

**Temeka Brown, Principal**

September 2025

Dear Dickinson JH Families,

As we move into September, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education. We've had a strong start to the school year, and it has been a joy to witness the growth, energy, and excitement our Gators are already bringing into the classroom.

We are especially proud to share that Dickinson Junior High has earned an **"A" rating** from the Texas Education Agency! This recognition reflects the dedication of our students, teachers, and families. While we celebrate this incredible milestone, we remain focused on **Building On Our Successes**—ensuring that every Gator continues to grow and thrive.

August was filled with new beginnings, and our students have done an excellent job settling into their routines. Teachers have been intentional about fostering positive learning environments, while students have shown enthusiasm, curiosity, and a strong commitment to learning. At home, your encouragement of good study habits and positive attitudes has played a vital role in supporting this success—thank you!

Positive relationships remain at the heart of our work. Restorative practices are embedded in every classroom, and students have already collaborated on creating treatment agreements that guide how we treat one another. Next week, we will hold grade-level assemblies to strengthen those relationships and reinforce our shared expectations. We know that when students feel connected, supported, and valued, they can achieve at their very best.

This month, we are excited to launch **Gator Grow**—a dedicated time focused on **intervention and enrichment**. Through Gator Grow, teachers will provide targeted support to close learning gaps and create opportunities for students to extend their knowledge in meaningful ways. Combined with our commitment to monitoring essential standards in every subject, we are confident that every Gator will continue to learn and succeed at high levels.

We are grateful for your continued commitment to our school community. With your partnership, we will continue to elevate learning, celebrate progress, and build upon the strong foundation we've already created. Together, let's make this an extraordinary year!

**Gator Proud,**

*Temeka Brown*

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### **Student Attendance**

Regular school attendance is vital to student achievement. Our goal is a minimum of 96% each day! Students will be recognized for prompt and regular attendance throughout the school year. If your student is absent, please provide a note to [jrodriguez@dickinsonisd.org](mailto:jrodriguez@dickinsonisd.org).



### **Nurse Permission Required**

- Due to a new requirement from the 89th Legislature, our school nurses must have a signed parent/guardian permission form in order to provide care for students.
- The district will be sending out this universal permission slip through Skyward. Once it is available, we ask that all parents complete the form as soon as possible so that our nurses may continue to support your child's health and well-being during the school day.
- Thank you for your prompt attention and support!

### **Campus Fundraiser-Vertical Raise**

We are continuing our efforts to promote our campus wide fund raiser. Thank you for your support. Please continue to share! **Every penny raised will go back to our students.** We have a few more days to go. We will close out the fundraiser on Friday, September 12th!

<https://app.verticalraise.com/fundraiser/2025-dickinson-junior-high-school-fundraiser/flyer/1069310/>

### **Lockdown Drill-THIS MONTH**

- Students will participate in a lockdown drill to practice if there is ever a threat inside the building.
- Students will have a lesson during Gator Grow time to review the Standard Response Protocol the day before to ensure that students know that it is a drill.
- Mr. Molina will also send a message via skyward to parents reminding you of the upcoming lockdown drill.
- I will communicate the date to you as soon as I have it. We have to coordinate with several people to make this happen.

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### **Food and Nutrition**

- Breakfast is available to all students at no cost to families.
- Lunch will be \$2.75 per meal. Students wishing to purchase their lunch will need to have money to put in their accounts.
  - Students who qualify for "reduced" lunch will get free lunch this year.
- To add money to your student's lunch account, [click here](#)
- Please fill out [this](#) meal application for internal purposes; regardless of the results, your student will continue to receive breakfast.
- Students may also bring money from home to purchase additional snack items.

### **Lunch Visitors**

We are taking visitors to have lunch with our students. We love welcoming you into the building. Please call 281-309-3800 to make a reservation. Remember that you must be on the student's skyward in order to have lunch. Please contact the school if you have any questions. **Parents are allowed to bring food for their student(s) ONLY.**

### **Dickinson Junior High PTO**

Sign up for DJHS PTO!! If you are interested in becoming a member of the PTO please complete this [google form](#). If you have questions, please contact Tranika Tottenham at [tranikat@yahoo.com](mailto:tranikat@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. The PTO will have a table set up at games and events this semester.



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### **Bell Schedule with Gator Grow**

- At the bottom of this email, you will find the bell schedule with times for our Gator Grow.
- Gator Grow is a block of time we use for enrichment and intervention. We also use the time for announcements and character development.
- Students are selected by their teachers for enrichment and intervention based on the student's individual needs.

### **Family Engagement Session-Juvenile Law Parent Session**

- We invite all DJHS families to join us for an important Family Engagement Session on Juvenile Law Awareness, presented by CrimeStoppers.
- This session will cover critical topics that impact our students, including cyber safety, bullying, substance use, parties, consent, and more.
- The event will be held on Wednesday, September 10th, from 6:00–6:45 pm at the Education Support Center (2218 FM 517 East).
- The recommended audience is ages 9 and up, and families can attend in person or participate via Zoom by scanning the QR code on the flyer. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to learn how to support and protect our Gators!

