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Section I: Good News

- The district participated in the Great Kindness Challenge during the week of January 28th-February 1st. This is a nationally recognized bully prevention program. During the lunch/academic periods there were "Kindness Stations" set up giving students the opportunity to do different acts of kindness for their peers, staff members, and the community.
- Congratulations to the following students who will be attending the DECA State Qualifiers March 4th-6th: Eddie DiTomasso, Josh Israel, Bryan Stefans, Sharon Israel, Samantha Schorr, Alyssa DeNino, and Amina Fuller. The following students will be competing in the written portion of the competition: Gia Scarpa, Abbie Buccieri, Emily Bradford, Jordan Morstatt, Alexis Verdes, Alivia Catania, Noelle Sabatino, Hannah Carcich, Eduardo Solano, Jonathon Rivera, and Jason Hordyk.
- The week of January 21st was National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week. We participated in Chat Day on January 24th during Lunch/Academic. Students were able to ask anonymous questions to substance abuse experts during this digital chat.
- The 2019 Biggest Loser Competition started on Jan. 17th and will run through Mar. 14th. Miss Cannarozzi will hold weekly weigh-ins every Thursday morning. Individual and partner weight-loss percentages will be calculated weekly. At the end of the 8-week period, final percentages will be calculated and prizes will be awarded to the pair with the highest percentage weight loss, highest percent weight loss for males, and highest percent weight loss for females.
- The Project Kind Club participated in the Skid Row Carnival of Love in LA on Jan. 26th by having students write kindness notes to the homeless. Thank you to all who participated.
- Congratulations to James Knapik, Joel Spiridigliozzi, and Patrick Flynn for their acceptance into the New Jersey All-State Band as a result of auditions on Jan. 19th at JP Stevens High School in Edison. James and Patrick (clarinet and percussion) were placed into the All-State Symphonic Band and Joel achieved 2nd in the state on tuba earning him a spot in the coveted All-State Wind Ensemble.
- The Academy for Environmental Science collected disinfectant containers for a project to help preserve Lake Hopatcong from the hazards of fishing lines. After the lake clean-up in early November, an analysis of the debris collected showed that there was an astounding amount of fishing line floating around Lake Hopatcong and tangled in plants and animals. They are in the process of engineering fishing line collection vessels.
- On Jan. 25th, Alysza Sookraj, Meghan Craig, and Aleeza Cabahug were the keynote presenters at the Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education Conference (ANJEE).
- Congratulations to the following recipients of the Scholastic Art Awards: Honorable Mentions- Kaeli Vera and Laura Ramirez-Noel. Silver Key- Jennifer Ahart. Gold Key- James Knapik. Be sure to visit the Montclair Art Museum to see James' work displayed! So proud of you all!



Home of the Falcons



- Thank you to CCM for hosting an Instant Decision Day for our JTHS Falcons students on Jan. 23rd.
- The American Red Cross Club sponsored a blood drive on Jan. 28th. All donors received a \$5 Dunkin gift card.
- Congratulations to the Indoor Track team for their outstanding performance at the Morris County Championships. The girls team placed 4th overall led by Stephanie Nwankwo - 1st Place Shot Put - 40 feet, 10 1/2 inches---Ashley Struck - 3rd Place in the 300-meter Dash - 42.84 seconds--- Sarah Devries - 4th Place 1600 meter run, 5 minutes 10 seconds for a New School Record and 5th place in the 1000 meter run, 3 minutes 13 seconds. The Boys team was led by Tyler Lipchus-Wong, 4th place in the Shot Put, 46 feet 2 inches and Remi Mankinde, 5th place in the 55-meter dash - 6.72 seconds and a new school record.
- Congratulations to the bowling team for making it to the quarterfinals of the Morris County Bowling Tournament on Jan. 24th. Captain Emma Thies won second highest game with a 211 and 1st in high series while Lindsey Parete bowled a season high 189. Great job bowlers!
- Wellness week was February 4th-8th. During this week, the focus was on both physical and mental wellness. Thank you to U.S. Marine and Falcon Alumni Ryan Leyden for working out the PE classes for Wellness Week!
- JTHS sponsored a food drive called “Souper Bowl of Caring” Jan. 28th-Feb.8th. Donations were put in the section of the donation box of the team you wanted to win the Super Bowl. It was also a competition with the middle school to see which school can collect the most donations. The winning school gets a plaque and bragging rights! Thank you to everyone who donated to help the local food pantries.
- JTHS swimmer Amy Segond was in the running for N.J.'s top junior girls' swimmer. Amy has been a speed demon for Jefferson. She has been a top sprint freestyler for the Falcons, earning most of her wins in the 50 and 100 free this year. She has also won the 200 free and 100 back.
- Ms. Dispenziere's MD class is working on some exciting food service ideas. She recently received approval to run a coffee station during the first three blocks of the day called "Jefferson Java" a few times a month. The plan is to sell coffee, healthy snacks, and tea. We are happy to report that Jefferson Java's opening day was a huge success! Our students prepared drinks, greeted customers, and handled finances. We are very proud of this group! They are also looking to start a “meals to go” program where faculty and staff can order meals that would be prepared by the MD program and then picked up at the end of the day for a hot meal already made for dinner.
- Thank you to the Jefferson Township High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team and Cheerleaders who hosted the Department for Persons with Disabilities Appreciation Night on Jan. 31st against Wallkill Valley High School.
- Congratulations to Sarah DeVries for being honored at National Girls and Women in Sports Day.
- Congratulations to our JTHS Wrestling seniors and their families for their years of dedication to our program.
- Junior Johnny Knox had his article highlighting JTHS Boys Basketball published in Morris Sussex Sports! Read it here: <http://morrissussexsports.com/2019/02/01>
- Congratulations to our Main Office administrative assistants: Nancy Tasker, Louise Gerosa, Sharon Vollmers, and Jennifer Seeley on being named Staff Members of the Month for January. Thank you for all you do for JTHS!
- Congratulations to JTHS boys' basketball player Joe Batelli who scored his 1000th point on Feb. 5th. Joe became the first Falcon to score 1000 points while making over 200 three pointers. Great job Joe!
- The National Honor Society is once again raising money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society with Pennies for Patients. On February 21st, go to any NJ or PA Chipotle and 33% of your bill will be donated to this cause. Be sure to bring the flyer, show it on your smartphone, or just mention it to the cashier.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
JANUARY 2019**

ScienceMichael Keller
Video Production.....Ian McAndrew
English.....Reagan Bonforte
English.....Ryan Richards
Mathematics.....Michael Keller
Physical Education.....Joseph Wojcik
Social Studies.....Kylie Silva
World Language.....Aidan Kelleher
Music.....Nathan Rowe
Business.....Sarah Leppard