



Parents Learn Google Classroom

“Google Classroom is a Google app that lets educators create classes, distribute assignments, send feedback, and see everything in one place. Classroom makes it easy for learners and instructors to connect inside and outside of schools.”

Teachers and students at John Young Middle School (JYMS) are using Google Classroom daily in innovative ways that enhance learning experiences.

Ms. Katrina Masterson and her students in Practical Skills class at JYMS created Google Classroom learning sessions

for the Mishawaka Community. Over multiple sessions on three different days, students facilitated learning workshops to over 50 community members.

Student leaders taught about Google Classroom, showcased their current learning experiences, and shared how they are connecting to their teachers and classmates.

Sources: About Classroom - Classroom Help. (2017). Retrieved December 5, 2017, from <https://support.google.com/edu/classroomanswer/6020279?hl=en>



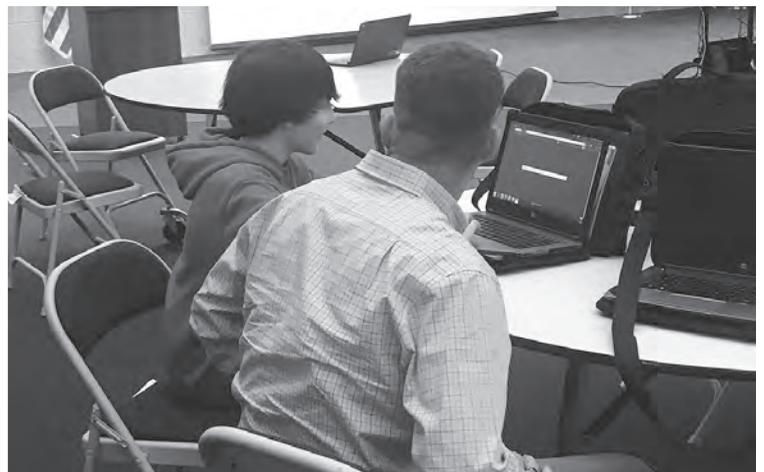
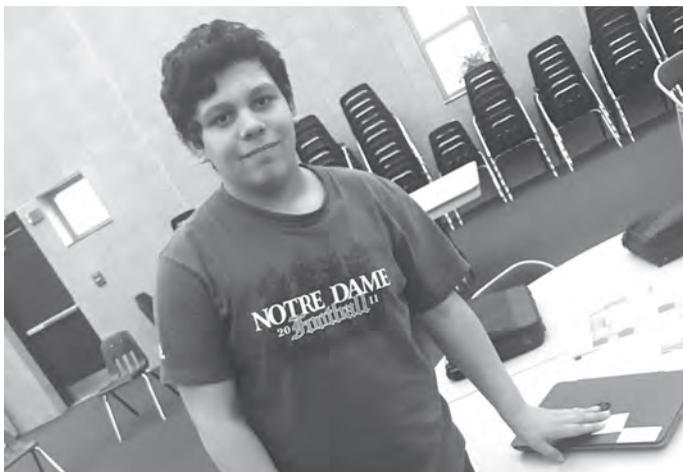
Reflections from the students:

“Doing this has given me the experience that has changed the way I’ve used Google Classroom by showing me that there were things even I didn’t know. It was even more spectacular that I could teach others about it too.”

-Adriana

“ I believe the that the most beneficial factor for the public was the organization factors of Google Classroom, and the fact that students were teaching them not other adults and some even had their own kids teach them about Google Classroom. I also feel like a lot of the public didn’t know a lot about it. So I feel like they used a lot of the information that we told them.”

-Dylan





Dear Jaguar Family,

It is hard to believe that the end of the first semester and Winter Break is fast approaching!

Middle school is always an adjustment period for students and parents. This year at JYMS teachers have also made significant adjustments because of the exciting changes at JYMS. This year we have introduced teaming, enrichment period and one to one computers as part of the learning process. I am very proud of our students and staff for how they have embraced all the new opportunities at JYMS with a growth mindset.

The changes continue as we enter our second semester. The front office with our newly secured "Welcome Center" is scheduled to open as we return from winter break in January. Also In January our new TCU Innovation Lab renovation will begin! We are looking forward to having the TCU Innovation Lab available for all students to participate in STEM and Project Based Learning activities. The TCU Innovation Lab will provide additional opportunities for our students to grow their 21st Century Skills: Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking and Creativity.

