



Jefferson Township High School Newsletter

# Jefferson Pride



**JTHS Happenings:**

- NHS Inductions
- College Fair
- Academy Open House
- Fall Drama

**School Connection: *Fall Drama See How They Run***

The Fall Drama *See How They Run* was a huge success. Performances were on November 30th & December 1st. The cast and crew once again did a stellar job. The action packed comedy delivered entertainment for all.



Congratulations NHS Members:  
 Elise Bencivengo, Bryan Dunphy, Edria Garganian, Ajay Gobind, Bailey Hedges, Tyler Hontz, Alyssa Ligotti, Sean Majury, Lea Mazzacano, Rudhra Merchant, Stephanie Nwankwo, Kayla Parisi, Robert Cizak, Alexandria Forlenza, Jessica Gamble, Toni Nordone, Casey Obaytek, Jessica O'Malley, Jenna Piccotti, Emily Ricciardi, Yves Turgeon, Erica Albertson, Alyssa Argondizzo, Juliana Aromin, Catalina Bahamondes, Morgan Beaudoin, Danae Benfatti, Cassidy Blaha, Reagan Bonforte, Amber Brinck, Morgan Brown, Emily Brunner, Abigail Buccieri, Alivia Catania, Owen Cheevers, Aimee Cheff, Cassandra Coyle, Edward DiTomasso, Alexandra DuHaime, Candice Faust, Jack Fitzpatrick, Patrick Flynn, Gabrielle Frueh, Felicia Gall, Kayla Gitter, Cassidy Holston, Samantha Iversen, Matthew Johnson, Melissa Karim, Helena Kateris, Kailyn Kerr, John Knox, Lindsey Latoracca, Nicole Lee, Hannah Maynard, Ian McAndrew, Hananh Naiman, Deanna Natale, Kiersten Nicolosi, Amanda Novack, Olivia Oberman, Patricia Orlandoni, Emily Parete, Anjali Patel, Lauren Reuter, Rebecca Schultz, Nicholas Smeilus, Ashley Struck, Sarah Sweet, & Christina Young.



**World Language, ESL and Music Connection: *Mr. Sica***

Mrs. A. Brown and the Tomorrow's Teachers students participated in the 2018 Future Teacher Academy sponsored by the College of Education at Kean University. The students viewed multiple presentations by current Kean education students and university staff. Our senior Falcons interacted with other teacher cadets from high schools across New Jersey. The interdisciplinary workshops included multiple, content-based activities.



**Science Connection: *Mr. Hiben***

Currently in the science department, students are finishing their study of the Earth-Moon-Sun systems, studying 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. We are hoping to see numerous students get published this year!

## Athletics Connection: Mr. Koch

November is a time when athletics is gearing up for a competitive winter season. This winter we will host 12 varsity level programs to keep an eye on. Before we get into competition there are fall banquets to attend, professional development to help grow as an athletic community, and college signings to congratulate our senior class looking to continue their athletic career at the next level.

Sparta-Jefferson United Ice hockey had their first game on Saturday the 24th hosting Chatham who returned a senior-heavy line-up. The team battled well but ended up dropping their first game. The 'United' team will look to avenge its loss and start off strong. Please check our website for upcoming games and follow them on Twitter @SJU\_HS\_Hockey.



Nicole Cuervo & Caroline Wolfe

On November 14th JTHS hosted two senior athletes and their families as they signed their National Letter of Intent. This was the first of many opportunities seniors can participate in if they elect to continue to compete in athletics at the college level.

Nicole Cuervo committed to Bloomsburg University to play Field Hockey. Nicole was a 3-year varsity athlete and compiled 15 goals and 7 assists in her career. This year she earned 1st team All-League, 3rd team All-Morris County honors.

Caroline Wolfe committed to Caldwell College to play Lacrosse. Carrie posted 1 goal, 2 assists, 9 ground balls, and a Colonial North Honorable Mention in her sophomore year while ratcheting it up her junior year with 29 ground balls and a Third Team All-Morris County, First Team All-League, All-Herald First Team, Daily Record First Team honors. She looks to continue the upward trend in her Senior campaign.

The NCAA now recognizes DI, DII, and DIII athletes for NLI signing days. Please contact Mr. Koch in the Athletic Office should you commit to continuing your athletic career in college.

On November 6th JTHS coaches partook in a Positive Coaching Alliance workshop called The Double-Goal Coach; Coaching for winning and for life-lessons. In this workshop coaches worked with a facilitator from the PCA to explore why and how to pursue both winning and the more important goal of teaching life lessons through sport. After the 2-hour workshop coaches continued their development with an online course solidifying the methods discussed. The plan for the next PCA workshop will incorporate our student-athletes in a workshop called; Becoming A Triple-Impact Competitor. Please visit [positivecoach.org](http://positivecoach.org) for more information about the national organization as well as information about their extensive workshops.



Facilities update: 2 - 70' batting cages are now installed in the aux gym. These cages replace the manual cable pulls that have been at the HS since the 1970s.

Follow up on twitter @JTHSAthletics.

## English Connection: Ms. Wnuk

The Seniors have completed their study of memoirs, reading Ishmael Beah's *A Long Way Gone* and a memoir of their own choosing, and writing their own memoirs that could be used for college applications.

AP Language and Composition is in the middle of their study of coming of age texts, synthesizing fiction, such as *Jane Eyre*, with nonfiction, such as the film *Persepolis*. In addition to synthesizing the texts, they are also examining and defining the rhetoric of the genre. Many AP English students were lucky enough to attend the Dodge Poetry festival last month, seeing poets like Sandra Cisneros and Aimee Nezhukumatathil. They are making connections between the coming of age poetry from these poets and their readings.