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**Weekly Dress Up Days**

- "Motivation Monday"
  - Students and Staff are encouraged to wear shirts with motivation words or quotes every Monday!
- "Where are you going Wednesdays?"
  - Students and Staff are encouraged to wear College or Military shirts every Wednesday!
- Every Friday is GO Gator Friday!! Students are encouraged to dress in football themes and wear gator blue.

**Football and Volleyball Starts This week!!**

- We are excited to kick off our football and volleyball season! Our sports teams and fine arts departments have worked hard to prepare for a great season.
- **Pep Rally-September 3rd**
  - Theme is BIG GATOR ENERGY
  - Tickets are \$1 each.
  - Students are encouraged to participate in the color wars even if they do not want to attend the pep rally
    - 6th Grade - White
    - 7th Grade - Black
    - 8th Grade - Blue
  - Because our gym cannot accommodate the entire student body (1130+ students and 110+ staff), we sell tickets for events. In the past, every student who has wanted a ticket has been able to purchase one.
- **Games on Campus**
  - We're excited to host our first football games on campus! Here are a few important details to keep in mind:
    - Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
    - The building will open at halftime for restroom access.
    - Please bring lawn chairs, as the bleachers tend to fill up quickly.
    - Concessions and cold drinks will be available for purchase from student organizations and the PTO.

**Homecoming Week-September 15th - 19**

- Gator Nation, get ready—it's Homecoming Week, September 15th–19th!
- Each day brings a fun theme for students and staff to show their school spirit, from dress-up days to the Homecoming Parade on Wednesday .
- Please note that while our high school has similar themes, we've made age-appropriate modifications for our junior high students. We can't wait to see everyone participate and celebrate what makes DJHS so special!
- See flyer below!

**Hispanic Heritage Month- September 15-October 15**

We will begin celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month the week of September 29-October 3 ! At DJHS, we believe that it is important to celebrate all of the cultures that are represented in our school. We will have the following spirit days to celebrate Hispanic Heritage!

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- **Monday, September 29-** Jersey Day Fútbol is the #1 sport in Latin America. Wear your favorite jersey.
- **Tuesday, September 30-** Go Tejano Dress as a vaquero or vaquera. Western Wear!
- **Wednesday, October 1-** *Si Se Puede! Yes We Can!* Wear a college shirt
- **Thursday, October 2-** Culture Day Hispanic culture is full of traditions. Wear an appropriate traditional outfit from the culture or wear white, red, or green.
- **Friday, October 3-** Gator Pride Day We may all come from different backgrounds, but we are all gators. Wear your Gator spirit gear and PINK OUT!!!

#### Upcoming Events-

- **September 1 Labor Day-** No school for staff or students.
- **September 2-** 7th Football vs Victory Lakes-A Team Home B Team Away
- **September 3-Pep Rally: BIG GATOR ENERGY-Color Wars**
- **September 3-** 8th Football vs Victory Lakes-A Team Home B Team Away
- **September 4-** Volleyball vs Victory Lakes-8th Home 7th Away
- **September 5-** NJHS Meeting Afterschool
- **September 9-** 7th Football vs Friendswood-A Team Away B Team Home
- **September 10-** 8th Football vs Friendswood-A Team Away B Team Home
- **September 10-** Juvenile Law Parent Session 6:00-6:45pm @ DISD Education Support Center
- **September 11-** Volleyball vs Friendswood-8th Away 7th Home
- **September 12-** Emeralds Officer Tryouts 3:30-5:30
- **September 13-** Junior High Region Choir Camp in Friendswood
- **September 15-19-HOMECOMING WEEK**
- **September 16-** 7th Football vs Bayside-A Team Away B Team Home
- **September 17-** 8th Football vs Bayside-A Team Away B Team Home
- **September 18-** Volleyball vs Bayside-8th Away 7th Home
- **September 19-HOMECOMING Varsity Football Game vs Clear Creek 7pm at Sam Vitanza Stadium**
- **September 20 -** 8th grade Volleyball Beach Bash Tournament at Ball High
- **September 22-Professional Development Day-** No school for students!
- **September 23-** 7th Football vs Westbrook-A Team Home B Team Away
- **September 24-** 8th Football vs Westbrook-A Team Home B Team Away
- **September 25-** Volleyball vs Westbrook-8th Home 7th Away
- **September 27 -** Choir attending Water Day at DHS
- **September 29-October 3-** DJH Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month
- **September 29 -** Grade Level Assemblies
- **September 30-** 7th Football vs League City A Team Away B Team Home



