

Wooden's Words

December
2024



December Dates to Remember



Dec 3 ■ 8th Grade Orientation @ MHS (see pg 4)

Dec 10 ■ ILearn Checkpoint #2 ELA

Dec 12 ■ ILearn Checkpoint #2 Math

Dec 19 ■ Holiday music concert



NO PARENT COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER

Report cards available on Skyward
January 10, 2025

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Holiday Concert will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 in the JRW gym. The band, choir, and orchestra will perform holiday music to put you in the holiday spirit. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations appreciated.

The 3rd annual spring musical will be **Matilda Jr.** Auditions will be held Feb. 11-13. An audition workshop will be conducted by Mrs. Long and Casey Kersey before auditions, where students can get tips and pointers on how to have a successful audition. Join Google classroom for Matilda Jr. to get updated info. Google Classroom code: **ahmfevh**



JRW Christmas Dance
Tuesday, Dec. 17
6 to 7:30 PM

JRW Gymnasium

\$5 admission

Semi-formal optional

Pizza, hot chocolate,
and other concessions
available for purchase

MRS. FLOYD'S LUNCH GROUP

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Lunch A, B, and C

Get your food in the cafeteria
and come to Room 11!

KINDNESS AMBASSADORS

The KA Club will not meet in the month of December. Stay tuned for the next meeting date.

Follow us on Social Media

Please follow our social media accounts for news, information, and daily activities happening at John R. Wooden Middle School. Click on the icons, and you will be directed to our pages!



DECEMBER CALENDAR at a glance

View the full school calendar [here](#).

Tuesday, December 3

→ 6 p.m. 8th Boys basketball @ JRW

Thursday, December 5

→ 5:30 p.m. 8th Boys basketball @ JRW

Monday, December 9

→ 6 p.m. 8th Boys basketball @ JRW

Tuesday, December 10

→ ILearn Checkpoint #2 – ELA

Wednesday, December 11

→ 5:30 p.m. 7/8 Girls basketball @JRW

Thursday, December 12

→ ILearn Checkpoint #2 – Math
→ 11 a.m. Family Pantry
→ 5:30 p.m. 7th Boys basketball @JRW

Saturday, December 14

→ 9 a.m. Santa Claus Classic @ JRW

Monday, December 16

→ 6 p.m. 7th Boys basketball @ JRW

Tuesday, December 17

→ 6 p.m. Christmas Dance

Wednesday, December 18

→ 5:30 p.m. 8th Boys basketball @ JRW

Thursday, December 19

→ 7 p.m. Band/Orchestra/Choir Holiday Concert @ JRW gym

Friday, December 20 End of Term 2

Winter Break Dec 23–Jan 3



ABSENCES, DISMISSALS, APPOINTMENTS

To report an absence, change dismissal, or if you are picking your student up for an appointment, please call the attendance office before 2 p.m. at 765-342-6628 and choose option #1.

JRW Athletic Event Prices
Students \$3 • Adults \$6

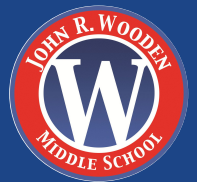


Congratulations to the JRW Spell Bowl team! They placed 2nd at the area competition in November. Quincy Jordan, Devin Latham, Tommy Thompson, Annika Gray, Bently Wangler, Addy Huff, Lindsay Flanary, and Brandon Sanders all worked very hard to learn the spelling of 1400 words. Mrs. Purkey is very proud of their efforts and how well they represented our school! Overall, the team placed 36th out of 117 middle schools that competed in Indiana and were very close to continuing on as a state finalist!

TUTORING

If your student has been pre-approved from the State of Indiana for tutoring, please contact the JRW Guidance Department at 342-6628.

A tutor will set up day/time arrangements with you.



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Student Services

Student's last name A-L: [Jayne Mertz](#)
Student's last name M-Z: [Lisa O'Neal](#)

Student Handbook – An electronic version is available on our [school website](#) under the Home tab or at [John R. Wooden Student Handbook](#)

JRWMS Office Hours

Monday through Friday

7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(765) 342-6628

PRINCIPAL Fred Kutruff

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Adam Peterson

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS Kala Brittain and
Mike Johnson

COUNSELORS Jayne Mertz and Lisa O'Neal

What does Christmas mean to you?

“To me Christmas means that we are celebrating Jesus's Birthday.”
- Elleigh Musgrave

“To me Christmas means that we are celebrating Jesus’s Birthday and being with my Family.”
- Ella Richhart



Elleigh
Musgrave



Ella
Richhart

What is your favorite Christmas song?

“My favorite Christmas song is Jingle Bell Rock.”
- Lillian Bunton

“My favorite Christmas song is Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer.”- Regan Hacker



Lillian
Bunton



Regan
Hacker

Written By: Cora Hayden and Lola Woolridge



Mrs. Fraley and the Career Lab would like to thank

Realtor Michelle Chandler

of the Shelia & Michelle Real Estate Team and

Esthetician Hannah Long

for being guest speakers and inspiring students to **invest in themselves and their futures.**

Please support these local businesses as they have supported our students.

Visit ybpay.com to order your yearbook **today!**



ID Code
15094025
Deadline
05-22-25



Sign up for ParentSquare

The JRW Student Council is partnering with WCBK's Truckload of Christmas Toy Drive. We will be collecting new items from **December 2–13**.

All new items will be accepted, but our goal is to focus on gifts for teens in our community. Items can be turned into Success classes or can be purchased through the Wooden Toy Drive Amazon Wishlist using the QR Code and sent directly to the school.

Join us in making this the merriest Christmas!



8TH GRADE ORIENTATION & ACADEMIC SHOWCASE

December 3, 2024
6PM in MHS Auditorium
Academic Showcase to follow

Martinsville High School (765) 342-5571

2025 FIELD TRIP DATES: MAY 6TH AND 8TH



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ADVENTURE PARK

TICKET PRICES

Pre-sale (Oct/Nov/Dec): \$35
Regular (Jan/Feb/Mar): \$40
Late (until Apr 15): \$45
After April 15: \$50

- Tickets include bus transportation, socks, and price of admission.
- Must return form and signed waiver
- May make a one-time payment or installments – must be paid in full before going
- Students with disciplinary issues after 3/1/25 will be ineligible to attend unless approved