



Jefferson Township High School Newsletter

Jefferson Pride



JTHS Happenings:

- Mr. Jefferson
- Week of Respect
- PSAT Day /Fall Festival
- Homecoming
- Service Night
- Red Ribbon Week
- Tri-M Inductions

School Connection:

As the school year starts to come into full swing, students and staff alike have enjoyed many activities and events during the month of October. The Mr. Jefferson Competition was once again a huge success. This years winner was Paul Monaco. October 10th was PSAT Day. Sophomores and Juniors participated in testing, freshman rotated through a series of activities. Seniors had their senior meeting, fire assembly, as well as their class picture. In the afternoon students enjoyed Fall Festival activities, as a kick off to homecoming week.



Students Enjoy Fall Fest

This year's first Service Night was Tuesday, 10/16. Students put up pinwheels representing fatalities caused by substance use or abuse, created posters for Red Ribbon Week, as well as wrote letters to soldiers.



Mr. Jefferson



*Mr. Devries & Miss Cannarozzi
Homeroom E-12*

National Red Ribbon Week was October 23 to October 31, 2018. It is a week dedicated to presenting a visible commitment to living a safe, healthy, drug-free life. Students showed their commitment by participating in various activities, including wearing red on Friday, October 26. Homerooms with the most participation earned a free breakfast from the PTSA.



Service Night



This Years Homecoming Queen & King Nicole Cuervo & Cameron Delfino.

Science Connection: Mr. Hiben

Around the high school, science classes are immersing students in experimentation and plenty of writing. Parents, yes you read that correctly, writing. In all disciplines, a premium is placed on writing claims and then using evidence and reasoning to justify them. This is a departmental focus from grades K-12 and it seeks to create an articulate and scientifically literate populace. The changes we see in our students' abilities as the year progresses are quite promising.

Another change that your children may have mentioned, is the use of "phenomena". A phenomenon is something that happened in the natural world, that is observable, and explainable. Science faculty are updating their lessons to center around these events, with the goal of teaching students the content and skills needed to solve them. Much like our focus on reading and writing, the use of phenomena seeks to create citizens who are curious and who can explore and explain what they observe. Very exciting!

Athletics Connection: Mr. Koch

As we approach the end of October we are busy with activity. Each team has completed their senior nights and are wrapping up the regular season and making final preps for the state tournaments.

Football Homecoming 2018 was full of Falcon Pride. The Athletic Department and the Football Booster Club would like to thank all of those that came out to support our district at Homecoming. Thank you to all of the Alumni that came back to be honored throughout the game. Honorees included our 1986, 1987 and our 2008 State Championship Teams. What a tremendous honor it was to have you back on the field showing true Falcon Pride. Congratulations to our Homecoming Court especially Homecoming Queen Nicole Cuervo and Homecoming King Cameron Delfino. The Falcons capped the night with a W and a meeting at the rock. Cheerleading continues to dazzle on the sideline and with their efforts in the community. We are very proud of our Cheerleaders who continue to give back to our community and our school.

Field Hockey will wrap up their season on Friday the 26th with conference foe Sparta at home. The girls have battled and showed their character this season. They are currently in 3rd in the NJAC Colonial division and look to finish in 2nd with several end of season honors coming to them.

Girls Soccer continues to show their grit as they battle during these closing games of the season. Look to keep things rolling with their first-round state game on Tuesday at 2 pm vs Lenape Valley.

Volleyball continues a strong season under first-year head coach Gino Rose. They have qualified for the state tournament with their 2-1 win over Sparta. Hannah Carcich was named NJAC Player of the week for the week of Sept 26th. Novack has set a new school record for digs. The girls will host their inaugural annual Spooktacular Halloween tournament on 10/27.

