



Jefferson Township High School Newsletter

# Jefferson Pride

**JTHS Happenings:**

- College Fair
- Debate Tournament
- Fall Drama
- NHS Inductions



**Congratulations National Honor Society Inductees:**

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| <i>Devyn Fatzynytz</i>     | <i>Nathan Rowe</i>      |
| <i>Andre Frueh</i>         | <i>Noelle Sabatino</i>  |
| <i>Joshua Holschuh</i>     | <i>Ahmed Shalaby</i>    |
| <i>Jarrick Lam</i>         | <i>Benjamin Shaprio</i> |
| <i>Casey VanVeen</i>       | <i>Radhika Sheth</i>    |
| <i>Jillian Adler</i>       | <i>Aamna Siddiqi</i>    |
| <i>Chloe Bolka</i>         | <i>Kristie Thompson</i> |
| <i>Partick Burns</i>       | <i>Diana Williams</i>   |
| <i>Lyndsi Cortese</i>      | <i>Caroline Wolfe</i>   |
| <i>Cameron Delfino</i>     | <i>Eric Wolos</i>       |
| <i>John Demko</i>          | <i>Taylor Young</i>     |
| <i>Krista Feldmann</i>     |                         |
| <i>Mason Godfrey</i>       |                         |
| <i>Nicolette Hayes</i>     |                         |
| <i>Sharon Israel</i>       |                         |
| <i>James Knapik</i>        |                         |
| <i>Natalie Lopez</i>       |                         |
| <i>Matthew DelRosario</i>  |                         |
| <i>George Kharchilava</i>  |                         |
| <i>Rachelle Ludder</i>     |                         |
| <i>Karlee Luker</i>        |                         |
| <i>Muskan Mantoo</i>       |                         |
| <i>Constatine Sedereas</i> |                         |
| <i>Paul Monaco</i>         |                         |
| <i>Julie Murdter</i>       |                         |
| <i>Chirag Rana</i>         |                         |
| <i>Brianna Drwiega</i>     |                         |
| <i>Peyton Riegel</i>       |                         |



**School Connections: Fall Drama *Rumors* -Mrs. Cantwell**

Jefferson Township High School proudly presented, ‘Rumors’ by Neil Simon, on November seventeenth and eighteenth. The outstanding cast performed this madcap, who-done-it, comedy on a level rarely seen on a high school stage. The newly renovated auditorium provided technical and visual improvements never before available at JTHS. The cast and crew extend their heartfelt thanks to all who attended.



**School Connections: Habitat for Humanity**



Habitat for Humanity participated in a build on November 1st. Staff and students went to Andover to help rehabilitate a home. Students participated in the removal and replacement of siding, and part of the roof. They also applied blue board, performed window installation and interior framing.

**Science Connections: *Mr. Hiben***

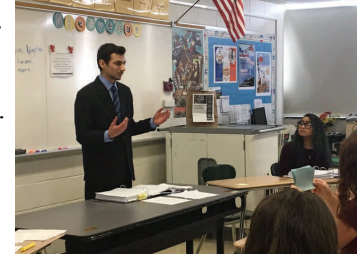
Currently in the science department, students are finishing their study of weather, beginning their study of photosynthesis and respiration, learning about Newton's Laws of Motion, and working on interpreting the Periodic Table of the Elements. As always, a trip into any science classroom will find students carrying out investigations, exploring various phenomena and making claims and arguments to explain what they observed. The Biotechnology Research Club is still meeting weekly after school to separate, clone and identify DNA as part of the current research being done on duckweed, in conjunction with the Waksman Student Scholars Program through Rutgers University.

## Language Arts & Media Curriculum Connections: *Mrs. Daken*

Media Studies has recently completed their analysis of print media. After debating the future of the news, they created their own online news sites. When these were completed, they held a contest to see which group did the best job - both in content and creativity. The Doom and Gloom news won!

