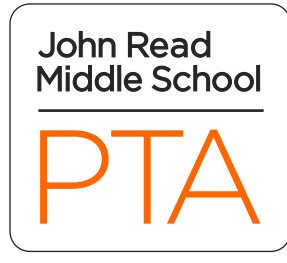


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JOHN READ MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Next PTA Meeting via Zoom Thursday, October 1st at 9:15am

The PTA welcomes the **JRMS Guidance Staff** for a discussion and tips on navigating the hybrid model and Covid related learning challenges. The discussion and subsequent Q&A will immediately follow a brief PTA business update beginning at 9:15am.

PTA Membership Drive: Renew Your Membership Today

Once registered you will have immediate access to our online directory so you can find and stay in touch with friends and classmates. PTA membership costs just \$30 for the 2020-2021 school year and you must be registered in the PTA database to stay in-the-know with our direct communications. To join now, or to access the John Read Middle School PTA Membership Toolkit, please click here:

<https://www.jrmspta.org/join>.

Mask Drive: Donate Handmade + Purchased Masks to JRMS

Handmade and purchased masks will be collected on an ongoing basis to fill a “take as you need” basket for staff and faculty. The basket will be housed in the staff lounge and **Laurie Jandura** is coordinating this program. For more information, or to make drop-off arrangements, please contact Laurie at: lauriejandura@optonline.net

Fundraising: John Read Middle School Fall Giving Campaign

This campaign replaces our traditional and in-person fundraising campaigns! This year, instead of asking you to “buy stuff” we’re simply asking each family to give what they can to the Fall 2020 PTA Giving Campaign. Every donation helps, no matter how small! Your donation allows us to fund the upcoming 2020-2021 programs that will directly benefit each child at John Read Middle School. To donate now using a credit or debit card, please go to: <https://www.jrmspta.org/fall-giving-campaign>.

Virtual Open Houses: John Read Middle School via Zoom

- **GRADE 5:** Wednesday, September 23rd, 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- **GRADE 6:** Wednesday, September 23rd, 7:00pm – 8:00pm
- **GRADE 7:** Thursday, September 24th, 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- **GRADE 8:** Thursday, September 24th, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

REDDING COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTEWORTHY

Paranormal Lecture with Barry Pirro: Bigfoot Sightings in New York and Connecticut (TEENS + ADULTS)

Mark Twain Library - Friday, October 19, 7:30pm, Virtual Event via Zoom

The last place you’d think to hear of Bigfoot sightings is New York and Connecticut, right? Actually, New York is fifth in the nation for the most reported sightings, and Connecticut is not far behind. Join paranormal investigator **Barry Pirro** as he tells stories of local sightings of Bigfoot, and discusses theories about this elusive, hairy beast. Participants will also have a chance to ask Barry questions about his experiences as a ‘ghost hunter’, and to share their own true ghost stories and Bigfoot sightings. Please register at <https://marktwainlibrary.org>, or call the library at 203.938.2545.



Welcome Back...
John Read Middle School
Faculty, Students,
Families & Friends!

PTA INFORMATION

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Join Today, We Need You!

Join our community of parents and faculty, committed to our children’s well-being and to improving school performance. Your involvement demonstrates to your child the importance you place on education. Members are kept in the know about important issues and programs and have influence over how our funds are used to benefit our school. We encourage every John Read Middle School family to join us at <https://jrmspta.membershiptoolkit.com>

NEXT PTA MEETING

Thursday, October 1, 2020

For more information about our next monthly PTA meeting, please view the PTA website the week of the meeting: <https://www.jrmspta.org>

JRMS PTA FUNDRAISING

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WITH GRATITUDE

THANK YOU ALL VOLUNTEERS

John Read Middle School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

A tremendous “Thank you” to **Laurie Jandura** for organizing a fabulous Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on September 2nd. The staff and faculty were pleasantly surprised with grab-and-go goodies on their first full day back to school. Another “Thank you” to all the families who donated goods and funds for this special event.

Your Submissions for Peek of the Week

Please email submissions for the **Peek of the Week** to ihotakov@gmail.com.

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