



Jefferson Township High School Newsletter

Jefferson Pride

JTHS Happenings:

- Jefferson Idol
- The Nerds Concert
- Class of 2018 Laser Tag
- Mid- Winter Band Concert
- Rock Concert
- Service Night
- Transition Fair



Teacher Cara Schwimer named Jefferson Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year.



Anatomy and physiology honors Students Liam Brennan & Elizabeth Monaco make a model of the brain using a swim cap.

Jefferson Township High School Recognized by College Board

The 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll was released recently with seven Morris County school districts recognized by the College Board and named to the 7th Annual AP (Advanced Placement) District Honor Roll. The AP District Honor Roll recognizes school districts across the U.S. and Canada for increasing AP access to students while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning AP exam scores of 3 or higher, according to a press release from the College Board. The districts were Butler, Jefferson, Randolph, West Morris Regional and the Morris County Vocational School District. "We are very proud of this prestigious recognition for the students and staff at Jefferson Township High School and congratulate all those involved in promoting the highest level of student achievement." Well done everyone.

International Exchange Students Visit JTHS

JTHS recently hosted 27 students and 3 teachers from China. Host families were selected for the students to stay with and shadow buddy students at the high school provided daily partnership as they enjoyed a full week's worth of classes. A completion ceremony was held on Tuesday with the presentation of certificates to the exchange students, host families, and our own JTHS students.



Welcome Night for International Exchange Students

Science Connections

Around the science department, faculty have been working with one another on lesson planning, lab set-up and assessment creation. Amanda Beshlian (Earth Science/Astronomy) recently trained some of our JTMS colleagues in using the Star Lab, a portable planetarium--she did an excellent job! Biology faculty have been busy setting up various fish tanks, most notably Mr. Rose who recently created a salt-water tank. He made this difficult task look easy and the various organisms (coral, anemones, crabs, tube worms) he has in the tank make it worth paying a visit. Mr. Guzewicz has been hard at work teaching his students about gravity through the use of computer simulations and experimentation--watch out for falling apples!



World Language, ESL and Music Connection

This month in Spanish 4 Honors, students will learn and apply the If clauses which require the use of the subjunctive mood, Spanish 5 CP students are learning and discussing the importance of Cesar Chavez and the meaning of "la causa" and "la huelga" for the farm workers and how they formed their union UFW. Spanish AP students are going to complete multiple, varied drills in order to practice for their AP practice test on April 5th and the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam for those who have chosen to take it.

All of the French three classes have recently read, analyzed and discussed, the surreal poem "Pour Faire le portrait d'un oiseau," written by Jacques Prevert. Additionally, our French 3 Honors students are creating projects and presentations based about various French Artists as part of their unit on beauty and aesthetics. They have been using authentic French sources. There will be a written, visual and oral component to each project.

Math Connections

During the month of February, Mathematics teachers attended a curriculum presentation facilitated by McGraw-Hill. The two math programs, Core Plus Math and Glencoe Math, represented two different approaches to mathematics pedagogy. Core Plus Math is a program that allows students to not just "do the math," but also to "understand and explain their math" by focusing on mathematical modeling and the development of reasoning, justification, and proof. Glencoe Math is a good math program, engages students to develop critical math thinking, and provides the tools necessary to expand understanding using the latest technology.

School Connections: Debate Team

Congratulations to the Jefferson Township High School Debate Team! During the 2016-2017 North Jersey Debate League season, the team truly distinguished themselves. At the February 16, 2017 Championship held at West Morris Central, the Jefferson Township High School Debate team received six awards for the season. We are especially proud of the Jefferson Township High School Debate Team's performance at the Championship Round. The Negative Team qualified for the final debate of the day and won Second Place Team of the League. Additionally, during the season Jefferson had one tournament win earning a first place win at the Round 2 Tournament held at Roxbury High School on November 18th with 7 wins and 1 loss.



Athletics Connection



Wrestling Team

Girls' Basketball captured the NJAC American Division Championship on Feb. 22 by defeating Sparta 41-36. In addition they play in the Morris County Tournament Final this Friday night at 7pm vs. Morristown at CCM.

Wrestling had 2 Champions (Bob Ferrucci and Mark Bohn) at the recent NJ State Wrestling Individual Tournament Districts at Kittatinny. In addition including those two we had 7 wrestlers advance to the Region Tournament.

In Indoor Track Alicia Boucher was crowned State Champ for the Shot Put in Group 2 and Jalen Torres broke a school record in the Shot Put as well.

Ice Hockey won their first round state game and move on to face Freehold Township in the second round on Friday.

