



Jefferson Township High School Newsletter

Jefferson Pride

JTHS HAS SCHOOL SPIRIT... HOW ABOUT YOU?

JTHS Happenings:

- National Honor Society acceptances were given out.
- The 8th Grade Program Showcase was held and well attended. The next one will be in January.
- Service Night was held and very well attended.
- Motivational speaker Eric LeGrand was sponsored by the PTA and Football Boosters. Based on our all school summer reading initiative "One Book One School" the student body read his book "Believe." The assemblies were insightful, inspiring and showed our student body how to take a different look at the many challenges they face.
- PSATs were held at JTHS on the 19th.
- The ASVAB was given for our students who are pursuing military opportunities.
- Homecoming week was great with the Bon Fire, Homecoming Game, Homecoming Dance, and more.
- The Debate Team took first place at the Sussex Vo-Tech competition!!!



Habitat For Humanity!
JTHS students making us proud!

The month of October came in like a lamb but is going out like a lion.... The students at JTHS have been incredibly busy as they enjoy the changing season.

The Mr. Jefferson Competition was held in the auditorium. The student body turned out in droves as did our staff. Connor Brown was crowned "Mr. Jefferson" with a well deserved accolade after an outstanding performance. Thank you to all the teacher judges for your participation!

The science department hosted The Academy Open House for the Environmental Science Academy. The evening was very well attended with students from Jefferson as well as many other towns. Dr. Nancy Fitzgerald, Chris Hiben,

and many others presented making the night extremely informative for both students and parents.

JTHS hosted its first 8th Grade Program Showcase. The evening provided insight on many of the outstanding programs that we have at JTHS currently. The evening was opened by a great singing performance from our Chamber Choir. Senior students Alyssa Feldmann, and James Pappianne spoke on their high school experiences. The PDP student leaders provided tours of the building and our robotics class demonstrated some of their many inventions. The evening was well attended, and I thank all the administration for their participation.

School spirit is soaring in the land

of the Falcons! JTHS held the Tri-M Music Honor Society Inductions. The National Honor Society inductions were also announced. The students and staff participated in Service Night and demonstrated their altruistic spirit. We hosted assemblies for the entire student body with motivational Speaker Eric LeGrand to a packed house. Homecoming saw the Falcon Football Team pull off a big win over Morris Hills. The crowning of the Homecoming King, Connor Brown, and Queen, Karly Wilsusen, were great events for our student body. We had a community based Bon Fire and a Homecoming Dance. We also held our second Mini-College Fair. JTHS is the place to be! Happy Halloween! Dr. Plotts

Science Connections

In the Science Department students are hard at work making claims to answer research questions. They next support their claims with evidence from text, experimentation and teacher delivery of content. This C-E-R (claim-evidence-reasoning) framework is gaining momentum, and highlights two very important skills—reading critically, and supporting claims with evidence. The nature of the framework allows it to be used in all science courses and with students of all ability levels. As

teachers implement the Next Generation Science Standards (now called the New Jersey Student Learning Standards or NJSLS), students will be asked to read more, write more, create models, and communicate their findings more often—all while learning the content we know and love. Exciting times!



The Jefferson Township "Blue Star Band", a concert band made up of members of our JTHS Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band, performed on October 15 at the high school as part of the Blue Star Salute. This wonderful event pays tribute to local veterans who have sacrificed so much for us. We are honored to have participated in the ceremony.

Carbon Express partnered with JTHS and our student transition program in offering school to work opportunities. After one of our students finished their first day of work, a letter and flowers were sent by the company to the student's house. What a classy thing to do!!!

Hello,

I am writing to you concerning the state game between Jefferson field hockey vs. Sparta. I would like to commend your head coach, Danielle Ryan, on her and her teams display of sportsmanship. The game was closely contested and the coach was completely positive with her kids and in dealing with the umpires. It was a pleasure to umpire such a game. The Jefferson athletic dept. should be proud of this coach and her staff.

*Thank you for your time,
Lesley Loeb*



World Language, ESL and Music Connection

ASL Students are Signing & Shining!

