

# Melba Jr/Sr High School

Sept. 2019



## WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE JR/SR HIGH?

The first month of school has gone very well! It is hard to believe that we are already starting our 4th week of school. In September we will be doing some very important benchmark testing. The first is with a District-wide program that is called Iready. These benchmark tests will help us know how much each student understands in Math and Language Arts. We will then administer these tests again 3 more times throughout the year so that we can see how much each students has grown. This will help us as a school to see what components and strategies we might need to address or what parts of our curriculum might need to be reviewed to help our students improve. This testing will be done in the middle of September during students' 3rd period. Every student in the Jr/Sr High School will take the benchmark assessments.

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## SILVER CITY TRIP

This year we will resume our 8th grade field trip to Silver City. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn about the unique history and geology that exists right here in their hometown! This trip is also a great opportunity for our 8th grade teachers to work together. The trip will serve as the final project for Science, Literature, and English class. The teachers collaborate to make this trip a valuable educational experience. If you are the parent of an eighth grade student you will soon be receiving a permission slip. Watch for it to come home.



### SPORTS CALENDAR

<b>Football</b>	@ Homedale	9/06
	@ Parma	9/13
	Vs. CVC	9/27
<b>Volleyball</b>	@ NC	9/05
	@ Parma	9/07
	@ CVC	9/10
	Vs. Vision	9/12
	@ Marsing	9/17
	Vs. NP	9/19
	@ McCall	9/24
	@ HHS	9/26
<b>Cross Country</b>		
	@ Weiser	9/05
	@ Nyssa	9/11
	@ Vandal	9/17
	@ WIC	9/25
JRH VB	—Tuesdays and Thursdays	
JRH FB	—9/5, 9/10, 9/18, 9/25	

### OTHER EVENTS

- 9/11—Sept. 11th commemoration
- 9/17—IReady window opens
- 9/18—19—Silver City Trip



## WHAT'S GOING ON? STAY INFORMED

Facebook: Melba  
School District

Twitter:  
@MelbaMustangs

Web:  
[www.msd136.org](http://www.msd136.org)

If you would like to receive text messages please make sure that the office has your number.

*Mission Statement—Learning with purpose. Students will be college and Career ready.*

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Eric Forsgren—Principal

Larry Lincoln—Vice Principal

Casey Clark—Activities Director

Colleen O'Sullivan—Counselor

Shanna Nelson—Administrative Assistant

Marlene Jameson—Administrative Assistant

### COUNSELOR CORNER

With one year under my belt at Melba I am excited to connect more with the students and their families. This year I will begin a monthly Coffee with the Counselor for parents to meet with me to answer questions about academic planning, post-secondary options, and various other topics and trends. The first Coffee with the Counselor will be Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:15-8:00 am and will happen every third Thursday of the month through the end of the year. I look forward to seeing you in the library.

Dual credit is gaining momentum and more and more students are earning their GEM certification or Associates degree by their high school graduation. College of Western Idaho will be on campus Thursday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> to meet with any and all students interested in taking dual credit class, or already taking classes. This is a great chance to learn more about dual credit, and plan to reach your student's academic goals.

The leadership class has expressed an interest in mentoring junior high students to help make their junior and senior high school experience successful. Look for more information to come home inviting your child to participate. Leadership students will meet with a small group of students to do weekly activities with the supervision of myself.

I hope the year is off to a successful start for your family, I look forward to another successful year.

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