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Section I: JTHS Good News

- JTHS will be the recipient of the Murray House Dinner Dance 50th Anniversary Lifetime Achievement Award for our continued work and partnership with the Department of Persons with Disabilities (DPD). A dinner/reception will be held at the Brownstone in February. Dunks for Disabilities Basketball Game will be held again on January 10, 2020 with the girls playing Mendham and the boys playing Mountain Lakes.
- The Sports & Entertainment Marketing classes, along with Sports & Entertainment Journalism & Sports Culture, will be attending a full-day field trip to MetLife Stadium for a Jets Business Day event on Thursday, November 14, 2019.
- The Food Drive has been completed. DECA has donated all food items and gift cards to the New Hope Food Pantry.
- The Makerspace is still being used a lot. New items will be purchased in the near future. The first winner of the Dunkin' Raffle has been awarded. New book displays are being added to the library to encourage book selection.
- French CP1, 2 Honors and 3 Honors classes created a mock cemetery with recorded biographies of famous French historical figures. Students were able to simulate the French Toussaint holiday in our classroom and make connections to the current holiday with the culture of the Roman Empire. Marybeth Neushatz Class
- Students from Maria Clarizio's class will be in the Media Center conducting a Skype with Adam London, a sports reporter for the New England Sports Network.
- Adam London, a professional journalist with the New England Sports Network spent the morning of November 1 Skyping with our Sports and Entertainment Journalism students. London talked about his passion for sports writing and gave sound tips to our aspiring reporters regarding the craft. After sharing his personal journey to becoming an accomplished reporter in the field, he gave our students advice regarding college and internships. He showed off his 2018 World Series ring, acquired as a staff writer for the Boston Red Sox. He also talked about a typical day in the field and his experiences in covering multiple sports in the Boston area such as the Bruins, Patriots, and Celtics. Our students gained valuable information about the field of sports journalism and obtained a strong network contact in Adam London. We will continue our relationship with him throughout the year, reading his articles on NESN and sharing our work with him as well. From Maria Clarizio.
- Officer Craig from the Morris County Sheriff's Office came to JTHS to speak with our seniors for the 6th straight year. Her presentation on Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying was extremely powerful and moving. She has worked extremely hard to reduce the amount of cases especially focusing on schools in our area. Officer Craig grew up locally and does an amazing job of relating to our students. From Jason Kalish.
- On October 16th, we had PSAT Day at JTHS.
- JTHS held its Fall Festival on October 16th as well.
- Financial Aide Night on October 17th in the evening.

Home of the Falcons



- Chief Joseph of Kenya visited JTHS on October 17th.
- Our second Mini College Fair was held on October 22nd.
- Red Ribbon Week was held from October 23rd to October 30th. Theme Days: Twin Day, Dress from another decade day, Wear Red Drug Free Day, Pajama Day, College Wear Day, Favorite Holiday Wear.
- The JTHS Broadway Cabaret was held on October 23rd.
- Elevate "A Capella" performed in Atlantic City at the Atlantic City Convention Center as part of New Jersey School Boards.
- John Morello presented his one-man show called "DIRT" to the high school on the 29th and the middle school on the 30th. He creates conversations about substance abuse, bullying, and many other topics.
- JTHS held its Tri-M induction ceremony on October 30th. The student musical presentations were terrific.
- Quarterly assessments were administered at the high school on November 4, 5, 6, and 11th.
- The following colleges visited JTHS in the last month: East Stroudsburg University, West Virginia University, Salisbury University, and Kean University.
- The NJEA Convention was held on November 7th and 8th for teachers to attend.
- The Academy of Environmental Science held an Open House on November 11th.

