

# Wooden's Words

January  
2026



## January Dates to Remember

Jan. 13 & 26 ■ Musical audition workshops  
 Jan. 15 ■ Swim/Dive photos ([order here](#))  
 Jan. 20 ■ Wrestling photos ([order here](#))



## JRW Youth and Leadership students have great success in mock conference

On Sunday, Dec. 7, three JRW Youth and Leadership Club members (Sophia Ennis, Violet Leitzman, and Kiyah Orr) participated in a mock legislature. The students wrote their own bills that they believe would make good laws. They presented and debated their bills in committee. If their bills ranked high enough, they had the opportunity to present and debate their bills before the entire House of Representatives. If the other representatives voted to pass their bill, it moved to the Senate where it was presented and debated there. If it passed the Senate, it was read by the governor, and he decided whether or not to sign it into law.

For the first time in three years, one of our bills was passed into law! It was Sophia and Violet's bill regarding contamination of the White River. It also won the Outstanding Bill Award, which was based on nominations from the adults and advisors present.

All three of these young ladies made JRW proud and represented us well! They were mature, poised, and well-spoken! It takes a lot of guts to get up in front of a room of your peers, especially ones you don't even know, and publicly debate your ideas! Way to go, Sophia, Violet, and Kiyah!

## MRS. FLOYD'S LUNCH GROUP

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Lunch A, B, & C – Rm 11

Pick up your food in the cafeteria and join us!

## KINDNESS AMBASSADORS

Wednesday, Jan. 7  
Library Conference Room  
after announcements

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## JANUARY CALENDAR

### at a glance

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

#### Monday, January 5

- Term 3 begins

#### Wednesday, January 7

- Term 2 Report cards posted

#### Thursday, January 8

- 6 p.m. 7/8 Boys Basketball @ JRW

#### Saturday, January 10

- 9 a.m. 8th Boys Basketball Santa Claus Classic (rescheduled) @ JRW

#### Monday, January 12

- 5:30 p.m. 8th Boys Basketball @ JRW
- 6 p.m. Parent Council

#### Tuesday, January 13

- 2:40 p.m. Musical audition workshop
- 5:30 p.m. 7/8 Girls Basketball @ JRW

#### Thursday, January 15

- 4:30 p.m. Swim/Dive photos
- 5:30 7/8 Boys Basketball @ JRW

#### Saturday, January 17

- 9 a.m. 8th Boys Basketball Morgan Co Tourney @ JRW

#### Tuesday, January 20

- 5 p.m. Wrestling photos
- 5:30 p.m. 7/8 Boys Basketball Jr Mid-State @ JRW

#### Wednesday, January 21

- 5:30 p.m. Wrestling @ JRW

#### Thursday, January 22

- 5:30 p.m. 7/8 Girls Basketball @ JRW

#### Monday, January 26

- 2:40 p.m. Musical audition workshop

#### Thursday, January 29

- 5:30 p.m. Wrestling @ JRW

#### Saturday, January 31

- ISSMA Vocal/Piano Solo and Ensemble

## ABSENCES-DISMISSALS-APPOINTMENTS

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

## JRW Athletic Event Prices

Adults \$6  
Students \$3

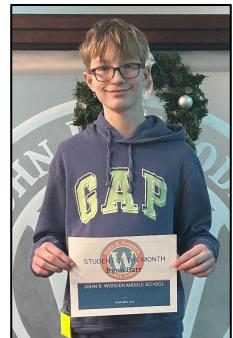


On Wednesday, Dec. 3, the JRW and MHS Youth & Leadership Clubs had the opportunity to meet with Lieutenant Governor Micah Beckwith. He shared information about his job as the Lieutenant Governor of Indiana. Then, he opened it up to a Q & A.

Favorite quotes from the day: "If you're not hated, you're probably not standing for anything." "Show up." (when asked for advice he would give to youth) "Leadership can be a lonely place."

The four JRW students who attended were Bently Fisher, Sophia Ennis, Hunter Ennis, and Violet Leitzman (on the right).

*Photo by Christa Mathews*



## CONGRATULATIONS NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

L to R: Tucker Sullivan, Kay Engle, Aubree Mitchell, and Ryan Barr

**Guys & Dolls Jr. Audition Workshops** will be held Jan. 13 and 26 in the choir room from 2:40 to 4:30 p.m. You can sign up for an audition slot and receive the audition packet at the first workshop! Please fill out this google form if you have not already done so. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Long in the choir room.

Field Trip: May 7, 2026



## URBAN AIR TICKET PRICES

Pre-sale (Oct/Nov/Dec): \$35  
Regular (Jan/Feb/Mar): \$40  
Late (Apr 1-14): \$45  
Pre-Deadline: Apr 15-24: \$50  
Deadline April 25, 2026: \$75

## Student Services

Student's last name A-L: [Jayne Mertz](#)

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

Social Worker: [Janelle Floyd, LCSW](#)

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

## JRWMS OFFICE INFO

7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday  
(765) 342-6628

**PRINCIPAL** Fred Kutruff  
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**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR** Mike Johnson  
**COUNSELORS** Jayne Mertz and Lisa O'Neal  
**SOCIAL WORKER** Janelle Floyd