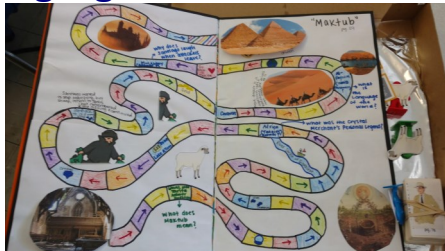
Fine and Studio Art, Related Arts & Social Studies

Chief Joseph for the MAASAI tribe in Kenya visited with our students back in October. During his visit to our high school he mentioned that his village was in need of a kitchen for his pre-school children. Under the leadership of Mrs. Schwimer our student council raised \$1,500.00 in one month. The kitchen is complete and this is a message from Chief Joseph to our school community, "A lot of appreciation to your students, teachers, and the NJ community for supporting my village school towards the construction of a school kitchen where the school kids can have their food cooked without getting contaminated. We say thank you and God Bless."



I would like to thank and recognize the outstanding leadership of Mrs. Schwimer and the great work of our student council. They have truly made history in the lives of children in a small village in Kenya.

Language Arts & Media Curriculum Connections



A Game inspired by "The Alchemist"

Ms. Nash's 9th grade classes viewed *The Blind Side*, and used chat rooms to engage in academic talks to make connections between the movie and other texts. We discussed the movie via the laptops and this website. This technology offered students a method created an alternative learning experience for annotating texts.

Ms. Ruiz's tenth grade classes completed a *Catcher in the Rye* fever chart which prompted them to analyze a chosen theme from the novel and plot their textual evidence on a line graph. The projects were completed in a collaborative manner, and the students will present their findings to the class.

Mr. Barbato's eleventh grade courses engaged in the writing process to complete their research papers. Students developed an arguable thesis, choosing scientists and/or scientific case studies and methodologies that challenge scientific/medical ethics. The students accessed and gathered empirical literature through the school database with the help of Mrs. Towers. Mr. Rose, from the Science Department, also made a guest appearance to present some controversial issues in the scientific/technology community.

Mrs. Maxwell's English 12 Honors classes has been studying Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist*. Students worked with partners to create board games to demonstrate a knowledge of the text, while depicting the journey of the main character through the game. Students will actually play some of the selected games in class!

School Connections: Class of 2018 Laser Tag



Chloe Esperance, Jeremy Kissack, Kalen Luciano, Al-lie Cheff, and Mikayla Gall

On Tuesday, February 7th the Class of 2018 held a Laser tag fundraiser at the High school. Students created teams of five for the event and were asked to pay \$8 per person to pay for the rentals of the equipment and raise money for the Class of 2018. The event began at 6:00pm with 8 teams registered. The format was a tournament style event with a champion team crowned at the end. The playing field consisted of the two cafeterias and the adjacent hallways all with dimmed lighting. While two teams were battling it out the remaining teams watched a movie in the auditorium to help pass the time. The Class of 2018 would like to continue this experience in the spring with more involvement and possibly more funds raised for the class.

Mark Bohn Displays Student Success at JTHS!
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Mark Bohn is a current senior at JTHS and has made multiple achievements on the varsity wrestling team throughout the school year. At the beginning of this month, on February 2, Bohn was able to achieve the one-hundredth win of his wrestling career. At the meet he had his family and lots of his friends supporting him.

On February 6, Bohn was named the “Star-Ledger Athlete of the Week.” He was recognized for winning the Morris County Tournament title. In his interview with the Star-Ledger Bohn stated that “I just kept telling myself to do my best. I always thought I could do it, and I was ready for the challenge.”

Bohn continued his success on February 17, after winning his weight class in the NJSIAA District 2 Wrestling Tournament that was held at Kittatinny High School. This was an important win for Bohn since it meant that he can now advance to regionals and represent JTHS. Individuals can support Bohn in competing at regionals, today, February 24 at Bergen Community College. JTHS wishes Bohn the best of luck and anticipates many more great accomplishments in his future.

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Exceptional Connection

Ms. VanderBok’s class, along with some of their friends from the high school and Middle School, were treated to lunch at the Windlass Restaurant in Lake Hopatcong on Thursday. The management at the restaurant invited their class along with three Middle School classes to have a real dining experience. The students were given modified menus to order from along with individual bills and restaurant gift cards to use to purchase their meals. The wait staff did an extraordinary job interacting with all the students and their teachers/support staff. Almost forty students and staff were treated to lunch and dessert. Everyone agreed that the food was delicious and it was a wonderful experience for all. The Windlass Restaurant is to be commended for their generosity.



Ms. VanderBok’s Students Enjoy lunch at the Windlass

The 18-21 Life Skills Lab Students have been emailing peers from Sparta HS to reinforce good conversation skills. They recently met and went bowling together at Sparta Lanes. They enjoyed meeting their new friends, and we are planning more social outings for this school year.

Jefferson High School partnered with Sparta High School to host a Career and Transition Fair. There were over 40 different vendors from various agencies, small colleges, career institutes, labor unions, and the Armed Forces. We had turnout from all over the county, and participants had the opportunity to start seriously planning for the future!