

DRAGON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER #36

Denn John Middle School 24-25: May 12, 2025

TOGETHER! ALWAYS!

Dragon Community,

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for your ongoing support.



First and foremost—**Happy Mother's Day** to all the incredible moms and caregivers in our community! A special shout-out to our amazing **Mother Dragons**—your love, guidance, and partnership play a huge role in the success of our students, and we're grateful for everything you do.

We also want to thank you for helping us achieve outstanding attendance rates during our recent testing days. Your dedication to ensuring students were present and prepared made a real difference.

As always, your support in reinforcing school rules and expectations at home continues to be essential. With your help, we've built a strong, supportive environment where students can thrive. That said, we must also address a concerning trend: a new TikTok challenge that encourages students to intentionally damage school devices. Please take the time to have a serious conversation at home about the real consequences of this behavior—both in terms of discipline and the impact it has on our school community. Note, a recommendation for expulsion will be considered for any incident related to this situation.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that the last three weeks of school can often be the most challenging when it comes to student discipline and behavior. We ask for your continued support in helping us finish strong by encouraging your child to stay focused, respectful, and responsible through the end of the year.

Thank you for being such an important part of the DJMS family. Together, let's finish the year on a positive note!

WHAT'S NEW?!

1. Testing is here!

- Monday, May 13- Civics EOC (Updated Date)



2. Eighth Grade Activities- A LOT coming up!

- May 16- Gradventure
 - Students must attend school on Friday, May 16. Absences will void participation for Gradventure. Refunds will be provided the following week.
 - Parents, please be paying attention to your cellphones. All students will make phone calls to parents once we are on the bus heading back to DJMS. **All parents need to be at DJMS at 1:00 AM ready to pick up their students.**
- May 29- Level Up Ceremony

3. Summer School & Grade Recovery

Parents, this summer will be different than previous years. Though summer school is an option, it is much more limited this year due to budget cuts. Therefore, DJMS is doing everything in our power to ensure grade recovery for our students. As a friendly reminder, students must pass ALL 4 core (Math, ELA, Social Studies, and Science) to be promoted to the next grade level. Failure to do so will result in grade retention. The 4th quarter is traditionally the poorest performing quarter. Therefore, please help us monitor your child's progress.

4. Behavior During Testing

Parents, I will have a zero-tolerance policy on inappropriate behavior during the testing windows. If a student purposely misbehaves and potentially invalidates a score, the discipline consequence will be an automatic day of Out of School Suspension. Please have serious conversation with your students about the importance of the testing integrity. **Note, this includes purposeful rushing of other students during the testing window.**

5. Yearbooks for Sale & Signing Party- May 15

Parents, yearbooks are on sale for \$30! Let me tell you, they are AWESOME!! Please consider purchasing a 24-25 school yearbook. Online purchase- see below:

[MySchoolBucks - Product](#)

Note, students who purchase a Yearbook will be eligible to participate in the Yearbook Signing Party on Thursday, May 15 during 8th period. Again, yearbooks are \$30

6. DJMS 25-26 ESE Night- New Parents to DJMS

We are excited to welcome you and your child to Denn John Middle School for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year! As part of our commitment to ensuring a smooth transition and strong

partnership with families, we invite you to attend our **ESE Parent Information Night** specifically designed for families of students who will be joining our **Access Points Classroom**.

Event Details:

 **Date:** Thursday, May 15, 2025

 **Time:** 5:00 PM

 **Location:** Denn John Middle School – Cafeteria

During this meeting, we will provide important information about classroom expectations, instructional approaches, daily routines, and the support services available to help your child succeed. You will also have the opportunity to meet members of our Denn John team, ask questions, and tour the classrooms.

We look forward to partnering with you to make this school year a positive and successful experience for your student.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions prior to the event. We hope to see you there!

7. 8th Grade Laptop Returns

Parents, 8th graders must return their laptops AND chargers starting on Monday, May 19 during their ELA class. Note, failure to return either item will result in an SDOC Obligation List. This will impact student registration at the high school level. Therefore, it is imperative that all laptops are returned during the designated timeframe.

Returns: May 19 - May 21 during ELA Class

Greller's Class Return: May 22

Charger Cost: \$60.00

Laptop Cost: \$400.00

Current 6th and 7th Graders will keep their laptops over the summer months. If a student knows they are leaving DJMS next school year, then those students may return their laptops on Thursday, May 22. Otherwise, parents will be responsible to return laptops to DJMS should they decide to withdraw.



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 **three effective strategies** parents can implement at home to help middle schoolers finish strong and pass their classes by **May 30**:

1. Set a Daily Homework and Study Routine

Establish a consistent, distraction-free time and space each evening for your child to review notes, complete assignments, and check for missing work. Encourage them to use tools like school portals (e.g., Google Classroom, Canvas, or PowerSchool) to track grades and due dates. Even 30–45 focused minutes a night can make a major difference.

2. Communicate with Teachers and Monitor Progress

Encourage your child to reach out to their teachers if they're confused, behind, or need to make up work. As a parent, don't hesitate to email teachers directly to ask how your child is doing and what can still be submitted or improved. Staying proactive ensures that no opportunity is missed before grades are finalized.

3. Limit Screen Time and Prioritize Sleep

In these final weeks, focus and energy are crucial. Reducing social media, gaming, and non-school screen time—especially during weekdays—can help students stay on track. Make sure your child is getting at least 8 hours of sleep each night so they're alert and ready to learn.



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ATHLETICS

1. Athletic Banquet

May 14- Periods 6-8- Parents are welcome to attend. (1:55 pm - 4:25 pm)

This is for any student who participated in DJMS sports during the school year.

All physicals must be on file



2025 OCMSAC Flag Football Schedule 3.28.25.pdf

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TESTING

FAST & EOC Testing:

DJMS testing dates are confirmed for May! See Attachment:

- May 13- Civics (8th Grade)

1. Dress Downs- Testing Days

Parents, if the students bring their fully charged laptop with the charger, then students may come to school dressed down. Of course, this needs to be school appropriate. Note, this is only valid on testing days.

2. Discipline during Testing

As previously stated, DJMS will not tolerate inappropriate behavior during testing. Any discipline related incident will result in 1 day of OSS (out of school suspension).

3. Encourage the students to simply try their best!

Whatever the outcome, I am most proud of our students! Please encourage your student to work hard and try their best!

4. Testing Incentives

Parents, there are prizes for the students who work hard! Please see the attachment below to determine testing incentives! :-)



2025 EOY Testing Calendar.pdf

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Testing Incentives PM 3.pdf

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PBIS

2025 May						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ELA FAST PM3	2	3
4	5 Math FAST PM3	6	7 Science/Biology EOC	8	9 8 th Grade Dance at 6pm	10
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!!						
11 Happy Mother's Day!	12 Civics EOC	13	14 Athletics Banquet 6-8 Period	15	16 Gradventure	17
18	19	20	21 PIE Night	22	23 Talent Show	24
25	26 No School! Memorial Day	27	28	29 Level Up Ceremony	30 Last Day of School!	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

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- Thurs. May 22 @ 5 pm
2. May 13- Civics EOC
3. May 14- Athletic Banquet- Periods 6-8
4. May 16- Gradventure
5. May 21- PIE Night- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
6. May 23- Talent Show- School Day
7. May 26- No School
8. May 29- Level Up Ceremony



SAC Meetings DJMS.pdf

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