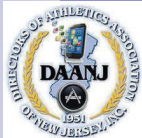




Jefferson Township High School Newsletter

Jefferson Pride

8th Annual AP District Honor Roll Recipient



JTHS Happenings:

- Eco-Fest
- Science NHS Career Night
- Glammies
- Spring Musical

JTHS Recognized as Program of Excellence:

JTHS is proud to be the only school in the state of NJ to be the recipient of the DAANJ 2017-2018 program of excellence award. Administrators attended the ceremony at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City.



Dr. Plotts, Mr. Koch, Mrs. Howe, Ms. Hall & Mr. Dicolo in Atlantic City

Spring Musical

The spectacular cast and crew of *My Favorite Year* dazzled the audience with their stellar performances. Lead by Mr. Wynne & Mrs. Cantwell, the students did a phenomenal job.



Academy Students Ryan Schmidt & Morgan Brown Participate in the first annual Eco-Fest displaying herbal dips and teas made with herbs grown in the greenhouse here at JTHS.



Art Students enjoy a trip to the Newark Museum on 3/23

Science Connections: Mr. Hiben

Science faculty are continuously making changes to their practice to meet the challenges of our science standards and better engage students in authentic learning. Around the building you will find students immersed in the following topics: plate tectonics (Earth Science), protein synthesis (Biology), the mole concept, reactions and percent yield (Chemistry), and lastly circular and rotational motion (Physics). Many lessons now begin with a phenomenon to explain, a research question or an engineering scenario that help change our courses from “learning about science” to “explaining the world using science”. Very exciting!

Exceptional Connection:

Algebra 1 LLD and Algebra 2 LLD have been studying and solving Quadratic equations. We have been comparing and contrasting movement of parabolas on a graph and whether they reflect over the x-axis. Students have searched for parabolas in the real world and have concluded the unit with a project that includes some of their finds in man-made structures and nature. —Mrs. Ciaraffo

Our students visited Ramapo College again to participate in social skills activities and interact with same aged-peers. The boys enjoyed a game of shootout while the girls chatted over painting nails. We also recently welcomed an intern from the College of St. Elizabeth who is currently enrolled in their Master of Science/Dietetic Internship Program to join us on Friday's at DPD. The intern is going to help our students plan and create healthy meals. Lastly, our students also enjoyed a CBI trip to Sparta Lanes where our friends from Sparta High School joined us!

The Language Arts 11 class in the LLD Program is studying the Noble Savage. Unit components consist of man vs. society, moral responsibility, framework of a story, elements of the supernatural, Romantic poetry, and Scientific Revolution. Students read the story, Frankenstein, using an Assistant Technology App and are currently analyzing the film version. Students will then view and analyze the film, Edward Scissorhands, and compare and contrast noble savages in both stories.—Mrs. Mason

Business Department Connection: Ms. Villa

Business: Business classes had Beth Tiger speak about conscious consumerism and the role they play. She is the founder of Durga Tree International and is currently partnering with our school district on Operation Safehome. JTHS was represented at the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference on March 7-9 by seniors, Patrick Kelly, Anthony DeRobertis and Melanie Pretko as well as Junior, Aylin Ulkemen. The students competed in Accounting, Public Speaking, and Website Design. They had the opportunity to participate in many workshops with industry professionals in the areas of Finance and Entrepreneurship while networking with high school and college students from around the state. The DECA group attended the State Competition in Atlantic City, NJ. Two of our students qualified for Nationals in the Entrepreneurship Independent Business Plan event. Abbie Bucciere and Emily Bradford will be attending Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia in April.



FBLA Students Anthony DeRobertes, Aylin Ulkemen, Melanie Pretko & Patrick Kelly

Media: Freshman Social Studies classes are researching a global historical figure from 1550 to present to determine if they were a tyrant or a hero. Students are using NoodleTools to record their research question, thesis statement, citations and annotations. As they progress through their research they will use the notecards and outline features in NoodleTools to organize their thoughts and ideas. The Makerspace in the Media Center is opening up soon. Please stop in and see all the exciting tools that students can use to explore and create.



Abbie Bucciere & Emily Bradford



DECA students attended the State Competition from 2/27-3/1.

Robotics:

Congratulations to Falcon Team 2600. The Robotics team attended the Mid Atlantic Robotics Competition at Seneca High School from March 23-26,



2018. Students Peter Heywang-Simpson, Jacob Wagner, Sean Tonnesen, Brain Vasallo, Ryan Stamer, Patrick Catania, Joseph Albecker, Kyle Wagner, Christopher Reuter, Anthony Castillo, Nikky Jiang, Dalton Wagner, Alex DeGraw, Jesse Fisher, Logan



Good, Martin Kuras & Alexandra Salvatore all worked together for the win.

