



JEMS 126 NEWSLETTER

JANUARY: ACCOUNTABILITY IN 2026!

Student Spotlight: Shark Week at JEMS 126 – Students in 8th grade completed a small shark dissection as part of their Regents Biology lab course. These hands on learning experiences help solidify new content from their units of study.

Happy New Year JEMS 126 Families! 2026 promises to be a year of new challenges overcome and new heights met. After seeing a dip in overall school attendance in December, we hope that all of our students come back stronger and more energized than ever to meet their goals and celebrate their accomplishments this month.

This month gives students several opportunities to reflect on their progress and monitor their goals. In the coming weeks, students will complete their “Middle of Year” diagnostics in Reading and Math. We will share results with you and your students the week after testing concludes and you will be able to see progress made since the beginning of the year. In addition, the marking period ends January 23rd. This will mark the halfway point in the school year as Marking Period 1 and 2 make up 50% of your student’s promotion criteria. If you would like to schedule a conference with the school to review progress after this month, don’t hesitate to reach out. Students who have 100% attendance in January and show growth on their diagnostics will be first in line for our new student designed spirit sweatshirts given out in February.

Home Loaner Laptop Update: This month we will be sending home contracts for students to take home a new Chromebook to support with learning outside the school hours or in the event of a remote day. If you currently have a borrowed device from the school, you can trade it in for a new replacement. We hope that this further removes any barriers students have to fulfilling their commitments and staying accountable to their learning.

VALUE of the MONTH:
This month’s value is
ACCOUNTABILITY –
Accountability is taking
responsibility for your
actions and choices, and
accepting the results—
whether they’re good or bad

UPCOMING: Students who are eligible, will be visiting the Museum of Modern Art and the Museum of Natural History this month – please reach out to Ms. Peggy with questions or if you need new permission slips. Join us for our PTA Meeting, January 22nd.

ASK YOUR CHILD....

- Have you taken responsibility for the effort you have put in thus far this year?
- What is a change you want to make in the new year to best meet your personal goals?