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*The Weekly Newsletter of Morris Jeff Community School*

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## Nota from Head of School / Nota de la Directora de la Escuela

I am very excited to share some very rewarding news with our school community from the Office of Admissions at Loyola University here in New Orleans:

*Estoy muy emocionado de compartir algunas noticias muy gratificante con nuestra comunidad escolar de la Oficina de Admisión de la Universidad de Loyola en Nueva Orleans:*

> "Loyola has officially approved a plan to offer any student who receives an IB Diploma a full year of college credit. For some students, we know this will be a great help with cost and hopefully an acknowledgment of the hard work it takes to achieve the IB Diploma."
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> *"Loyola ha aprobado oficialmente un plan para ofrecer cualquier estudiante que recibe un Diploma de un año completo de crédito universitario. Para algunos estudiantes, sabemos que esto será una gran ayuda con el costo y es de esperar un reconocimiento del trabajo duro que se necesita para lograr el Diploma".*

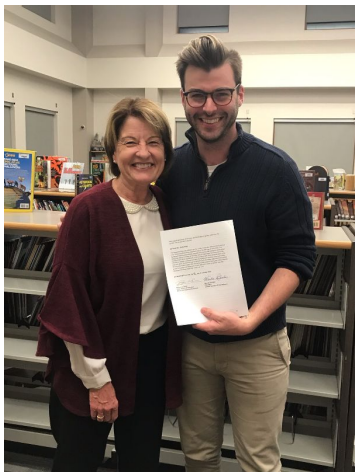
This is such an affirmation of the goals and mission of Morris Jeff and the education we want for our students. We currently have about 20% of our juniors on track to earn the IB Diploma, and almost 50% are taking at least one DP class this year. It is also important to keep in mind that many universities will give early college credit to students who finish DP courses and pass the IB exams (similar to Advanced Placement or AP courses that many are familiar with).

*Esta es una afirmación de los objetivos y la misión de Morris Jeff y la educación que queremos para nuestros estudiantes tales. Actualmente tenemos alrededor del 20% de nuestros jóvenes en camino de obtener el Diploma IB, y casi el 50% tomando al menos una clase DP este año. También es*

*importante tener en cuenta que muchas universidades darán crédito universitario temprano para estudiantes que terminan los cursos de DP y pasan los exámenes IB (similares a los cursos de nivel avanzado o AP que muchos están familiarizados con).*

Please help us share this news with those who are inquiring about our high school program!

*Por favor, nos ayude a compartir esta noticia con los que se pide información acerca de nuestro programa de escuela secundaria!*



I am also happy to announce that our school has a new collective bargaining agreement with our teachers. The agreement was signed at the January Board meeting by the Chair of our Board of Directors after a unanimous vote of the Board. The negotiations between the school and teachers for the past 18 months were marked by a strong spirit of collaboration, with the best interest of our students at the forefront of our conversations, and a keen commitment to how the new agreement contents would further strengthen the mission of our school. I am proud of this accomplishment and see it as a beacon shedding light on how a teachers' union and a school can truly work side by side for the good of all stakeholders.

*También estoy feliz de anunciar que nuestra escuela tiene un nuevo contrato colectivo de trabajo con nuestros maestros. El acuerdo fue firmado en la reunión del Consejo de enero por el Presidente de nuestro Consejo de Administración después de una votación unánime de la Junta. Las negociaciones entre la escuela y los maestros para los últimos 18 meses fueron marcados por un fuerte espíritu de colaboración, con el mejor interés de nuestros estudiantes a la vanguardia de nuestras conversaciones, y un profundo compromiso de cómo los nuevos contenidos del acuerdo redundaría en beneficio de la misión de nuestra escuela. Estoy orgulloso de este logro y lo ven como un faro de luz derramando sobre cómo un sindicato de maestros y una escuela puede realmente trabajan lado a lado por el bien de todos los interesados.*

Have a great weekend and thank you for the opportunity to educate your child.

*Que tengan un buen fin de semana y gracias por la oportunidad de educar a su hijo.*

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# Re-Registration DUE NOW

Thank you to ALL of you who have submitted and committed to Morris Jeff for 2020-2021! This process assists the school in MANY ways to prepare adequately and carefully for the upcoming school year. Thank you to those who have already completed this task to make our school run smoother! Congratulations to the family of Harvi Olivier, our raffle winner of a gift card for meeting the Re-Registration deadline!

If you haven't completed the required re-registration, **Re-Registration has been EXTENDED through Friday, January 31.**

1. Families were sent an email on January 21 with a child-specific snapcode.
2. The email was sent to one parent - please check both parent accounts for the email from "registration@morrisjeffschool.org".
3. Computer and language assistance is available in our offices.
4. All Re-Registration inquiries related to Re-Registration can be directed to **registration@morrisjeffschool.org.**
5. Residency documents can be uploaded OR you may hand-deliver or fax them to the school.

