



Jefferson Township High School Newsletter

Jefferson Pride

JTHS Happenings:

- Broadway Cabaret
- Trivia Night
- Science League Competition
- Service Night
- “Glammies” Senior Award Ceremony



PDP Leaders Visit 8th Graders to Talk about Success in High School



Class of 2019 Trivia Night

Senior Ashley Hutchinson 2017 Pass It Along Scholar Athlete

NJ. Herald wrote an article about Senior Ashley Hutchinson. She has a 4.2 GPA and is involved in honors and high honors classes. Ashley Hutchinson is in the top 10 of her graduating class of 264 students. She has also received the Presidential Award and the Falcon Scholar Award, and was chosen as a Morris County Scholar Athlete. Ashley will be attending Moravian in the fall for Nursing.



DECA attends State Competition in Atlantic City

DECA participated in state competition in Atlantic City 2/22-23. Students Clare Bohn and Alyssa Feldmann received a Hospitality certification award (This is for scoring high on the written test). Shaun Bishop made state finals for Principles of Finance. Junior Anthony DeRobertis made state finals for Accounting Applications. National qualifiers were Alyssa Feldmann, Kara Cannorazzi, Clare Bohn and Kialy Ackerson. These students will be going to the International Career Leadership conference in April.



DECA Students in Atlantic City

Alyssa and Kara finished 2nd in the state for their project on Sports and Entertainment Operations. The students were joined by Mrs. Hulbert & Mrs. Kwecinski.

Science Connections

Go into any science classroom and you will see students exploring energy, plate tectonics, stars, stem cells, photosynthesis, interactions between populations, the digestive system and solutions. Science faculty continue to push their classes toward increasingly student-centered lessons where students solve problems, construct explanations for phenomena and argue from evidence. It is hard work for both teacher and student! In other news, the student body is excited for our newly created elective, Forensic Science, as shown in the large number of students hoping to take the course. Go CSI Jefferson!

Language Arts & Media Curriculum Connections

Throughout March, the English Department dove into new literature and more challenging assignments. Here are some exciting highlights.

Students in Mrs. Dunham's 9th grade classes translated and annotated pop lyrics (Justin Bieber, Beyonce, and Adele--just to name a few!) in sonnet form before reading *Romeo and Juliet* to help become acclimated to Shakespearean language. They have also been acting out all the scenes of *Romeo and Juliet* in class while having fun using quirky props!

Students in Ms. Stettler's 10 grade English classes have begun writing their personal memoirs, in the style of Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried*. They are constructing three stories about events that have shaped who they are today.

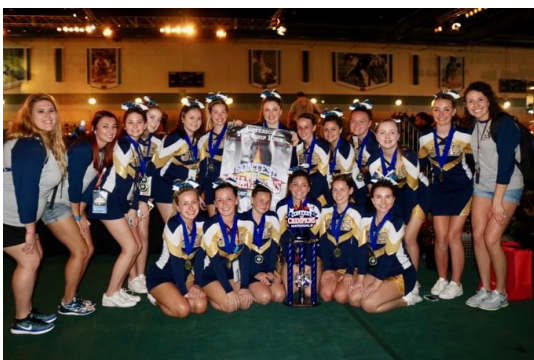
Students in Mrs. Gutwerk's 11th grade English classes created their own "Modest Proposal's" for problems in today's society. They were required to use elements of satire which were studied while reading Jonathan Swift's *A Modest Proposal*. Some of the topics that were addressed were the homeless crisis, underage drinking, obesity, school dress code, overuse of cell phones in society, and immigration.

Students in Mrs. Boyle's senior English classes worked on their capstone projects. Students have been working towards this goal throughout the school year researching and applying ancient as well as modern philosophers to develop their own Philosophy of Life. Additionally, students created video presentations.

School Connections: Project Stay Gold

On March 1, 2017 four senior members from Project Stay Gold traveled to Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. PSG was one of four presentations arranged to teach the SPF students about decision making and healthy life choices. The students created their own multimedia presentation that included interactive activities with the audience to teach about human trafficking and modern day slavery. After the presentation, the PSG students had the opportunity to meet at a roundtable discussion with members of the SPF student government and students council. The students collectively discussed human trafficking, signs, and prevention tips on a more personal level. It was a very successful trip that everyone felt was incredibly meaningful.

Athletics Connection



National Champions!

This month Teen Pep Family Night was a huge success. Sophomore Justin Randzio represented us in AC at the Wrestling state championships. Senior Mark Bohn and Sophomore Rob Ferucci were District Champs. Our Boys and Girls Basketball both had a good run in the state tournament with the boys knocking off the #1 seed. Girls won the NJAC American Division championship and also made it to the finals of the MCT. The Boys Ski team qualified for states. The Cheerleading Squad captured a National Championship in their division in Orlando. Junior Alicia Boucher captured a Group 2 State title in Shot Put, Jalen Torres broke a school record in the Shot Put as well.

