



# Jaguar News

## February 2025

### February Dates to Remember

- February 3rd - 7th - National School Counseling Week
- February 12th - PTO Meeting @5:30pm
- February 14th - Early Release Day
- February 15th - National School Resource Officer Day
- February 17th - No School
- February 18th - April 24th - Spring After School Activities
- February 26th - Parent Teacher Conferences 4pm-7:20pm
- February 27th - Parent Teacher Conferences 12:40pm-5:20pm
- February 27th - Early Release Day
- February 28th - No School



### Notes from Dr. Denson

Hello Parents & Guardians,

**FROM THE DESK OF  
DR. DENSON**

As we enter February, we are reminded that the school year is more than halfway through! This month brings opportunities to celebrate growth, recognize achievements, and continue building a strong foundation for success. From academic milestones to community events, there's much to look forward to at Jefferson Intermediate this semester. Thank you for your ongoing partnership

and commitment to ensuring a positive learning experience for our students. Let's continue working together to make this an incredible year for our school community!

### Winter Weather

As we welcome February, we want to update you on our plan for winter weather. We've already used all three traditional snow days built into our school calendar this year. Should additional inclement weather arise, we will implement AMI (Alternate Methods of Instruction) days to ensure learning continues without disruption.

Here's what you need to know about AMI days:

- Students will join their homeroom class and teacher on a Google Meet from 9:00–10:00 AM.
- The Google Meet link will be available in each student's Google Classroom.
- Teachers will review these expectations with students ahead of time and show them how to access the link.
- After the Google Meet, students will work on assignments provided by their teachers, with one week to complete and submit their work.
- Teachers will remain available via email during the school day to answer any questions.
- Students must complete and submit all assignments to their teachers within 7 days in order to be considered present for the day.

We appreciate your flexibility and support as we navigate the challenges of winter weather while maintaining our commitment to learning. If you have any questions or need assistance with accessing technology, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office.

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Mark your calendars! Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on February 26-27. Unlike the fall conferences, these are not required for all students. If your child's teacher believes a conference is necessary, they will contact you with sign-up details. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's success. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

### Spring After School Activities

Spring is an exciting time for our students to engage in after-school activities! Our Spring After School Activities will run from February 18 to April 24, from 3:05 PM to 4:00 PM. Sign-ups for these activities closed on January 24, and we are thrilled to see so much interest in our programs. Activity sponsors have already reached out to the parents and families of all students who were admitted into a spring activity. If you have not received confirmation, please feel free to contact our front office for assistance. We look forward to a fun and enriching spring season for all our students involved in these activities!

## Parent Teacher Organization

Due to inclement weather, we had to cancel our January 8 PTO meeting. However, we're looking forward to reconnecting and making plans for the rest of the school year at our next meeting on February 12.

We'd love to see you there! Participating in the PTO is a wonderful way to get involved, share ideas, and support our school community. Mark your calendar and join us—we value your input and participation.

### Upcoming events

February 3-7 National School Counseling Week

Saturday, February 15 National School Resource Officer Day

Friday, February 14 Early Release Day (12:05)

Monday, February 17 Presidents' Day, No School

Tuesday, February 18 Spring After School Activities Begin

Wednesday, February 26 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:20

Thursday, February 27 Early Release Day 12:05

Thursday, February 27 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:40-5:20

Friday, February 28 No School

**Best regards,**

**Dr. Amanda Denson**

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# Jefferson Intermediate

## MISSION

To provide the educational experience that each child deserves.

### Vision

The Jefferson staff is committed to creating a safe space where students feel comfortable taking risks.

We provide all children the resources needed to access high-quality instruction and equitable learning experiences.

Our purpose is to help students grow academically and socially into productive, confident members of society.

### Priorities

- Restorative Practices
- Social Emotional Learning
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Academic & Behavior RTI Processes
- Focus on Equity
- Parent & Community Partnerships

## PTO Meeting

Please join us for our next PTO meeting on **February 12th** at 5:30pm in the library. Hope to see you there!



#### WHAT WE DO...

- As a parent-teacher organization, our goal is to bring together the families and staff of Jefferson to support and enrich our students. We are able to achieve this through fundraising, volunteer opportunities, and encouraging our teachers and staff in the activities we provide each year. .)

