



## JEMS 126 NEWSLETTER

### DECEMBER: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE!

**Student Spotlight:** At our school-wide Spelling Bee in November, students Sumaya (8<sup>th</sup> grade), Jayla (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and Sakaia (6<sup>th</sup> grade) took the prize for top spellers in their grade. Finalists will be moving on to the district Spelling Bee! G-O-E-A-G-L-E-S!

**There are 17 school days in December, and every one of them is important!** This month students will showcase their talents they've been honing in their DEALS clubs. They'll also complete benchmark assessments that will let them know, along with their teachers and families, how much they have learned thus far and where they need to grow in 2026. We look forward to celebrating these strides in the weeks ahead.

**This year, the school's instructional focus is about using data to meet students' needs through WIN classes, station teaching and whole class instruction.** It's crucial for students to reflect on what they are learning and how confident they feel, in order to motivate them to learn even more. There are several tools families can use to have conversations with their students and their students' teachers about progress. Our online grade book, [Jupiter](#), is updated every week and allows teachers and families to directly communicate with each other. Many teachers use [Google Classroom](#) to post assignments and reminders to their classes. The NYC Public School's [NYCSA site](#) allows families access to report cards, attendance and other important information. If you need support gaining access to any or all of these, don't hesitate to reach out to us – let's get connected and stay connected!

A sincere thank you to all families who contributed to our food drive last month. If you would like to continue to contribute non-perishable goods or new clothing and merchandise to our Sunshine Care Closet or if you would like to visit the space to take home free items please contact Ms. Diaz or the PTA executive board.

**VALUE of the MONTH:**  
This month's value is **EXCELLENCE**. Excellence is performing to the best of your ability, striving to grow, and bringing out the best in others.

**Upcoming:** We'll hold the December PTA meeting the morning of December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:20 in the school library. The team will also finalize plans for the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the sponsored lunch and gift give away as part of our monthly Eagle Spirit Day.

**Ask your child about...**

- What personal strength do you have that drives your success?
- What goal do you have for marking period 2 based on your marking period 1 report card?