- ATHLETICS: WHAT A FALL FOR THE FALCONS!!!
 - CHEERLEADING:
 - Participated in Mr. Jefferson, and Back To School Night.
 - CROSS COUNTRY BOYS/GIRLS
 - Participated this past weekend at State Sectional meet at Garrett Mountain.
 - FIELD HOCKEY
 - First Conference Title in program history.
 - Made state sectionals for group 2.
 - FOOTBALL
 - Qualified for state sectionals Group 3. 6-4 record.
 - SOCCER BOYS
 - Won the conference with a 19-1-1 overall record.
 - 3-peat conference champions.
 - North 1 group 2 sectional champions! First time in program history!!!
 - Playing in state group semi-finals tomorrow against Bernards. 6:00 PM at Millburn.
 - SOCCER GIRLS
 - County semi-finalists. First time since 1997.
 - Conference champions: First time since 1997.
 - North 1 Group 2 sectional finalists.
 - Two players committed to Division 1 programs. Madison Eisely, Manhattan University, Kayla Barbosa, Wagner College. Official signings were held on 11/13/19.
 - VOLLEYBALL GIRLS
 - Conference Champions. First time in program history.
 - Won 3 tournaments this season.
 - Lost in County Quarterfinals.
 - State sectional group 2 made second round.

- **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH October 2019**

- **Science..... Victoria Breeman** "Tori exhibits a particular strength and understanding in the Geophysical Science course which is remarkable. This is shown by her excellent work ethic and engagement in the class. I hope that Tori will consider a career in one of the Earth Sciences in college."- Ms. Kirshenbaum
- **Video Production..... Ian McAndrew and Christian Russomanno** "Ian & Christian have been an important pair this year, especially in the Health Talks series, recording many of the speakers for the Health classes. They have also been a powerhouse team in several class assignments! They work well together and have a great, creative chemistry between them.

Christian's creativity is impressive and he has a great eye for production. Ian's logical approach serves him well, as does his advanced technical knowledge. Christian and Ian are always ready to help out anyone and their contributions to the Video department is truly appreciated." - Mr. Kazanfer

- **English..... Gianna Scarpa** "Gia is an extremely dedicated student. Gia goes above and beyond what is expected in the classroom. She completes assignments early, she not only answers questions but also critically analyzes information. She is conscientious and a true role model for all our students as she exemplifies all the characteristics of hard work, academic achievement and good character. It is a pleasure to have Gia Scarpa in English 12 CP." - Ms. Boyle
- **Math..... Fajr Tariq** "She has been selected because she puts forth great effort in class, takes thorough notes, selfadvocates, and is kind and respectful to her peers and teachers."-Ms. Signorello
- **P/E..... Amanda Nwankwo** "Amanda consistently takes a leadership role in our Project Adventure activities. She displays excellent communication skills and is a great team player. Amanda is always willing to assist other students and contributes greatly to the success of the class." - Ms. Chapman
- **Social Studies..... Cassidy Blaha** "Cassidy Blaha has been selected because she has proven to be an exemplary student and a true joy to have in class. Cassidy offers very poignant and unique perspectives on the various criminal justice topics discussed in class. Additionally, Cassidy displays a high level of academic responsibility and is a leader during our many classroom discussions. Cassidy has an interest in a career in law and that is definitely reflected in the hard work she displays in every aspect of my class. Her drive and dedication are greatly appreciated! Cassidy is extremely deserving of the Social Studies Department's October Student of the Month."-Mr. Thompson
- **World Language..... Zachary DaSilva** "Zach always goes above and beyond when working in class. If he finishes an activity he takes the initiative to continue learning. His interest in the Spanish language and culture is evident in his participation, questions, and conduct every day in class." - Ms. Caruso
- **Music..... Giovanna LaMonica** "She goes above and beyond with her contributions and dedication to the JTHS Choir program. She is a true vocal leader in her section and is an excellent role model to her peers. She is very trustworthy and is a tremendous asset to our music program. I admire her tenacity to try new things, her willingness to take criticism, and her overall maturity. Keep on singing girl!"-Mr. Flynn
- **Business..... Gianna Favata** "Gianna Favata has been an exemplary student ever since she enrolled in Personal Finance. She joined the class two weeks late after a schedule change, but quickly got caught up and completed all missing assignments and assessments. Gianna is a sweet, polite, and respectful young lady who always comes to class attentive and eager to learn. She displays a single-mindedness of purpose and remains focused for the entire period. Gianna is a self-starter who takes pride in her work and always does everything to the best of her ability. She carries herself with poise and quiet self-confidence. Gianna has a bright future ahead of her. She is a pleasure to have in class." - Mr. Pisciotto
- **Math..... Daniel Lopez** "Daniel Lopez for Math of Finance for insightful comments during class discussion, relating real-world experience to the topic, and completing all assignments. Dan has stepped up this year and is trying to stay on task, keep himself organized, and be prepared for the day." - Ms. Ciaraffo

