

# PEEK OF THE WEEK

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## JOHN READ MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

### ▶ Next PTA Meeting: Thursday, November 7th at 9:15am

Test your mental agility and bond with friends at a Learning Commons Escape Room experience. Your children can do it, can you? Find out at our next PTA meeting hosted by library media specialist, Maria Frederick. The winning team earns a book fair gift certificate and escapees may join a brief PTA business update afterwards.

### ▶ Halloween Parade & Contest: Thursday, October 31st

JRMS 5th-8th grade students will be allowed to dress-up in costumes to celebrate Halloween. Two parades will be held in the gym to share and judge costumes. Prizes will be awarded!

**PARADE 1:** Grades 5 & 6 @ 2:10-2:50pm / **PARADE 2:** Grades 7 & 8 @ 2:55-2:34pm.

### ▶ Arctic Adventure Fall Book Fair: November 11th-15th

Takes place from 8am -9am & 11am-4pm. Join your child for lunch and visit the Book Fair to discover new books together! We are looking for volunteers. Please use the link to sign up for a shift or two: [BookFairVolunteers](#). For more information go to [JRMSPTA.org](#).

### ▶ Volunteers Needed: Redding Artisan Fair

We need help transforming the gym into a festive winter market and will need volunteers to help us throughout the day during the event. Just a few hours of your time will help make this event possible, and it is also a fun way for older students to earn community service hours! Please click on the link to choose a volunteer time slot: [ArtisanFairSignUp](#).

### ▶ Order Your JRMS Yearbooks TODAY!

Order at [www.jostens.com](#). Share your great photos of JRMS students participating in community events. Download the free [ReplayIt](#) app and submit photos from your phone.

### ▶ Tom Will Tell: Submit Your Questions to Tom McMorran

Superintendent of ER9 schools, is happy to answer questions from parents and community members. Responses are shared in our *Tom Will Tell* newsletter. Please submit questions to [TomWillTellRedding@gmail.com](mailto:TomWillTellRedding@gmail.com) or through our contact page at [JRMSPTA.org](#).

## REDDING COMMUNITY NOTES

### Give Redding a Halloween Glow

Thursday, October 31, 4:30pm-9:00pm

Put your self-made Jack O'Lantern on the Town Green! This event is sponsored by the Redding Garden Club who will provide 2 LED lights for each Jack O'Lantern displayed. Cider and donuts will be served at the Gazebo.

### Barlow Big Homecoming Football Game: Barlow vs. Bethel

Saturday, November 2, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Let's show our community support and fill the bleachers at Barlow with excited home team fans! There is a charge for admission, adults \$5 and children \$3, and a concession stand, so bring some cash! 8th graders who have their 2024 t-shirts get in for free!

### Fall Flashlight Walk at Topstone Park (Grades 5-12)

Saturday, November 2, 5:00pm-6:30pm

Enjoy a fun walk and tasty fall treats (donuts and apple cider) at Topstone Park. Bring a flash light! Co-sponsored by Redding Department of Parks & Recreation. To sign up or to get more information, visit [www.marktwainlibrary.org](#), or call 203.938.2545.

### Teen Minecraft Challenge & Pizza (Grades 5-6)

Friday, November 15, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Show off your skills at this fun Minecraft competition! You'll complete two team challenges with a pizza break in between. JRMS will have a 1:40 dismissal; students may take bus #24 to the library but will need to provide a permission note to the main office. To sign up or to get more information, visit [www.marktwainlibrary.org](#), or call 203.938.2545.

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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, November 7, 2019

Meeting starts at 9:15am in the Learning Commons. For more information, check out the PTA website the week of the meeting: [jrmspta.org](#).

### NEXT PTA PEEK OF THE WEEK

#### Tuesday, November 12, 2019

## 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](mailto: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! It's easy, 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.biggy.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](mailto:ihotakov@gmail.com) by 5:00pm every other Friday!

Check out our website at [JRMSPTA.org](#) for more information. Follow us on **FACEBOOK**.