These are exciting times at JYMS. Please encourage your child to take advantage and embrace new experiences and learning opportunities.

I would like to leave you with one other important reminder about drop-off and pick-up times. JYMS does not open until 7:45 am for those eating breakfast otherwise students

may enter at 8:00 am. Students are also required to be off school campus by 3:30 pm unless they are in a supervised activity. We do not have supervision before 7:45 am or after 3:30 pm for students, so please have rides in place for your child. We do not want your child to have to wait outside before school or after school during the cold winter season.

Go Jaguars!

Mike Fisher
Principal

Office Staff is Here to Help

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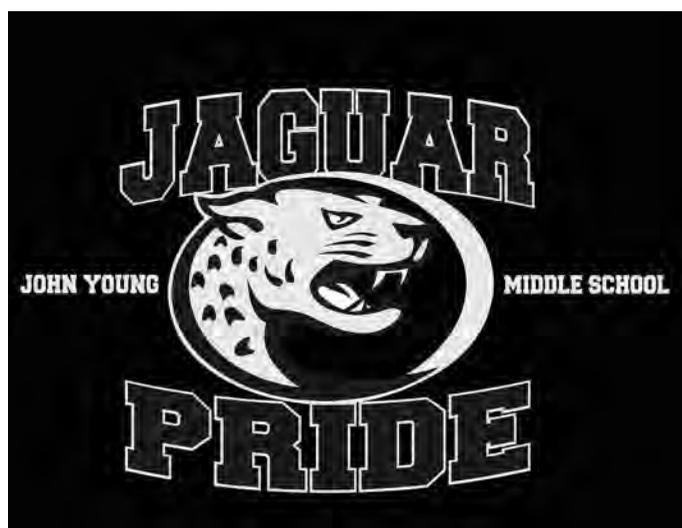
Social Media

Please "like" our Facebook page for current events, last minute updates, and positive things happening at JYMS.

<https://www.facebook.com/JohnYoungMiddleSchool/>

<https://twitter.com/scmjohnyoung>

Visit us on our new website at MishawakaSchools.com/jyms



100 HALL

What's going on in the 100 Hall?

We are continuing to send home red slips to students who may be missing any work, however, we are no longer holding after school detentions on Mondays. We are expecting them to take more initiative this term to check Alma independently to find their missing assignments. Red sheets will only inform students that they are missing something.

Term 2 is well underway and school supplies are running out! Please talk to your student and ask if there are any materials they specifically need. Also, if you are willing and able, teachers need pencils (cheap wooden ones are perfect!), Kleenex, and blue or black pens. Thank you for making sure your student is prepared for class!

Coming up this month:

English: We will be focusing on informational text and writing. We will then move on to characterization, point of view, and perspective.

Math: We will be studying proportionality and proportional relationships in tables and graphs. Then we will move on to percents and be calculating tax, tips, discounts, etc.

Science:

Honors - Continue to work on Science Fair on Fridays. We will be finishing with our exploration of Atoms and beginning our journey to the center of the Earth. We will be discussing the materials that make up our layers of Earth and how those materials cause natural occurrences such as earthquakes and mountains.

On-Level - Finish our exploration of Atoms. We will also take a journey to the center of the Earth and use what we learn in Math to create a scale example of our Earth.

Social Studies: Honors will be finishing our NHD projects and On-Level will be researching Asian countries.

Health/P.E.: PE students will be going through a Lacrosse mini unit as well as an ultimate Frisbee unit while students in Health will be studying the Muscular System.

Important dates coming up:

- Term 2 English Reading Project due December 11th
- History Day due December 18th (honors students only)
- Science Fair due January 16th (honors students only)
- Open House for History Day and Science Fair Projects January 17th at 6:30 PM, all are welcome!

200 HALL



Please check out the 200 hall's 2017–2018 website: Sites.google.com/Mishawaka.k12.in.us/200-hall. This website has general information to stay up to date with what's happening in the 200 Hall and in each of your student's classes.

In math, students developed their understanding of negative numbers by modeling integer addition and subtraction on a number line, and then extended this knowledge to include multiplying and dividing integers as well as simplifying and solving equations/inequalities. These skills will be relied upon heavily in future math courses. Help your student to deepen their understanding by talking about ways negative numbers are used in everyday life (banking/finance, temperature, elevation etc).

