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Section I: Good News

- Our Honors and AP students at JTHS participated in the National History Day Competition at Kean University on March 9th. The theme this year was "Triumph and Tragedy." The competition is a nationwide initiative to give our students the tools to engage in historical research that they find interesting. Students take on the role of a Historian as they delve into their self-guided research. All students completed an annotated bibliography and process paper outlining the steps they took in the research process and why they took them. Students then elected to complete a paper, documentary, website, performance, or exhibit showcasing all the hard work they did in putting together their research. Overall, it was a great start to bringing National History Day to JTHS and we cannot wait to compete next year!
- JTHS sponsored the 2nd Annual Winter Guard Competition on March 9th. The JTHS Winter Guard performed "Where the Snow Doesn't Fall" followed by the Q Performance Ensemble, who closed the show and featured our very own JTHS alumni Cassie Marie Rodriguez.
- 2012 JTHS graduate Jenna Ryan is now a published author. Her first book, *The Channeler*, was launched on Jan. 18th and she is now working on a second. She has credited her English teacher, Ms. Daken for encouraging her to pursue story writing.
- The Morris County Senior All-Star Game benefitting Layups4Life at Morristown Beard High School was held on March 14th. Seniors Joe Batelli, Stefan Tisma, and Richie Botti represented JTHS, as well as our own Coach DiGennero.
- The JTHS Class of 2019 Glammies Awards Night was held on March 16th. Congratulations to all the nominees & winners. This is just the start of all the fun for our senior class! Thank you to Mrs. Schwimer & the JTHS Student Council for an awesome night.
- Congratulations to Emily Riccardi who will be continuing her academic and athletic career at Ramapo College where she will be playing Field Hockey for the Roadrunners and to Nick Gencarelli who will be continuing his academic and athletic career at Rider University and playing soccer for the Broncs.
- Congratulations to our Science League Team on another strong showing at the March 17th competition. The Chemistry 2 and Earth Science teams came in 1st place for area 1 while Chemistry 1 and Biology 2 came in 2nd place. The next competition for Science League will be in April at Newton High School.
- The JTHS Guidance Department held a Financial Aid Information Session on March 20th.



Home of the Falcons



- **The Baseball Team attended Spring Training in Fort Pierce, Florida March 19-22nd. Thank you to our Board of Education, Administration, and Teachers for their continued support to our Student Athletes. This was an amazing week for our players that they will never forget.**
- **Congratulations go out to the members of the JTHS Wind Ensemble for their outstanding performance at the Region 1 Concert Band Festival on March 20th at Parsippany Hills High School. The band earned a Gold rating for their performance.**
- **The Environmental Club hosted Service Night on March 21st. Students made bird feeders, t-shirt bags, and Earth Day 2019 posters.**
- **On March 23rd, The JTHS Winter Guard took 1st place at Pemberton High School. They are currently ranked 8th overall out of 51 schools.**
- **Congratulations to Sarah DeVries for signing her commitment to Misericordia University where she will continue her academic and athletic career.**
- **Congratulations to Patrick Flynn and the FBLA team. Patrick placed 5th in the state for Economics at the FBLA State Leadership Conference. The team participated in many team building activities and had the opportunity to network with over 1500 students from around New Jersey. Great job!**
- **It was March scholarship madness! Nearly 40 local JTHS scholarships were available for our senior students to apply to. Throughout the month, our counselors met with seniors in small groups to go over the application process and help students discover what scholarships they were eligible for. Counselors hosted "Snacks and Apps: Scholarship Edition" on April 4th to offer assistance to students.**
- **Dr. Fitzgerald's students have been asked to present their Point Three Project at the Clean Communities Conference in Princeton on May 23rd. They are also in the running to receive an award that evening. Dr. Fitzgerald is very happy with how far the students have come and the opportunities they have had in just three short years!**
- **Unified Track and Field has been off to a great start this year! For the months of September through February, buddies and athletes met monthly to complete different team building themed activities. In October, we saw who could dress their buddies up as mummies the fastest. November featured a Thanksgiving scavenger hunt and turkey feather relay. December was themed about the holidays with an intense Pictionary game followed by Karaoke. February was a Valentine's Day activity featuring chocolate and candy. In March, weekly practices were held where our Buddies and Athletes have been meeting once a week to focus on shot put, long jump, javelin, and running relays all in preparation for our Unified Track Meets. At the last practice, things were changed up a bit and focused on basketball skills because on March 19th, our Unified Team went to Mount Olive High School to play some friendly games of basketball. Our team looked forward to this and it was a great way to start the season with some fun and games. The 3rd Annual Track Meet will be held on May 23rd at 4PM at Jefferson Twp. High School. Mark your calendars!**
- **Congratulations to Mr. Rolf Warncke on being named Staff Member of the Month for March here at JTHS! Mr. Warncke is leaving us after 27 years as a Technology Education teacher. Over those years, he has worked with countless students to help them create and innovate, which has contributed to their success after high school.**
- **Our district has been recognized for the fifth year in a row as one of the 2019 Best Communities for Music Education across the USA by the NAMM Foundation. Kudos to our teachers of Music**

K-12 and our student musicians in grades K-12! Thank you to the Jefferson Township BOE and the community at large for their support and commitment to quality music education!

- **Thank you to Project Self Sufficiency for bringing the Mobile Prom Shop to our students! There were many beautiful choices!**
- **Congratulations go out to Kristine Bartley for her acceptance into the New Jersey All State Orchestra on viola.**
- **Congratulations to the entire JTHS cast and crew for their stellar performance of Sweeney Todd-the Musical which was held on March 29th, 30th, and 31st.**
- **Donations were collected from April 1st through April 13th for JTHS Alumni and their Marine Troops who are coming home. These items will help their families put together 185 welcome home baskets. Thank you to all who have donated.**
- **On May 18th, JTHS will be hosting a Freedom Walk to support our district-wide service learning project Operation Safe Home. Please consider signing up to join the walk or sponsoring our team at <https://www.wizathon.com/lacing-up-for-freedom>.**
- **In the Maker Space at our Media Center, we had a student build a drone and then download an app to his phone to use it as the remote control. Students have been making jigsaw puzzles as well. Great job!**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
MARCH 2019**

ScienceMichael Keller

Video Production.....Bill Wilson

English.....Allison MacDonald

Mathematics.....Yasser Berkat

Mathematics.....Myranda Calderio

Physical Education.....Jessica Gamble

Social Studies.....Kiersten Nicolosi

World Language.....Erica Wurster

Music.....Annabele DelRosario

Business.....Michael Studnick