



Jefferson Township High School Newsletter

# Jefferson Pride



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## JTHS Happenings

### February:

- 4 Early Dismissal for Students
- 6 Service Night
- 7 Jefferson Idol
- 17 School Closed- Presidents' Day
- 21 Glammies
- 26 Mid-Winter Instrumental Music Concert



## World Language Connection: Mr. Sica

### ASL Students are Signing & Shining!

#### American Sign Language I

Level 1 American Sign Language students are learning how to discuss more than one person, place or thing. This includes comparing and contrasting. Students are working on how to produce the movements associated with these concepts (*non-manual signals*). They are also learning how to gloss longer detailed English sentences into ASL.

#### American Sign Language II

Level 2 students are learning how to conduct and interpret autobiographical conversations. The conversations include:  
 where they were born, and raised, how to sign their address in ASL structure, how they commute to and from places, how to give directions (walking, driving, train & bus) in ASL structure, and top cities they would like to travel to and why.  
 Glossing abilities have expanded from basic sentence structure into paragraph narratives. Receptive and expressive skills have naturally evolved.

#### American Sign Language III

Level 3 students are learning the art of ASL Story-Telling. Foundational element such as Role-Shifting are being demonstrated and produced in class. In ASL structure, students are practicing beginner level story-telling abilities using:  
 character creation, facial expression, eye gaze, role-shifting and personification .  
 The students first assignment will be to create a "Silent ASL" story. Silent ASL means a story which uses less than 5 actual signs.

### Exceptional Connection: Ms. Fritzky

On January 16th, our Unified Track Program joined the Pequannock High School for a friendly basketball game. It was a great opportunity for students to interact with each other. Thank you to Pequannock High School for hosting this event and to the students, faculty, and staff who participated. It was a great time had by all.



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Tickets for the Glammies are on sale in the School Store or D16 during lunch 1, or D16 during lunch 2. The Glammies will be on February 21!!

## English Connection: Ms. Wnuk

From Mrs. Maxwell: AP Literature constructed “book balls” for *The Alchemist* which allowed students to analyze the protagonist’s personal quest as well as strengthen their use of the skills identified by the College Board as being important for the study and analysis of literature. Students also played *The Alchemist* Scrabble where they needed to explain how each word played related to the text. Also, in order to review the skills that will appear on the quarterly exam, students worked in groups to design and construct a collaborative essay using a previous AP exam prompt.



## Media Center: Ms. Villa

The Media Center continues to be used by a variety of classes. Students are learning to research. They recorded book talks, 3D printed props for video production class, used the green screen for children's TV show projects, used the dry erase tables for stop-action animation sets, the button maker for promoting their interests and as props, and so much more! Volunteers are continuing to assist in many ways including shelving books and creating displays.



## Music Connection: Mr. Sica



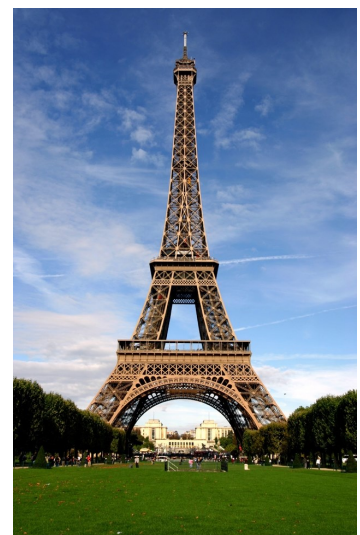
*Patrick Flynn and Mr. Gugger*

Patrick Flynn was accepted into the NJ All-State Symphonic Band for battery percussion. Patrick has the distinct honor of making County, Area, Region and All-State Band for the 2019-2020 school year. This is an incredible and rare accomplishment!  
Congrats, Patrick! [#falconpride](#)

## World Language Connection: Mr. Sica

Bonjour:

Students in French 2 Honors planned and narrated virtual tours to Paris, while 3 Honors students created virtual tours of French-speaking countries. Students were required to adhere to a specific budget that they created using Google Sheets. They created pie charts to show the allocation of their budget by category: air-fare, lodging etc. and then described the chart in French. They narrated their visits using FlipGrid.



### Business Connection: Ms. Villa

Three students from JTHS FBLA have qualified for the State Competition. The qualifiers are Jacob Wacker - Sports and Entertainment Management, Mark Schmidt - Computer Problem Solving and Patrick Flynn - Business Calculations. The following students will be competing at State Level Competitive events: Alivia Catania and Sydney Burek - Chapter competition and the team of Cole Deatrick, Ella DiLizia and Michael Rothstein - Introduction to Business Presentation. Good luck to our FBLA Chapter and their success at the State Leadership Conference in March. The AP elective fair was a success with the Business Department promoting the following courses:

Personal Finance, Marketing 1, Marketing 2 H, Entrepreneurship, AP Economics, Economics CP, Accounting 1, Accounting 2 H, Web Design & Coding, Business Law H, Pathways to Business, Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Advertising & Promotion

### Art Connection: Mr. Papa

Sydney Burek, Bailey Hedges, and Laura Ramirez-Noel have had their artwork selected for the annual Scholastic Art Awards and are invited to attend the ceremony at the Montclair Art Museum on February 27, 2020 and receive their awards.



*Montclair Art Museum*

This is a remarkable achievement for any young artist. Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized some of America's most celebrated artists while they were teenagers. A jury of professional artists, curators, and arts educators spent 30+ hours reviewing 3,570 works of art submitted by 1,330 individual student artists from across northern New Jersey. Students' work was selected as part of the top 30% of the most outstanding work submitted among their peers.

As the northern New Jersey affiliate of the Scholastic Art Awards, the Montclair Art Museum partners with the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers to identify and recognize teenagers with exceptional artistic talent and offers opportunities to gain national recognition and scholarship for their work.



*Sydney Burek*



*Bailey Hedges*



*Laura Ramirez-Noel*

## Athletics Connection: Mr. Koch

The winter season continues to roll on and our programs continue to build and develop as we approach key points in our seasons.

This month is highlighted by our annual Dunks for Disabilities event which supports our neighbors at the DPD. This event continues to raise valuable funds that directly support the wellbeing of all of their residents. It was another packed house that witnessed last-minute heroics as the Girls defeated Mendham and the Boys overcame Mt. Lakes.

JTHS is honored to be the recipient of the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award and will be given to JTHS at the DPD Annual Gala at the Brownstone in February.

THANK YOU DPD!!!

Congratulations to Olivia Oberman who will be attending the NJSIAA National Girls and Women in Sports day at Seton Hall University this weekend. Olivia is a 3-sport athlete who stands out as a team leader not only on the athletic field of play but also within the classroom and the Jefferson Township community. Olivia helped anchor the Girls Soccer record-setting season and competes in both Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field.



The Girls Basketball Program recently visited the Barclays Center for their game at Villa Walsh. While the game did not end as we hoped the girls had a positive experience and look to avenge their only loss on the season in the upcoming MCT. The girls are currently 12-1 and sit tied for second in the North 1 Group 2 section.

Boys Basketball has just received the 3rd seed in the MCT and will look to have a similar run to last season. With

quality wins over Mountain Lakes, Morris Hills, and Madison, the boys are 8-4 and currently are 5th in PowerPoint standings in the N1G2 section.

Congratulations to our Seniors and their families who recently celebrated Senior Night including Wrestling, Swimming, and Bowling.

For more photos, updates and real-time information please be sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram @JTHSAthletics.

GO FALCONS!



