



Chief Joseph Elementary School Family Bulletin 12.13.2022

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community where we make
learning creative and fun!*

All School News

On Friday, December 16th we are going to have a school wide pajama day! If your child would like to participate, send them to school in their most comfy pajamas!

As a reminder Winter Break is coming up and the school is closed Dec 19, 2022 to Jan 2, 2023 . Here is a list of student and family resources through the [McKinney-Vento Program](#) for help during the break. We hope you have a great winter break and fabulous new year!

Our wonderful Specials team (Ms. Mazur, Ms. Hall and Ms. Duncan) here at CJES have put together a fun activity schedule to help our students stay busy during the holiday break! [Holiday Break Activities](#).

Health Information

If you would like to opt into free weekly COVID testing, there is still time! PPS has partnered with OHSU to offer PCR covid testing during the 2022-2023 academic year. Sign up online here: <https://www.ohsu.edu/health/k-12-covid-19-screening-program>. Test drop off for Chief Joseph is on Tuesday mornings, and alternate locations are available if you miss drop off at school.

We'd also like to remind everyone of the Oregon Department of Education's guidelines on when to keep your child home sick. Please visit [Communicable Disease Guidance \(oregon.gov\)](#).

The Multnomah County Health department will be holding vaccination clinics on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information please click on the following flyers: [Vaccination Flyer](#)
[Spanish Vaccination Flyer](#).

[Student Health Center Winter Break Schedule:](#)

During winter break, the only student health center that will be open

Upcoming Dates

12.13.2022, Tuesday
Black Parent Affinity
CJES Library 5:30-7pm

12.19.22-01.02.2023
No school, Winter Break

01.11.2023, Wednesday
PTO Meeting
CJES Cafeteria doors open
at 6pm, Meeting from
6:30-7:30pm

01.16.2023, Monday
**No School, Martin Luther
King Jr. Day**

01.24.2023, Tuesday
Black Parent Affinity
CJES Library 5:30-7pm

is the Parkrose student health center. The hours for winter break are:

- December 19 - December 30th - Open 8:45am to 4:45pm
- December 26, 2022 - Closed
- January 2, 2023 - Closed

Call 503-998-3392 to schedule or drop in at 12003 NE Shaver St.

All other student health centers are closed during the break.

Library



I am sending my sincere gratitude for making our Book Fair an outstanding success! Thanks to your contributions, we exceeded our goal of selling over 1,000 books to our families during the Book Fair! We raised over \$4,000 in Scholastic Dollars for our school, which we'll use to purchase new books for the Library. We also collected more than \$1,000 for All for Books™. Between the All for Books Penny Challenge and family book donations to our teachers, we were able to provide our teachers and students with 248 books! Thank you for your continued support for our Chief Joseph community!

Counselor's Corner

Hello families,

I wanted to remind you all that I will be starting my maternity leave after winter break. We have a great support staff who will be here to support you and your children while I am out. Jennifer Pettit, will be my substitute. You may remember her from the office as she was our secretary for many years. In case you need anything during this time, please reach out to any of the support team members listed below!

Em Rochford, Social Worker, erochford@pps.net, 971-716-5841 (cell)

- Student support and resource navigation

Jennifer Pettit, Counseling Substitute, jpettit@pps.net

- Student support

Jennifer Whitaker, School Climate Specialist, jwhitaker@pps.net

- Student support

Amber Gerber, Principal, agerber@pps.net

- 504 questions

Additionally, 5th grade families if you are interested in the middle school lottery the application deadline is December 16th. More information can be found [here](#).

Take care,

Lynn Preslar / epreslar@pps.net / 503.916.6234

Backpack Program

We are in need of extra food! We receive pre-packed bags from [Portland Backpack](#), which contain

enough food for 2 days of breakfast and lunch. We would love to have enough extra meals on hand to add in the bags for 3 day weekends and longer breaks. Suggested items include:

- Canned tuna or chicken
- Pop Top Soup (Chicken Noodle!)
- Peanut butter
- Granola bars
- Mac and Cheese/Knorr Sides

Any donations can be brought to the front office and are greatly appreciated!

