

PEEK OF THE WEEK

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JOHN READ MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Thank You from the JRMS PTA...
Thank you to all who came and shopped, volunteered and sold their products at the Artisan Fair this past weekend. We hope to see you next year!

▶ PTA Reflections Program 2019-20 Theme "Look Within" Submission Deadline: December 13th

It's not too late—have your child submit an original work in the areas of literature, music, photography, film, dance, or visual arts. Students are entered in a weekly PTA raffle to win Amazon gift cards! JRMS has had numerous state winners in the past and four CT students even won National recognition! For contest rules click here: [ReflectionsContestRules](#) or contact Lisa Cederbaum at licederbaum@gmail.com or visit: JRMSPTA.org.

▶ PTA Staff Appreciation Lunch: Tuesday, December 17th

We will hold a luncheon for JRMS teachers and staff to celebrate the winter holidays. To make it extra special this year, we'll be having raffle prizes our fantastic staff members can win; however, **WE NEED ITEMS TO RAFFLE!** We'd like to make a number of different baskets, so we are looking for gift cards, gift items, empty baskets/decorative boxes, or even baskets already filled with goodies if you would like to make one! There will be a collection box in the main office marked "Teacher Appreciation Raffle" where items can be dropped off, or we can pick up, if needed. Dropped off all items no later than Friday, December 13th. Click here to signup for all items except gift basket donations: [SignUpHere](#). Please contact Laurie at lauriejandura@optonline.net with any questions!

▶ The Giving Bean Fundraiser: Purchase Coffees & Teas

The Giving Bean fundraiser is still going on. Don't miss out on amazing products from Giving Bean. Click the link below to start your order of great coffee, tea and more! All orders are shipped to your home with a small shipping fee. So easy! [GivingBeanGift](#).

▶ Tom Will Tell Question Submissions

Dr. Tom McMorran, superintendent of ER9 schools, is happy to answer questions from parents and community members. His responses to those questions are shared in our Tom Will Tell newsletter. If you'd like to submit questions for this newsletter, please send them to TomWillTellRedding@gmail.com or via our contact page at JRMSPTA.org.

▶ JRMS Yearbooks: Order Yours Today at: www.jostens.com

REDDING COMMUNITY NOTES

Astrology and Tarot Workshop (Grades 5-6)

Friday, December 13, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Are you interested in readings, tarot cards and astrology? If so, join Alexa Owen for an interactive mystical arts workshop that will explore spiritual practices. Participants will receive tarot readings. Students may take Bus #24 to the library from JRMS but must provide a permission note to the JRMS main office. Refreshments will be served. To sign up or for more information, visit www.marktwainlibrary.org, or call 203.938.2545.

Friday Fest at the Redding Community Center! (Grades 5-8)

Friday, January 10, 2020 4:00pm-7:00pm

This event is sponsored by The Boys & Girls Club of Redding-Easton & JRMS PTA. Activities include: DJ, 9 Square in the Air, Four Square, Basketball, Ping Pong, Volleyball, Video Games, Movies, Board Games, Arts & Crafts and Basketball Shooting Contest (with prizes). Tickets: \$12.00 for BGCRE members who have paid 2019 dues; \$15.00 for non-members. Admission includes pizza and water but kids should bring money to purchase other snacks. Parent chaperones volunteers, click here to sign up: [VolunteerSignUpGenius](#). For more info click on the link: [PurchaseFridayFestTickets](#). RCC is located at 37 Lonetown Road, Redding.

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JRMS PTA INFORMATION

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Join Today, We Need You!

We have lots of exciting plans for this upcoming school year and we need your support. Join to enjoy the benefits of membership and access to the online directory. Click on the link to register: jrmspta.membershiptoolkit.com.

NEXT PTA MEETING

Thursday, January 9, 2020

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

JRMS PTA FUNDRAISING

SHOP AMAZON SMILE

Our PTA is a Participating Charity

JRMS will receive a percentage of everything you buy at AmazonSmile. Support JRMS by shopping: smile.amazon.com. Select "PTSA Connecticut Inc John Read Middle School" as your charitable organization. Start shopping today!

FIELD GOODS

Fresh Veggies Delivered!

Buy seasonal produce from small local farms and support the PTA! It's flexible; put a subscription on hold and restart anytime! See details at: jrmspta.org or contact Lenore Pranzo: Lcpranzo@hotmail.com.

MABEL'S LABELS

Stay Organized This School Year

Order personalized labels and tags for school supplies that stay put through the dishwasher and laundry! Visit: mabelslabels.com and choose John Read Middle School (Redding) and proceeds go to our PTA!

JRMS COOKBOOK

Limited Number Still Available!

Complete online order form and deliver a \$10 check or cash to JRMS (\$8 for additional books). Visit: jrmsCookbookOrderForms

JRMS FUNDRAISING

SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

Education Express Points @ Big Y

Register your Big Y card to benefit John Read Middle School. Use your card and JRMS earns points towards an award voucher for supplies and equipment. For more information, visit: www.bigy.com/rs/educationexpress

FIELD TRIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

A+ School Rewards @ Stop & Shop

Stop & Shop helps fund JRMS field trips and scholarships. Register your Stop & Shop card to benefit JRMS. For more information, visit: www.stopandshop.com/school-rewards

Peek of the Week Submissions

Please email all submissions for the *Peek of the Week* to ihotakov@gmail.com by 5:00pm every other Friday!

Check out our website at JRMSPTA.org for more information. Follow us on FACEBOOK.