

Hello Families registered for the 2024 JMUES Snow Sports Program,

Ms. Mitchell and I are excited to be getting started with our first snow sports session on **Thursday, January 4th**! If you have any other questions, feel free to contact us (Ms. Mitchell or Mrs. Goodman ) via school email. If we don't know the answer, we'll do our best to find it out for you.

We held a brief info meeting on **Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** (during the school day for the students to introduce them to us. We will also have chaperones from school who are Ms. Desmarais, Mrs. Frazzetta, Ms. Trovitch and Ms. Danis. We went over some important info in regard to behavior/conduct expectations both on the bus and while at the mountain. We are attaching the form to have students and parents/guardians sign to acknowledge the expectations.

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Additionally, we discussed equipment, importance of tags, lessons, being a part of a group and making everyone feel comfortable and welcome regardless of their ability level! We gave tags out to students who will not be taking the bus. Those taking the bus will get their tags on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. If your child did not get a tag, you will be able to pick it up at the service window that first night.

**Some reminders and heads up:**

1. Please sign the conduct form!
2. Please email Mrs. Goodman if you would like an additional email added to the correspondence.

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**Some other info for you to take specific note of is:**

**\*Dates:** JMUES snow sports dates are **Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>** . **If needed as a makeup day, then it will be Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*Cancellations:** Weather depending, Pat's Peak may cancel the program. **If school is cancelled on one of these Thursdays, snow sports will be cancelled as well.**

**\*Pat's Peak does NOT do makeup days if individual students miss a lesson. It is very important you email us to let us know if your student will NOT be attending snow sports on any day, especially if they are on the bus, because we cannot leave until we know all students are accounted for.**

**\*Behavior:** The expectations during this program are the same as what is followed while at school, as defined in the JMUES Parent/School Handbook as well as on the conduct forms that need to be signed by parents/guardians and each of the students. We are representing Merrimack and JMUES and we expect everyone to behave in a respectful, responsible, and safe manner at all times. We expect students to pair/group up while skiing and boarding for safety as well as for fun. Stay together and help to include everyone! Difficulty following any of the expectations may result in suspension from the program.

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**\*Tags:** We will have the kids' tags if you have registered your child. Students who are not on the bus and attended the meeting should have their tags. The students riding the bus will be given their tags on the bus heading to the mountain on the first Thursday, January 4th. Students will then be responsible for keeping it on their jacket. It is each student's responsibility to have their tag each Thursday to identify them as part of the

program. Also, many of them have equipment rentals and money for food attached to the cards. **It costs \$10 for the student to replace a card if it is lost or misplaced. As a parent/guardian you are also able to log into the account to see what your students are spending money on... (candy or food.) So you can warn them ahead of time!**

**\*Gear:** Parents are responsible for getting all personal ski/snowboard equipment to the school on Thursday mornings. No skis or snowboards are allowed to go on the school bus in the morning. Please label everything, ideally with your child's name and JMUES. Equipment drop off (**for the students that are riding the bus to Pat's Peak**) is between **8:00 and 8:40 AM on each of the Thursdays** at school. Use **Bishop St. to enter the oval/drop off area, park in the parking lot in front of the smith gym, then come into the building through the Smith Gym doors.** Please be aware that we do not have anyone available before or after those times for drop off and keep in mind that this is a busy morning arrival time for all of our students. Please follow the blue dots on the floor to the storage area in the Boys Locker Room. Please neatly place gear in there. **STUDENTS MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE 8:25 AM.** After 8:40, please check in at the main office.

**If your child just has a bag with snow clothes, they may take that on the school bus!!! NO skis, poles or boards may go on the school bus!!!**

If your child is renting, all fitting will be done at the mountain on the first afternoon. Please remember that every child needs to wear a helmet to participate and needs to be dressed appropriately (snow pants, jacket, gloves, etc.) Helmets are available for rent at an additional cost through Pats. If you forgot to add that on you can always call and do so by contacting the Pat's Peak Snowsports desk at 1-888-patspeak (1-888-728-7732) or 603-428-3245. \*If your child is renting equipment from there, know that we will have chaperones designated to go into the rental area with the kids each week to make sure they get what they need.

Students will store their gear on the shelves on the Valley Lodge Deck. It is important for them to keep all of their belongings together and remember where they put their gear each night!

**\*Clothing:** Being properly dressed is essential to your child's safety. Skiers and Boarders should be dressed in layers so that clothing can be added or removed as needed. Remember that it may be colder at the mountain than back in Merrimack. Waterproof mittens/gloves and outerwear are a must. Goggles are highly recommended. Cotton clothing is not recommended. Pat's Peak reserves the right to refuse to teach a student who is improperly dressed.

JMUES Staff will be at the tables in the VALLEY Lodge. You can always find an adult there for any questions. The students are able to go and eat at either lodge, but just ask them to check in with us there throughout the night.

**Remember to sign your child out before 7:00PM if they are not returning on the bus with us!**

-Final check-in time at the lodge between 7:00-7:15. (Attendance taken) Return rental equipment, gather bags, change, etc.

7:30- 7:45 pm bus departs for JMUES (Attendance taken prior to departure)

-8:30-8:45 PM arrive JMUES for parent pick-up (I will send an email prior to leaving the mountain to let you know we are on our way.)

We hope you found this to be helpful information as we want to make sure to cover all of the bases to make the JMUES 2024 snow sports program the BEST ever! Feel free to contact any of us with any questions or concerns. Looking forward to this snowy season with your children!

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Sincerely,

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