

# Welcome back to Jasper Middle School

**Jasper Middle School**  
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## Welcome Back from your Principal!

Welcome to Jasper Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year. The beginning of school is always an exciting time. We look forward to welcoming our newest Dragons as well as our returning Dragons. JMS encourages families to be involved in school – whether in person or virtually. We are here together and will work together to provide the best possible school experiences for all of our students.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we are especially

ready to see the smiling faces of our students! While we are living in a temporary new normal, we will focus on the health and well-being of all of our students and staff. This is an exciting time for JMS students as we continue to build on the foundation created in elementary school, preparing our students for all that is ahead. I look forward to a great year and getting to know many new students and families. It is important to remember that we are not an elementary school, but we are also not a junior high school. We are the bridge between the two, and look forward to working with our students to best prepare them for the present and the future.

## What we want our Parents to know

While beginning a new school can be a tad bit scary, we want all of our parents to know a couple of important things that will make the transition a little easier.

First, make certain you know where morning and afternoon drop-off will take place. This year, both drop-off and pick-up will occur on Stegall Drive, in front of the school. There will be signs and staff members to assist in directing traffic.

Secondly, the fifth-

grade/sixth-grade combination allows students to gain more independence and freedom. We are not an elementary school nor a junior high – we are the best of both worlds. We are working to develop students academically as well as socially.

We are here to serve our students and their families. If you have questions, a concern, or something positive to share, let us know. We are here to support you and your child. You can call the school or email your child's teacher or administrator. By working together, we can make the middle school experience a positive one for your child and your family.

## What we want our Students to know

We know there are mixed emotions in leaving your elementary school and coming to a new school. Do not worry; your friends feel the same way! JMS is the first time all elementary students come together in one building. This is a time to make new friends and meet new people. It is a time to try new things, and just know that we have teachers, administrators and a counselor here to help you.

## Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

Morning car rider drop-off AND afternoon car rider pick-up for students will be in front of the school. Morning drop-off will begin at 7:45 a.m. Afternoon pick-up will begin at 3:30 p.m. For both drop-off and pick-up, parents will need to pull down to the gym stairs. Students will load and unload at the front sidewalk. Staff members will be present to assist students. Parents are asked not to exit their vehicles during the process.

After the initial drop-off and pick-up routines are established, students remaining after 4 p.m. will be sent to the afterschool program. Please be patient during the first couple of weeks of school as we work through this process.

## What's New at JMS This Year?

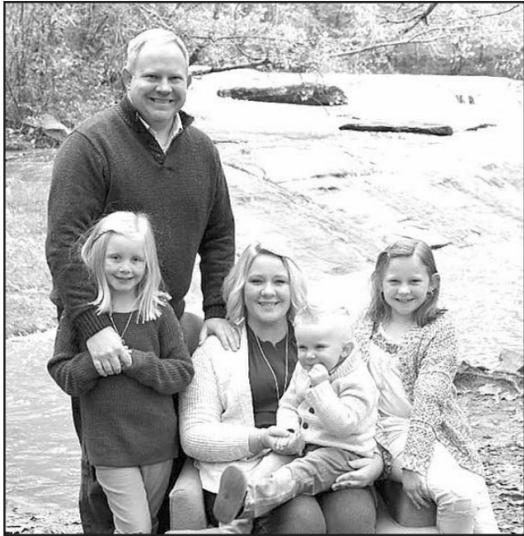
This year, we are able to provide classrooms for all students in the main portion of our school building. We will not have students transitioning from one building to another. All students will have two connections classes each day. The connections classes will last 9 weeks, and students will attend those classes each day during that

period. Please also see the COVID-19 Safety Measures that will be taken at JMS to provide the safest environment as possible for our students and staff.

At JMS, we will focus on positive behavior recognition and social-emotional learning. Students will be divided into one of four houses and the house with the most points at the end of each 9 weeks will earn a House celebration. We will also be implementing a social-emotional learning software called Suite 360 to allow students and parents to learn about various topics to support the development of the whole child. We have a Parent Resource Center in the front office area with games, activities, and information on how parents can help their students at home. These resources are free to sign out.

## Our Theme for 2020-21

This year's theme for JMS will be learning through experiences. If we think back to our days in school, we remember the learning experiences we had. The staff of JMS will work to provide those great learning experiences for our students this year in order to build leaders for tomorrow.