One of the goals for our newly created enrichment class is to develop vital 21st Century Skills including: critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity while working on cooperative projects that utilize technology. During the first semester students worked to plan, design and present their ideas for a student lounge. After creating a slideshow presentation, students had the opportunity to present their ideas and answer questions from invited guests.

In science, the students just finished creating a chemistry project where they learned to differentiate among atoms, elements, molecules, and compounds. Students are also working hard to understand the phases of matter, and how adding and removing energy makes substances change state. The Law of Conservation of Mass will be out next topic to master and after that we will be moving forward with more physical science topics. Students should be working hard to complete their vocabulary study cards.

In English, the students just finished "The Outsiders" unit (pictured are those students and staff who opted to dress as "greasers"), and are moving on to Unit two of their Literature books. Unit two is about characterization, motivation, and

comparing and contrasting. Students are also demonstrating their mastery with using PQR and “Yes MAAM” as a means to answer questions (ask them about it!). Remember that there is one book talk every nine weeks!

In Health and Physical Education: Students are learning about the Skeletal and Muscular Systems. They constructed and labeled a skeleton of their own. They also are learning about what makes them physically fit. All Physical Education classes are getting a first-hand try at Lacrosse. Coach Bolinger will be coming in to teach students the basics of Lacrosse. Lacrosse was recently added to the sports lineup at Mishawaka High School. Students who enjoy Lacrosse will be given signup information.

300 HALL 300 Hall is Working Hard!

Math with Mrs. Barson

Math classes from Thanksgiving to winter break will be working with proportionality. We will begin the new year with geometry. FYI-any worksheets given to the students will also be posted in google classroom if they need another copy.

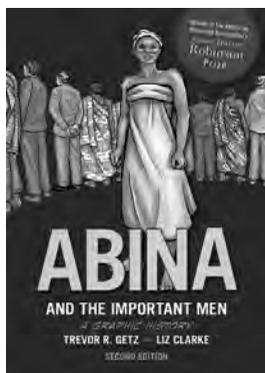
Science with Miss. Horban

We get to round out 2017 with learning some Physics. It is a wonderful opportunity for student to explore how science and math work together—but also looking into car crashes! This unit will but a lot more hands on and lab based. In January, we will move in to earth science, beginning with rocks.

Healthy Lifestyles with Ms. Richards

In PE class, our students are really enjoying the use of the Fitness/Cardio Room. We have spent time going over safety and procedures for all the machines and equipment. Our students are working hard - working out!

In Health class, we are learning about the importance of healthy behaviors, especially in regard to activity and fitness. We have been discussing the topic of target heart rate levels and the importance of keeping our heart healthy! We will also explore the functions of the respiratory system and begin to learn more about the dangerous effects that tobacco and alcohol can have on the human body.



English with Mrs. Ashburn

In English, we’ll be working with our Literature books focusing on characterization. We will also be reading and writing poetry. Please encourage your child to read at home. Book Talks are due every four weeks.

Social Studies with Mr. Wicker

This Winter in Social Studies, we’ll

move into some rough waters while discussing the Atlantic Slave Trade. We’ll be learning about both the historic and social context of this period through lecture, analysis, and discussion. This will bring us into our first comic book discussion of the year with Abina and the Important Men. A portrayal of colonization, life as a slave, and the inequalities of legal systems both historic and modern. This topic will shift our class from lectures to discussions and seminars where everyone can participate in both teaching and learning.



400 HALL

Currently, in English, we are learning the cultural, historical, and social background to *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. We went to Bethel College on November 10th to see the theatrical version of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and soon after we will be reading the novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. The students are working hard on learning how the historical and cultural perspectives of both stories can affect the way we analyze literature.

MobyMax Math Competition: Classes in the 400 Hall are competing to see who can complete the most math lessons in MobyMax. The class that completes the most lessons will have a party near the end of Quarter 2. The students have been working hard to try to win the competition! Students can monitor their class progress by looking at their certificates hanging in the hallway.



Congratulations to the 500 Hall for selling the most items for our school fundraiser. Our students were diligent about their sales! Their reward is a Field Day to be held in the spring. Way to go students!

500 HALL

REMINDER: We have a Homework Room each Thursday after school. This is for any student struggling with homework and needs help, but it is also a requirement for students who have missing assignments. Parents/Guardians are notified on Wednesdays through email or phone (if no email address is listed) if their student is required to stay after.