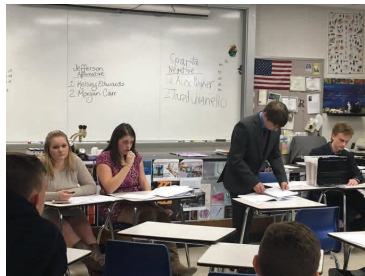
## School Connections: *Debate—Mrs. Vandigriff*

Congratulations to the Jefferson Township High School Debate Team! On October 27, 2017 the Jefferson Debate Team won first place at the first North Jersey Debate League Tournament held at Dover High School with 6 wins and 2 losses. The Team began preparing at Summer Debate Camp in August and attended the Baylor University Seminar by Dr. Richard Edwards in September. Students research the topic, prepare their speeches and define critical words that help them to defeat their opponent's argumentation. This year's resolve is that The United States Federal Government should substantially increase Funding and/or Regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.



*Senior Kalen Luciano Represents Jefferson at the JTHS Debate Nov. 17th*

The Jefferson Debate Team hosted the November Tournament on November 17th at the high school. Debates were held in 32 classrooms during the day. The Jefferson Debate Team placed third with 5 wins and 3 losses. The Debate Team greatly appreciates everyone's help and support.



The 21st Century skills expected of students in college are learned by the team as they prepare, plan and debate their case using argumentation and researched facts. The next Tournament is December 8th at Kittatinny High School and the Championship Tournament will be held at Roxbury High School in February. Senior Debaters include: Morgan Carr (Captain), Kyle Dunphy, Kelsey Edwards (Captain), Chloe Esperance (Captain), Kalen Luciano, John Mahoney, Michael Martinelli, Nipun Jayakumar, and Justin Palus (Captain).

## Athletics Connection: *Mr. Dicolo*



*Boys Soccer Team*

The Fall season is over and we had many successful campaigns. Most notably was our Boys' Varsity Soccer team that captured the first divisional title in the history of the program winning the NJAC American Division with a 6-2 record. Along the way, they set many records such as most goals scored, most shutouts, fewest goals allowed and most wins in program history. The Football team won their consolation state game beating a tough Wayne Valley team to finish there season at .500 (5-5). Girls' Soccer qualified for the state tournament as the 14th seed and lost a tough game to Glen Rock (#3 seed) in a sudden death shootout. They had a very competitive campaign. Girls' Cross Country

had a good season in a tough American Division but came away with several individual accomplishments with Sarah DeVries and Emily Szalai having success at the counties, sectionals and group meets. Field Hockey and Girls' Volleyball also had successful competitive seasons with first-year Head Coaches Kasey Farris and Sara Voorhees respectfully. Looking forward to good things to come in the future of both programs. All in all, the athletes, coaches, and the athletic department want to thank all of the supporters that came out to watch games.

## Business Department Connection: *Ms. Villa*

Media Center News: Mrs. Towers created an "Our Favorite Book Wall" The post it note includes, title, author and the person who likes the book. The Media Center hosted the Debate Tournament on Friday (11/17) where 8 schools participated and Jefferson took 3rd place. During the last month, Mrs. Towers completed teacher requested lessons on creating effective outlines and avoiding plagiarism. The English 10CP classes are researching information on a current technology to determine if that technology is beneficial or detrimental to American society. Students will focus on factors such as interpersonal relationships and communication, economic impact and convenience. Students must also compare and contrast the chosen technology to the tenets of Transcendentalism.



Business News: The Personal Finance classes have been participating in the H&R Block Financial Literacy Challenge. "The H&R Block Budget Challenge is an online simulation tool that replicates real-world budgeting and personal finance decision-making. By simulating an adult's financial life – paying bills, investing in retirement, managing loans and more – students take a personal finance "road test." This learn-by-doing educational approach allows high schoolers to make real world mistakes without facing real world consequences." There are 1,560 classes across the country participating in the challenge from Oct. 5, 2017 through December 14, 2017. Currently Mrs. Kwiecinski's Period 4 class is ranked at 30 and Period 2 at 37. They are working hard to get into the top 20!

The DECA Thanksgiving Food Drive has concluded. The business group was able to collect enough food to feed individual families in need from Jefferson, as well as contribute food to the New Hope Food Pantry and the American Legion.



*Deca Students Kenny Morris  
Ajay Gobind & Morgan  
Beaudoin Collect Donations*

## World Language, ESL and Music Connection:

AP Spanish students are working on mastering an interpersonal conversation task and new thematic vocabulary related to Science and Technology, Spanish 4CP students are working on how to create questions related to a job interview and Spanish 4H students are presenting a project about the influence of Latin culture in different parts of the United States.

