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JTHS GOOD NEWS *December 2022*

November Students of the Month –

Art –	Ella DelMasto
Business –	Jordan Katz
English –	Mykel McGill
Health/PE –	Nicholas Lombardo
Mathematics –	Daniel Mysliwiec
Music –	Yandilixza Esteves
Science –	Kailey Lawless
Social Studies –	Claudia Kaminski
Technology –	Kiley Shatzel
Video Production –	Savannah Peters
World Language –	William Villane

Veterans' Day -



A very special thank you to all of the veterans who came out to share their service with our students at the Veterans Day living museum. We can't thank you enough for your service. Thank you also to the amazing Mrs. Vislosky for organizing such a great event!

Congratulations!

Please join us as we congratulate two extremely deserving individuals on a tremendous accomplishment. Last week, it was announced that **Mr. Al Kazanfer** was named JTHS Educator of the Year and **Mr. Kevin Flatierre** was named JTHS Educational Service Staff Member of the Year!



Mr. Al Kazanfer



Mr. Kevin Flatierre

JTHS Counseling Department –

The JTHS Counseling Department has been very busy. During the week of November 14th through November 18th, students had the opportunity to gain more insight on colleges in the area. Information shared included majors, campus life, the application process, housing, experiential learning, internships and more.

In addition to meeting with students, our counselors have been working with our seniors as they prepare to embark on their next chapter in their future! Our counselors are currently hosting Instant Decision Days for our seniors interested in pursuing four or two-year college opportunities. Montclair State University, Ramapo College, Fairleigh Dickinson, and CCM have or will be coming to our campus for Instant Decision Days on the following dates:

11/30- Montclair State University

12/2- Ramapo College

12/14- Fairleigh Dickinson University

12/21- CCM

Students must apply to each specific college through Common App or through the individual school. In addition, students must register for each event by the deadlines listed in their Google Classrooms. Please encourage your child to meet with their counselor for more information should they be interested in applying to any of the schools that are participating or for any questions regarding their future plans. Updated counselor information can be found on the top left side of your parent portal, below your child's name.

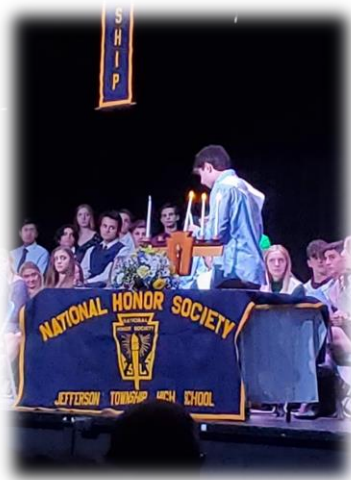
The JTHS Counseling Department wishes you and your family happy holidays.

~ Mrs. Ramirez ~

National Honor Society –

On November 22, 59 new members were inducted into the National Honor Society.

Congratulations!



~ Mrs. Kula ~

Sports and Entertainment Journalism -



On November 15, students in the Sports and Entertainment Journalism program engaged in an in-house field trip remembering and honoring those athletes from Marshall University who perished in a plane crash fifty-two years ago. Seniors in the independent study presented background information about Marshall University, their football program, and the unfortunate tragedy that claimed the lives of its football team, coaches, and some fans. Students viewed the movie *We Are Marshall*. In the afternoon, students in the advanced class as well as the Academy hosted a writing workshop at which time the entry level students wrote movie critiques.

~ Mrs. Clarizio ~

Computer Science –

On December 9th, 2022, some of the JTHS Computer Science students will be collaborating with both Middle School and High School teachers, as well as the Middle School Gateway students to host an Hour of Code event. This event is a community-wide event that has differentiated stations to provide computational learning for all ages. Coding in different languages, robots, and unplugged crafting activities will help develop all curious minds during the largest learning event in the country!



~ Mrs. Storms ~

Fall Play – *Clue*

Jefferson Township High School presented **Clue: On Stage**, High School edition on November 18th and 19th. It was a resounding success with record audience numbers. One audience member said, “This was one of the most delightful and well-acted performances I’ve seen in a long time.” She went on to say, “Great attention was paid to detail in the set and the costumes. I really applaud all those involved in putting this production together” (GP).

The play was written by Sandy Rustin and was based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game. The play was directed by English teacher, Cassandra Ives. Set design was by Mary Ann Cantwell. The play featured high school students: Michael Gopon, Maia Alick, Danny Duda, Elizabeth O’Shea, Katelyn Peterson, Hayden Mills, Christopher Dunn, April Manasia, Kaitlyn Majury, Eric Struck, Kalli Grlica, Nathaniel Maniago, Nicholas Roberts, Kayleigh Edson, Emily Conway, Layla Stanziale, Hunter Gabowski, Zachary DaSilva, Gwendolyn Kosciolek, Madison Mathews and Ainesh Gobind.

The cast and crew are already looking forward to putting together the spring musical, **The Drowsy Chaperone**, which will be presented in March.

~ Mrs. Kosco ~



OLDE ENGLISH FEAST -



The 37th Annual Olde English Feast was held December 9-11 at The Great Castle at Jeffersonshire. Thank you Mr. Flynn for continuing this amazing event!

World Language Honor Society Induction –

Congratulations to all students who were inducted into our World Language Honor Societies! We are so proud of your accomplishments!



DESIGN FOR COMMUNITY –

"On August 26th, 2022, Jefferson Township sadly suffered a great loss when the American Legion Post #245 building on Espanong Road succumbed to a fire.

Students from Jefferson Township High School, a.k.a. "JT DESIGN STUDIO", under the supervision of technology education teacher and architect, Jason Nicholas, have been given the opportunity to serve our community by assisting in the redesign of the American Legion building.

So far our team has visited the site, taken measurements and photos of the existing building footprint. Currently we are working on conceptual floor plan and exterior ideas to present to the American Legion members for their feedback.

Members of our JTHS video production program are assisting in creating a video story. The JTHS art and woodshop departments will also be helping with projects such painting a flag donation box and creating a fundraising display board.

Be sure to follow our story on Instagram at [jt_designstudio](#)."



Environmental Science Academy –

The students in Mr. Smith's USII Honors Academy for Environmental Science class recently studied World War I Trench Art and then created their own recycled art using similar principles. Students then had the opportunity to listen to and ask questions of Shane MacDonald, Archivist for Special Collections University Libraries, Special Collections at the Catholic University of America (Mr. Smith's alma mater). Utilizing ZOOM, students learned more about WWI Trench art and what goes into the care and preservation of artifacts and why it is important to our understanding of the past.

~ Mr. Smith ~

Community Food Bank of NJ Teen Hunger Summit –

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