



# Jefferson Township High School

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**School:** High School

**Month:** February 2018 MONTHLY REPORT

**Section I:** Good News

- Congratulations to the High School Winter Guard for performing in their first competition of the season at West Milford High School. Their show, titled "The Dash" took first place in the Scholastic Regional A-Class.
- Congratulations to the varsity girls' basketball team who won their 7th game in a row against Kinnelon on January 27th. The girls dominated the game from the start and led by 40 after 3 quarters. Taylor Langan scored 28 points with 7 assists and 7 rebounds and Vic Pietraszkiewicz also added 11 points, 7 rebounds, and 7 assists. Brielle Fedo scored a career high in points and Olivia Demko scored her first varsity points.
- The Red Cross Club sponsored a blood drive on Friday, January 26. The Red Cross was able to collect 44 donations.
- Mrs. Cara Schwimer and the high school student council raised over \$2,800.00 during their holiday assembly. Ms. Lauren Provost organized the sale of Maasai jewelry and raised over \$1,700.00. These proceeds will benefit Operation Safehome (<https://operationsafehome.blog/>)
- Students in Basic Coding & Web Design created websites for A to Z embroidery, a photography portfolio and one for DECA and FBLA. The students participated in a Shark Tank Simulation for their final project.
- Several JTHS alumni came back to participate in the AP/Elective fair.
- The final project for Sports & Entertainment class is creating a business for after prom safe activities for high schools.
- Senior Peter Fifoot was able to experience a Devils vs. Capitals hockey game. Peter has an affinity for sports and broadcasting. He had the opportunity to meet and interview some Capitals players as well as their coach. He also spent time in the broadcasting booth during the game.
- Congratulations to JTHS staff for making that first step towards losing weight. There are currently 38 individuals that signed up for this year's competition, making this the largest Biggest Loser to date.
- On Tuesday, January 23rd the PDP Leaders had an outreach with the freshman. PDP Leaders discussed various scenarios, and how to handle social situations.
- Students in the freshman class of the Academy for Environmental Science attended a field trip on Jan 30 to the New Jersey School of Conservation.

- **I would like to congratulate the Athletic Department on being awarded the prestigious Directors of Athletics Association of New Jersey DAANJ PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE AWARD!!!! This award is given to athletic programs of excellence that meet the rigorous requirements of the state of New Jersey. Jefferson's core belief and focus on education-based athletics is second to none. This is more proof that we as a learning community are continuously improving the total school program at JTHS. I would like to thank all of the committee members who worked toward achieving this recognition**
- **The Jefferson Township Municipal Alliance sponsored a student-led National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week Night on Thursday, 1/25, in the middle school media center. Our high school and middle school Municipal Alliance students presented, performed, and answered questions about drug & alcohol misuse. There was also an "Ask the Pharmacist" segment with a representative from CVS.**
- **Habitat for Humanity hosted a Flapjack Fundraiser at the Rockaway Applebee's on Saturday, January 27.**
- **The Debate Team went to a competition in Sparta on January 19<sup>th</sup>. They came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the competition.**
- **ON January 24<sup>th</sup> JTHS hosted a CCM will have its Instant Decision Day.**
- **JTHS hosted the Department for Persons with Disabilities Annual Basketball Game against Sparta.**
- **Congratulations to Ryan Schmidt, James Knapik, and Patrick Flynn for their acceptance into the New Jersey All-State Band as a result of auditions at JP Stevens High School in Edison. We believe this is the first time that JTHS has had 3 students make the All-State Band.**
- **On February 2 JTHS hosted the 12th Annual 'Jefferson Idol.' Those in attendance were entertained by a panel of celebrity faculty judges, a live professional band, backup singers, and even some dancers.**
- **Congratulations Britney Iturralde. She has cleared the first phase of the admissions process and has been invited to participate in a Shadow Experience for the Cosmetology Program at Morris County School of Technology.**
- **Congratulations to the Winter Guard on their first place finish at Salisbury High School. They are currently ranked second overall out of 17 guards across New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.**
- **The County College of Morris Accuplacer test will be held at JTHS on Thursday, February 15th.**
- **The 8th grade and high school bands have been rehearsing together for the mid-Winter concert on February 13th.**
- **On January 26<sup>th</sup> parent artist Mr. Hedges demonstrated in Mrs. Simler's pottery classes.**
- **Film Studies Classes held their second film festival of the year. Presentations started January 31 for the Alfred Hitchcock Film Festival.**
- **Please join us in congratulating Ms. Kira Arnold on being named the Staff Member of the Month for January here at JTHS. Ms. Arnold joined the high school as a case manager this September. She has worked well with her new students and other staff members to offer support and guidance.**
- **Wellness week is February 12-16. During this week we focus on both physical and mental wellness. Physical Education classes during Wellness week will include classes in yoga and meditation as well as visits from the Marines.**

