



# Jefferson Times

Home of the Wildcats

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Good Evening Amazing Jefferson Families,

We are entering our last week of school for 2022 and I hope that you have enjoyed the journey this year so far. We have had a wonderful first half of the year and are looking forward to even more amazing things in 2023!

I want to thank all of the families that came out to our CATS awards this past week. I truly love honoring and celebrating our students and it was so great to see you all there supporting your children. Our next CATS awards assembly will be in late March after Trimester 2 is complete. Hope to see you there.

Another big thank you to all of the families that came out to our Music Program Winter Concert last night. The concert was amazing and the students did such a phenomenal job. Look for more information on a Spring Concert later this school year.

I would like to honor two Jefferson students who recently competed at the San Joaquin County Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Praneet Kumaravel for earning 1st place in the 4th-6th grade division and Pranvi Rikkamalle for earning 2nd place in the 7th-9th grade division. We are so proud of these two amazing students and want to celebrate their accomplishments.

I am excited to share that we have started a new program where students and staff can send kind, uplifting messages to each other. Right now, you can view them on Jefferson School's website. Student are able to see some of them in the campus hallways and they will soon be looping on school monitors in the cafeteria and office soon. I encourage you to check out our website and see all of the beautiful messages from our students and staff. This has been a great way to spread kindness across the campus and I am excited to build on this as we move into the second half of the year.

Absent? We have a new email to streamline absence notifications. The next time your child(ren) are absent, please email [jeffersonattendance@jsdtracy.com](mailto:jeffersonattendance@jsdtracy.com) to notify the school. In addition, please visit our website [HERE](#) for our Daily Bulletin (morning announcements), Jefferson Times, Kind/Uplifting Messages, and more!

That's all for now. Have a great weekend and GO WILDCATS!!

*Jason Strickland*

Principal

# Upcoming Events

12/13 – JSD Board Mtg @ 6:30pm

12/16 – Ugly Sweater Spirit Day

12/19-1/2 – Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)

HAPPY NEW YEAR

1/3 – School resumes

1/4 – Minimum Day

1/6 – Mr. Strickland's Birthday & Villain Spirit Day

1/10 – JSD Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

1/11 – Minimum Day

1/16 - MLK Jr – NO SCHOOL

1/18 – Minimum Day

1/20 - Class Color Spirit Day & Rally

1/25 – Coffee & Conversation w/ Mr. Strickland

2/1 – Minimum Day

2/8 – Minimum Day

2/10 – Sports Spirit Day

2/13 – NO SCHOOL

2/14 – JSD Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

2/15 – Minimum Day

2/20 – President's Day – NO SCHOOL

2/22 – Minimum Day

2/24 – End of Trimester 2

Flannel Spirit Day

Winter Wonderland Dance 6-8pm

# Attendance



## Every Day Counts

Chronic absenteeism is a serious problem on our campus. Many students are absent or tardy on a regular basis and this has a huge impact on their learning. We want you to join us in making school attendance a high priority for your family. Remember, school is your child's first and most important job. Please support them by getting them here on time and scheduling appointments and vacations outside the school day.

## Drop Off/Pick Up



# Dress Code



## JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

ACCEPTABLE TOPS



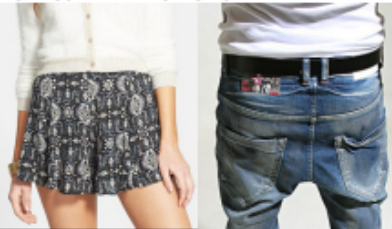
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# 52 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR CHILD SMARTER!



The ACBL Educational Foundation, creators of **BridgeWhiz™**, invite your kids to join a free, online beginning Bridge program that teaches young people the excitement of contract bridge.

- ◆ Bridge is a proven gateway to better concentration, focus, and reasoning, all scholastic benefits while your child is having fun playing with, and competing against, other kids.
- ◆ BridgeWhiz uses certified and background-verified bridge teachers. Students play in a secure area.

Playing bridge improved nearly everything for me, whether it's my brain, my mind, or my swiftness of eyeing the cards. ♠

- Dora J., 5th Grade

**Hurry! Winter classes begin  
January 17, 2023.**

**Register your children today  
at [BridgeWhiz.org](http://BridgeWhiz.org).**



The American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation (ACBLEF) is a nonprofit organization established in 2017.



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# 2022 Holiday Food Drive

## Brighter Christmas of Tracy

*Brighter Christmas of Tracy* is a non-profit group that provides food and toys to Tracy residents in need during the holidays.

### Jefferson School would like to help!

Please send items with your student or drop off your non-perishable, unexpired items between:

**NOVEMBER 14th - DECEMBER 14th**

*The food donations will be distributed to families on December 21st.*

Some common non-perishable items include:

- Canned Foods: meats like poultry and tuna, soups, stews, chili, gravy, sauces, pasta, fruits, vegetables, and beans
- Dried Goods: soup mixtures, pancake mix, tea bags, powdered milk, grains
- Potato chips
- Cereals
- Granulated sugar
- Peanut butter
- Syrup and honey
- Bottled Water
- Cheese or peanut butter crackers
- Beef jerky
- Applesauce
- Pudding
- Fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Power bars
- Cereal bars



Food items must be in a non-glass container.

Thank you for all of your help!

# 2022-2023 Jefferson School ASB Membership RE-OPENED

## ASB Membership

The ASB Membership provides admission to all athletic events and entry in giveaways of snacks and merchandise. For 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade students it includes admission to all dances, for 5th graders it includes admission to a 5th grade only dance in April. Individual dance tickets will not be sold.

**\$30:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades

**\$15:** 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Due to Jefferson School Office by Friday, December 16, 2022**

**CASH ONLY!!!**

Fill out and return the bottom portion of this sheet for ASB Membership – return to the school office!

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ASB Membership Order Form  
Return to Office by Friday, December 16th

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Core Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Membership (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Only)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Membership (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)

Please fill out a separate order form for each student.



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