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Section I: Good News

- The Robotics Team, Team 2600 attended the MAR District Championship event at Stabler Arena in Allentown PA. They were awarded a \$3250 grant from MAR to help cover the cost of attending. Students Peter Heyward-Simpson, Joseph Albecker, Jacob Wagner, Anthony Castillo, Jesse Fisher, Dalton Wagner, Logan Good, Ryan Stamer, Brian Vasallo, Alex DeGraw, Martin Kurasrch attended the event.
- Dr. Melvin Sanicas (<https://www.impatientoptimists.org/Authors/S/Melvin-Sanicas>, <https://www.huffingtonpost.com/author/melvin-sanicas>) has agreed to skype with Senior Honors English students as they study the role of tuberculosis in A Doll's House. They are going to be researching something along the lines of the following: What and how does a society know about a disease (focused on public perception versus medicine) and then perhaps on how that could impact the eradication or treatment of disease. Many of the honors students are thinking about medicine, public service, or public policy. This is an incredible opportunity for the students. Dr. Sonicas will skype with the students on Wednesday May 16.
- The Blackwell Street Juried Student Art Show marked its 30th Anniversary embracing a wide variety of media (sculpture, oil, acrylic, collage, multimedia, etching, charcoal, pen and ink, graphite, photography, etc.), the artworks are a stunning tribute to the creativity, skill and passion of these young artists from throughout Morris County. Out of the 29 Artworks submitted by Jefferson Township High School, 19 were selected for the exhibit. Jefferson students were awarded with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards, as well as an honorable mention.
- Students will once again be attending the teen arts festival on May 19th.
- On Wednesday, April 18, the JTHS Wind Ensemble hosted a benefit concert here at JTHS to raise funds for the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. The group will be donating more than \$1500 to the foundation as a result of the fantastic concert! Joining the Wind Ensemble



Home of the Falcons



for the event was the Hanover Wind Symphony under the direction of Matthew Paterno. Guest conductors included Kurt Zimmermann, Rich Barrieres and Mr. Barrieres high school band director and founder of the HWS, Peter Boor. In addition to sharing the concert with us, the HWS members conducted a sectional workshop with the members of the JTHS Wind Ensemble.

- Congratulations to Aly Hine, on the Jefferson Softball Team, for getting her 100th career hit on Opening Day against Chatham on April 6th.
- Congratulations to the High School Winter Guard for finishing 3rd at East Stroudsburg University on April 7th.
- Students attended a trip on April 12th to Montclair State University. Students were able to tour the university, and get an idea of secondary educational choices.
- JTHS Students will be participating in the Morris County Scholar-Athlete Awards dinner that is on May 23rd. The dinner is at the Hanover Manor in East Hanover and begins at 7:00 pm. JTHS recipients are Martin Kuras and Alicia Boucher.
- The 30th Annual HS Student Art Show was held at the Atrium Gallery from 3/26/28-5/3/18. The jury selected approximately 400 artworks from nearly 800 submissions throughout the county. Nineteen JTHS pieces were selected for the exhibit. Students received first, second, and 3rd place awards, as well as an honorable mention.
- Ryan Schmidt, a senior at JTHS, received the NJPSA/FEA Leadership Scholarship for \$2,000. They will be hosting a luncheon in Monroe at NJPSA on May 8th.
- JTHS Senior Martin Kuras has been named Jefferson's "Pass It Along" Scholar Athlete. We are so proud of his accomplishments in academics, athletics, and service to the community.
- JTHS Chamber Choir performed at the Roman Pools at Hearst Castle in San Simeon, and Nazareth House in San Francisco, California over spring break. Students and staff had a wonderful trip.
- Congratulations to the Science League team on their final competition of the season. Jefferson Science Leaguers came in first place for Area 1 for Chemistry 1, AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2, and Earth Science. Sophomore Patrick Flynn had an individual score that was not only the best for our area, but he nearly doubled the next highest score. Congratulations on a fabulous season.
- The varsity softball team hosted its first annual "Lace up for Cancer" charity softball game on Saturday, April 21. This game was played to raise money and spread awareness for the many children affected by pediatric cancer.
- Habitat for Humanity went to the Habitat Restore and did landscaping, cleaned up the exterior areas of the property, and worked to build shelves inside a tool trailer.
- Senior Mackenzie Barkley was named the Fastest Female US Marine Corps Poolee from NJ.

