

CJUSD *Newsletter*

Upcoming events/ reminders

Regular Board Meeting
March 8, 2023
6 PM - Board Room

Regular Board Meeting
March 22, 2023
6 PM - Board Room

NO SCHOOL
April 3 - 10, 2023
Spring Break

Let's Communicate!

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of communication between families and schools. Effective communication plays a crucial role in ensuring that students receive the best education possible. When parents are informed and involved in their child's education, they can support their child's learning and academic progress. Research shows that students with engaged families earn higher grades and test scores, attend school more regularly, have better behavior and social skills, and graduate at higher rates. Parents/guardians who know what is happening in the classroom are better equipped to help their students succeed and can align learning at home with learning at school. Below are some reasons why school communication and involvement are so important.

Keeping Parents Informed

Schools regularly communicate with parents to provide important information about their child's academic progress, school events, and policies. This information can help parents stay informed and involved in their child's education. Various ways of keeping our families informed include using class, school, and district newsletters and communication tools, including **Aeries ParentSquare**, to share regular updates with parents. Classroom teachers may also utilize communication through SeeSaw and Google Classroom to keep parents informed of their child's academic progress. Parents/guardians can also stay informed of their child's grades and attendance through **Aeries Parent Portal**. It is incredibly important for parents to keep their contact information up to date to receive critical and timely information from their child's school and the district.

Collaboration

Communication between families and schools allows for collaboration between families and teachers. Teachers and support staff can share insights into students' academic and social development, and families can provide valuable feedback and support. These opportunities often include parent-teacher conferences and Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) meetings.

Early Intervention

Teachers can alert parents to learning difficulties, social issues, or behavioral problems that may require additional support. Communication between families and schools can also help identify potential issues before they become significant problems. Our schools will contact parents/guardians to put together a Student Study Team (SST) or School Attendance Review Team (SART) meetings for these purposes.

Positive School Culture

Schools prioritizing communication with families tend to have a more positive school culture. When parents feel involved and informed, they are more likely to have a positive attitude toward the school and its staff. This can lead to increased parental involvement in school activities and events, which can positively impact student learning. Our district provides our families with many ways of being involved, including becoming a volunteer in our schools and participating on the School Site Council (SSC), English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), DELAC, and Parent Advisory Council (PAC). For parents/guardians who cannot participate during the regular school day, we encourage involvement and attendance in our schools' athletic events and activities events such as Literacy Night, Math Night, Pathway Night, and many more! Additionally, our families' input is encouraged by completing the LCAP surveys.

Regular communication with your child's school can help ensure that your child receives the best education possible. As the district's superintendent, I know firsthand the importance of school communication. I encourage parents/guardians to take an active role in their child's education by staying informed and involved in their child's academic progress.

Sincerely,
Eduardo Ochoa
Superintendent

**BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS
WITH PARENTS**

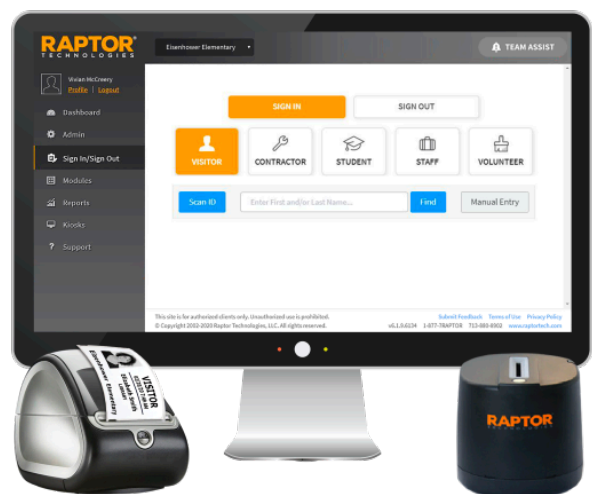
New School Visitor System

Corcoran Joint Unified School District is pleased to announce that we will begin using the Raptor Visitor Management System in all of our schools to strengthen our campus safety program for students and faculty. We recently started testing the system at one of our school sites to get familiar with the program. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times, and the Raptor system will assist us in doing that. The Raptor system will better allow us to screen visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools and provide a safer environment for our students and staff.

We are currently developing policies and written protocols to streamline the process before launching the Raptor system district-wide. What you can expect upon entering a school site front office, visitors will be asked to present a US government-issued ID, which can be scanned into the system. Suppose a parent or guardian does not have a US government-issued ID for any reason. In that case, the school can use other forms of identification or manually enter the person's name and date of birth into the Raptor system.

Scanning their ID allows each visitor's information to be screened against the sex offender registry and custom databases, including those with custody orders and banned visitor status. The sex offender registry is the only official database the Raptor system checks. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded, and the information is not shared with any outside agency. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge with a photo that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of their visit. A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those visiting our schools simply to drop off an item in the office or pick up paperwork.

The Raptor Visitor Management system will empower schools to streamline and control the visitor sign-in process while maintaining a high level of security, as the safety of our students and staff is our highest priority.