Language Arts & Media Curriculum Connections:

Many of the teachers from the English Department run school community activities beyond the classroom. We are very lucky to have such dedicated teachers who are so committed to our Falcon Family. Here are some highlights from March:

Student Council just held its second annual, red-carpet event- The Glammies. The



Seniors Cara Langner, Emma Brennan & Bella Freda enjoy the Glammies

evening was dedicated to honoring the Class of 2018 and a fun time was had by all. Great job Student Council! And the Drama Club is getting excited for their annual trip to New York City to take in a Broadway show. This year they will be seeing Wicked.



AP Lang students chart their rhetorical analysis of Carnegie's The Gospel of Wealth."

The 2017 - 2018 Debate Team had stiff competition this year. The Negative Team earned third place for the season and the Affirmative Team came in fourth place for the season. We wish our seniors best of luck in their future endeavors! Morgan Carr; Kyle Dunphy; Kelsey Edwards; Chloe Esperance; Kalen Luciano; John Mahoney; Michael Martinelli; Justin Palus. Lastly, we would like to thank our Assistant Coach Mr. Rutsch for his 18 years of coaching the Jefferson Debate Team and running the North Jersey Debate League. His dedication and passion for debate will last a long mark on Jefferson and inspire future debaters.

World Language, ESL and Music Connection:

In Spanish 3 Honors, about 70 students connected via Skype with a college student in Spain to talk about nature and cultural differences with regard to animal life, pollution, and contamination. The students were excited to use their Spanish in an authentic and spontaneous situation to ask and answer questions, but they were also surprised by the different cultural perspective.

On March 19th, six of our French II Honors students participated in the national French Exam Contest, le Grand Concours. They have been working since January to meet after school once a week and/or do extra work at home to prepare for this proficiency exam. Bravo! The French IV students have been busy learning some complex grammar tenses which are allowing them to discuss things in more ways than they knew existed. How does the attitude toward protecting our environment differ between our culture and that of Francophone cultures? How does our carbon footprint compare? Ask a French AP student for the answer. But beware, they may tell you all about it in French!

“Sparta treats Jefferson”

By Josh Dyl

The Sports and Entertainment Journalism and Film Studies students at Jefferson Township High School attended a field trip to Sparta New Vision Movie Theater and Andre’s Lakeside Dining in Sparta to view a movie and have a three-course lunch. The field trip was a unique experience which provided students the opportunity to practice writing critiques.

The snow on March 9 was just light enough to allow forty students and two chaperones to venture outside the school building for a day of entertainment, friends, and memory making. The group first went to Sparta New Vision Movie Theater in Sparta, New Jersey, to view the new hyped movie Black Panther. Students snacked on popcorn, candy, and cold slushies while watching the thrilling and action-packed film. The film was culturally significant and told the story of an African tribe which was more technologically advanced than any other region of the world.

“The movie was action-packed...I don’t usually watch Marvel movies but I enjoyed it,” said sophomore Christiana Breslin.

After the movie was over, the students discussed the film in small groups outside the concession stand. Beginning to feel little hungry, students then made their way onto the bus and headed to Andre’s Lakeside Dining in Sparta.

The restaurant porch was welcoming with benches and pillows. The front door made for an inviting entrance into the two-level restaurant. Guests were seated in fancy wooden chairs at elegant tables donned with white table clothes. The tables were set with salad and dinner forks, butter knives, bread plates and thick white napkins. The walls were painted an earthy brown and the view from the window was enough to see a cove of the lake, which complemented the intimate feeling inside.

Students dined on tasteful vegetable puree or a dark green salad. Students also dined on savory salmon, lemon and herb chicken, or pasta with walnut pesto. For dessert, students enjoyed warm apple crisps or melt-in-your-mouth chocolate mousse.

“The food was very filling and it was delicious and had really good presentation...everything was properly cooked and had a very satisfying taste,” junior Toni Nordone said.

You don’t have to be a fan of Marvel movies or comics to enjoy the Black Panther, and the Sparta New Vision Movie Theater is the perfect venue for great entertainment. As for Andre’s, it is recommended for anyone who enjoys fine dining and a high-end meal.

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Journalism Students enjoy Andre’s Lakeside Dining



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Athletics Connection: Baseball Spring Training—Mr. Kalish



March 14-19 was an amazing experience for our student athletes as they received much more than just playing baseball games in Fort Pierce Florida. On the field they had the opportunity to play 7 games and participated in multiple practices on MLB quality fields. They played against some of the top programs throughout the U.S. and Canada. Our team competed against student athletes from Singapore, Cayman Islands, and other places around the world. Every single program had multiple Division 1 talent! There were many college and major league scouts at the complex daily. Off the field the life lessons and experiences these boys received will carry on with them for years to come. This was such a remarkable experience.