- Mackenzie Ross is currently a junior attending JTHS and the shared time program at Morris County School of Technology in the Auto Body Collision and Repair program. Mackenzie represented our school district taking 1st place at the Skills USA competition in Bridgewater. In addition to having the best hood design, she has won a \$10,000 scholarship from Ohio State Tech. We are all very proud of her accomplishments.
- Jefferson Township Public Schools has declared their participation in the Future Ready Certification Program.
- Freshman Elijah Quintana is the sixth fastest skier racer in the State of NJ.
- Congratulations to Senior Kalen Luciano for his selection as the \$10,000 James E. Casey Scholarship winner, sponsored by the UPS Foundation.
- JTHS participated in this year's "Best Communities for Music Education" survey presented by The NAMM Foundation. JTHS has received a 2018 Best Communities for Music Education award; this is our fourth consecutive year receiving this award.
- Congratulations to Sophomore Morgan Beaudoin for winning the NJEA Essay Contest. Her essay was chosen, among all 9-12th-grade students who participated in the state of New Jersey.
- In case you might be wondering...the black and white, tent-like structure which will appear in the courtyard between the 'C' and 'D' wings is an insect trap. One of the Academy for Environmental Science students, Alysza Sookraj, is studying flying insect biomass in order to develop some baseline data for our Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) Station we are in the process of creating. She will also be comparing her data to other LTER sites.
- Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol. The competition concluded with a reception at the Morris Museum. Independent judges determined the winners as well as those art works that received honorable mention. JTHS students Rachel Warnke, Kaitlyn Hollar, and Katrina Jenisch had artworks displayed.
- April 26th was take your child to work day. JTHS had over 40 children visit JTHS to join their parents for work. It was a fun filled, and educational day for all.
- NHS sponsored a "COLOR RUN" on April 28th. All proceeds were donated to our "Stand Up To Cancer Club".
- Congratulations to the HS Winter Guard on their second place finish at Salisbury High School. The guard is currently ranked 8th out of 53 units going into championships.
- The ASL Squad is hosting their 3rd Annual Lip Sync Battle Friday, May 4th at 7:00 pm in the J.T.H.S. auditorium.
- The NHS will be holding their ice cream social on May 16. All proceeds go to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.
- Our next Blood Drive will be held on May 15th.
- The High School Winter Guard attended their Championship Competition in Wildwood, NJ May 3-6.

- **On April 30th JTHS had the "After The Fire Presentation" for our seniors in the auditorium. Survivors of the Seton Hall dormitory fire presented this assembly.**
- **JTHS Spanish club hosted Latin Night on May 3rd.**
- **The Tri-M Music Honor Society had their annual trip to Broadway on May 2. They attended the matinee performance of "A Bronx Tale."**
- **JTHS will be administering the SATs on Saturday, May 5th.**
- **Kim Serzan is the staff member of the month for JTHS.**
- **JTHS annual Unified Track and Field meet is quickly approaching. On May 24 at 4PM, we are going to be hosting our 2nd annual JTHS Track and Field Relay Invitational meet right here at JTHS. We have 6 teams who will be joining us.**
- **Jefferson Track attended the Penn Relays in Philadelphia on Apr 27.**

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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ScienceJames Knapik
 Video ProductionKevin Breen
 English.....Paige Poirier
 Mathematics.....Peyton Riegel
 Mathematics.....David Bird
 Physical Education.....Alexandra Greer
 Social Studies.....Nicole Lemieux
 World Language.....Samantha Colella
 Music.....Casey Obaytek
 Business.....Alexandra Greer