Per NOLA Public Schools, failure to provide valid documentation of residency in Orleans Parish may result in the student being discharged from their current school.

NEWS / NOTICIAS

## High School Picture Retake Day

The photographer will be at the High School on **Monday, January 27** for initial (or retake, if necessary) ID and yearbook pictures. Please come dressed in your full uniform best!

## Early Dismissal on February 20

All students will dismiss **ONE HOUR** early on Thursday, February 20.

As is Morris Jeff tradition, our Krewe of Morris Jeff parade will roll at the Lopez campus on Thursday, February, 20 at 1:15 PM. All dismissal procedures remain the same but will occur one hour earlier. Families are invited to lineup around the building to enjoy the parade.

**Reminder:** Explorers is not available on Parade Day. Students may be picked up in the covered playground after the parade. Please communicate to your child's teacher how your child will be going home on February 20.

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## High School Kindness Project

High school students are invited to participate service projects organized to celebrate Kindness Week. This week, a group of students spent half a day volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank. On Thursday, January 30th, students can go to City Park to clean up debris, weed, and mulch throughout the park. This field trip will run from 9:10am - 12:10pm.

This volunteer opportunity spots is open the first 60 students to sign up. Students must be in full uniform with closed-in toed shoes in order to participate. There is a $5.00 fee to cover the cost of transportation. Sign-up sheets and permission slips can be found on the 3rd floor bulletin board. Students may only sign up for one volunteer opportunity."

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## 2020-2021 Academic Calendar is Released

This academic calendar offers Morris Jeff families important dates of next school year. Take note of student orientation, first day of school, an earlier fall break and no school on Election Day. We hope this helps you plan well for the future.

EVENTS / EVENTOS

# High School Black History Production

Please join us on January 31st, at 1:00pm at the Treme Center at 100 North Villere to honor and remember the myriad individuals, movements, accomplishments, events and artistic achievements, of Black History. Morris Jeff High School performers and audience members will walk to our community center to create and enjoy a performance to be remembered.

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# Save the Date for the Feria de Primavera!

Save the Date! The MJCS Feria is Saturday, April 4, 2020, from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Lopez Campus. The Morris Jeff Family Partnership and the MJCS team are working together to grow the event and celebrate 10 great years of Morris Jeff together as a community! All students,, families and friends are invited to attend this family-friend event! This year's line up will include:

- Performances from multiple grade levels (schedule to be released in March)
- The Maze back by demand
- New Midway Games
- New Prizes
- Community Tables with Activities for Kids
- New T-Shirt Design
- Quiet/Sensory Area
- Great Food Donated by MJCS Families, and so much more!

We welcome all to participate! Our community is best when everyone plays a part ... please help us! Click here to complete a survey to share your thoughts!

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# PYP PrimeTime Family Reading Time (Grades 1-5)

Register for PrimeTime Family Reading Time, Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 16, 5:30-7:00 PM. Join us for meals, storytelling, book discussions, free books, and door prizes. Click HERE for full details and to register NOW!

RECOGNITIONS / RECONOCIMIENTOS

# Elementary Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance

Please join us on Wednesday, January 29th at Morning Meeting as we celebrate our 2nd Quarter Honor Roll for grades 3-5 as well as students in K-5 who have perfect attendance (including no tardies or early check-outs) for the second quarter. Pre-K students will be honored in their classrooms. Honor roll students are listed below.

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# MS 2nd Quarter Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance

Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance recognitions will be during assembly on Monday, January 27th.

- 7th & 8th grade assembly takes place in the gym at 12:00 pm.
- 6th grade assembly takes place in the gym at 12:30 pm.

## Honor Roll requirements

### *Academic Honor Roll*

- A Honor Roll - Earned 6 or 7 in each subject area in the 1st quarter for IB Grade
- AB Honor Roll - Earned 5, 6, or 7 in each subject area in the 1st quarter for IB Grade

### *Study Skills Honor Roll*

- Earned 5, 6, or 7 in each subject area in the 1st quarter for Study Skills

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# High School Honor Roll - Quarter 2

Join us for a special assembly to acknowledge our high school students students who have earned a 3.5 GPA and above or 3.0 GPA and have no grade lower than a "B" on February 7, 2020 from 10:00 - 10:45 in our gymnasium. We applaud all of our high achieving students and are proud of all of our students.

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# PYP Students of the Week / PEP Estudiantes de la Semana

Join us at Morning Meeting on Monday at 7:45 am to acknowledge our 1st-5th grade PYP Students of the Week. Students will be recognized in front of the gym and receive a learner profile attribute pin.

*Acompáñenos en la sesión matutina del lunes a las 7:45 de la mañana a reconocer nuestros "Estudiantes de la Semana" para los grados 1-5 (PEP). Los estudiantes serán reconocidos en el gimnasio y reciben un pin especial.*

### *Thinkers*

We work together to find solutions to our problems.

