

## 'Tis the Season - JGEC Updates



We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break and that you were all able to snag all of the Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals! On this Giving Tuesday, we would like to remind you all that we are a 501(c)3 organization. Any gifts given to JGEC above and beyond tuition are tax deductible and will be used toward program improvements (cameras and walkie talkies so that we can fully utilize our space and allow restroom breaks while we are outside) or scholarships for those who qualify after going through the financial aid process posted on our website.

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### Staffing Updates

You may have seen or heard about a few new faces. We are SO happy to announce that we've hired two new regular teachers. In addition, we have Ms. Daysha returning to help out on a semi-regular basis. (For those who don't know, Ms. Daysha used to be our site director.). The current staff and a tidbit or two about each:

Ms. Julie - executive director and homeschool mom; former CPA and corporate controller

Mr. Aaron - site director and pastor; former skateboarder with circus aspirations

Ms. Carolyn - Morning Teacher and devoted grandmother; former RN

Ms. Rosalyn (Ms. Toni) - Morning and Afternoon Teacher and devoted grandmother; great cook

Ms. Molly - Afternoon Teacher and musician; everyone's favorite kickball and football game host

Ms. Roshawna - Afternoon Teacher and homeschool mom; aspiring to open an in home daycare for infants

Mr. Isaiah - Afternoon Teacher and junior Pre-Med major at Belmont

Ms. Star - Afternoon Teacher and junior Exercise Science major at TSU who loves dance

Ms. Lily - Afternoon Teacher with a degree in psychological science who enjoys many hobbies

Ms. Kalee - Afternoon Teacher and senior Social Work Major at Belmont

Ms. Daysha - Ancillary staff (qualified to be onsite director or teacher) saving for her wedding

Ms. Lennon - Ancillary and high school senior interested in theater and crafting

We know you don't get to interact with all of these teachers on a daily basis, but they are all grateful for you and do their best to pour into your students while you're busy at work. So we thought you might like to know just a little bit about each of us.

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### Winter Break

Winter break sign ups are open. You can sign up on our website ([jgec.info](http://jgec.info)). Sign ups for winter break will close on December 16th. We will do everything possible to accommodate late sign ups, however, we request advance sign up so that we can secure staffing and purchase/plan activities. We've already got some great things planned that we're excited about!



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## Summer Days



We know...it's so early to think about summer...winter isn't even officially here yet. However, we're working toward some really exciting new camp ideas (see picture for a clue) and want to get our camp on your radar.

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## Housecleaning Items



- It's getting quite cold outside. Please make sure your students have a coat/hat/gloves with them at school and remind them to bring those items to aftercare. If it is TOO cold, we will get our energy out inside, but most days it does everyone some good if the kids get to run around outside for at least a few minutes.
- If you have not yet signed the flu form acknowledging that we gave you information on the flu shot, we really need you to do

that. It is a DHS compliance requirement. You are not required to give your child the flu shot, we are simply required to have your acknowledgment that we sent the information.

- Please remind your children that they should have personal items put away during aftercare (so that they don't get lost or ruined) and that they should not share food items with other students. We do have some attendees with food allergies want to make sure we are all being diligent to keep everyone safe.

- In the event of a weather incident, we will follow the lead of MNPS. This means if school opens 2 hours late, our morning care will start 2 hours late. If school dismisses early, we will not have aftercare. If school is closed, we will likely be closed. There are instances where MNPS requires no afterschool activities including aftercare even though students attend for the full day. There are also instances when school is closed but we are allowed to be open. We will communicate those instances as they come.