

# JSH NEWS

## Justice Sotomayor House Newsletter

MS 180X Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Middle School of the Arts

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### Upcoming JSH Events:

**December 10** - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Coding Trip at the Apple Store. \*Select Students.

**December 17** - Colvin/JSH Family Paint and Sip Cider 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Register today to hold your spot.

<https://forms.gle/heo3CMCQDgdCyw448>

**December 19** - JSH Winter Wonderland Annual Food Share Pds 6-8. Please sign up and plan to send in a dish:

<https://tingurl.com/bddm75yv>

**Tuesday, December 23 - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ONLY**

AMC Movie Trip to see "Avatar."



HAPPY  
*Holidays*



Stay in touch:

Connect with us: <https://www.ms180x.org>



\*RISE\* RESILIENCE\* INTEGRITY\* SCHOLARSHIP\* EMPOWERMENT\*

1,2,3,4, ALL RISE for SOTOMAYOR!

We are JSH! \*Failure is a GREAT Teacher!\*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

High School Applications DUE  
Wednesday, December 3rd

Your Senior contract and  
first payment is now...



Senior Sweatshirts are  
being distributed this  
month! Don't miss out.  
Submit your dues and  
contracts to Ms. Yemmer  
in Rm 210. Parents must  
complete the hard copy  
AND the form link below.

<https://forms.gle/jKpMYwX1SWd26wsG8>



## UPCOMING SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS

- \* Wednesday, December 3 - **Broadway ALADDIN** (Select Students)
- \* **December 8 - 18th - House Challenge - "DECK THE HALLS"**
- \* Thursday, December 11 - Elementary School Tour
- \* Saturday, December 13 - Quest 2 the TEST
- \* Wednesday, December 17 - Gr. 7 Dave & Busters: *PBIS Select Students*
- \* Saturday, December 20 - Holiday Showcase Rehearsals at Truman H.S.
- \* Monday, December 22- **ARTS Holiday Showcase at Truman H.S.**  
Daytime - Students ONLY; Evening 6:00 PM Families Welcome
- \* **December 24 - January 4- Winter Recess; NO SCHOOL**



**The Dentist Visits**  
12/2, 12/3, 12/5



[www.myschooldentist.com/7ED7BD.schsm](http://www.myschooldentist.com/7ED7BD.schsm)



**The Vision Dr. is in**  
12/12, 12/18, 12/19



<https://form.jotform.com/253173528076156>

## Holiday dress down days!



**Friday 12/19**  
Holiday Pajamas



**Monday 12/22**  
Ugly Holiday Sweater



**Tuesday 12/23**  
A Grinchy Green Day





## A message from Principal Williams

As we move into the holiday season, we have so much to be thankful for. In November, we joined as a community to celebrate the 2025 Senior Step Up. Each year, we gather and celebrate our seniors. In the ceremony we admonish them to display our core values each day- Resilience, Integrity, Scholarship, and Empowerment.

Also thank you to all the families that came out to launch the "Our Family Reads Initiative." We hope to partner this year with families and foster a culture of reading everywhere. As I often say, teaching happens here, but learning happens everywhere. My passion for reading began as a four-year-old. I remember when I read my first book (Where the Wild Things are) as I saw the joy in my mother's eyes! Great readers learn a love for reading from their community. So, the goal of this initiative is to celebrate and foster families reading together. Mr. Dicker and Ms. Henry will be hosting events and celebrating reading success at home. So grab a book and join us!

As you receive this message, we have just concluded our collection for the Jamaica Hurricane Relief efforts. Much of the Caribbean was devastated by the recent hurricane. We wish as a school community we could do more for everyone impacted by the storm. However, we selected to focus on Jamaica, because many of our students have families that were directly impacted by the tragedy. Thank you for your kind donations.

It is my hope that you have a happy holiday season. Please see our calendar for the many December celebrations, spirit days, **and look out for our December Attendance Challenge for 100% and most improved students!**



DECEMBER 2025

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## Counselors' Corner



8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor, Mr. Spires

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Get in the practice of letting go of who you think you're supposed to be and embracing who you are. You'll feel much better about yourself.



7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor, Mr. Baskh

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I encourage open communication about your student's academic and social-emotional well-being, and I am available to help. Together, we can work to make this a successful and positive year.



6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor, Ms. Hodge

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As we head into the holiday season, remember that being in school every day is important for keeping up with classes, staying connected with friends and teachers, and building habits that will help you succeed.

## Housekeeping Items



### CELL PHONES / YONDR

- All scholars received a contract that must be signed by a parent/guardian. The letter explains the specifics of the program and the how scholars will access their phones at the end of the school day.

**If a phone is taken, a parent/guardian must come into the building to retrieve it.**

### Dress 4 Success!

- ALL students are expected to wear a uniform, every day. This includes a collared shirt and khaki bottoms.
- Gym uniform consists of a plain gray shirt (no graphics/writing) or the house gym shirt with gray or black sweatpants.

**NO Crop tops, Crocs, Leggings, Shorts, etc.**

\*\*\*Dancers must change into their clothing for rehearsal.\*\*\*