- **JTHS had another successful round of laptop distribution to our 10th graders on January 31st. The 1:1 rollout is moving along, and juniors will receive their laptops on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to our tech team for doing a fantastic job ensuring that each student receives a laptop.**
- **Congratulations to project stay gold as they were honored by the NJ Coalition with the Student Award at the 2018 Liberator Awards. Some of the founding student members attended the awards on January 28.**
- **The National Honor Society has begun its annual fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: Pennies for Patients. This fundraiser is a competition between homerooms, with the winning homeroom earning lunch catered by The Olive Garden. They are hoping to raise about \$3,000 as a school. This money is used to fund research for cancer and to help provide funding for families with children affected by leukemia and lymphoma. They will be collecting money from the boxes, with the final collection on February 23.**
- **The JTHS Ski team once again helped out in the Special Olympics at Mt Creek on 2/5. Skiers Kaleb Williams, Matthew Sinchi, Max Balogh, Zac Quintana, Elijah Quintana, Jared Bilyk, Justin Palus, & Amber Whitman were all on hand to assist.**
- **Congratulations to Katie DeBell for being selected to be honored at the 2018 NJSIAA National Girls and Women in Sports Day.**
- **Congratulations to Nick Thies for his 2nd high game, 2nd high series in bowling. He will be advancing to the Tournament of Champions.**
- **On Saturday February 3rd, the JTHS Swim Team swam in Sussex County Championships. Samantha Iversen broke the school record in the 100 Butterfly, Amy Segond broke the school record in the 100 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke, and the 400 Freestyle Relay school record was broken again by Samantha Iversen, Lea Mazzacano, Jordan Herman, and Amy Segond. Great Job Girls. The Girls Swim Team will compete in the state tournament.**
- **Congratulations to the girls basketball team who moved on to the Morris County Tournament quarterfinals with a 42-24 win over Randolph. Taylor Langan led with 20 points and Nicole Lemieux scored 10 points and had 13 steals. The 13 steals are the second most in school history.**
- **Congratulations to the JV girls basketball team who advanced to the quarterfinals in the Morris County JV tournament. Alyssa Griswold was the leading scorer with 11 points while Leah Demko scored 10 points and had 6 steals to lead a great defensive effort.**
- **Congratulations to the following Indoor Track team members for their outstanding performance at the State Sectional track meet on February 3rd: Stephanie Nwankwo - First Place - Shot Put Alicia Boucher - Third Place - Shot Put Sara DeVries - Fourth Place 1600 meter run & Fifth Place 3200 meter run Alexa Bolzan - Fourth Place 55 meter dash & Sixth Place 400 meter run Remi Mankinde - First Place 55 meter dash The Girls team placed Third and the boys finished Ninth.**
- **On 2/13 professional development day, staff will have the pleasure of welcoming Denis Sheeran to present on 1:1 integration and the SAMR Model. Denis is currently the Director of Student Achievement for Weehawken Public Schools and previously the Supervisor of Mathematics for Chatham Public Schools. He is the author of Instant Relevance, a book that addresses student engagement. We're excited to welcome Denis with all his instructional technology expertise.**
- **Congratulations to JTHS Science League Team. We once again had a strong showing in competition on February 8<sup>th</sup> for Area 1 with 1st place for Chemistry 1 and AP Physics 1. A special shout out for Patrick Flynn with the highest individual score for Chemistry 1 for Area 1. The Science League teams continue to compete in March with our next home competition.**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

**January 2018**

**Science.....Kaitlyn Struck**

**Video Production.....Brittney Osorio**

**English.....Chloe Bolka**

**Mathematics.....Nicholas Lynch**

**Physical Education.....Karlee Luker**

**Physical Education.....Cameron DelFino**

**Social Studies.....Kalen Luciano**

**Social Studies.....Corinne Renshaw**

**World Language .....Matthew Johnson**

**Music.....Kara Majury**

**Business.....Kaitlyn Scalfani**