Here are the signup links for weekly donations of fresh fruit, and to volunteer to help distribute the food bags:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44aeab2fa1f49-fruit>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44aeab2fa1f49-packing>

Email backpack@chiefjosephschool.org for more information

TAG

NEW! Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department

Ask questions and receive information related to TAG identification, services, processes, etc.

We will meet on Zoom, 6:00-7:00 PM on, 1/25/23, 2/22/23, 3/22/23, 4/26/23, and 5/31/23.

[Zoom link](#) for Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department

We look forward to seeing you!

PTO Update

Mark your calendars! Our Next PTO meeting is Jan 11, 2022. We will meet in the cafeteria (enter on the south side of the building). Doors open at 6pm with a meal provided, and the meeting will be 6:30-7:30pm. If you are unable to attend, we will take notes and will post on our website once they are finalized.

Holiday Giving Tree for Families in Backpack Program

This holiday season the PTO has purchased Fred Meyer gift cards that will be sent home to families participating in the backpack program. These gift cards will help families purchase food, household items and possibly even some gifts. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help support the giving tree, or other programs you can donate online here:

<https://sites.google.com/chiefjosephschool.org/pto/>

We are also always collecting food donations at the school throughout the year. Donations can be made throughout the year and we are always looking to supplement the shelf stable items with fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas, pears) If you're interested sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44aeab2fa1f49-fruit>.

We have also partnered with the following local business partners to collect food donations through December 14th.

- Mayfly Taproom
- Arbor Beer Lodge

We appreciate your generous support and the support of our community partners.

Volunteer Coordinator Update and upcoming volunteer needs!

Hello Dear Chief Joseph Elementary Volunteers!

I am so excited to share with you all the opportunities coming up! Some of them are recurring positions, meaning that you can help in a few or all the days, but NOT that you are expected to take all the shifts. For this reason click on the SignUp link and take the positions that work for you.

- **Reading Buddies** - Many of us have been waiting for this moment when we will be able to help inside the classroom! Third grade teachers need volunteers to come in and listen to students read to them. There are six daily positions divided in two shifts: Three people from 10-10:30 am and three more from 11:30-11:55 am. This is a recurring position that will need help from now until the end of the school year. Please click [here](#) to sign up.
- **Staff Holiday Breakfast** - On Friday December 16 the school staff will have their yearly breakfast and could use about 6 volunteers to run the cafeteria and morning mile from 8:10-8:35 so all staff could be present. Please click [here](#) to sign up.

Thank you so much everyone for adding to our school! Please share with friends and family if they would like to volunteer - just make sure everyone has the PPS Background Check all cleared.

With much gratitude,

Fernanda Menda Rege
Volunteer Coordinator
Chief Joseph Elementary School
cell: 860-268-7371

The School Nurse needs our help!

There is still a need from the school nurse for additional clothes for when kids get wet or dirty. If you have clothes in good, used condition, consider donating them to the office. Specific needs are:

- Larger size kid clothes or small to medium adult clothes would be helpful
- Coats - consider donating any extras you have around or ones that children have outgrown
- Shoes - size 3 and larger shoes

There is still space in some of the after School Programs!

Ukulele lessons with Vibe of Portland! - You can still sign up for this program - there are still 5 more classes. Drop in classes are also available, with a daily rate of \$20. Grades 3 - 5. [Click here](#) for more info and registration!

There is still room in some of the afterschool programs starting in January!

- **Portland Early Learning Project** - Spanish classes on **Friday's at Chief Joseph Elementary starting** Fri, Jan 6, 2023 - May 26, 2023. [Sign up here](#)
- **Mad Science @ Chief Joseph** - Natural Wonders Afterschool Program (Monday, January 23, 2023 - Monday, March 20, 2023). [Sign up online here](#)
- **The Children's Theater Camp is currently full** - [Waitlist is available](#).