



Jefferson Township High School Newsletter

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JTHS Happenings

March:

- 5 Mini College Fair
- 5 Broadway Cabaret Night 7:00 pm
- 10 Early Dismissal
- 14 SATs
- 20-22 HS Spring Musical *Mama Mia*
- 25 Pasta & A Program

**April 6-10—Spring Break
No School**

English Connection: Ms. Wnuk

From Mrs. Vandigriff: Freshmen 9 CP students are working with their choice novels and are in the process of writing persuasive essays about a character's life-changing moment, or examining a character's personality and how this impacts their decisions and choices. They also have created a Membean Wall in class that they can refer to when working to improve their language skills as they craft their essays.

This has been a busy month for the Academy classes as well. The Academy Shadowing Day was February 12th. Eighth-grade prospective students attended a morning session to see what Jefferson's Academy program offered and met current Academy students. Sophomore Academy students welcomed the students with Dr. Fitzgerald for Science and then the visiting students were escorted to Mrs. Vandigriff's 9th Grade Academy English class for a meet and greet. Then they traveled to Mr. Smith's Social Studies Academy class. February 19th the Junior Academy English class worked with the Khan Academy program to see how they can improve and strengthen their skills for the SAT's in March. Ms. Wnuk visited the class to explain the benefits of the practice and how this will help them build their confidence.



Congratulations, Falcons! With our participation in the Great Kindness Challenge, we are officially a Kindness Certified School! Thank you to Ms. Robinson and all the students & staff who helped out! [@JTHS Counseling](#) [#GreatKindnessChallenge](#)

World Language Connection: Mr. Sica

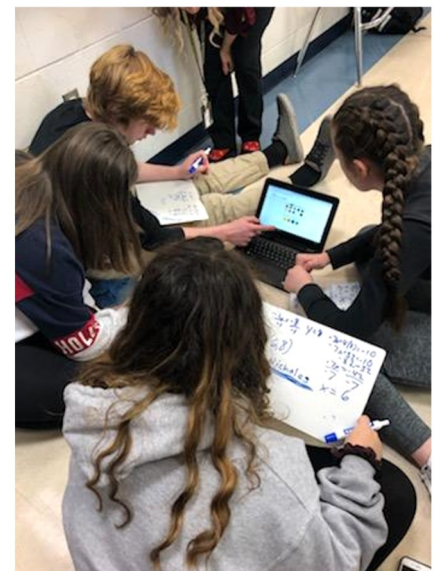
From Señorita Caruso and Señora Gray



Spanish 2 CP and Spanish 2 Honors students learned about a famous festival in Spain, La fiesta de San Magín, and compared its most famous towers with other towers around the world. What makes these towers unique is that the towers are made of humans! Students read about and discussed this exciting contest, and interpreted a Spanish broadcast about the building of “Los castells.” At the conclusion of these activities, students were able to express need, and ask for and offer help in Spanish through reading, writing, speaking, and listening activities in the target language. Many students were also not aware of the linguistic history of Spain and its many dialects. Classes listened to and compared and contrasted the various dialects in Spain (Asturiano, Gallego, Castellano, Aragonés, Basque [Euskera], Catalán) and found the history of the Basque language particularly interesting due to its mysterious and ancient origins.

Mathematics Connection: Mrs. Kasa

Mrs. Signorello and Mrs. Aluotto collaboratively worked on an engaging Systems of Equations Breakout lesson for the students in Algebra 1. The students had to work in small groups to solve problems in order to unlock the code to advance to the next level. If successful, the students were able to unlock a secret message put together by several faculty members. Their hard work and dedication to the students learning experience flourished in this lesson.



Exceptional Connection: Ms. Fritzky

Members of our community as well as current and former students have been visiting Ms. Hutchinson's classes in order to explain their career paths and experiences to students in her Career Exploration, Career and Consumer Awareness, and Transition Education classes. These courses are designed to help students determine their career paths after high school. The following guests visited with our students:

- September 23rd - 11th grade JTHS student, Hailey Baumann shared with the 12th grade transition students about her part-time job experience as a Starbucks Barista in the mall.
- October 1st - 2019 graduating senior, Makenzie Ross was a guest speaker in all Career Education students. She spoke about her experience in the car painting industry and how she won awards and scholarships for her incredible detail work.
- October 18th - Jefferson Chronicle Senior Editor, Maria Weiskott spoke with all Career Education students about careers in the newspaper and news industry from reporting a story, writing an article, and editing copy for various news outlets in the US and overseas.
- Nov 5th - a representative from Universal Technical Institute presented to all Career Education students about careers in the Automotive, Diesel, Marine, Motorcycle, NASCAR and Welding industry
- January 29th - a representative from Fortis Institute in Wayne spoke with all Career Education students about careers in the medical trade industry.
- Feb 14th - SRO Chris Fabian spoke to all Career Education students about his career in law enforcement. It was a great presentation. Students even stayed after the bell rang to learn more information.

