

# NEWS FROM THE ACADEMICALLY GIFTED DEPARTMENT

## The Middle School Edition

Quarter 1

When dealing with people, remember you are not dealing with creatures of logic, but with creatures of emotion. *-Dale Carnegie*



### Middle School AG Services

At the middle grades level, to be identified as academically gifted, the student must have an achievement score at or above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile in math and/or reading. Once identified, students in grades 6 – 8 receive the following services: **Enrollment in advanced coursework** (math and/or ELA based on identified area and district placement guidelines)

To ensure proper differentiation occurs in the classroom, teachers of academically gifted students should hold their AIG licensure or, at a minimum, have completed the district's professional development on the characteristics of academically gifted students and proper classroom support for academically gifted and advanced learners. Annually, the school will provide a copy of the **Differentiated Education Plan (DEP)**, which details how the curriculum provided in advanced coursework differs from grade-level content and supports the learning needs of academically gifted students. Each year, the school holds a beginning-of-year parent meeting for parents to review the **DEP** and seek clarification regarding their child's AG service. In addition to the DEP, for newly identified students or for students who have added an identification area, the **Student Eligibility Record (SER)** is provided. The **SER** details the data that was reviewed for AG eligibility. The **SER** must be signed and returned by the parent/guardian.

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### News from Our School:

**AG Parent Meeting**

**5 PM**

**Jamestown Middle School Cafeteria**

**JMS Curriculum Night to follow meeting**

