

Dear Parents/Guardians of John Adams Students:

Welcome to a new school year! We hope you had a safe, happy, and relaxed summer. As the new school year begins, we would like to share some important information with you.

- First, please read the enclosed forms carefully, going over the little details. It is important that you fill these neatly (and completely). Send it back to school ASAP. Ask your child to give them to their homeroom teacher.
- Please be on the lookout for more forms throughout the school year, and especially during the first few days. Check with your children for any paperwork from school regularly
- School supply lists are available on the school website <http://www.edison.k12.nj.us/Domain/11>
- Please remember that school guidance counselors are available to assist you in addressing any issues you or your child may have. Please contact the counseling office (732-452-3005) to make an appointment if you need assistance.

Consider becoming a PTO member

The John Adams PTO sponsors many activities for students such as school assemblies, field trips, dance events, memory book, student recognition, book fair, and numerous other events throughout the school year. We cannot be successful in any of our endeavors without your support. There are many different ways you can help us. You can either chair a committee or become an active member of a committee, or assist remotely for events that can be managed from home. Please send us an email (jamspto@gmail.com) if you can volunteer your time to assist us in any way. We understand free time is hard to come by, but if we all are able to squeeze just a few hours each year for our children, we will be able to ensure that the new school year will be fun and enriching. What the students gain from all of us working together is priceless!

We encourage all parents to join the PTO and attend the meetings to share your vision and ideas. The dates and times of the meetings are posted on the website as well as emailed to those on the PTO mailing list. Make sure that you include your email when signing up for membership so we can include you on our list. Our meetings are informal and informative, allowing for everyone's views to be heard. Please come and help the PTO make decisions to enrich your child's educational experience.

The purpose of the PTO is to assist students by providing the funds for additional programs (educational and recreational) that supplement the JAMS experience. It is a given that fundraisers not only become an added expense, but also another thing to do. However, they are necessary so that we can continue to provide our children with the extras. We will be sending home a list of new fundraisers soon and approximate dates of when they will be coming home. Please mark your calendar and participate in these events. If you are unable to do so, consider the Opt-out program.

Our Opt-out program kicks off the first day of school and continues throughout the entire school year. This program allows parents to make a direct tax-deductible donation to the PTO in lieu of fundraising. Contributions also qualify for company-matching programs; just send in the paperwork and we'll take care of the rest. **Your participation is crucial and we hope you will join us!**

We wish all the students a successful and fulfilling school year. Please feel free to contact the PTO for questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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