ParentSquare

CJUSD is using ParentSquare!

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are excited to let you know that this year we'll be using ParentSquare to communicate with you at the school, and in your classrooms and groups.

ParentSquare provides a simple and safe way for everyone at school to connect.

With ParentSquare you'll be able to:

- Receive all district, school and classroom communication via email, text, or app
- View the school and classroom calendar and RSVP for events
- Easily sign up to volunteer and/or bring items
- Securely receive report cards, IEPs and other important student documents



***ALL PARENTS HAVE AN ACCOUNT
THAT JUST NEEDS TO BE ACTIVATED!
HERE'S HOW***



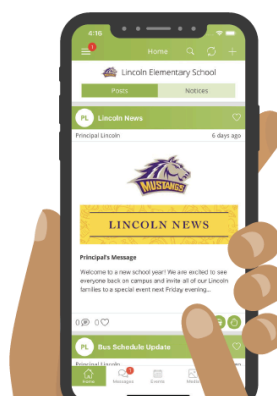
You should have received an invitation email or text to join ParentSquare. Please click the link to activate your account. It takes less than a minute.

You can use ParentSquare on any device. You can download the free mobile app for iOS or Android or use the desktop version at www.parentsquare.com.

Our goal is for every family to join ParentSquare and engage with our school community.

**Download the
ParentSquare app today!**

Stay involved with your student's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.





ParentSquare Tips for Parents & Guardians

1 Activate Your Account

Click the link in your activation email/text, or sign up on parentsquare.com or via the ParentSquare app.

2 Download App

It's easy to stay in the loop with the ParentSquare app. Download it now for iOS or Android devices.

3 Set Preferences

Click your name in the top right to set your notification and language

4 Get Photos & Files

Click 'Photos & Files' in sidebar to access pictures, forms, and documents that have been shared with you.

5 Appreciate Posts

Click 'Appreciate' in your email/app or website to thank a teacher or staff member for a post.

6 Comment or Reply

Click 'Comment' in app or website to privately ask a question about the post that your teacher or school

7 Participate

Click 'Sign Ups & RSVPs' in the sidebar to see available opportunities. Click bell on top

8 Join a Group

Click 'Groups' in the sidebar to join a group or committee at your school to participate or to stay

9 Find People

Click 'Directory' in the sidebar to find contact information for school staff.

10 Get in Touch

Click 'Messages' in the sidebar to privately get in touch with staff

Student Transportation Management

The District has received the Zonar student transportation management system. Zonar representatives will conduct a training on March 14th consisting of 3 sessions. The instructor will train site secretaries, community contacts, library techs, and bus drivers to operate the system successfully.

The system will help transport students safely by allowing bus drivers to stay on schedule. It will help protect students with digital ridership visibility and High Definition (HD) Global Positioning System (GPS). It will reduce the District's bus downtime and maintenance costs and empower every driver to safeguard riders and stay on the route—even with a moment's notice. Implementing this system will hopefully put parents at ease with clear communication regarding bus stops and times.



Zonar V4™ TCU

Track each bus's location, performance and activity in real time. Line-fit on Thomas Built Bus Saf-T-Liner®, Minotaur® and C2 Jouley™ buses. Pre-wired on IC Buses and Blue Bird.



Driver tablets

Expand your fleet's capabilities and streamline daily tasks, including inspection, navigation, and time & task management. All with a library of Zonar and trusted third-party apps.



Ground Traffic Control®

Drive data-based decisions with detailed visibility. Monitor and manage your fleet online with this complete smart fleet management platform.



EVIR®

Electronically verify that every inspection, sanitization and child-check is performed properly. Integrate digital inspection results, repair and maintenance records. Available on tablets and smartphones.

TECH NEWS

- The Technology Department would like to celebrate Josefina Modesto, the new secretary at TLC. She is doing a great job!
- The Chromebook devices at Kings Lake have all been replaced with newer models.
- New audio and light systems are coming for the high school auditorium.
- Friendly reminder - keep devices updated and restart them at least once a week.

John Muir Middle School

Highlights or Celebrations:

The Friends Club met at lunchtime to spread kindness (photo below)



Important news or announcements for staff or parents:

Tutoring is still available every day after school, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, until 4:15 pm

Upcoming Event for the next month:

UC Merced field trip in March for 8th-grade students who qualify and have above a 2.5 GPA

John Muir Rally, 2/22/23



PEP Rally



Cororan High School

Highlights or celebrations:

The high school had an excellent turnout for the Pathway Night on February 7 and Registration on February 21, 2023.

Important news or announcements for staff or parents:

Learning Directors are speaking to students about classes for next year. In the next month, students will complete their requests via Google Docs.

Upcoming Event for the next month:

- Saturday School is - March 4
- 3rd Quarter Ends - March 10
- Career Day - March 31



Principal Antonia Ramirez and Learning Director Gabby Cruz present
at Pathway Night, February 7, 2023

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Pathways



Girls soccer coach Ryan Morales was available to answer questions at Pathways night.



English teacher, and drama club advisor Ashley English attracted many with her clever backdrop!