Greetings TJMS Families,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. I would like to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year at The Premier STEAM Middle School in Maryland! Our theme for this school year is “Growing Together!”

As many of you may already know, the first semester of school will be held in a full distance learning format. While this is a change from our traditional school format we are committed to ensuring that this school year is a great one for our entire school community! In order for us to be successful, we will “grow together” as we navigate distance learning!

Below are some important items to assist you with preparing your student(s) for the upcoming school year.

**School Hours:** 9:30 am to 4:10 pm. Please click on the attached link to access a draft of our school schedule

TJMS School Schedule (DRAFT)

**School Supplies:** Below is a list of suggested school supplies for students

- Scissors
- Pencils with erasers
- Pencil Sharpener
- Ruler
- Glue Bottle
- Glue Stick(s)
- Colored Pencils and/or Crayons
- Water Based Markers
- 3 Ring Binder *(to be shared for all classes)*
- Loose Leaf Lined Paper
- Composition Books or Spiral Notebooks
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- 3-Hole Pocket Folder
- Highlighters
- Post it Notes
- Index Cards
- Pens

Distribution of Instructional Materials: The week of August 24th will be designated for the initial distribution of Instructional Materials. Details will be forthcoming regarding the specific date and time for students to pick up materials for instruction.

Please click on the link below is your student is in need of a Chromebook for distance learning

Chromebook Request Form

Nationally, there has been a high demand for the procurement of electronic devices, which has resulted in delay of receiving them for PGCPS. We have placed an order for our students and are awaiting delivery. If your child is currently utilizing a personal device in the home, we ask that they continue to do so until our order is received. We anticipate that additional devices will be available by September 21, 2020. Once received, you will be notified and a date and time will be scheduled for you to pick up a device. Your understanding is appreciated.

TJMS Town Hall: On August 20th at 6 pm, we will host a TJMS Town Hall. I will share more information with you regarding the TJMS Reopening Plan. Please click on the link below to register for the session.

TJMS Town Hall Registration

PTSA Executive Board: We are looking forward to relaunching the PTSA at Thomas Johnson MS. Please fill out the recommendation form below if you would like to serve or would like to recommend someone to serve on the 2020-2021 PTSA Executive Board.

TJMS Executive Board Recommendation

6th Grade/Mock Orientation (Grades 7-8): On August 28th, we will host our “virtual” orientation for our 6th Grade students. We will also hold a mock day of instruction for our 7th and 8th Grade students. More details will be forthcoming regarding our orientation day.
**Locker Closeout:** Due to on-going construction in the building, we have had to delay our Locker Closeout process for students. We plan to begin the closeout process for our SY 19-20 8th Grade students next week. We will then provide dates for our rising 7th and 8th grade students to be able to collect personal items for their lockers. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

**Communication:** Our communication through this reopening process will be on-going. We will utilize the following media to communicate with parents:

- Blackboard Connect (Robocall)
- School Website
- TJMS Official Twitter Account (@tjmsofficial)

Thank you for your time and we look forward to “growing together” this school year!

Sincerely,

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