# Welcome back to Tate Elementary School

**Tate Elementary School**  
5630 Highway 53 East  
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Phone: 706-253-1860  
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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
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**Assistant Principal** – Mr. Dale Spencer  
**Counselor** – Dr. Michelle Stangline  
**Academic Coach** – Mrs. Ann Long

## Welcome Back from your Principal!



I want to officially welcome all of you to the 2020-2021 school year! For those of you who are new to our school, I want you to know that you are coming to an absolutely wonderful place. I had the honor of moving to Tate as Principal four years ago. The teachers and staff at Tate are caring, innovative, and always learning something new for the benefit of their students. We are a collaborative and driven group of educators who strive to have our students reach their highest potential.

I look forward to meeting our new students and seeing our ones from last year. I am excited to continue our partnership to ensure a productive and fun educational experience for your children. I believe that building strong relationships between home and school is a key factor in increasing student achievement. As your child's principal, my door is always open and I welcome your input. My goal for Tate Elementary School is a simple one. I want every child to feel

loved, safe, accepted, successful, and prepared for the next level. I'm hopeful that our families will feel welcome, respected, and will become our partner in their child's education. Lastly, I want our staff to feel highly valued and respected by all stakeholders as they persistently work to ensure the success of every child at Tate Elementary. The mission of Tate Elementary School is Teaching All To achieve Excellence (TATE).

## What we want our Parents to know

We place great value on being united with the parents and guardians whose children we care for, nurture, and love each day. As parents of our students, we want you to know three things about our school:

- 1) We strongly believe that parental involvement is an essential component to student success, as research continues to show a strong correlation between increased involvement and high student success;
- 2) Tate's student population and family atmosphere allows each member of our faculty and staff to take a personal interest in each of our students.
- 3) We strive to provide instruction that challenges each student to reach their full academic potential whether we are working to close gaps in skills or extend beyond the required standards.

## What we want our Students to know

Our students are outstanding! We want them to know and understand some important things before our year begins:

- 1) We hold high expectations for our students in both academics and behavior.
- 2) We will provide a learning environment where students can feel safe to take academic risks and learn from their successes and mistakes.
- 3) If you never try, you will never succeed. Stumbling is how we learn.

## Shining New Faces at Tate

## Elementary

We have amazing teachers at Tate Elementary School. This year we are adding a few new members to our staff. Joining us this year is Whitney Poag in 1st grade, Amanda Lo in 3rd grade, and Angie Wright in 4th grade. We welcome these new staff members! TES staff is ready for a fantastic year and look forward to all the great things that will take place this year

## Our Daily Routine

Early Morning care begins at 7:30 a.m.  
Learning begins at 8:30 each day.  
Doors open for drop-off at 7:55 a.m.  
Breakfast will be served from 7:55 a.m. until 8:25 a.m. daily  
Car Rider dismissal will begin at 3:30 p.m.  
Early Bus Rider dismissal will begin at 3:30 p.m.  
Bus Rider dismissal will begin at 3:45 p.m.

## Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

Before-School Morning Care – Before-School care will be located in the gym. Parents who wish for their student to participate in the before-school care must walk their student into the gym from 7:30 – 7:55 a.m. Students must be signed-in by an adult.

Regular Drop-off – Doors will open at 7:55 for students and will remain open until 8:30. Drop-off will begin at 7:55 a.m. in front of the building. The lane furthest from the building will be used for drop-off. School personnel will be on duty to assist and monitor students, as well as the traffic.

Car Rider Dismissal – Pick-up will begin at 3:30 p.m. in front of the building. Both lanes will be utilized for the purpose of expedience. Cones will be placed near the cafeteria to indicate where the first cars in each row will begin the pick-up process. Students' names will be called and when the students are in the vehicles, a school staff member will release the

cards one late at a time.

We kindly ask that parents be attentive when dropping-off and picking-up students, avoiding distractions which may draw your attention away from the movement of students, adults, and other traffic. Our goal is to keep everyone safe!

## Parent – Teacher Organization

If you are looking for a way to get involved at Tate Elementary, please join our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). We all depend on our PTO! Get involved and help

make a difference here at TES!

## Morning Care and After-School Programs

Before-School Morning Care is free. This will be located in the gym. You must walk to the outside gym doors and sign your child in each day. Before school care will begin at 7:30 a.m.

After-School Program is \$7 if paid in advance or \$9 if paid on the day care is provided. After-School runs from 3:30 until 6:00 daily. We do provide a snack to students who participate. Stop by the front office to

register or sign-up at Open House.

## Let's Connect!

Our website is <http://tateele.pickens.k12.ga.us/> Find us on Facebook: Tate Elementary



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