### *Pensadores*

Trabajamos juntos para encontrar soluciones a nuestros problemas.

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### *Pre-K*

**Brown:** Allison Schexnayder
**Duet:** Torian Connor
**Theriot:** Lexi Grant
**Weddle:** Ramona Jones

### *Kindergarten*

**Flagge:** Austin Peyton
**Hinds:** Archer Amacker

### *2nd Grade*

**Jones:** Dominic Carmouche
**Loveland:** Emery Weishaupt
**Rice:** Hewitt Holliday

### *3rd Grade*

**Frazier:** Kennadie Crier
**Gann:** Gemma Conner

**Mitchell:** Emory Mornay
**Money:** Kacy Nguyen
**Scott:** William Davis

### *1st Grade*

**Bell:** Nathan Lewis
**Byrne:** Harold Krilov
**Frezel:** Jordan Brown
**Torres:** Coco Capitelli

**Gibboni:** Ellison Wilborn

### *4th Grade*

**Hubacek:** Porter Noyes
**Posey:** Zachary Weishaupt
**Weis:** Vivian St. Jean

### *5th Grade*

**Larson:** Tin Dangermond
**Mipro:** Dontae Skinner
**Tuttle:** Noah Rose

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## PYP Staff Members of the Week / PEP Personal de la Semana

The Elementary Enrichment Team members, **Ms. Blaum, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Rednour, and Mr. Ward** are our staff members of the week for being Thinkers. They use creative thinking skills to solve problems and make decisions. These skills are evident through their daily work and interactions as well as the events that they have successfully organized for the Morris Jeff community. Mr. Kennedy and Ms. Rednour thoughtfully staged two sessions of our annual Winter Performance that showcased students' music and movement achievements and provided audiences with optimal viewing opportunities. Mr. Ward ensures that students master art techniques with various media appropriate to their grade level and that their work is beautifully presented as evident in the recent art gallery during report card night. Finally, Ms. Blaum is once again preparing for the Scholastic Book Fair along with events for students, teachers, grandparents, families, and friends. These events add books to home and classroom libraries and promote literacy in our community. Thank you to this team of teachers for providing experiences that enrich the lives of our students and benefit the larger community.

*Los miembros del Equipo de Enriquecimiento Primaria, **Sra Blaum, el Sr. Kennedy, la Sra Rednour, y el señor Ward** son nuestros miembros del personal de la semana para ser pensadores. Utilizan habilidades de pensamiento creativo para resolver problemas y decisiones maquillaje. Estas habilidades son evidentes a través de su trabajo y la interacción diaria, así como los eventos que se han organizado con éxito para la comunidad Morris Jeff. El Sr. y la Sra Kennedy Rednour organizaron cuidadosamente dos sesiones de nuestro rendimiento anual de invierno que mostró música y movimiento logros de los estudiantes y el público provistos de visualización óptimas oportunidades. Señor Ward asegura que los métodos de la técnica estudiantes principal con varios medios apropiados a su nivel de grado y que su trabajo está muy bien presentado, como es evidente en la reciente galería de arte durante la noche tarjeta de informe. Por último, la Sra Blaum se prepara de nuevo para la Feria del Libro de Scholastic junto con los eventos para estudiantes,*

*profesores, abuelos, familias y amigos. Estos eventos se suman los libros a las bibliotecas de aula y el hogar y promover la alfabetización en nuestra comunidad. Gracias a este equipo de maestros para proporcionar experiencias que enriquecen las vidas de nuestros estudiantes y beneficien a la comunidad en general.*

## ARTS / ARTES

# 2nd Annual Middle School Poetry Slam

Black History Month is just around the corner, which means it's time for our 2nd Annual Middle School Poetry Slam. Last year was such a success that we've decided to make this event a middle school tradition.

The Middle School will host the 2020 Black History Month Poetry Slam on Thursday, February 6 at 6:00-8:00 PM in the Lopez gym. Students, parents, and staff are invited to express themselves on stage through verse with their response to "My Impact on Black History". All who wish to perform are encouraged to participate. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

The Morris Jeff staff is grateful for the continued participation of school's family and friends. You make great ideas come to life and benefit our school community. Sign up to volunteer or donate food/drink.

## LIBRARY / BIBLIOTECA

# Annual Book Fair & Grandparents' Days

Morris Jeff welcomes grandparents and grandfriends to join their grandchild for lunch during their class lunchtime in the cafeteria and browse the Book Fair. Adults may purchase lunch in the cafeteria for $5. A photobooth will be set up in the cafeteria for pictures of grandparents and their grandchildren. Photos will be printed on site and available for purchase for $5 from JWP Studio.