American Sign Language I: Level 1 American Sign Language students are learning the difference between asking Yes /No and Wh-questions in ASL structure. They are applying non-manual signals necessary to accurately express these questions. Some of these non-manuals included: raised and lowered eye-brows as well as leaning forward and holding the last sign. We have begun using furrowed eye-brows as a non-manual grammatical principle.

We are continuing to Gloss in ASL structure. Glossing is when we translate written English word in ASL structure. Students have also started to study Deaf Culture, varying degrees of deafness and what Deaf Community means.

American Sign Language II: Level 2 students are learning vocabulary and grammatical rules for discussing fruits, vegetables and foods. They have created a signature Smoothie Drink in ASL and are able to identify all the health benefits of all the ingredients in ASL struc-

ture. They are enhancing their abilities to incorporate The Listing Technique, a grammatical principle utilized when discussing more than one person, location or item. They are also improving their receptive skills by watching each other's Fruit Smoothie recipe, offering support and suggestions when applicable.

American Sign Language III: Level 3 students are learning the vocabulary and grammatical principals associated with discussing money transactions. Happy Halloween! Mr. Sica

Athletics Connection

The football booster club co-sponsored the All-School assembly with Eric LeGrand. The motivational speech that was given to all the student body was inspiring. Having positive role models who demonstrate how to overcome life's adversities in the correct way was welcomed by students and staff.

The fall sports season is going by quickly. I would like to

acknowledge all the great efforts by our student athletes in the following sports: Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, and Volleyball. Our student have received several compliments about their great sportsmanship and we are very proud of their collaborative efforts! Go Falcons!



Eric LeGrand & The Football Team !

Instructional Technology Connections

The high school is using Google Classroom to post assignments and information. Google Classroom is allowing for more collaboration among the students. The teachers are able to give real time feedback to the students on different assignments. Several social studies

courses are using Glogster to create projects. Mrs. Kozlowski is using Wordle in her classes. The computers are being used on a daily bases throughout the classes. Mrs. Brown's students come in each day and grab a computer to access the online textbook. Mrs. Towers is

providing teachers and students assistance with Turnitin. By Ms. Villa

Math and Other Connections

The Mathematics and Business Departments participated at the 8th grade parents' meeting. The program of study was presented to parents and students. More discussions took place after the general presentation when parents had the opportunity to find more information about the new courses offered in both mathematics and business. Enjoy Fall!
Dr. Petric



The Chamber Choir performs at the 8th Grade Parent Showcase!

The Tri- M Music Honor Society, JTHS Chapter 4035, inducted 17 new members on October 17th, as well as installing the new officer board for this school year. The All-Sussex County Chorus and Band auditions were held on October 19. The Chamber Choir performed at the Blue Star Salute and the 8th Grade Parent Open House. All Choral Ensembles are now busy preparing performances for the upcoming Holiday Season. Lindsey Tarsitano will be honored by the Mayo Center for the Performing Arts in Morristown as the outstanding vocalist from JTHS.



James Pappianne speaks about his high school experience as a senior at the 8th Grade Parent Showcase!

Fine and Studio Art, Related Arts & Social Studies

Social Studies: The Social Studies department is diligently utilizing the laptop carts inside of their classrooms. The students are working hard everyday to engage with their online textbook, primary/secondary sources, research methods, as well as Google Classroom, which manages their learning experience. The month of October is a busy month for

professional development, as many of our teachers are attending workshops to further integrate 21st century skills into their classroom.

Art: Many of the student's incredible art work is on display throughout the main hallway of JTHS. The stand out project for the month of October is the "Day of the Dead" skull sculptures. The students creative experience will be captured on their field trip to the Morris Museum on October 25th.

Industrial Arts: For the month of October, our focus is on Video Production and the collaborative efforts of Mr. Kazanfer and his students. They worked diligently to complete the video for BTSN and the 8th Grade Showcase. The comprehensive video captured a snapshot of the wonderful things happening at JTHS. The entire Falcon community appreciates the work of Mr. Kazanfer and his students. By: Mr. Papa



Students from the Robotics Class are hard at work!

