



Jefferson Township High School Newsletter

# Jefferson Pride



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## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Anjali Patel and Patrick Flynn who have been named Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.

“Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success”, commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their school play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”



*Elevate A Capella*



*Patrick Flynn, Dr. Plotts, Anjali Patel*

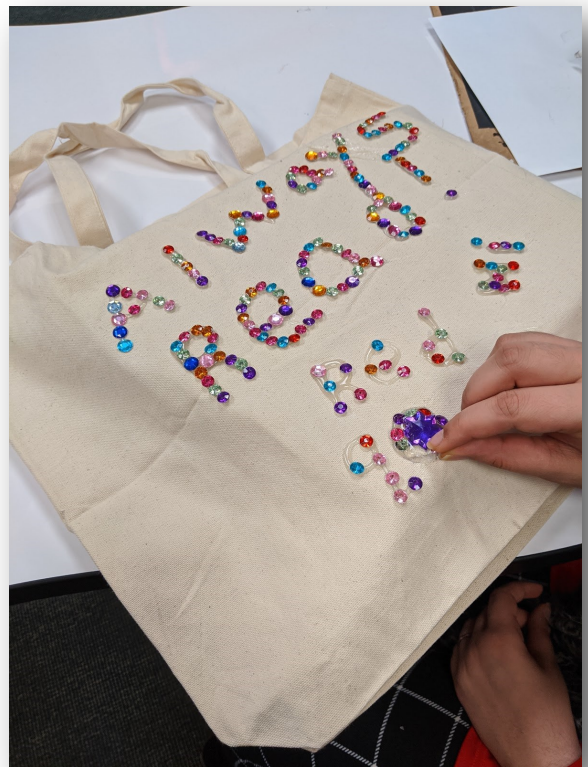
## English Connection: Ms. Wnuk

From Mr. Olean:

It has been a hectic month for educators, but in English 11 at JTHS, we've done everything we can to make sure we deliver high level learning from a distance. Students have been working diligently on their research papers and utilizing technology to assist them in the review and revision process. Teachers in English 11 are doing their best to utilize Google Classroom and screencast technology to digitally assist our students in the best possible way. In addition to this, we continue to utilize NoRedInk, a district tool used for writing and grammar, so that students are able to assess each other's work anonymously and provide high level targeted feedback. An invaluable resource that not only allows students to assist one another, but to expose themselves to other styles of writing from their peers! Our switch to distance learning has been challenging, but through the dedication of our students and the use of technology, we are embracing the challenge with excitement.

## Media Center: Ms. Villa

The Media Center continued to get a lot of love during the past few weeks as students were checking out books for ELA choice books and history research projects. Database lessons continued and the usage of these resources is very high. The makerspace has been used heavily with students adding to projects from other classes and creating new things like decorative tote bags and dreamcatchers. A team of students used the Makey Makey to create their own video game controllers. The Jefferson Java crew got newly pressed sweatshirts made by Ms. Dispensiere with the Cricut. Volunteers of the media center are making a rainbow book display.



# JTHS Virtual Spirit Week



**Monday, 3/30 - Missing sports!**



**Tuesday, 3/31 - PJ Day!**



Wednesday, 4/1 - Hats off to emergency workers!



Thursday, 4/2 - You don't have to be 6 ft from a book!



**FRIDAY, 4/3 - FALCON PRIDE!**

JTHS! Next week is the last before spring break, so let's make it count! Starting Monday, it's Virtual Spirit Week. We know you're missing your sports, so whether you play or are a fan, snap a pic in your fave team's gear & send it to [mpa-pa@jefftwp.org](mailto:mpa-pa@jefftwp.org). We'll post pics all week!

## Exceptional Connection: Ms. Fritzky

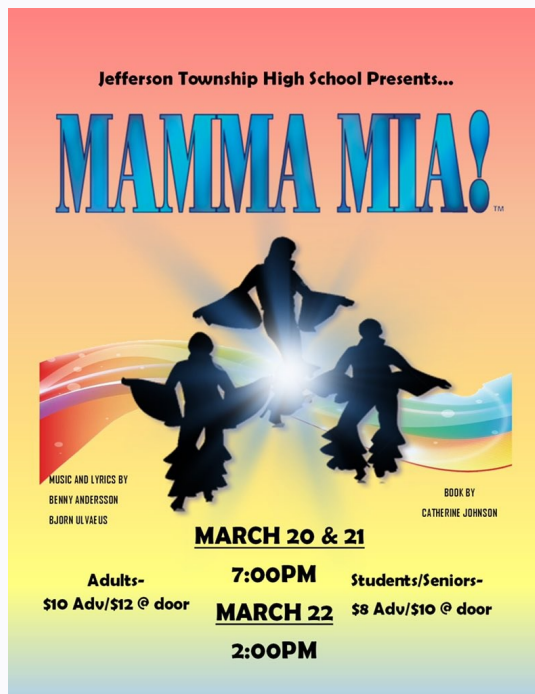
The special education department has utilized many online platforms as the district transitioned to distance learning. These platforms include Google Classroom, Delta Math, Edulastic, Scholastic, Newsela, Google Forms, Discovery Education, Quizlet, and Desmos. Teachers have also sought out ways to interact with their students and communicate with them in order to support their learning. They have done this through emails, phone calls, taking pictures of diagrams or math equations and uploading them to Google Classroom. Mrs. Ciaraffo even created her own Youtube Channel and provided video lessons there. Way to go Mrs. Ciaraffo!



## World Language: Mr. Sica

During the month of March, students in Spanish 4 CP, Spanish 4 Honors, and Spanish 5 CP have participated in *Locura de marzo* (March Madness). This is a tournament of Spanish music put together by a teacher in Michigan. Students from all around the world participate by listening to music, watching videos, studying song lyrics, singing along, and voting. This year's winning song is *La Libertad* by Álvaro Soler. Check it out at :<https://youtu.be/okAqaED2w4g>

Students are also watching a Spanish drama series called *Gran Hotel*. The series is set in Spain in the early 20th century, Julio arrives at a luxury hotel to meet his sister, head chambermaid Cristina only to discover she has disappeared. Julio makes it his mission to find her and infiltrates the hotel under the guise of a footman. The students are thoroughly enjoying the weekly episodes. If you are looking for something to binge watch on Netflix the students highly recommend it!



**POSTPONED**

All performances of Mamma Mia that were scheduled for 3/20-3/22 have been postponed due to the school closure. Check back for updates.

## Science Connection: Mr. Hiben

Welcome to distance learning! Science faculty have been working diligently to transition their lessons completely online. Some of the activities you will find our students doing include watching tutorial videos (some self made, some from outside sources), performing virtual labs, using simulations to learn about concepts, doing webquests, researching, and reading/writing. There will be hiccups, but together we will figure it out!



Terrific Service Night with Project Kind! It's such an important time to [#giveback](#). So proud of these kids for giving up their night to make sandwiches for those in need! [#falconfamily](#)