NO TARDIES NOVEMBER For all students who have no tardies throughout the month of November, we will have a special party. Please encourage your student to be in class on time every day and be prepared to learn!

Our Enrichment Project, titled Project: Jaguar Pride, is coming along. The students have submitted their proposals, they have researched information as to why their project is important for JYMS, and now they are gathering information such as cost, location, maintenance needs, etc. This project will last throughout the semester and will culminate with a Presentation Fair in January. We are extremely excited to see what great ideas your students will come up with.



500 Hall Students working on their Project: Jaguar Pride during Enrichment Class



600 HALL



Math: Rate of Change

English: Coming of Age Theme & beginning *Tom Sawyer*

Health/PE: Working on building muscle in fitness room

Science: Chemical Bonding

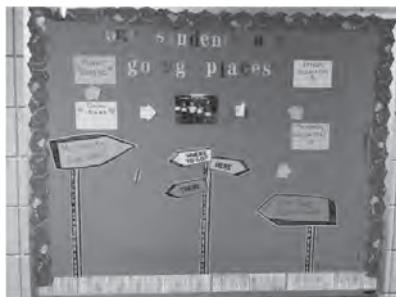
Social Studies: The lead up to the Revolutionary War

After School Homework Policy: As was the case last grading period, our hall does after school homework detention for students with 3 or more missing assignments. Please check Alma every night to see what your student is missing. If they are missing three or more missing assignments by each Wednesday they will be required to stay on Thursday in Miss LaForest's room (603) from 3:30-4:00.

Website: www.jagteam600.weebly.com & Miss LaForest's website www.claforest.weebly.com

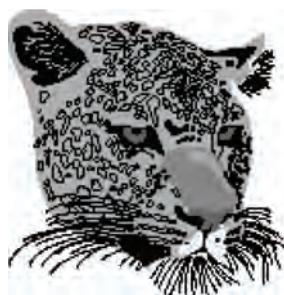
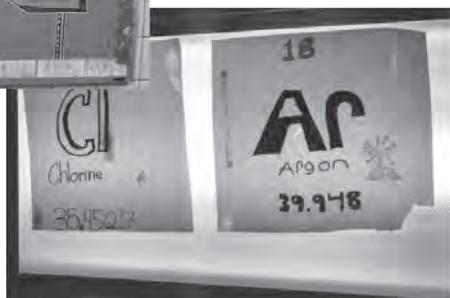
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Our Students of the Month Board!
Congratulations to Asher Gresso, Ethan Stanton, Danni Bupp, & Kennedy Carpenter

The periodic table comes to life! In Mr. Solfronk's science class, the students were given an element and posted it on the ceiling for an enlarged creative view of our 118 elements.



Jaguar Athletics

Girl's basketball and wrestling will start after break. Please make sure that your son or daughter has a physical on file in the office, in order to participate. There is also a \$25.00 participation fee to play.

Athletic Reminders to your Cell Phone

Get all your important athletics information, right to your cell phone! Get the latest up to date game and practice schedule changes, athletic cancellations as well as pertinent information relating to John Young Middle School athletics! This is a one-time set up and easy option to cancel at any time.

John Young Middle School Athletics: Simply text the number 630-608-6843. In the body/message of your text, type: @jymsat you will get immediate response indicating that you are signed up.

News from F. A. P. A. (Fine Arts, Practical Arts)

Concert News

The music department is excited for our December concerts in our JYMS Auxiliary Gym. We are working hard to perform some great music! Admission is free for all these concerts. All are invited to attend.

Band Concert: The Band Concert was held on December 5. Band tours began the beginning of December.

Choir Concert: Choir held their concert on December 6 and Choir tours also began the beginning of December.

The 7th Grade Choir goes on Dec 14, and is performing at Emmons, Fountainview Place and LaSalle. 8th Grade Choir goes on Dec 12, and is performing at Twin Branch, Golden Living, and Beiger. It will be a full day of work and fun for Choir.

Orchestra Concert: Dec 13 - The orchestra classes are touring the elementary school also.

Music:

Throughout the semester, students in general music have been learning to play piano in addition to studying music theory. For assessment, students record their best performance of required pieces on their laptops and share the videos on Google Classroom. Ask your student to share their latest performance at home!