#### 2023 - 2024 RECAP

1. Partnered with Jefferson Community Center
2. School-wide fundraiser (raised just over \$1,500)
3. Bookings (family and staff-student events)
4. Staff dinner provided by PTO and parent donations during spring and fall conferences
5. Organized school-wide volunteer nights
6. Pie Day (1.4K - free pies provided for staff)
7. Pledge Day (400+ minor pies & donations for staff)
8. Daily supplies during teacher appreciation week
9. Long line (booked event during school hours - fundraisers, ice cream, teacher quiz, book and more)

#### WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP!

- Whether it's attending a monthly meeting or simply contributing skills, time or donations for various events throughout the year! The possibilities are endless!
- We hope to have another successful school year filled with new faces and ideas!

#### PTO MEETING DATES:

2nd Wed. of the month  
@5:30pm Jefferson Library

- 9/11/24
- 10/09/24
- 11/13/24
- 12/11/24
- 01/08/25
- 02/12/25
- 03/12/25
- 04/09/25

• 05/14/25

#### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- First day of school - Tues 9/20/23
- School hours 8:00am - 3:05pm
- PTO email: [ptojeffersonintermediate@gmail.com](mailto:ptojeffersonintermediate@gmail.com)





Early Release Day



No School



**Please Note:** Unlike the fall conferences, these are **not required for all students**. If your child's teacher believes a conference is necessary, they will contact you with sign-up details.

**Early Release Day**  
**February 27th**

School Will Dismiss at 12:05

**Early Release Day**


**No School**  
**February 28th**

**No School**

**January Student of the Month**

**Jefferson Intermediate School**  
 January Students of the Month

**5th Grade**

Vanessa Ruedas-Cruz		Elliot Murphy
Dream Peeples		Kinsley Hendren
Mia-Rose Harvey		Kole Drones
Charlie Monken		Aurora Hanson
James Hurt		Avery Brown
Payton Blackwood		Charlotte Savage
Olive Johnson		Autumn Smith
Darius Wallace		Michael Pinedo
Yadler Fernandez		Charlotte Pitchers
Jaxon Schilling		Avery Eifen
Keziah Niofor		Grant Thro
Javier Arrieta-Colorado		Viraal Kasula

**5th Grade**

**Jefferson Intermediate School**  
 January Students of the Month

**6th Grade**

Quentin Leatherberry		Jace Williams
Chad Murdick		Gideon Kast
Vilaysree Padmaraj		Payton Garrett
Michaela Murphy		Sammie Cortes-Lopez
Easton Thro		Bristol Pipkens
Deon Strong		Elliot Wilks
Evelyn Shaw		Bryntleigh Fleming
Liam Hubbard		Kynlee Morris
Addison Thompson		Ashira Tyler
Charlie Ren		El Geno Green
Everett Martin		

**6th Grade**

**ST CHARLES JR PIRATES**  
**FLAG FOOTBALL**

**TEAMS FOR '25 FALL SEASON:**  
 2-7th grades  
 For ALL students that live within the City of St. Charles School Boundaries

**PROGRAM INFORMATION:**  
 Begins - Early March  
 Practices - 2 days per week, days TBD  
 Cost - \$115 per player  
 Includes jersey, shorts & league fees

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:**

**REGISTER BEFORE 12/31 AND SAVE \$15**

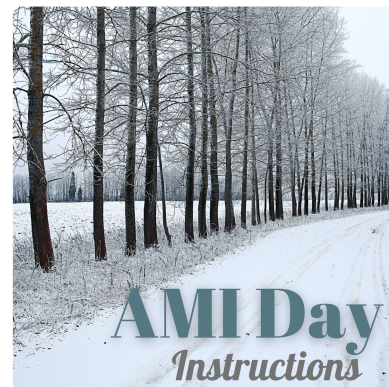
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**Flag Football**

**AMI Day Instructions**

Dear Students and Families,

As we enter into our winter season, we want to update you about what our Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI) day will look like should we need to use one due to weather. Here is our school specific information about what will happen. Your student will have assignments posted in Google Classroom by their math and ELA teachers.



On AMI days, we are all in this weather together and it is all hands on deck to make sure you feel supported and have a chance to learn during your AMI day. At 9:00 AM all students will check in with their math and reading teachers via a Google Meet. This link is available in your child's Google Classroom. Students can complete their assignments when they choose throughout the day. They will also have some optional specials assignments shared by the special teachers and available to students in Google Classroom.

Teachers will be available throughout the day to help your student. Please have your student email their teacher should they need assistance..

