

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to John Adams Middle School! We hope yours and your child's transition to the school, after the summer break, will be an easy one and we hope that you will be ready to help us make this year as successful and enjoyable as those in the past for our children and families.

- Please take the time to read all of the papers that are being sent home from the school and return any forms required as soon as possible.
- School supply lists are available on the school website <http://www.edison.k12.nj.us/Domain/11>

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 to do this: you can chair a committee...join a committee...work an event. You just need to choose what works for you. We all have hectic schedules, and unfortunately, "free" time is not often easy to come by. BUT, if we all work together...and do what works for each of us individually...it will balance out. What the students gain from all of us working together is priceless.

Please send us an email ([jamspto@gmail.com](mailto:jamspto@gmail.com)) if you can volunteer your time to assist us in any way.

Please remember that the PTO includes all students and families and any time that you can volunteer will be greatly appreciated. Working together is the only way we can continue to provide our children with the extras that the JAMS PTO has given in the past.

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 included in the weekly emails that will be sent. 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.

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.

Please feel free to contact the PTO for questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Pakhi Singh and Sowmya Hariharan  
On behalf of the JAMS PTO Executive Board

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