- **Date:** February 3-7, 2020
- **Location:** Library at Lopez Campus
- Shop Online

- Sign up to volunteer
- **Contact:** Ms. Blaum, 504-373-6258 ext. 25886 or sblaum@morrisjeffschool.org
- **All info:** Morris Jeff website

### *Tuesday, February 4*

- Pre-K Lunch: 10:00 - 10:40 am (Ms. Theriot/Ms. Weddle)
- Pre-K Lunch: 10:10-10:40 am (Ms. Brown/Ms. Duet)
- 3rd Grade Lunch: 11:30-11:55 am

### *Wednesday, February 5*

- Kindergarten Lunch: 10:15-10:40 am (Ms. Flagge/Ms. Mitchell/Ms. Scott)
- Kindergarten Lunch: 10:40-11:05 am (Ms. Hinds/Ms. Money)
- 6th Grade Lunch: 12:15-12:30 pm
- 7th & 8th Grade Lunch: 12:35-12:51 pm

### *Thursday, February 6*

- 1st Grade Lunch: 11:00-11:30 am
- 2nd Grade Lunch: 11:05-11:30 am
- 6th Grade Lunch: 12:15-12:30 pm
- 7th & 8th Grade Lunch: 12:35-12:51 pm

### *Friday, February 7*

- 4th Grade Lunch: 11:30-11:55 am
- 5th Grade Lunch: 11:55-12:20 pm
- 6th Grade Lunch: 12:15-12:30 pm
- 7th & 8th Grade Lunch: 12:35-12:51 pm

NEW THIS YEAR! Donate your spare change to the Scholastic All For Books Coin Challenge beginning Tuesday! Each grade level will have a designated donation jar in the library. Which grade level will have the highest amount and win? Bring your coins to the library by January 31. Grade level winner will be announced during the Fair and each class will receive a free book for the classroom library!

Continue to donate to All For Books by rounding up your purchase to the nearest dollar and putting your change into the All For Books box by the registers at the Fair. Every little bit adds up to more books for our students.

## ATHLETICS / DEPORTES

# Middle School Baseball Tryouts

Tryouts are mandatory for all students considering playing baseball. Interested students can meet at the locker rooms at 3:05 pm. Students will need a baseball glove to tryout. Students trying out should have an up to date sports physical form completed by a physician turned into the Coach Thompson, MS Athletic Director.

### *Tryout Dates*

- February 13 and 14 - 5th and 6th graders - 3:05 pm to 4:45 pm.
- February 17 and 18 - 7th and 8th graders - 3:05 pm to 4:45 pm.

Any questions contact Mr. Ruyle at rruyle@morrisjeffschool.org

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# MJHS Athletic Announcements

### *Boys Soccer*

- Monday, Jan 27 vs Landry Walker - Lafitte Greenway - 4 pm
- Thursday, Jan 30 @ Thomas Jefferson - West Jeff Stadium - 4 pm

### *Girls Soccer*

- Tuesday, Jan 28 @ Edna Karr - LaSalle Park - 4 pm

### *Boys Basketball*

- Tuesday, Jan 28 @ St. Charles Catholic - St Charles Catholic HS - 5 pm
- Thursday, Jan 30 vs South Plaquemine - MJHS Gym - 5 pm
- Friday, Jan 31 vs St. Martins - Ecole Classique - 5 pm

### *Girls Basketball*

- Monday, Jan 27 @ McGehee - MJHS Gym - 5 pm
- Tuesday, Jan 28 @ St. Charles Catholic - St Charles Catholic HS - 5 pm
- Thursday, Jan 30 @ Newman - Newman - 5 pm
- Friday, Jan 31 @ Crescent City - Crescent City Christian - 5 pm

COMMUNITY / LA COMUNIDAD

# Free STEM Event for Middle School Girls

WoW (Women Empowering Women) with Oschner Community & Education Outreach will host a day of hands-on science and empower young women to make healthy choices! Activities designed to encourage critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, and teamwork. Girls have the chance to interact with successful women mentors working within healthcare.

Open to girls in grades 6-8 and a parent. Parents attend sessions on topics relevant to raising young women while girls participate in hands-on activities.

- **When:** February 8, 2020
- **Where:** Oschner Medical Center, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans
- **Time:** 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Visit http://j.mp/36n9Hze to reserve your spot by January 24. Free event. Lunch provided. Contact Erin at 504-842-5919 or earceneaux@oschner.org.

## CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

- Visit the Calendar page on the MJCS website
- Add the MJCS Events Calendar to your Google Calendar
- Add the MJCS Events Calendar to your iCal calendar

*If you have something to contribute to the MJCS Pelican Press, please complete this submission form by Wednesday evening at 5pm for inclusion in the Friday distribution. If you have a good story about a member/group of the MJCS community, we invite you to share the details and images in this submission form. Thank you for your participation in our school community!*

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