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Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. We have 2 1/2 weeks until Christmas break begins. It is during the holiday season that we need to stop and think of all the things for which we are thankful. Our administration, teachers and students are so thankful that we have had a smooth start this year with the opportunity to have our normal activities. We are also so thankful that we are staying healthy.

Thank you for your cooperation and support with the adjustments to a new office and entrance driveway. We are working hard morning and afternoon to run smoothly and quickly. Please help us by having your child at school on time. The tardy bell rings at 7:55. Many of our students are completing their required tutorials beginning at 7:59. We need students in their classrooms ready to learn! Announcements are made daily from 7:55 – 8:00. Thank you for your support!

We are competing in the UIL district competition this next week. We are so thankful to the students, teachers, and parents that have allowed their children to participate. We are expecting great results again this year! Please make sure your child has returned the permission form.

The next two and a half weeks will be very important for our students. This second nine weeks is an opportunity to bring grades up and learn concepts that have not been mastered. We cannot let the excitement of the holidays interfere with teaching and learning. We have very high expectations and will be pushing and challenging our students' to work harder and give us their full attention each day. It will be the first time for semester exams this year. Students will have review opportunities in all classes. It is extremely important that they study and prepare for each exam because they average as 20% of the semester grade. Please encourage your child to be their best and give 100%. We must make every minute count in all classes. We will be visiting classes looking for bell to bell instruction and learning!

With Christmas holiday season quickly approaching, I wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. Please

be safe and we will see you in January 2022. Remember, do not think about all the things you do not have, but "Be Thankful" for all the things that you do have.

During the holiday break, remember our children and families in our community that are in need during this holiday season.

It is a time for us to reach out and offer help in anyway. The 2021 year has brought many challenges and hardships for numerous families and businesses in our community. We must continue to think of them and offer our support where needed.

Paris Junior High students are so blessed to have a supportive staff, parents and community behind them. Thank you for all you do!

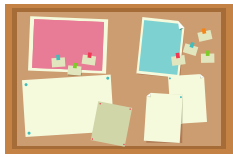
Merry Christmas and have a wonderful break!

Sincerely,  
*Kristi Callihan*  
Kristi Callihan



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 4th- 3rd Nine Weeks Begins
- Jan. 6th- Girls BB @ PJH/Boys @ Gilmer
- Jan. 10th-Girls BB @ Pittsburgh/School Board recognition
- Jan 11th-Science Fair
- Jan 17th-MLK Holiday
- Jan. 20th-Girls BB @ PJH
- Jan. 20-23rd-One Act Play
- Jan. 24th- Girls BB @ North Lamar/UIL Checkpoint
- Jan. 24th-28th-8th High School Scheduling
- Jan. 27th-Boys BB @ PJH
- Jan. 29th- Fine Arts Fundraiser
- Jan. 31st-Girls BB @ Pleasant Grove
- Feb. 4th- Career Expo
- Feb. 3rd- Boys BB @ PJH
- Feb 10th-Boys BB @ PJH



# PARENT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Grades/TxConnect/Parent Portal

The PISD parent portal through TxConnect tallows parents to see student grades and attendance. This is another great way to stay on top of your child's progress at school. Please view your child's progress regularly. Contact our Counselor's Office (903-737- 7434) for more information.

## Report Cards

9 weeks report cards will be posted in Parent Portal on January 5th. Please login to see your child's progress report and contact his/her teacher should you have any questions.

## Dress Code Reminder:

Students are not permitted to wear:

- Tights unless worn with a sweater/dress that meets appropriate dress code length
- Pants/jeans where skin can be seen through a frayed area, tear, or hole.
- Pajama bottoms
- Clothing that is revealing of the body
- Shorts and skirts must be appropriate length as set in the PISD dress code.
- Piercings are allowed in ears and nose studs only.

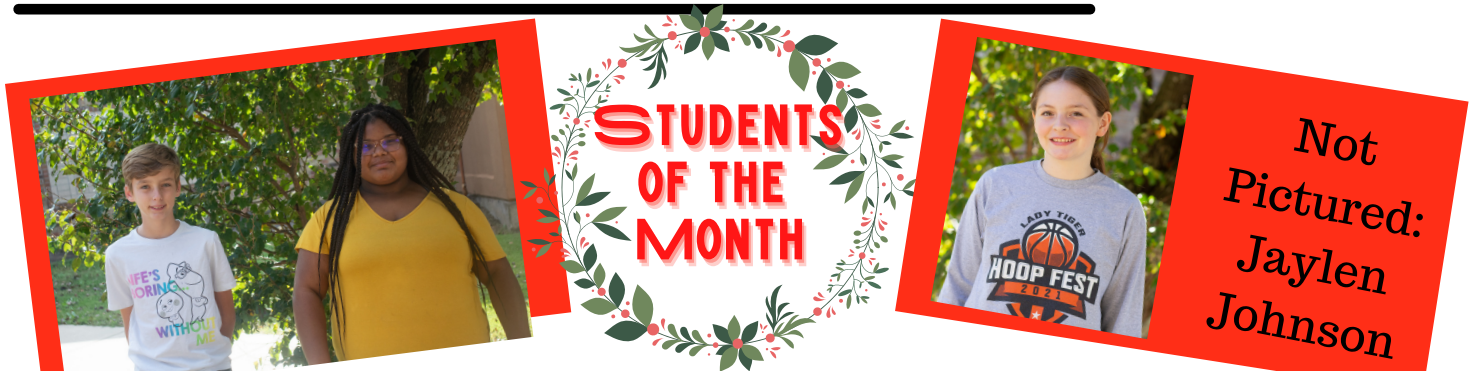
## PTO News

During the month of December, we will be collecting underwear for our Care Closet. Care Closet items are given to students who are in need of items. Donation can be sent to the PJH Office. We would love for you to join our PTO. We will be having a meeting in November. For Information, email Angie Black ([angelica.black@parisisd.net](mailto:angelica.black@parisisd.net))

## SEMESTER EXAM INFORMATION

Students will have their first semester exams on December 16th & 17th. The exam grades count 20% of the final semester grade. Students will be given reviews to prepare beginning next week. Please encourage your child to begin studying early, so they will be prepared for all tests. Students will be released at 12:30 both days and lunch will not be served.

Thursday, Dec. 16			Friday, Dec. 17th	
Advisory	8:00-8:25		4th Period	8:00-9:05
1st Period	8:30-9:45		5th Period	9:10-10:10
2nd Period	9:50-11:05		6th Period	10:15-11:15
3rd Period	11:10-12:30		7th Period	11:20-12:30



Not Pictured:  
Jaylen Johnson

# December 2021



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 GIRLS BB @ LIBERTY EYLAU Boys BB @ PJH 	3 Sherwood: Adventures of Robin Hood Play-9:30	4
5	6 Academic UIL GIRLS BB @ PJH 	7 Academic UIL Choir Concert- 6:00 6 week Progress Reports 	8	9 Academic UIL Band Concert (6:30) BOYS BB @ NL 	10 ✓ UIL-Regain Only Pep Rally-3:00 Ugy Sweater Contest 	11 All Region Band Auditions
12	13 GIRLS BB @ PJH  BOYS BB @ PLEASANT GROVE	14 Review Days Library books Due 	15 Review Days	16 Semester Exams (1-3)  Early Dismissal	17 Semester Exams (4-7)  Early Dismissal	18
19	20	21 1st Day of Winter	22	23 	24	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	

**CHRISTMAS  
BREAK**