Media Studies is immersed in their second unit, asking themselves if the behavior or the media came first. They are also beginning to create their own children's television programming which will reflect research on the impact of viewing on children. — Ms. Daken

### Exceptional Connection: *Ms. Fritzky*

For the past 20 years, Sage Day has been operating therapeutic schools for students with emotional difficulties. Ten years ago they began providing in-district therapeutic services to help better address the needs of students who require therapeutic support to remain in, or return to, their district and realize their potential. Sage Thrive is recognized by the NJDOE as an approved clinic and provides credentialed and trained certified clinicians who are prepared to deal with a range of issues. This program began working with Jefferson Township High School this year in order to provide support for students who present with significant anxiety, school refusal and psychiatric needs. This is a proactive measure to keep students in the least restrictive environment and comprehensively addresses the needs of students through ongoing individual, group, and family counseling.

Services provided through the program include:

- Individual Counseling - scheduled sessions multiple times per week plus crisis sessions as needed.
- Group Counseling - offer a broad range of short/long-term groups based on nature of student population.
- Family Counseling - Flexibility to be available before and/or after school hours based on family's needs.
- Home Visits - Support to bridge the gap between home and school, particularly with school refusal.
- Provide In-service Trainings for District Staff
- Assistance in Program Development
- Classroom and Lunchroom Observations
- Additional Summer Hours for Family Services and Continuity of Care

### Guidance Connection: *Ms. Staples*

It's college application time! Counselors have been meeting with seniors individually to finalize college searches, complete college applications, send transcripts and letters of recommendation, search for scholarships, and continue career planning. Do you need help with your college applications? Seniors were invited to come down to the Guidance Department starting for "College Application Snacks and Apps". They brought their lunch and laptops, and the counselors were available for questions on all areas of the college application process. Snacks were also provided. The November "Mini-College Fair" was a huge success! Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors attended, gathering information from approximately 60 colleges and universities. A big "Shout-Out" to the cafeteria staff who once again provided the reps with breakfast including their famous "Apple-Cobbler." We held numerous college visits from schools such as NJIT, Sacred Heart University, East Stroudsburg University, and Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD). Seniors also had the opportunity to sign up for Instant Decisions Days with County College of Morris, Kean University, Seton Hall University and/or Ramapo College where they met with a college admissions rep for an INSTANT acceptance.

You can follow us on Twitter at [@JTHSCounseling](https://twitter.com/JTHSCounseling) to stay up to date with the latest news!

November Attendance Tips:

- Planning your family vacations during the summer or school holidays. Try to schedule doctor appointments for your child after school hours.
- When your child has a doctor's appointment in the middle of the school day, bring him/her to school before the appointment
- Allow your child to stay home only when he/she has a contagious illness or is too sick to be comfortable at school.

### Business Department Connection: *Ms. Villa*

The Sports and Entertainment Marketing Class attended The NY JETS Business Day on Tuesday, Nov. 27th. DECA is getting ready for the Regional Competition on January 7th and completed this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive, donating food to the New Hope Food Pantry and the American Legion.

The FBLA toy drive is in full swing collecting money, gift cards, and toys for underprivileged kids from Jefferson and surrounding communities.

Mrs. Towers worked with the Academy students on the Science of bees. Mrs. Towers is also working with the Social Studies Department on using notecards for research. The Star Lab was in the media center this month.



*Mrs. Brown, Joseph Perrelli, and Mrs. Kirshenbaum*

*Jefferson Falcons take flight in the Jets' stadium**By: Ryan Clarkson*

*Excited students, outgoing teachers and an enthusiastic Jets staff filed into the Toyota Club at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ on November 27 to begin an insightful Jets Business Day.*

*The New York Jets sponsor an educational tour twice a year for high school students interested in a future sports career and the Jefferson Township High School Sports and Entertainment Journalism and Sports Marketing electives took full advantage of this opportunity.*



*This field trip was organized by Ms. Clarizo, the Sports and Entertainment Journalism teacher, who says of the event, "It's a great opportunity for student to get out of the classroom and learn about the various career opportunities available in the sports industry."*

*Once students were broken into groups, a walking tour of the stadium began, beginning with a presentation about the stadium suites. Students were left speechless when hearing prices and the breakdown of the various suites. "I was really shocked," said student Morgann Connolly regarding the pricing.*

*Students went on to tour the Porsche Green Room where entry costs 800 dollars per person. Students then moved on to learn about other high end seating options such as the Toyota Club, Commissioner's Club, and the Hanger. Ranging in price, all of these high end options meet customer expectations with luxurious architecture and quality food options. Students listened to presentations about ticket sales, merchandise, food and beverage sales, the press, and promotions. Kaitlyn Hollar, a senior at JTHS said, "I am planning to major in Sports Marketing next year in college and this trip was very informative regarding available internships and job opportunities."*

*The last stop inside the stadium was the away locker room where player relations and press releases were discussed. Students were then treated to free reign of the professional football field for the last half hour of the trip. Balls were thrown, field goals were kicked and pictures were taken. According to Thomas Edge, "It was a once in a lifetime experience."*

### **Math Connection: Mr. Starita**

After finishing the unit on angle pair relationships, Geometry students worked on transferring their geometric knowledge to a real-world scenario by designing their own city in which specific buildings had to follow specific angle pair relationships. Examples included making the police station and fire station alternate exterior angles and their house and the bank corresponding angles. Students also spent a great deal of time developing proofs of these angle pair relationships. This skill demonstrated students' mastery of showing logical steps to complete a proof using necessary vocabulary.