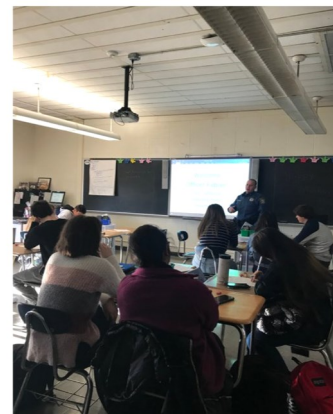
In addition, the students visited other locations to expose them to potential postsecondary settings. The trips they experienced are as follows:

- October 21st - 11th and 12th grade students took a trip to the Clip Shoppe to learn from the owner, Sandy about careers in the animal grooming and boarding industry as well as the type of schooling that is required to earn a grooming certification in the state of NJ.
- Feb 5th - 11th and 12th grade students went to Shoprite in Wharton to learn about careers in the supermarket industry and a student filled out a job application while on the Trip.
- December 12th - 11th and 12th grade students visited Home Depot in Dover to learn about the different careers they have to offer including their incredible employee benefits package for full time and part time employees over 18 years of age.
- February 13th - 12th grade transition student, Lindsey Parete and her service dog, Blaze visited the preschool program at JTHS and explained to the preschool students how a service dog's job is very important to its owner.

In addition to these visits, all Career Education students attended every mini college fair held in the Fall at JTHS, and were encouraged to approach two college or trade schools for more information, which they had to share and explain in class. We are hopeful that these experiences will help our students become better prepared for when they leave JTHS.



SRO Fabian presenting to our Career Based Instruction classes about law enforcement positions



JTHS Color Guard



On Saturday, February 1, 2020, the JTHS Color competed in their first regular season competition at Salisbury High School in Allentown, PA. The guard debuted their 2020 show, “The Rival Within” performing to a crowd of over 500! The guard received 3rd place overall, but received 1st place in the equipment caption, recognizing their group effort of technique and performance with their flags, rifles, and sabers. The guard is also off to an excellent start to their 2020 competitive season, scoring 10 points higher than this same time last year.

Business Connection: Ms. Villa

Welcome back to Mrs. Kwiecinski. The students missed you as we all did.

DECA and FBLA students are registered and preparing and practicing for their state business competitions that will be held in March at the Harrah’s Convention Center in Atlantic City. Good luck to all the students that will be attending.

Some things happening in our classes are: The Sports and Entertainment classes just completed basic marketing lessons and are using that information to create their own Themed-Based Restaurants. Personal Finance classes are working on personal banking and checking accounts to help them become financially responsible adults. The Advertising and Promotion class just started working on a Social Media Marketing Simulation.

Media Center Connection: Ms. Villa

With Freshman English research papers kicking off, the Media Center is a hot spot for database lessons and support. Students have been checking out a lot of books for their ELA choice books. The high school is partnering with the public library in Jefferson to expand our offerings. Mrs. Aluotto will be working with the ELA department to get students signed up for public library cards. This will give them digital access to ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and music. Some of Mrs. Moya's World History Day presentations are being displayed across bookshelves. Teachers now have access to Breakout EDU escape room resources and Mrs. Aluotto is available to help all. Students and faculty can use the new Cricut die cut machine. Several teachers have already begun using the machine.

Science Connection: Mr. Hiben

Around JTHS, science students are hard at work. Our Honors Biology students are working on climatograms for various biomes, showing the relationship between precipitation and temperature. In Honors Chemistry, students are working on stoichiometry and in AP Physics, students have wrapped up their study on angular momentum.