The Cross Country Boys have won their first conference title since 1986. Congratulations on a great regular season boasting a 5-1 conference record. The Cross Country Girls continue to impress with their individual efforts. Most recently Sarah Devries and Emily Szalai finished 11th and 16th at the highly competitive Morris County Championships



Boys Soccer

Boys Soccer is the 2018 Freedom division Champions. Boys soccer has had no titles in their history and have now been crowned back to back NJAC Champs with their 3-2 overtime win against Newton. The boys will host county foe Pequannock on Monday at 2 pm in their first round of the state tournament.

JTAA continues to support our seniors as hosting the Falcons Nest at all Senior events and purchasing Senior Day flowers for our athletes and their families. Please support our Athletic Association by joining and helping ALL Jefferson Twp HS Athletes.

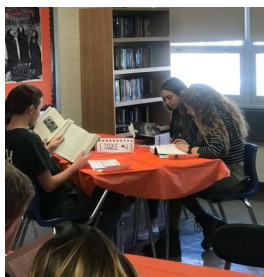
Can't make the game? Have family out of town that are Falcon fans? Do you know an alumni that wants to check out our athletes in action? Join the NFHS Network at

NFHSNetwork.com and search Jefferson Twp High School. Your subscription allows you to access LIVE action as well as Video On Demand of our games as well as other national coverage. If the school has the system we have the games. Spread the word, check it out, and support JTHS Athletics. (Turf access only, Indoor coming soon!!!)

Math Connection: Mr. Starita

In Mrs. Sauer's AP Statistics class, students just finished the unit on Least-Squares Regression Models. Through the use of technology, they were able to make inferences from bivariate data. These prediction models were used to determine associations between an explanatory and a response variable. Furthermore, students calculated residual values to determine how accurate the predictions were based on their Regression Models. The use of Least-Square Regression Models is common in clinical trials and statistical consulting, which are just two of many fields students are able to apply their knowledge to.

English Connection: Mrs. Gutwerk



Students in Mrs. Gutwerk's English class are participating in a book tasting. This day is set for students to get a sample of the choice books that will be selected for the socratic book circles. Student's had the opportunity to evaluate the cover, read the summary, read the 1st few pages and then access amazon reviews about each book. Students will use this information to make a choice that interests them. Students will then work collaboratively in literature circles discussing their books.



English Students Enjoy The Dodge Poetry Festival at the NJPAC in Newark.



JTHS Alumni

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



Casey Obaytek & Mr. Flynn. Casey was named an honoree vocalist at the Mayo Performing Arts Center.

The Vocal Music Department has had a very busy month in October. The Madrigal Singers are in full swing getting ready for our Olde English Feast this December and our Concert Choir and Chamber Choir are busy preparing for the Winter Concert. 12 new members were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society which increases our ranks to over 40 students. Our Broadway Cabaret night was a rousing success with over 20 performing acts! Our student vocalists shined as our Men's and Women's groups sang some rousing numbers from Jersey Boys and Little Shop of Horrors. The evening was capped off with the announcement of this year's Spring Musical: Sweeney Todd!



David Graham gets ready to record a vocal track for his project in studio recording.

Guidance Connection: *Ms. Francavilla*

Our counseling staff has developed and implemented several small groups for our students to learn new skills that creatively employ healthy choices for self-care, i.e. mindfulness, conflict resolution, and acceptance. The school counselors are assisting the upperclassmen with their college applications, and writing recommendation letters, while guiding them in selecting careers/schools that coincide with their aptitude, interests, and finances. Moreover, many of senior class members have been attending the College Fairs that our school counselors invited to our high school for our seniors to question and select.

The month of October concluded with Red Ribbon Week; honoring Enrique Camarena, an agent with Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) who fought against those who dispensed illegal substances to naïve citizens. At this time, the popular drug of choice, storming our schools across our country are the electronic devices, "Vapes." On September 12, 2018, Scott Gottlieb, commissioner of the Federal Drug Association, FDA, stated that Vaping is an epidemic among our youth. Smoking rates have increased among our young population. Our, high school, specifically, our Guidance/School Counseling Department will support and partner with our Jefferson Township Municipal Alliance in creating, and implementing programs that save adults, adolescents, and children's lives from addiction and its devastation to families, friends, finances, and self.