- **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Senior Tricky Tray on November 16th
- The Fall Drama on November 22nd and 23rd. Drama is "THE ODD COUPLE."
- Fall Drama will also have a 2:00 show on the 24th.
- National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on November 26th at 7:00.
- Early dismissal on November 27th and Thanksgiving break on the 28th and 29th.
- Olde English Feast will take place on December 6-8 at 7:00. Sunday show at 3:00.

- HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING BREAK!

This month Athletics does not have good news they have GREAT news.

Our High School athletes have accomplished things this fall that have never been done before in Jefferson athletic history.

Football found its way to above .500 this year finishing with a record of 6-3 and making it to the playoffs. While the Falcons fell to River Dell they played an amazing game in the bitter cold that could have gone either way.

Field hockey will be hanging a banner for the first time in program history. They have earned their share of the Colonial NJAC title with a divisional record of 5-2-1 and an overall record of 8-8-2.

Girls Volleyball will also be hanging their first banner in program history after an impressive season which saw the school blocks record be broken in the first round of the state tournament vs Seneca. The girls this season won 3 tournaments another program first, found itself in the county and quarterfinals, and the state second round. The girls will hang their first banner after winning the NJAC Freedom Division title with a conference divisional record of 11-1, conference record of 14-2 and an overall record of 21-6.

Girls Soccer made deep runs into both the county and state tournament for the first time since 1997. This years team will be hanging a 19 on their banner representing their NJAC Freedom Divisional title after amassing a 6-3-1 record. The girls were 10-3-1 in a very competitive conference and 12-6-2 overall. The girls made an exciting run in the Morris County Tournament after beating Dover in the opening round, upsetting Whippany Park and Chatham in the next two earning a spot in the MCT Semi Final. The girls fell to Kinnelon after a 0-0 battle through regulation and 2 overtimes but fell in penalty kicks. The Falcons rebounded well to grind their way through the N1G2 sectional tournament earning a 2 seed. The girls overcame Indian Hills in the first round 6-0, Mahwah in the second round 3-1, and Westwood in the Quarter-Finals 3-0 but fell in penalty kicks to last year's state champion, Ramsey. Girls soccer has also signed 2 athletes to Division 1 programs who participated in the National Letter of Intent Signing Day on November 13th. Madison Eisele and Kayla Barbosa have signed with Manhattan University and Wagner College respectively. These two studs will be on our Next Level record board next fall.

Boys Soccer has historically been at the bottom of the conference but for the past 3 seasons have found themselves as conference champions. This season has been historic for the boys program as they have an unblemished 10-0 divisional record as well as a 16-0 conference record while boasting a 19-1-1 record overall. The boys program who now has 3 conference banners will hang its first sectional title in program history after defeating Lenape Valley 5-0 in the first round, Dover 2-0 in the quarterfinals, Pequannock in penalty kicks, and Ramsey 1-0 in the N1G2 sectional finals hosted at the high school. The boys will play Thursday 11/14 against Bernards in the Group 2 Semifinals at Millburn HS with the winner playing in the Group 2 Finals on Sunday at Kean University.

4 conference titles including 2 first time winners, 1 county semi final appearance, and 2 sectional final appearances with one program taking the title has given JTHS its best Fall season in history.

GO FALCONS!