Practical Skills:

Students have been learning how to write their signature (in cursive) in order to sign important documents (such as: job application, social security card, car registration, passport, student loans, physical for sports, syllabus, w-4, etc). They also are working on creating their resumes, and we continue to look for ways to incorporate experience they have had in their life.

We have the pleasure of Jr. Achievement in our classes every Thursday for six sessions. Their curriculum is in-line with mine. They created logos for businesses, they are researching costs for a business, and they will learn about financing in business.

Our 9th hour class will be teaching the public about Google Classroom in four sessions. This experience will be featured on ABC 57's Cool Schools.

2017-18 Yearbook

It's time to order your 2017-18 JYMS yearbook. Preserve the best memories of the year with a full color yearbook! Stop by the main office to get a form and return it with payment of \$25 by April 20. You can also order online at www.derbyphoto.com, keyword: John Young

Parent Pointers

Calendar

Mike Fisher
John Young Middle School



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Parent Pointers Calendar

Middle School
Parents
still make the difference!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Help your child set a goal and write a plan to achieve it this year.	2 Ask your child to name a few of his favorite family activities from last year. Make a plan to do them again this year.	3 Encourage your child to start a diary or journal.	4 Ask your child to name one thing she wishes your family would do differently at home. Be open to her suggestion.	5 Promote healthy eating. Allow your child to pick any vegetable at the grocery store. Together, look up how to prepare it.	6 Let your child take over a responsibility you've previously done for him. Present it as a step towards independence.
7 Ask your child to tell you what the word <i>success</i> means to her.	8 Today, talk to your child as you would to a friend or coworker.	9 Do you know your child's friends? Make a list of their names and phone numbers to keep on hand.	10 Let your child know that he isn't allowed to hang out at a friend's house when adults are not present.	11 Have each family member prepare one part of a meal, then enjoy it together.	12 Ask your child to select and read a news article to you. Have her share her opinion about it. Then share yours.	13 While he's reading, tell your child to jot down words he doesn't know. He can look them up later.
14 Ask your child to figure out the average of something.	15 Talk with your child about a choice you made and the consequences of that choice.	16 Play Math Jeopardy. Say a number. Can your child come up with a problem for which it is the answer?	17 Encourage your child to read during quiet times at home. Before bed is a perfect time to read.	18 Think of synonyms for words with your child. For example, a synonym for <i>tired</i> is <i>fatigued</i> .	19 Just for fun, serve dinner backwards and eat dessert first.	20 Give your child chances to read aloud. Ask her to read to you while you make dinner.
21 Challenge everyone in your family to learn and use three new words a day.	22 Tell your child a story that teaches him an important lesson.	23 Take turns making statements with your child. Identify each one as either <i>fact</i> or <i>opinion</i> .	24 Teach your child to ask <i>who, what, when, where, why</i> and <i>how</i> when doing research.	25 Spend a few minutes talking with your child at bedtime. This is a relaxing time for conversation.	26 Be kind to your child. Don't belittle or insult her when she makes mistakes.	27 It's the birthday of W.A. Mozart. Listen to some classical music with your child.
28 Discuss a controversial issue with your child. Ask, "What do you think?"	29 Ask your child what conditions are best for him to do homework. Knowing how he learns will help him succeed.	30 Name a location anywhere in the world. Take turns with your child telling one thing you would like to see there.	31 At your child's next checkup, let her spend some time alone with the doctor.	January 2018		



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John Young Dates to Remember

DECEMBER

- 13 Orchestra Concert
- 15 South Bend Symphony will perform for JYMS Music classes
- 18 Winter Sports Awards, Old Gym, 6:00 p.m.
- 22 End of 2nd grading period/1st Semester
- 25–31 Winter Break

JANUARY

- 1–7 Winter Break
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, No School
- 16 Twin Branch 6th grade DEEP “Shadow Day”
- 18 Liberty 6th grade DEEP “Shadow Day”
- 22 PTSA meeting, Lounge, 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 2 Sports Pictures
- 5 PTSA meeting, Lounge, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 PTSA sponsored Dance
- 19 Presidents Day Holiday, No School
- 21 NJHS Inductions, Old Gym, 6:00 p.m.

MARCH

- 12 PTSA meeting, Lounge, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 End of 3rd grading period
- 21 No School, Snow make-up Day
- 30 No School

View/download entire calendar on our website at
MishawakaSchools.com/jyms