Business Department Connection: *Ms. Villa*



Jason Hordyk, Jordan Morstatt & Gia Scarpa collect for the food drive.

The business department attended a Money Talks workshop and came away with new strategies, projects, and programs to be used in our business classes, particularly Personal Finance. They are excited about bringing new ideas into the classroom.

Our DECA students have begun their Food Drive Community Service by collecting food at ACME to support the New Hope Food Pantry. They are preparing for their regional competition to be held in December and January. Our FBLA students are preparing for the annual Toy Drive which will start right after Thanksgiving. They are also preparing for their regional competitions the first week of December. In the Media Center, Mrs. Towers is in the process of teaching freshman orientation. Mrs. Towers is also collaborating with teachers in the English department. The makerspace is up and running. Students are creating and printing using the 3D printer.



DECA students Alyssa DeNino, Abbie Buccieri, Emily Bradford, Jordan Morstatt, Alexis Verdes, and Gia Scarpa are attended a Chapter Officer Leadership Conference at Kean University on Wednesday, Oct. 17th.

Fine and Studio Art, Related Arts & Social Studies: *Mrs. Simler*



Students in Sculpture class carved pumpkins for the annual Crystal Springs Jack-O-Lantern carving contest. The theme they chose was emoji faces. The students did an excellent job with their pumpkins.



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Patrick Flynn

*Student Success at JTHS! Patrick Flynn
By Student Writer Joshua Dyl*

Academic excellence continues at JTHS with our own Patrick Flynn. Only in his junior year, Patrick has so far taken three AP tests- AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics, and AP Computer Science Principles, on which he scored a 5 on all. A score of 5 is the highest possible score. Being an AP student is not a simple honor and requires much dedication and hard work, but when you work hard, it is very rewarding. In an interview, Patrick was asked what advice he would give to other students who are taking AP tests.

"It is most important to pay attention during the course because this is the foundation of the subject. However, it is also important to review all the material about two weeks before the exam. Make sure to look over the AP outline for the course. It can also help to purchase a supplement workbook," Flynn says.

AP tests allow for students to be exempt from certain college credits that are needed to earn a college degree. AP classes are usually taken by students who excel in the subject or wish to major in the subject.

"I took these three tests so I could be exempt from related classes at the college I will attend. I also saw them as a test of my ability and a challenge of my academic discipline," Flynn says. At the end of the year, AP testing begins. For those choosing to take the test, here is some advice from Patrick Flynn: "One can expect to be challenged, but also to be rewarded when the appropriate work is put in."

Good luck to all AP students this year!

Exceptional Connection: Ms. Fritzky

Jefferson Township High School Life Skills Program has had a busy month. They started their first Store Front at the New Hope Thrift Shop in town where they worked on creating Fall items to sell. They also traveled over to the Food Pantry at Milton Unified Methodist Church to help assist in the set-up. Lastly, they recently joined the SWAP Program which is a group of schools who partner together to host events for their programs. The events promote socialization and exploring different interests. This month our Life Skills class went to Hopatcong High School for a Halloween Dance. All schools dressed up in costumes and danced the day away.



Jefferson Township High School's 18-21 program is also looking to expand their partnerships with various high schools. This month they got together with Kinnelon and Roxbury's 18-21 programs to socialize and work on life skills with peers of the same age group. They attended Kinnelon High School to participate in a cooking activity and met at the Townsquare Diner in Wharton to have breakfast with Roxbury.

Jefferson Township High School's Transition program had guest speakers from various colleges that came into classrooms to give small group information sessions about the college. They also discussed with the students what their programs could offer them. Our students are eager to attend a couple of colleges in November and December.

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