



## JWB & MCM MIDDLE SCHOOLS

2018-19 Announcements

**Please note a few of the changes for the upcoming year**

- We are proud to announce **Free Universal Breakfast and Lunch** for both Middle Schools.
- Breakfast will start at 7:25am.
- Homeroom/Class starts at **7:50**.
- The school day will be divided into a **9 period** day.
- Attendance plan
  - If your child arrives after 7:45 they will be considered late.
  - 5 absences or 5 tardies within a quarter will require mandatory 10th period.
- We are pleased to announce the introduction of a formal reading class in grades 5/6.

These changes will be discussed in detail during *Back To School Night*.  
Hope to see you there.

**Bailey:** September 20, 2018, 6:30 pm-8: 30 pm

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Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half of students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduate.

By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.

By 9<sup>th</sup> grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8<sup>th</sup> grade test scores.

Missing 10%, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.

Students can be chronically absent even if they miss a day or two every few weeks.

Academic impact is the same whether absences are excused or unexcused.