Thanks for your support and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Jefferson Staff and Teachers

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## Important Information from the School Nurse

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Cold and flu season is upon us! To help prevent the flu and colds, please remind your children of good hygiene habits:

- Wash hands with soap and water frequently
- Keep hands away from eyes, nose or mouth
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, use a paper tissue, throw it away, and then wash hands

Colds are the most contagious during the first 48 hours. A child who has started antibiotics needs to be on the medication for 24 hours before being considered non-contagious and able to return to school. Your child should be physically able to participate in all school activities on return to school. Keeping a sick child home will help minimize the spread of infections and viruses in the classroom.

**Please keep your child at home for treatment and observation if he or she has any of the following symptoms:**

- Fever greater than 100 degrees - Your child may return to school only after his/her temperature has been consistently below 100 degrees for a minimum of 24 hours, **without the use of fever-reducing medication such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.**
- Vomiting - Students must not attend school for at least 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting



- Diarrhea
- Chills
- General malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- Frequent congested (wet) or croupy cough
- Lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose

Please keep the office updated with any changes in emergency contact information. When called to pick up your child due to illness or injury, we ask that you be as prompt as possible. The more effective we can be in limiting students' exposure to contagious organisms, the healthier our student body will be.

Thank you in advance for helping make this school year as healthy as possible. If you have any questions, please contact me at 636-443-4403. You can also email me at

[bmccann@stcharlessd.org](mailto:bmccann@stcharlessd.org)

Sincerely,

Mrs. McCann, RN, BSN, NCSN

School Nurse

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## Student Clinic

The Student Clinic is available to all SCSD students and is housed at Blackhurst Elementary.

**STUDENT  
CLINIC**



Parents interested in scheduling an appointment can do so in the following ways:

**Direct Dial Number 636-206-2244**

**Fax number 573-899-7939**

**Email [blackhurst@compasshn.org](mailto:blackhurst@compasshn.org)**

**Parents should call the direct dial number for any appointments or needs. Please DO NOT contact the front office staff at Blackhurst.**

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## Yearbooks are on Sale Now!


Yearbooks are \$18 and you can order online by visiting [inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order)

Enter code:91230E or order in the front office with cash or check.

The last day to order yearbooks is March 21st.

If you have any question please contact Gina Lovelady at [glovelady@stcharlessd.org](mailto:glovelady@stcharlessd.org)






# Order Your **YEARBOOK** **TODAY!**

**Jefferson Intermediate School**

**ORDER ONLINE**  
**INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER**  
 Order Code: **91230E**  
 Online Orders Due By: Friday, March 21, 2025

  
SCAN THE QR CODE  
for easy ordering

**CASH OR CHECK ORDERS**  
 Complete this form on the back and return to your school by:  
**Friday, March 21, 2025**  
 Please make check payable to: Jefferson Intermediate School

Para realizar pedidos en línea, visite [www.interstate.com/order](http://www.interstate.com/order) e ingrese el código de pedido: 91230E. Haga su pedido en línea antes del viernes, 21 de marzo, 2025. Para pedidos en efectivo o con cheque, complete el formulario al dorso y devuélvalo a su escuela antes del viernes, 21 de marzo.

Yearbook Options:	
<small>Options: 01 - Hardcover</small>	\$18.00
Softcover Yearbook	

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[inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order)  
and enter this code: **91230E**  
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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses <b>2</b> days a month..	When a student misses <b>4</b> days a month..
They will miss <b>20 DAYS</b> a year.	They will miss <b>40 DAYS</b> a year.
They will miss <b>30 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.	They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.
They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss <b>120 HOURS</b> of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over <b>1 YEAR</b> of school by graduation.	They will miss over <b>2 YEARS</b> of school by graduation.

Jefferson Families, Please call the attendance secretary (636-443-4402) or email Mary Ellen Godfrey ([mgodfrey@stcharlessd.org](mailto:mgodfrey@stcharlessd.org)) each day your child will be out of school so that their absence can be marked as excused. Please make contact by 9am. Please provide doctors notes upon return if available.

## Important Bus Information

Please remember that students are not to get off at other students' bus stops. They are also not allowed to ride other students' buses. This is a District Policy.



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***“A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything!”***

– Unknown

We are here for you! Please contact us anytime that we can provide support, answer questions or just to share good ideas for our school.

**Dr. Amanda Denson** ~ Principal  
**Dr. Jason Joyner** ~ Vice Principal  
**Mrs. Casey Post** ~ Vice Principal

## Find us on Facebook

Like and Follow our Facebook page to keep up to date and see what we are up to!

## Jefferson Intermediate School Website

Everything you need at your fingertips! Calendar, lunch menu, virtual hub and more!



### About Us

Jefferson Intermediate School

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