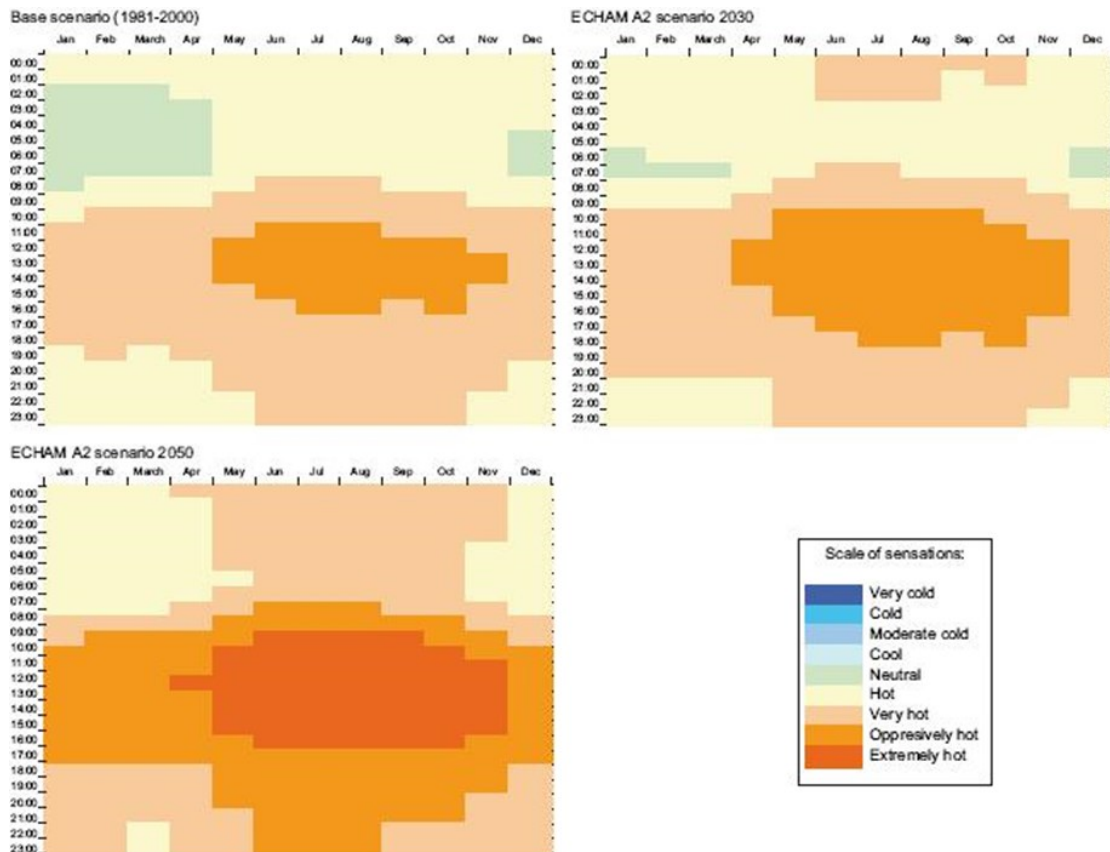


Fig. 1. Climatograms for the General Circulation Model ECHAM (A2 scenario of emissions) for the city of Acapulco.

Athletics Connection: Mr. Koch

As the Winter season winds down our Varsity athletes are still in heated competition while others are finding their spot at the next level or checking off goals for their careers. The Girls Basketball program accomplished a goal set in motion at the conclusion of last year, a Divisional Championship. This year's girls squad currently sits at the top of the Freedom Division with a 19-3 overall record, 15-2 in the conference, and are 9-1 in the division. They will hang a 20 from their banner as they wait for the State Sectional Tournament to begin on March 3rd. The girls have earned the top spot in North 1 Group 2 and will be home throughout. Best of luck girls!



The Boy's Basketball program gets its 3rd 1000 point scorer in as many years. Matt "Bam" Johnson, an FDU commit, dunked his way to this amazing milestone at Mount Olive High School on February 17th. Congratulations to Bowling's Emma Thies for bowling a 603 and finishing 13th in the state tournament!

Congratulations to Danae Benfatti (Messiah College) and Tina Torsiello (Montclair State University) of Girls Lacrosse and Olivia Oberman (Muhlenberg College) of Girls Soccer for committing to continuing their academic and athletic career at the next level. #ForeverFalcons
Olivia Oberman was also JTHS's representative at the National Girls and Women in Sports Day at Seton Hall University that took place on February 4th.