The JTHS Wind Ensemble made it's first appearance of the year on November 12th as they helped honor our veterans at the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the municipal complex on Weldon Road. The band played patriotic favorites including The Battle Hymn of the Republic, an arrangement that included the JTHS Chamber Choir. Trumpeters Ryan Schmidt and Nathan Rowe were the buglers who honored the vets with "Taps".



*JTHS Wind Ensemble at the  
Veteran's Day Ceremony*

The JTHS Instrumental Music department is pleased to announce the recent achievement of the largest number of band members ever accepted into the All Sussex County Band this year with 16. They include: Ryan Schmidt, Kara Majury, David Losey, Brianna Del Rio, Nathan Rowe, Annabelle Del Rosario, Olivia Mercado, Joel Spridigliozi, James Knapik, Alyssa DeNino, Patrick Flynn, Kristine Bartley, Alivia Catania, Lucas Havriliak, Sophie Quail, and Emily Schmidt. The wonderful concert took place on November 15 at Kittatinny Regional High School.

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*Sports & Entertainment Journalism Students*

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## Students Helping Students During Holiday Season Joshua Dyl

The Sports and Entertainment Journalism students of Jefferson Township High School are collecting new sports equipment for local children of needy families during this holiday season.

The students enrolled in this course share an interest in sports. Students often converse on the most current sports happenings, from games to conflicts. During the time of giving, the students would like to share their love for sports with the needy families.

Teacher of the Sports and Entertainment Journalism course, Maria Clarizio, was asked in an interview about what it means to be an athlete when in times of need. "Being an athlete is much more than playing on the field, you are a role model for not only the team but the community. Being on a team teaches life lessons."

"There have been boxes set up in the high school's cafeteria, library, and front lobby. Any sports equipment will be greatly appreciated. Some donations may include, but are not limited to footballs/basketballs/soccer balls/tennis balls/volley balls, knee and elbow pads, helmets, baseball bats, tennis rackets, and lacrosse sticks.

Clarizio said, "We are hoping to get something...to make a few donations to have an enjoyable holiday."

All sports equipment is due by December 15. This is a two week-long collection that will be held in the high school. The items will be given to families in local areas. Please help by spreading your love of a sport with a needy family this holiday season.



*Sports & Entertainment Students enjoy a field trip to Met Life Stadium*

## Exceptional Connection: Mr. Reholz

Mrs. Ciaraffo's Algebra 2 class has completed their stained glass window projects. These projects incorporated the use of standard form and slope intercept form as well as the x and y axis. Students plotted their lines on graph paper, then colored in the empty space creating a stained glass window effect. This gave students a look at a real world use for solving and graphing equations. The students in Ms. VanderBok's class successfully made and sold Halloween shaped dog biscuits to the high school staff. The students learned the importance of seasonal marketing which they will use as they begin taking orders for holiday dog biscuits. The money they are earning will be used for an upcoming trip to the mall and other trips planned for the winter and spring. The students in Ms. VanderBok's class also went to the laundromat and washed and folded clothes for the middle school sharing closet. The clothes were donated for the use of middle school students. The students in the adult program visited Ramapo College to tour the campus. This is the beginning to a wonderful partnership we are forming to have our students attend classes and participate in activities with Ramapo College education majors. The Transition Education classes have completed their own personal resumes. These resumes include their work experience, achievements, activities, skills, references, education and training. Using the [njcan.org](http://njcan.org) resume creator, students were able to choose what information to include, and generate a professional looking resume. The Transition Education classes also explored different occupations that matched their personal skill preferences. The Career Skills classes have been focusing on public speaking. This unit has required students to create persuasive and informative speeches, and then present them to the class. In addition, the Career skills classes went on a CBI trip to 11th Hour Rescue in the Rockaway Mall. This gave students a chance to learn about the pets at the rescue and the job requirements. The students had a great time and are looking forward to the next CBI trip.



*CBI Students Jacob Luker, Catherine Keefe, Robert Ciszak, Ryan Sarra, & Jessica DeMott*