Fine and Studio Art, Related Arts & Social Studies

ART: Sarah Machere, a junior in Advanced Art class, has had her abstract clay sculpture selected for the prestigious 'Fresh Perspectives 2017' art exhibition at the Morris Museum. The annual juried exhibition is an opportunity to recognize and give artistically accomplished high school students a professionally organized museum exhibition experience. The opening reception and awards presentation will be held on Friday, April 7th, and work on display through Sunday, June 4th.



Sarah Machere's Abstract clay Sculpture



ROBOTICS: Our Robotics Team Falcon 2600 advanced to the semi-finals at the First Robotics Competition hosted by Mt. Olive High School. Led by Mr. Januszki, our team worked diligently to prepare the robot to climb a rope. The photo on the left shows that our team achieved their objective. Great job Team Falcon 2600!



Robotics Team Falcon 2600

World Language, ESL and Music Connection

AP Spanish classes are preparing for the AP practice test while Spanish 4H and 5CP learn about different aspects of social issues and the lifestyle in Spanish speaking countries and the students will create a cultural comparison between those countries and their own community.

Our French 1 students are learning how to form questions in a variety of different ways. Our French 2 students are getting ready to take an oral proficiency exam about their childhood experiences, likes and dislikes. During this assessment, students will be using a combination of completed past and imperfect tenses. French 3 students are learning about responsibilities at home, while comparing the lifestyles and habits of French and American teens with one other.

School Connections: Academic Bowl

Students attended the Academic Bowl on 2/22. This is a competition between schools of the former S.C.I.L. that focuses on team knowledge in 5 categories: Math, Science, Language and Arts, History, and General Knowledge. During the scheduled rounds, each team has 6 members competing against a team from another school. Teams have 30 seconds to answer a question, 40 seconds for math computation questions. This year's event was hosted by High Point High School. After finishing 6th in the first round, Jefferson rebounded and was able to climb back into the 3rd position and secure a spot in the final four. Jefferson lost the semi-final game to Sparta, but defeated High Point to finish 3rd overall. Lenape Valley was the winner. The team members included: Advisor: Mr. Hough Students: Zach Homeijer – Captain, Olga Sokiran, Stefan Knapick, Amir Choudhury, Ryan Schmidt, & Halle Music.



Sophomore Derek Jeffery sits on his chair he made in Woodshop.

*Stefan Knapik Displays Student Success at JTHS!
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Stefan Knapik is a current senior at JTHS. He is a captain of the ski team, a member of several honor societies, the marching band, and also the track team. On top of all of his activities, he has had a lot of major achievements during this year. Although Knapik has Ivy League aspirations and is waiting to hear from four of these schools, he has already received a full scholarship to NJIT Albert Dorman Honors College and has also been accepted to Northeastern University and Boston University.

Knapik was recently qualified to apply for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program after scoring a 36 on his ACT test, the highest score a student can receive. As a candidate, he was recognized as one of the "nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors." After applications, 161 students are selected in April to visit the White House, receive the Presidential Scholar Medallion and have the opportunity to converse with famous writers and scientists.

On top of these achievements, Knapik is also striving to be an Eagle Scout. Knapik has risen through the ranks of scouts and in order to be an Eagle Scout he must also receive four more merit badges: personal fitness, personal management, family life and citizenship in the community. His project will be to rebuild the handicap ramp at the first-aid squad on Route 15. JTHS wishes Knapik the best of luck and anticipates many more great achievements in his future.

School Connection: Winter Guard

The High School Winter Guard recently finished on in 3rd place on March 18th at Whitehall High School in Allentown Pennsylvania. They are currently ranked 5th out of 40 guards, an amazing accomplishment for this point in the season. They will compete next on April 1 at East Stroudsburg University.



Exceptional Connection

The LLD English 11 class has been studying Gothic Literature and analyzing different mediums of Frankenstein. Students are able to compare and contrast film versions, identify Gothic elements, analyze the causes and effects of the creature's behavior, and discuss and answer essential questions such as, should scientists play God? Students can connect themes of Frankenstein to previously learned literature and also to current events.

The Career and Consumer class went on a trip last week to Costco to explore the different career options for them. They toured the Costco in Wharton, received free samples, and talked to employees and supervisors. They finished the tour at Manhattan Bagels where the students had to order for themselves and pay for their meal. The trip was a success and many students said they can see themselves working there.