

DRAGON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER #35

Denn John Middle School 24-25: May 5, 2025

TOGETHER! ALWAYS!

Dragon Community,

As we enter the month of May, I want to take a moment to recognize **Teacher Appreciation Week** and the incredible dedication of our educators. Our teachers work tirelessly to support, inspire, and challenge our students every day, and this week is a wonderful opportunity to show our gratitude. If you are able, I encourage you to consider sending a small token of appreciation—a note, a gift, or even just a kind word—to let them know how much they are valued.



I would also like to take a moment to celebrate the **successful completion of our ELA state testing**. Our testing operations ran smoothly thanks to the cooperation of students, staff, and families. We're proud of the effort our students put in, and we're optimistic about the results.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for the **upcoming Math and Science state tests**. These assessments are equally important, and we encourage all students to continue working hard and finish the year strong. Your continued support at home makes a big difference in their readiness and confidence.

Finally, for our 8th grade families, this week marks the beginning of **end-of-year activities**—a meaningful and exciting time for our graduating students. These events are a celebration of their accomplishments and growth, and we look forward to sharing these memorable moments with them and with you.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Let's make the final weeks of the school year both productive and celebratory.

Warm regard

DJMS Administration

WHAT'S NEW?!

1. Testing is here!

- Monday, May 5- Math (6-8)/Algebra/Geometry FAST PM 3
- Wednesday, May 7- 8th Science & Biology



2. Eighth Grade Activities- A LOT coming up!

- May 9- Dance (Formal Attire)- Sneaker ball (Cafeteria)
 - \$10.00 (6:00 pm - 8:30 pm)
- May 16- Gradventure
- May 29- Level Up Ceremony

3. Summer School & Grade Recovery

Parents, this summer will be different than previous years. Though summer school is an option, it is much more limited this year due to budget cuts. Therefore, DJMS is doing everything in our power to ensure grade recovery for our students. As a friendly reminder, students must pass ALL 4 core (Math, ELA, Social Studies, and Science) to be promoted to the next grade level. Failure to do so will result in grade retention. The 4th quarter is traditionally the poorest performing quarter. Therefore, please help us monitor your child's progress.

4. Behavior During Testing

Parents, I will have a zero-tolerance policy on inappropriate behavior during the testing windows. If a student purposely misbehaves and potentially invalidates a score, the discipline consequence will be an automatic day of Out of School Suspension. Please have serious conversation with your students about the importance of the testing integrity. **Note, this includes purposeful rushing of other students during the testing window.**



AT HOME SUPPORT

Parent Portal Sign Up

The best way to know live data of your student's performance is through the parent portal! Here you can see grades, attendance, discipline referrals, teacher notes, and testing information in live time. For your reference, below you will find the attachment to sign up. I highly recommend this for all parents!

Parents- summer is around the corner! Below are strategies parents can begin to have a great summer!

1. Set Academic Goals and Reflect Together

Take time to sit with your child and reflect on the current school year—what went well, what was challenging, and what they want to improve. Together, set realistic academic goals for the summer (e.g., reading a certain number of books, practicing math skills weekly) and the upcoming school year. This helps build self-awareness and motivation.

2. Create a Balanced Summer Routine

Structure is key, even during summer break. Establish a daily routine that includes time for reading, learning activities (like educational games or online resources), physical activity, chores, and free time. A consistent routine helps students maintain good habits and eases the transition back to school in the fall.

3. Enroll in Enrichment Opportunities

Look into summer camps, workshops, or local library programs that focus on STEM, art, writing, or leadership skills. These programs keep students mentally engaged and may even introduce them to new interests or talents that can be nurtured in the next school year.



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ATHLETICS

1. Flag Football (Schedule Attached)

Next Away Game: Wednesday, May 7 @ 6 PM vs. Knights Point K8 (Boys only)

2. Athletic Banquet

May 14- Periods 6-8- Parents are welcome to attend. (1:55 pm - 4:25 pm)

All physicals must be on file



2025 OCMSAC Flag Football Schedule 3.28.25.pdf

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TESTING

FAST & EOC Testing:

DJMS testing dates are confirmed for May! See Attachment:

- May 5- Math/Algebra/Geometry (6-8)
- May 7- Science/Biology (8th Grade)
- May 12- Civics (8th Grade)

1. Dress Downs- Testing Days

Parents, if the students bring their fully charged laptop with the charger, then students may come to school dressed down. Of course, this needs to be school appropriate. Note, this is only valid on testing days.

2. Discipline during Testing

As previously stated, DJMS will not tolerate inappropriate behavior during testing. Any discipline related incident will result in 1 day of OSS (out of school suspension).

3. Encourage the students to simply try their best!

Whatever the outcome, I am most proud of our students! Please encourage your student to work hard and try their best!

4. Testing Incentives

Parents, there are prizes for the students who work hard! Please see the attachment below to determine testing incentives! :-)



2025 EOY Testing Calendar.pdf

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Testing Incentives PM 3.pdf

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2025 May						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ELA FAST PM3	2	3
4	5 Math FAST PM3	6	7 Science/Biology EOC	8	9 8 th Grade Dance at 6pm	10
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!!						
11 Happy Mother's Day!	12 Civics EOC	13	14 Athletics Banquet 6-8 Period	15	16 Gradventure	17
18	19	20	21 PIE Night	22	23 Talent Show	24
25	26 No School! Memorial Day	27	28	29 Level Up Ceremony	30 Last Day of School!	31

GET INVOLVED!

Community, we need more parental involvement: Check it out

1. Parent Volunteers @ School

Teacher assistants, hallway monitors, restroom monitors, lunches, & front desk assistance

2. Parent Boosters- Build Programs @ School

Band, Orchestra, & Sports!

3. Upcoming Major Events

8th Grade Activities!

Parents & Community- if any of these items are of interest, simply contact Mr. Hernandez directly at Marc.Hernandez@osceolaschools.net or 689.261.3280 (District Cellphone)

As a friendly reminder, all volunteers must be Oasis Approved. Please see the information below to begin the registration process! It's quick and easy!

[Volunteer Application \(schoolcheckin.net\)](http://schoolcheckin.net)

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. SAC- Thurs. May 22 @ 5 pm
2. May 5-9- Teacher Appreciation Week
3. May 5- Math FAST PM 3
4. May 7- Science EOCs
5. May 9- 8th Grade Dance- 6 pm - 8:30 pm
6. May 12- Civics EOC
7. May 14- Athletic Banquet- Periods 6-8
8. May 16- Gradventure
9. May 21- PIE Night- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
10. May 23- Talent Show- School Day
- 11 May 26- No School
12. May 29- Level Up Ceremony



SAC Meetings DJMS.pdf

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every site, and all schools regularly conduct various drills, such as fire drills, severe weather drills, and intruder drills, to prepare students for an emergency.

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