



DECEMBER 2022

JAMS NEWS



IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 29-Dec. 3

Exam week for Upper Level
Last week of the term

Dec. 6-8

Make-up Week

Dec. 9

Winter Term registration deadline

Dec. 9-Jan. 1

JAMS is closed for winter break



HOMEWORK DURING WINTER BREAK

Beginner Level

Read Red and Black cards
Memorize times table
Review pages completed during Fall Term

Intermediate and Pre-Advanced Level Students

Use Abacutor daily

Advanced Level Students

Review completed pages



You can purchase **Abacus or Anzan books** for your child for winter break homework:

- \$10/book for those already registered for Winter Term
- \$30/book for those not yet registered for Winter Term

Email info@jamsportland.com by Dec. 3 and indicate which book(s) you want to purchase: Abacus, Anzan or both.

Please note that we will only provide books suitable for each student's level.



READY, SET, COMPETE!

We are hard at work making plans for **Abacus Masters '23**, which will be held at 1 p.m. on Feb. 12, and the Northwestern Abacus Contest in May.

If you've never witnessed an Abacus competition, you are in for a treat. Take a look at this video: <https://youtu.be/bok8dOgk4nQ>

Parents can help make these events even more special for the students through sponsorship. Your company's logo will be on the contest flyer and each sponsor will be recognized at the competitions.

Please email info@jamsportland.com to be put on the sponsor list. We'll have more details soon.



WINTER TERM CLASS CHANGES

Beginner In-Person (Tuesday-Friday)

3:30-4:30 p.m.

4:30-5:30 p.m.

5:30-6:30 p.m.

(Saturday classes are the same as before: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.)

Upper In-Person (Tuesday-Friday)

4:30-5:30 p.m.

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Saturday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Beginner Online (Tuesday-Friday)

2-2:45 p.m. PST

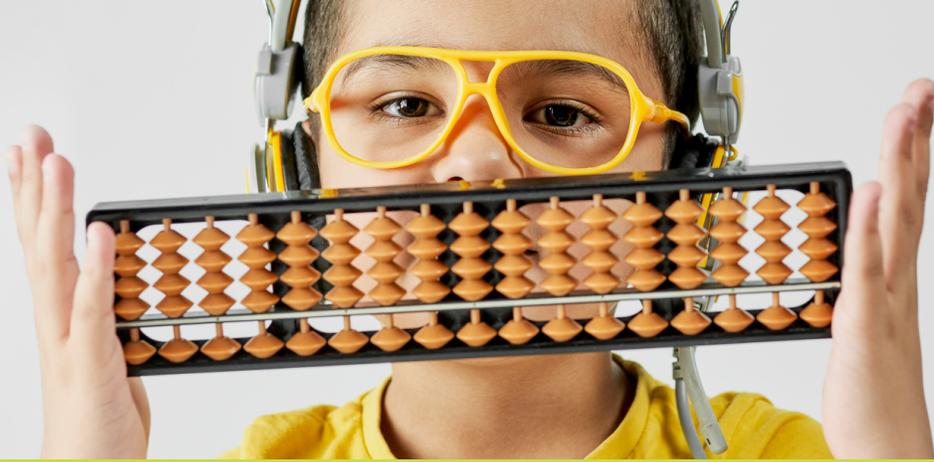
3-3:45 p.m. PST

Saturday 10:30-11:15 a.m. PST

Upper Online (Tuesday and Thursday)

3:30-4:30 p.m. PST

Saturday 9:30-10:30 a.m. PST



2022 Correspondence Contest Winners

THE RESULTS ARE IN!
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!
WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR HARD WORK.

Group A1			
First Name	Last Name	Rank	Medal
Anvitha	Arvinth	4	Silver

Group A2			
First Name	Last Name	Rank	Medal
Kevin	Li Chen	10	Bronze
Akari	Hamatani	12	Bronze
Apoorv	Patil	13	Bronze
Isha	Pathak	15	Bronze

Group B1			
First Name	Last Name	Rank	Medal
Eshan	Aravind	20	Bronze
Ariyan	Venkat	23	Bronze
Keitra	Gade	24	Bronze

Group B2			
First Name	Last Name	Rank	Medal
Tai	Fine	8	Gold
Rhea	Pathak	29	Bronze

Group C1			
First Name	Last Name	Rank	Medal
Kenza	Djekidel	28	Bronze

Group D			
First Name	Last Name	Rank	Medal
Kotomi	Harada	22	Bronze

Group E			
First Name	Last Name	Rank	Medal
Winston	Chan	3	Gold



UPPER-LEVEL STUDENTS

The new Punch Pass

All you need to know

Pairing your Abacus classes with your busy middle school or high-school extra curricular activities is now much easier.

We are excited to announce this important change to significantly improve upper-level students' experience at JAMS, which makes their Abacus continuing education more flexible and accommodating.

