

## STAY CONNECTED! JAMS Communication Tools

Here at JAMS there is a lot of information floating around through the year. We want to make sure you are informed and don't miss any of the important info being shared. The following list is designed to help you get acquainted with all the information pipelines we offer. If you take a little time to familiarize yourself with this list, you will find there are many ways for you to stay connected with what's going on in our school community.

On Campus/In Person	Information Provided	Where to Find It
PTSA Meetings	Parent Teacher Student Association meetings offer a wide variety of information, including school budgets, parent concerns, fundraising opportunities, student/parent resources, committee reports, principal reports, and district and community info.	In the library at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of every month
JAMS Counselors	Counselors can help your student with any issues at the school, provide guidance, and inform your child of student activities or groups they might be interested in or eligible for. Your child's counselor stays with them through all three years at JAMS, cycling through with each class.	JAMS Ph. 310-452-2326 6 <sup>th</sup> grade counselor: Negar Asiaban, <a href="mailto:nasiaban@smmusd.org">nasiaban@smmusd.org</a> , ext. 72207 7 <sup>th</sup> grade counselor: Liz Cowgill, <a href="mailto:lcowgill@smmusd.org">lcowgill@smmusd.org</a> , ext. 72216 8 <sup>th</sup> grade counselor: Laura Check, <a href="mailto:lcheck@smmusd.org">lcheck@smmusd.org</a> , ext. 72208
Coffee with the Principal	Grab a cup of coffee with our principal, Steve Richardson, and learn about things going on around campus.	In the library periodically; announcements will be made via the Dragon Dispatch and through email blasts/robocalls
Bilingual Community Liaison	Our community liaison is here for families facing hardships or needing assistance.	Nancy Gutierrez, <a href="mailto:ngutierrez@smmusd.org">ngutierrez@smmusd.org</a> , ext. 72222
Cafecito	Coffee, snacks, and the latest information. All are welcome!	Every Late Start Friday at 8:30 am outside the JAMS gate
ELAC (English Learners Advisory Committee)	Provides parents with information and resources to support their children in the education process and advises the school about the needs of English learners.	Meetings are held in the library at 6:30 on the fourth Thursday of every month
Volunteering	Opportunities occur throughout the year to interact with students by supervising during nutrition and lunch breaks, working at the Book Fair or the student store and more (Level 1) and chaperoning trips (Level 2).	If you would like to volunteer, contact Kathy McGrath at 310-452-2326, x 72212. You will need a TB screening interview and possibly a TB test to become a Level 1 volunteer. In order to be a Level 2 volunteer (chaperoning overnight trips or driving students), you need to get fingerprinted and cleared through SMMUSD. The SMMUSD volunteer contact is Christine Garrett (310-450-8338 x 70274).

<b>At Home/Digital</b>	<b>Information Provided</b>	<b>How to Get It</b>
Robocalls/emails	Periodic calls from Mr. Richardson inform families of any big announcements or last-minute news at JAMS; emails repeat the same information	Calls and emails go to the primary contacts submitted at registration. To change your primary phone number or email, contact Gwendolyn Bailey at <a href="mailto:gbailey@smmusd.org">gbailey@smmusd.org</a> or 310-452-2326 x72212
The Dragon Dispatch	Our digital newsletter is emailed every week and covers news on campus the following week, including schedules, meetings, signups, and more. A Spanish-language version is also provided through a link at the top.	If you are not receiving The Dragon Dispatch, send an email to <a href="mailto:jamsdragondispatch@gmail.com">jamsdragondispatch@gmail.com</a> with the subject line "SUBSCRIBE"
JAMS Website	Parent Handbook, bell schedules, student homework links, parent portal, PTSA homepage, JAMS & SMMUSD yearly calendar, staff directory, campus map, and more.	<a href="http://www.adams.smmusd.org/">http://www.adams.smmusd.org/</a>
JAMS Science Magnet Website	Contains Science Magnet requirements and information about seminars, Robovikings robotics club, science trips, and other opportunities.	<a href="http://jamsscience magnet.org/">http://jamsscience magnet.org/</a>
JAMS Science Magnet email updates	Periodic email updates inform parents about events and opportunities at the Science Magnet	To get on the email list, send a request to Science Magnet Board President Aimée Koeplin at <a href="mailto:board@jamsscience magnet.org">board@jamsscience magnet.org</a>
"John Adams Middle School Discussions" group on Facebook	Allows you to post and read other people's posts about everything going on at JAMS. You can ask questions and receive answers from other parents or even teachers or counselors.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/JohnAdamsMS/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/JohnAdamsMS/</a> Just ask to join the group, answer two questions verifying that you have a child at the school, and the admin will let you in
Illuminate Home Connection	Check your student's grades periodically and make sure there are no missing assignments. You also need to register your student through this parent portal.	<a href="https://smmusd.illuminatehc.com/login">https://smmusd.illuminatehc.com/login</a> When your child first started at JAMS, you should have received a unique code to create your parent Illuminate account (students also have access to Illuminate, but the accounts are different). If you do not have a parent Illuminate account, please call the school and someone will be happy to help you.