



## THE BARRISTER CIRCLE



### JMHS AS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL SITE

### *Restorative Questions*

**Restorative questioning** is a practice that is used when responding to misconduct. Parents can use restorative questioning at home and teachers can use restorative questioning in the classroom. When responding to misconduct, the following questions are asked:

1. What happened?
2. What were you thinking at the time of the incident?
3. What have you thought about since?
4. Who has been affected by what happened and how?
5. What about this has been hardest for you?
6. What do you think needs to be done to make things as right as possible?

Such questions focus on the incident, and allow the person, the **“Harmer”**, to think about how his/her actions affected others. It encourages empathy, accountability, expression of feelings, and problem solving. Restorative questions are also answered by those who were impacted by the incident, the **“Harm”**. This way, the **Harm** and **Harmer** can both process their feelings and collectively determine a possible solution to remedy the situation.

### Shout outs this month:

- Mr. Inman, Ms. Diamond, Ms. Atwell, Mr. Okulitch, Mr. Badiak, Mr. Welch, Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Pearson, Ms. Ward, and Mr. Saldana for allowing Link Crew to mentor their ninth grade classes on achievements and goals by using the circle process.
- Link Crew and staff for mentoring 9th graders using the circle process.
- Ms. Turin for conducting a post election circle with her classes.
- Ms. Kato and Ms. Kaye for conducting community building circles.
- Ms. Ritvo and Ms. Goldberg for conducting a community building circle in Spanish.
- Mr. Saldana for conducting an educational circle on the book *Tuesdays With Morrie*.
- Ms. Heideman and Ms. Danielyan for introducing Restorative Justice to parents and the community at *Coffee With The Principal*



Mr. Saladana’s Senior English Class participating in an Educational Circle on *Tuesdays With Morrie*



Introducing Restorative Justice to parents and the community at *Coffee With The Principal*

### Local District Central Operations

- Monty Moy: RJ Teacher Adviser
- Marco Flores: LD Central Restorative Justice Adviser
- Patricia Heideman: Principal