

# PEEK OF THE WEEK

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Bi Weekly News & Notes from the JRMS PTA / Issue No. 2

## JOHN READ MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

### ▶ Next PTA Meeting: Thursday, October 3rd at 9:15am

Always wanted to hear what JRMS middle schoolers think about and yours won't tell you? What they love, what is super hard? Come to our October monthly meeting and listen to a panel of JRMS students answer questions about life at the middle school. If you have questions for our panel, please send them to Lenore at [Lcpranzo@hotmail.com](mailto:Lcpranzo@hotmail.com).

### ▶ JRMS 1st Fall Outdoor Socials: October 2nd-October 4th

The first of our outdoor socials is happening the first week of October. Students will get to spend time outdoors after school, play games, and hang out with friends in a relaxed and fun environment. Details and Sign-Up Genius to follow soon.

- **5TH GRADE:** Wednesday, October 2nd from 3:40pm-5:30pm
- **6TH & 7th GRADE:** Thursday, October 3rd from 3:40pm-5:30pm
- **8TH GRADE:** Friday, October 4th from 3:40pm-5:30pm

### ▶ The Giving Bean Fundraiser: Purchase Coffees & Teas

The Giving Bean fundraiser is still going on. Don't miss out on the amazing products available from Giving Bean. Click on the link below to start your wonderful order of great coffee, tea and more! All orders are shipped to your home with a small shipping fee. So easy! <https://www.givingbean.com/store/home.php?partner=b473c>

### ▶ JRMS Yearbooks: Order Early!

Order online today at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) for the lowest price of the year!

### ▶ Art & Science: Youth Art Contest for K-12 Students

The Endangered Species Coalition (ESC) has announced their 2020 Saving Endangered Species Youth Art Contest. For more information, please visit [endangered.org/campaigns](http://endangered.org/campaigns) or contact [mweiss@er9.org](mailto:mweiss@er9.org).

### ▶ Tom Will Tell: Submit Your Questions

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 [JohnReadMSPTA@gmail.com](mailto:JohnReadMSPTA@gmail.com) or via our contact page at [JRMSPTA.org](http://JRMSPTA.org).

## REDDING COMMUNITY NOTES

### College Application Workshop (Students in Grades 8-11 & Parents) Saturday, October 12, 10:30am-12:30pm

During this interactive session, college counselor and tutor Priyanka Shingala of Let's Talk College, LLC will present a timeline of Grades 9-12 along with advice on how students can enhance their college candidacy. Topics will include: AP exams/course, course scheduling, SAT/ACT testing and preparation, choosing universities, and scheduling college tours.

### Ghost Hunter: Barry Pirro (Ages 12 & Up) Saturday, October 12, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Join paranormal investigator Barry Pirro as he shares chilling stories and actual ghost recordings captured at haunted houses in Connecticut and New York. Barry has been a consultant for TV shows including *Ghost Adventures*, *My Ghost Story* and *Paranormal Witness*. Audience members will have a chance to share their own personal encounters.

### SAT/ACT 2-Hour Information Session (HS Students & Parents) Saturday, October 19, 10:30am-12:30pm

College counselor and tutor Priyanka Shingala of Let's Talk College, LLC, will provide information about The College Application Process (CAP) timeline; the differences between the SAT & ACT, determining which exam is the best fit for you; using the SAT & ACT scoring system to your advantage; and how to dramatically improve test scores.

To sign up for any of the above events, or to get more information, visit [www.marktwainlibrary.org](http://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](http://jrmspta.membershiptoolkit.com).

### NEXT PTA MEETING

#### Thursday, October 3, 2019

Meeting starts at 9:15am in the JRMS Community Room. For more information, check out the PTA website the week of the meeting: [jrmspta.org](http://jrmspta.org)

### NEXT PTA PEEK OF THE WEEK

#### Tuesday, October 15, 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://JRMSPTA.org) for more information. Follow us on FACEBOOK.