Punch-Pass Program Starts With Winter Term:

- Classes will be 1 hour long (rather than 1.5 hours long)
- Each punch pass gives you access to 15 classes
- Punch passes can be redeemed anytime between Jan. 9-March 19, 2023
- Students are not able to redeem once the term ends
- Unused passes will NOT be transferred or refunded
- Each class has a maximum capacity of 15 students
- No make-up week for upper-level students; make up classes as you go
- Still required to report absence at least 3 hours prior to class to receive the pass back
- All upper-level classes are mixed level

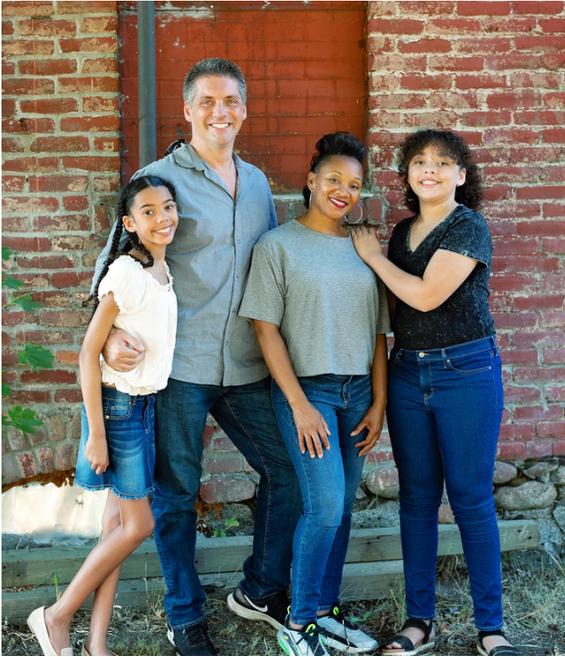
See **WINTER TERM CLASS CHANGES** on page 1 for class times.

How to purchase 2023 Winter Term Punch Pass corresponding to your child's level

1. Login to Parent Portal.
2. Go to "My Account" and select "Passes"
3. Click "Punch In" and select a date and time that your child wants to attend. Make sure to select a date within Winter Term (Jan. 3-March 10, 2023)
4. Very important: Mark your selected classes in your personal calendar

JAMS Family Spotlight

MEET THE WILSONS



LaTosha Wilson is a longtime follower and fan of JAMS on Instagram, but other activities kept her from enrolling daughters JaKayla, 14, and Layla, 13.

Still, she was always interested in the idea. "I'm just really big about education."

That changed when online classes became available during Covid. She happily enrolled both girls.

"Within the first week, they were doing things like using the Abacus to solve problems faster than their dad could in his head," she says. "And they really liked that."

Another plus was that the youngest daughter hated math and used to get bad grades in the subject. "Since joining JAMS, she is a straight-A student."

In addition to JAMS and a full-time online academy in Oregon, both girls also attend Chinese school, where they have learned to speak, read and write Mandarin.

"I always knew I wanted them to speak a different language," LaTosha says. "I thought it would be Spanish, but I was told Mandarin was the hardest language to learn. It uses both sides of the brain. I was told if they could learn Mandarin, they could learn any language after that."

**We'd like to learn
about your family, too.**

**To be featured in an
upcoming issue of JAMS
NEWS, please email us:**

marketing@jamsportland.com

The girls have one older sister, 29-year-old LaBria. Mom LaTosha is a fitness professional who just created a series of workshops for Nike, and dad Mark is a principal engineer at Intel.

Even though the family is still very busy with school, church and volunteer work in the community, they have continued at JAMS despite a one-hour commute to class each way.

"I drop them off and their dad picks them up," LaTosha says. "They complain some days about going to JAMS, but I tell them: 'You may not appreciate it now, but you will in the long run.'"

"I want them to continue as long as they can. I've seen other JAMS students going to prestigious colleges and doing great things. That's what I want for my girls."



ABACUS IS FOR ADULTS, TOO

Parents! You can unlock your brain's potential when you take one of Sensei's MasterClasses. In addition to being better able to help your child with Abacus studies, you will:

- Think more quickly
- Exercise your brain
- Stop cognitive decline

The classes also serve as a refresher for students who previously studied the Abacus.

Give your brain the stimulation it needs. You will think more clearly **and** enjoy improved memory.

Find the details [here](#).

2022 Student Accomplishments

The children at JAMS are overachievers. They do great things, and we want to share the news on their behalf.

Please send us information about your children so we can celebrate their achievements and shout out to the world how awesome they are.

Has your child won an award, received a special certificate or participated in a spelling bee or other school event that's worth celebrating? How about volunteer work or a service project that helps others?

WE WANT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT IT!

Email us the details at
marketing@jamsportland.com



TIPS FOR PARENTS

Help your children establish good study skills. Here are seven ideas from Edmentum, an online resource for educators:

- Create a designated study space for your students.
- Encourage them to keep a planner.
- Teach them to take effective notes.
- Practice for tests with them.
- Make sure they avoid cramming.
- Teach them to ask for help.
- Get rid of distractions.

You can read the full blog [here](#).

Math Is Fun

Bring this completed puzzle to class by Dec. 3 and get a sweet treat from your teacher. Fair warning! This puzzle is harder than last month's. Good luck!

9				1	6		4	
2	4				7			
	7	1		2				6
		2		9		4		3
			1		2			
3		9		4		2		
6				8		3	2	
			4				6	1
	8		2	6				5

Puzzle by websudoku.com

PARENT AMBASSADORS

Are you one of JAMS' best cheerleaders?

Become a parent ambassador and get tuition discounts by helping your school grow. Talk to Mika Sensei about becoming one today! (Spots are limited.)