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SEPTEMBER 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>Labor Day</b> <b>School</b> <b>Holiday</b> <b>Campus Vertical Raiser Fundraiser</b>	<b>7th Football vs Victory Lakes A Team Home</b> <b>Pep Rally</b> <b>6th-White</b> <b>7th-Black</b> <b>8th-Blue</b>	<b>8th Football vs Victory Lakes A Team Home</b> <b>Pep Rally</b> <b>6th-White</b> <b>7th-Black</b> <b>8th-Blue</b>	<b>Volleyball vs Victory Lakes 8th Grade Home</b>	<b>NHS Meeting After School</b> <b>Wear USA Gear to DHS Football Game</b>	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		<b>7th Football vs Friendswood B Team Home</b>	<b>8th Football vs Friendswood B Team Home</b>	<b>Volleyball vs Friendswood 7th Grade Home</b>	<b>Wear Camo Gear to DHS Football Game</b>	<b>Junior High Region Choir Camp to Friendswood</b>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>National Dot Day</b> <b>Wear DHS</b> <b>Teacher/Student Swap for Homecoming</b>	<b>7th Football vs Bayside B Team Home</b> <b>Twinning Tuesday for Homecoming</b>	<b>8th Football vs Bayside B Team Home</b> <b>Geoux Gators-Wear Beads and Mardi gras colors Homecoming</b>	<b>Volleyball vs Bayside 7th Grade Home</b> <b>Wear Construction/Neon Gear for Homecoming</b>	<b>DHS Homecoming</b> <b>Wear Blue &amp; White to DHS Football Game</b>	<b>8th Volleyball Beach Bash Tournament at Ball High</b>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Instructional Planning</b> <b>Student Holiday</b>	<b>7th Football vs Westbrook A Team Home</b>	<b>8th Football vs Westbrook A Team Home</b>	<b>Volleyball vs Westbrook 8th Grade Home</b>	<b>Wear Animal Print to DHS Football Game</b>	<b>Choir attending Water Day at DHS</b>	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	<b>7th Football vs League City B Team Home</b>	<b>8th Football vs League City B Team Home</b>	<b>Volleyball vs League City 7th Grade Home</b>	<b>NHS Meeting After School</b> <b>Wear Pink to DHS Football Game</b>		

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## Dickinson Junior High

### 2025-2026 Bell Schedule

\*\*Teacher workday is from 7:15-3:30.

Period	Time	Minutes
0	7:15-7:40	25
1	7:45-8:30	45
2	8:34-9:19	45
3	9:23-10:08	45
4	10:12-10:57	45
5	11:01-12:48	45-Class; 30-Lunch; 25-Intervention/Enrichment
6	12:52-1:37	45
7	1:41-2:26	45
8	2:30-3:15	45

### Lunch Schedule & Intervention

Lunch	Time
A (6th Grade)	Lunch – 11:04 – 11:34 5th Period – 11:36 – 12:21 Intervention – 12:23 – 12:48
B (7th Grade)	Intervention – 11:01 – 11:26 5th Period – 11:28 – 11:38 & 12:13 – 12:48 Lunch – 11:40 – 12:10
C (8th Grade)	Intervention – 11:01 – 11:26 5th Period – 11:28 – 12:16 Lunch – 12:18 – 12:48

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## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SESSION JUVENILE LAW AWARENESS

Presented by CrimeStoppers

Teens often inquire about the specificity of laws, and what consequences are warranted for behaviors. This presentation emphasizes laws directly related to important topics such as, cyber safety, bullying, terroristic threats, right to privacy, law of parties, consent, human trafficking, and substance use.

**Recommended Audience is age 9 and up.**

**Wednesday, September 10th**  
**6:00-6:45 pm**  
**Education Support Center**  
**2218 FM 517 East**



For more information contact the Gator Wellness Center at  
[gwc@dickinsonisd.org](mailto:gwc@dickinsonisd.org) or 281-229-6005

Can't come in person. Scan  
the QR code to participate  
via Zoom.





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## DJHS Vertical Raise Student Incentives

August 22nd-  
September 5th

**KICKOFF TREAT!**  
**BRING BACK YOUR BRIGHT ORANGE EMAIL & PHONE NUMBER SHEET ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST FOR A TREAT IN YOUR SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS!**

**Prizes & Rewards**

- Top Grade Level wins a special reward!
- Top 3 Students on Campus choose between a Nintendo Switch, Gaming Chair, AirPods/Beats!
- Top Social Studies Class (highest raised) wins a prize!

**HOW FUNDS WILL BE USED**

Your support helps DJH add:

- Small group tables
- Round meeting tables
- Art display cases
- Lunch games
- Projectors & screens

...and other campus needs as they arise.

Thanks for helping us build success — one brick at a time!



### ICE CREAM SOCIAL



*Raise \$50 or more and get invited to an Ice Cream Social!*

**EXTRA TOP FUNDRAISER PERKS**

- Lunch on us
- PJ pants
- School merch
- Free seating at lunch

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## Homecoming 2025

September  
15th-19th



Monday, Sept. 15th

**Make Em Look  
Monday!**

Teachers dress like  
students and students  
dress like their favorite  
teacher!



Tuesday, Sept. 16th

**Twinning  
Tuesday**  
Twin with  
Someone!



Wednesday, Sept. 17th

**Geaux Gators**  
Wear Beads and  
Mardi Gras colors  
to support the  
Gators.



*Homecoming Parade Day!!*

Thursday, Sept. 18th

**Paving the Way  
to Victory**

Wear neon and  
construction like  
gear!



Friday, Sept. 19th

**There's No Place  
Like Homecoming**  
Wear your blue  
and white. Wear  
your mums and  
garters.



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# HISPANIC HERITAGE *Spirit Week*

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