



# School City of Mishawaka

## John Young Middle School

C. Mike Fisher, Principal  
Ashley Litwin, Assistant Principal  
Courtney Koszyk, Interim Assistant Principal

### Principal's Welcome Letter

Dear Jaguar Community,

Greetings! My name is Mike Fisher, your Principal at John Young Middle School. I am pleased to be joined by Ashley Litwin and Courtney Koszyk to make up the JYMS Administrative Team. Miss Litwin will serve as our 7th grade Assistant Principal, as well as, Athletic Director for JYMS. Mrs. Koszyk will be replacing Mr. Babcock and serve as our 8th grade Assistant Principal. Congratulations to Mr. Babcock on his new position as Principal at LaSalle Elementary. Mrs. Koszyk has had much success serving our elementary students in School City of Mishawaka. Together our Administration Team brings a wealth of experience from both the elementary and high school levels which will help bridge the gap for our students during their middle school years.

We are thrilled to start the new school year at JYMS and look forward to working with students, staff, parents, and community members to help all Jaguars become successful lifelong learners. We have many new and exciting programs to introduce at JYMS. We are expanding our "Gateway" Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program in 2016 for all students at JYMS. This year all 7th grade students will be introduced to design and modeling through PLTW. Our 8th grade students will be introduced to engineering, computer coding, and biomedical concepts which can be further studied in the Project Lead the Way programs at Mishawaka High School.

Our Administrative Team and dedicated staff are looking forward to a great year of academic and personal growth. We are determined to build on the academic strides made in recent years and continue to help our students learn skills to become lifelong learners. We serve a diverse group of about 750 students in grades 7-8. Our staff of over 90 teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, and food service workers all work with your students to achieve high academic and social standards, as well as, personal and community responsibility. With active parent participation, we work to make each day a positive experience for your middle school student at JYMS.

Personal and academic growth as well as building skills in self advocacy during the middle school years prepares your student for high school and beyond. Our objective is to offer a balanced instructional program that emphasizes academic rigor and growth; while making an emotional connection with the students as they continue to develop social skills. Following these two simple rules can help ensure growth in academics and social skills:

- Work Hard
- Be Nice

In order to succeed, students, families and staff must work together. We are committed to helping all Jaguars become successful lifelong learners.

Sincerely,

Mike Fisher

# 2016-2017 JYMS 1<sup>st</sup> semester Calendar of Events

## August

Aug. 2	Fall Sports Registration and physicals	4:00-8:00 p.m.
Aug. 3	Cross Country summer practice begins	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 3	Football practice begins	3:30-5:30 p.m.
Aug. 3-5	7th grade volleyball tryouts	12:00-1:30 p.m.
Aug. 3-5	8th grade volleyball tryouts	2:00-3:30 p.m.
Aug. 3	John Young Middle School Office is open for 2016-2017	7:45am-4:15pm
Aug. 10	Schedule Pick-Up (7 <sup>th</sup> grade)	1:00-6:00pm
Aug. 11	Schedule Pick-Up (8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	1:00-6:00pm
Aug. 16	First day for students	8:00am-3:15pm
Aug. 17	Student Picture Day	
Aug. 17	Middle School Football Jamboree @ Penn High School	6:15 p.m.
Aug. 22	JYMS Open House	6:00-7:30 p.m.

## September

Sept. 2	Fall Sports Pictures	
Sept. 5	No School-Labor Day	

## October

Oct. 5	Fall Picture Re-take Day	
Oct. 9	Family Picture Day	
Oct. 12	Fall Sports Awards	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	End of 1st Grading Period	
Oct. 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No school for students)	TBA
Oct. 21	No School-Fall Recess Day	
Oct. 26	Sports Picture	

## November

Nov. 8	No School – Recess Day	
Nov. 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Recess (No school)	

## December

Dec. 6	Winter Band Concert	
Dec. 7	Winter Choir Concert	
Dec. 8	Winter Orchestra Concert	
Dec. 15	Winter Sports Awards	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 23	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grading Period/End of Semester	
Dec.26-Jan.6	Winter Break (No School)	