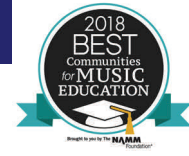
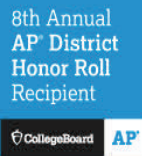




Jefferson Township High School Newsletter

# Jefferson Pride



**JTHS Happenings:**

- Underclassmen Achievement Awards
- Senior Prom
- Gatsby Gala
- Athletic Awards
- Senior Field Day
- Graduation

**JTHS Class Of 2018**

Dear Jefferson Township High School Community,  
I would like to congratulate the class of 2018.

The graduation on the turf field this year was terrific. I would personally like to congratulate our students that are going to college, the armed forces, and the working world on all of their future successes. We hope that you will come back to JTHS to share with our current student body the knowledge that you have gained from your experience and insights. We look forward to hearing about the many varied



careers that you will chose to participate in the upcoming future.

I would like to extend a thank you to all of our parents, community members, staff, and students for your continued support making this past school year a success, I wish everyone a well-deserved rest and eagerly look forward to seeing everyone for the start of the 2018-2019 school year.—Dr. Plotts



*Prom King & Queen, April Jarosz & Michael Fleming*



**Au Revoir Madame Kozlowski**

Mrs. Karen Kozlowski is retiring this year. Jefferson Township High School was lucky to have her the past 5 years. She is a valuable educator, that will truly be missed. Her dedication to her students, and willingness to go above and beyond is unparalleled. Thank you for all that you have done for your French Students. Felicitations et Bonne Chance Madame Kozlowski!



*Staff Member of the Month*



*Madame Kozlowski with Le Grand Concours National Silver medalists Anthony D'Alauro & Maya Dhillon*



**Congratulations Class of 2018**

## Athletics Connection:

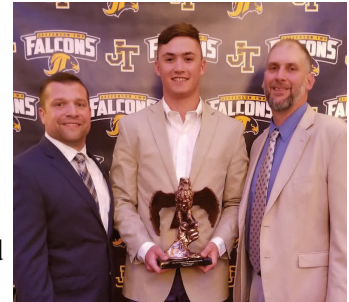
Welcome Cross Country (@JTHSXC) and Girls Soccer (@GirlsSoccerJTHS) to the Twitter family with a follow and a share.

Our season in review had several great moments which showed the hard work and dedication by both Athletes and Coaches. I would personally like to thank all of our athletes for their dedication and sacrifice to our School and our Athletic programs. Congratulations seniors and best of luck in all that you do. If you approach life beyond high school the same way you approached athletics there is no doubt that you will be successful. Always work hard, remember why you started and have fun!

The Jefferson Twp Athletic Booster Club which will now do business as the Jefferson Twp Athletic Association presented our seniors, coaches and families with a beautiful banquet which took place at Casa Bianca on Tuesday June 5th. Several student-athletes received scholarships from the Booster Club in recognition for their application, participation and membership in the Booster Club.

Russ Felter received the Distinguished Service award. Anthony DeRobertis was the Unsung Hero. Female Coaches Awards went to Victoria Pietraszkiwicz and Katie DeBell. Male Coaches Awards went to Mike Fleming and Liam Fitzgerald. Sportsmanship Awards went to Jocelyn Rock and Cole Kandel. Individual Sport Awards went to Alicia Boucher and Shane Connolly. Team Sport Awards went to Taylor Langan and Andrew Benfatti. Marine 2nd Lieutenant JT Wroblewski Award went to Steven Breeman.

Our Falcon Cup Team Award compares each teams varsity athletes with awards going to a boys team, a girls team and a co-ed team. Boys Soccer with a GPA of 3.46 won for the boys, Golf with a GPA of 3.60 won for Co-Ed, and Softball with a GPA of 3.64 was our female and overall winner of the Falcon Cup.



Mr. Koch, Steven Breeman & Coach DiGenerro

## World Language, ESL and Music Connection: Ms. Chirico

During the past few weeks, Spanish 3 Honors students took on the role of movie director and created a Spanish movie trailer to represent their favorite film. If you would like some entertainment and a lot of laughs, ask a Spanish 3 Honors student if you can watch his/her production!

Meanwhile, Spanish 3 CP has been working on lip syncing skills by not only re-creating Spanish music videos but also analyzing the lyrics and grammar within the song. Check out their musical talents when you get a chance!

In ESL, students researched peace promoters of the past and present, presented biographical information, and collaborated to express what peace means to them, their school, and their culture by designing and painting with acrylic on canvas. See the final product in the picture!



## Business Department Connection: Ms. Villa

**Media Center:** The high school media center has been the place to be the last week with students finishing up projects and exploring in the makerspace. Mrs. Towers taught students how to print a Google Doc with comments.

**Business:** Pathways to Business class finished up their final Shark Tank projects and thank all the teachers that volunteered to be sharks...especially Mrs. Diaz and Mrs. Towers for giving up a lot of their personal time to help us out. Also, FBLA and DECA will be selling water at graduation to kick start the return of scholarships for deserving students planning on furthering their education in business.

## Exceptional Connection:

This will be the first year that our Transition Education program will be hosting an end of the year picnic at Mahlon Dickerson Reservation. We will be celebrating a successful year while also congratulating two of our seniors in exiting the program. Mrs. VanderBok's Life Skills class went out to lunch at Jefferson Diner. The students had been raising money all year by making and selling dog biscuits to the faculty and staff. The students used some of the money to buy gifts for their mothers for Mother's Day and for buying food from the food trucks during the recent Spirit Day. They still had enough money to buy lunch and even dessert at the diner. The students had studied the menu in class and picked out what they wanted, adding the prices along with tax and a tip. At the diner they were able to order and pay for their own meals. There is even money left over for a pizza party to end the school year! The students have learned valuable lessons about making and spending money.