Language Arts & Media Connections

As we are well into the second half of the first marking period, the ELA Department continues to dig deep into the curriculum. Students are being challenged to analyze texts such as *The Odyssey*, *The Crucible*, *The Canterbury Tales*, and *Hamlet*. Outside the classroom, the ELA Department teachers are working on refining the district writing rubric to ensure that this assessment tool supports meaningful feedback for students.

Tuesday, October 11th, Mrs. Daken had Michael Izzo from

the Daily Record as a guest speaker for Media Studies. The students were given the opportunity to engage in a discussion regarding the shift in news reporting from newspapers to the digital platform, news bias, as well as the typical life of a journalist. This was a wonderful, rich, and meaningful experience for our JTHS Media Studies students.

Friday, October 21st, students from English Literature AP and English Language AP attended the Dodge Poetry Festival in Newark New Jersey. The students were exposed to poets such as Jos Charles, Nickole Brown, and Li-Young Lee. They thought it was "so cool" that the

poets discussed syntax and dictation just like they do in class!



On Friday October 21st, the JTHS Debate Team won the Sussex Vo-Tech Debate Tournament with 7 wins and only 1 loss for the eight rounds of debate! Students of the winning rounds included: Zachary Homeijer (Captain) and partner Matthew Del Rosario & Kelsey Edwards and partner Morgan Carr. Congrats! Ms. Wnuk.



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Julia Ahart: Student Success Story!

**Were on the web! Visit us at
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Twitter @jthsfalcons.**

Special Education Connection

Students in Mrs. Vanderbok's class are emphasizing functional reading and math skills by making dog biscuits and selling them to the faculty in the building. The staff (and their dogs) are loving the project!

Students in Mrs. Ciaraffo's Math of Finance class are exploring jobs that earn a commission, that will be used as a springboard to the budgeting process.

Ms. Wildermuth's Career Education and Transition classes are incorporating "Team Building Thursdays." This week they did the Marshmallow and Spaghetti Challenge to promote social skills as well as communica-

tion skills. The activity was fun and interesting as the team members had to learn to communicate and work together. Next week they will be completing another challenge called "Whatever Floats your Boat" where students (in teams) will have to build a boat using plastic wrap, plastic straws, paper cups, duct tape, pennies, brown paper bag and seeing which group can build a boat that can float and support 25 pennies for at least 10 seconds.

Finally, Mrs. Thomas has created a new partnership with Carbon Express Inc. in Wharton! They recently hired a student in the Structured Learning Experience conducting clerical du-

ties while providing the student with tremendous exposure to the area of Diesel Mechanics! Enjoy the falling leaves! Mr. Rebholz



Students at the 2nd Mini-College fair.

Julia Ahart Displays Student Success at JTHS!

Article By: Amanda Ventre, Junior Student

Julia Ahart is a current senior and striving for her Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award is the most prestigious award that Girl Scout seniors can earn.

Ahart has already worked 57 hours of community service toward the award's 80 hour requirement. To fulfill necessary requirements, Ahart decided to organize a Competition for Remission. This run/walk was held at the Lake Shawnee Club House on October 23rd and all donation fees collected went toward the purchasing of Apple iPads for children fighting cancer. As of October 19, Ahart had raised approximately \$1,200 for the cause.

For Ahart, this is more than achieving an award, supporting cancer patients is a cause that she has a particularly personal connection to: Ahart has a close friend who fought childhood cancer. Ahart remembers "sitting on a seesaw with her in a park" and "noticing how sick she really was". Fortunately, Ahart's friend is now 16 years old and cancer free. Thinking about this cause prompts Ahart to "think of the little girl in the park and how every year, thousands of kids just like her get diagnosed with cancer". The technology that Ahart will be donating will bring joy to the children and also relieve them from some stress of their diagnosis. As JTHS is highly reliable on technology, Ahart believes her donations will provide children with the ability to stay connected to education and receiving life-saving treatments.