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*Jasper Elementary*  
**December NEWSLETTER**

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Is this real life? I literally cannot believe that the first semester is almost over. There have been so many good things happening within Jasper Elementary over the last 4 months that I would be here all day trying to type them out. The one thing I will tell you is that our students growth whether it be academically or socially is staggering. I have seen Kindergarteners that were scared to enter the building the first month of school become individual leaders within their own classroom. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders truly thrive in the classroom due to their determination and perseverance. 4th, 5th, and 6th graders grow into leaders of the school and setting positive examples for our younger classes. It is eye opening to see so much change in just a short amount of time and leaves me wondering what limits will they exceed in the next 4 months?

I do want to take a second and thank/brag on the folks who keep this place running without a hitch every single day. Our teachers are the most dedicated, inspiring, and driven group of individuals that I have had the pleasure of working with. They spend countless hours lesson planning, grading, and developing curriculum to ensure that our kids are given every opportunity to grow and be successful when they walk out of these doors for good. Me saying thank you is not enough, but I am not quite sure anything would be.

To our support staff: secretaries, paras, food service crew, custodians, and maintenance, this place would fall to the ground without you here each and every day. You have thankless jobs and never expect anything in return but without you there is no Jasper Elementary.

I do want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope Santa stops off at everyone's house and you all enjoy your time with family friends!

With that being said, the rest of this month is going to be a busy one!

- **Dec 10:** Christmas Cheer Performance Practice-3:30-5:30 (Performance will be at half time), Christmas Shop will begin, 8 Days of Giving Starts: Fuzzy Socks/Sweaters Day.
- **Dec 11:** Christmas Shop/8 Days: Favorite stuffed animal day
- **Dec 12:** Elementary Christmas Choir Tour/Christmas Shop/8 Days: Wear red and white
- **Dec 13:** Christmas Shop/8 Days: Christmas PJ day
- **Dec 17:** 6th Grade Choir Christmas Program @ 6:30 Jasper Christian Church/8 Days; Wear Red and Green
- **Dec 18:** 8 Days: Ugly Sweater Day
- **Dec 19:** K-5 Christmas Program @ 6:00/8 Days: Wear flannel or plaid
- **Dec 20:** Christmas Parties @ 2/8 Days: Wear white, silver, and gold.

#### **Important Reminders:**

- During this time of year the weather can be very....interesting. Please be sure to send your students to school with the appropriate clothing/coats. Even though it may be 60's in the morning we all know it can be down to the 30's in the afternoon.
- Christmas break will begin on Dec 23 and go on until January 7 for students.
- Student attendance is extremely important. If a student will be absent or tardy for any reason, please call the school at 417-394-2301. You may call and leave a message at any time. Any student that arrives later than 7:55 am will go to the office for an admittance slip. Chronic attendance issues (absences and/or tardies) will be referred to the principal. **Help your student be successful by attending school!**
- Please keep an eye on students lunch accounts, if your child is in the red please try to get this balance paid off and money in their account as soon as possible.

