Meeting Dates

Next meeting is Thursday, March 27 @ 5:00 pm (Leadership Conference Room)

2. Field Days

- Tuesday, March 11- 7th Grade
- Thursday, March 13- 8th Grade
- Friday, March 14- 6th Grade

3. Spring Break- No School- March 17 - 24. Students Return on Tuesday, March 25.

4. DJMS Pep Rally w/ OHS- Friday, March 28

5. Flag Football Try-Outs

- Boys Try-Outs: March 11 (invite only)



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The Osceola School Board is committed to the safety and security of all students, staff, and visitors. The Osceola School District has detailed comprehensive safety and emergency plans for every site, and all schools regularly conduct various drills, such as fire drills, severe weather drills, and intruder drills, to prepare students for an emergency.

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Marc Hernandez

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