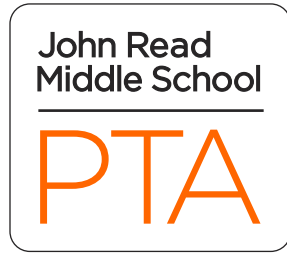


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JOHN READ MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Next John Read Middle School PTA Meeting via Zoom Thursday, December 3rd at 9:30am

Please join the John Read Middle School PTA as we welcome the new ER9 Superintendent, **Dr. Rydell Harrison**, for an update on our schools and an opportunity to ask him questions.
Meeting ID: 849 7827 3261 Passcode: 247278

PTA Membership Drive: Update

We continue to grow our membership base. As of this week, we have 97 JRMS family members representing 35% of our student population; in addition, we have 27 faculty members. Remember, by becoming a PTA member, you demonstrate to your child the importance you place on education. Thank you for your continued support.

Project COOL: Update

On Wednesday, November 11, the Project COOL committee (consisting of two PTA board members, an administration and a faculty representative, two students and an independent contractor) conducted a site walk at JRMS to evaluate sites for our “outdoor oasis” collaboration. Some of the many factors considered were accessibility from the building, safety and comfort of the students and teachers, Town of Redding zoning constraints, and avoidance of water, waste and septic lines. Despite the challenges, we have pinned down a few potential areas and are excited to plan a space for classwork, de-stressing and connecting with nature to benefit students for years to come. Be on the lookout for updates on our developing plans in the coming weeks.

REDDING COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTEWORTHY

Young Writers Workshop Series (Virtual via Zoom, Tuesdays, Grades 7+8)

• Tuesday, November 24th + Tuesday, December 1st

Do you enjoy creative writing? Are you looking for a supportive and collaborative writing community? If so, join the Young Writers Workshop series at the Mark Twain Library to further explore the art of creative writing, and to connect with other young writers! This is a casual, craft-based program with no homework or assignments. In class, we will enjoy various writing exercises and short readings. We also will collaborate to strengthen our work! All registered participants will receive a Zoom link to join the program.*

Chess Club: Beginners through Grandmasters (Grades 6-12)

• Friday, December 4, 11, 18 + January 8, 15, 22 at 4:30 pm

Join **Coach Jithu** of **Team Dig USA** in honing your chess skills and playing with other local Connecticut students! Whether you're a beginner or advanced player, this class will give you the opportunity to learn new strategy and tactics, as well as a chance to play against other players at your level. Participants will need to create a chess.com account. Registration is required.*

Krampus + Other Chilling Christmas Legends with Barry Pirro*

• Friday, December 17th at 7:30pm

We all know the Christmas tradition of Santa, but have you ever heard of the Christmas devil called Krampus? This half-goat, half-demon creature was thought of as a companion to Santa. However, unlike Santa who would give out gifts to good children, Krampus would punish bad children, or toss them into his sack and carry them away to the woods. Join paranormal expert **Barry Pirro** as he discusses this and other chilling Christmas legends. Registered participants will receive the Zoom link the day of the program.*

*For more information or to register for the above mentioned Mark Twain Library events, please visit: <https://marktwainlibrary.org>

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. Stay in the know about important issues and programs and have influence over how funds are used to benefit our school. We encourage every JRMS family to join:
<https://jrmspta.membershiptoolkit.com>

NEXT PTA MEETING

Thursday, December 3, 2020

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

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THANK YOU...

John Read Middle School Staff, Faculty, Administrators

With heartfelt gratitude we thank everyone for all their efforts in keeping our children healthy and learning throughout this difficult time. We're in this together! Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a healthy and safe holiday.

Your Submissions for Peek of the Week

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