### Science Connection: *Mr. Hiben*

As we finish up another school year, the science department would like to thank all parents and guardians for their continued support of our program. We will continue to undergo changes as we seek to provide the best science education, in terms of both knowledge gained and skills acquired. Your children are taking their written exams at present which represent one-half of their final exam experience. The other half consisted of a research project or lab practical, both of which are designed to balance out a more traditional seated exam, and to give us a more well rounded view of what they can really do. From all science faculty, best of luck on final exams and have a great summer break!

### English Connection: *Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Daken, & Mrs. Boyle*



Morgan Rocks  
Croquembouche

This year, the Seniors participated in 20Time - an end of year project where they are given class and homework time to research and develop their own ideas. These could be anything from learning to drive stick, mastering the art of French pastry-making, researching and selecting investments, creating amazing spray-painted masterpieces, to increasing self-confidence and living a healthier lifestyle. After a month of working on their projects, the students displayed their progress and their reflection on their efforts in Ted-style talks.



*Nick Cotter and Owen Merolle*

### Great Gatsby: *Ms. Stettler & Ms. Russo*

The FINAL annual Gatsby Gala, hosted by the English 10 Honors students, was held on June 5th. The students did a fantastic job researching and executing projects on different elements of the Roaring Twenties; topics included: The Culinary Experience of the 1920s, The Athletic Arena, Art, Architecture and Interior Design, Journalism and Advertising, Organized Crime, Literature, The Impact of World War I and much more. This year each group prepared an engaging and immersive "exhibit" for their topic. All students were dressed in 1920s apparel and, for a day, the gymnasium was transported back in time! JTHS students, parents and staff enjoyed every minute!



### Waksman Scholars: *Mr. Rose*

The Bio-Technology club went to Rutgers to give a poster presentation for the protein they isolated during our experiments in the Bio-technology club. During the year, starting in October they extracted cloned duckweed DNA from bacterial plasmids, and isolated the duckweed protein making DNA. Then they ran them through various markers to check if they a) had the correct wanted DNA, b) were long enough to be tested, and c) had a large enough amount of DNA copies present to be sent for sequencing. Once that was finished they researched the protein that they identified in the duckweed and made the poster which they presented to research Doctors/ Scientists/ and professors. They were identified as Waksman scholars and Mr. Rose as a teaching fellow of the program. They had two students published on the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) which is used internationally by research scientists for bioinformatics and gene sequencing. One student is still working on his unknown clones and may be published over the summer with some luck.



*Jerreck Lam & Grace Reed*

Poem to the Class of 2018—Inspiring words for the senior class presented at the teacher talent show 2017 by Mrs. Vandigriff

When you entered this school	share your own special light.	The rays of the sun will lead	you in the classroom.
the horizon was visible on the	You are a soul of strength.	you far and wide.	I stop in wonder of you as you
white water with rays of oppor-	What is strength?	Purple hues of solitude	navigate this melting pot of a
tunities shining forth on the	It is family, faith, and friends.	Lilac scents of illness	parking lot.
calm seas.	It is kindness, laughter, and	Orchid shades of recovery	Your path is forged by you,
The sun shone bright paths of	smiles.	Blend your colors and “weld	supported by all of 2018 as
light and vibrant colors for all	How do you show your	on” following innocent roads of	each of you march to your own
to see.	strength?	green grassy footprints across	natural rhythm of life.
The yellow paths were easy and	Is it when you help someone	the schoolyard.	Senior Year looms in front of
clear, wide and smooth for all	pick up spilled pencils?	Precious friendships of golden	you! What will you
those who walked forward.	Is it paying for someone’s lunch	links that are everlasting.	accomplish?
Today the horizon is now be-	behind you?	Red tones of responsibility	Almost anything you wish if you
hind you and in front of you lies	Is it pondering a thousand	propel you forward.	follow your path of truth.
your personal journey. The sun	moments under a	Blue skies of optimisms link the	P.S. June 21, 2018
is at high noon and beams	“giving tree”?	class of 2018 into an	Graduation Night...
boldness, passion, and self-	Strength is when you dance	unbreakable chain.	An eternal light of vibrant col-
assurance.	upon the rainbow and float	Together, Together, you are	ors shines for all to see. These
You now stride on the daffodil	upon the sea.	a Rainbow of fortitude.	precious rays of blue and gold
lined paths of purpose.	Strength is when the caterpillar	A River of Peace;	will continue to shine long after
The sun has risen high in the	emerges out of the cocoon and	A Rowboat of Life for all to see.	the sun sets on our Jefferson
sky! Shining rays of hope map	only I can see your beautiful	Your legacy you ask?	sky.
a course for everyone who be-	butterfly wings,	Oh... it is just beginning!	Senior Year blooms before you!
lieves in their spirit of strength.	your colors of truth floating in	It is a tapestry, a never ending	What will you accomplish?
How do you create a legacy?	waves upon the sandy hallways.	collage born at that first	Almost anything you wish if you
Find your voice!	There is no time to waste!	breath.	follow your path of truth.
Refine your voice!	Let your voice sing, run, dance,	Reshaped as you grow,	Love, Mrs. Patricia Vandigriff
Shine bright your personality	march; speak with truth!	Rewritten as you learn, and	
across the blue-white skies!	The truth of who you are	Restyled as you play.	
You are a single ray of sun-	becoming.	I hear you in the garden, I see	
shine but grow stronger as you			

