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Section I: Good news in our schools (List accomplishments of students and staff. Include professional development in which staff participated and any curricular highlights. Attach separate sheet if necessary.)

- Congratulations to Mrs. Kozlowski for being named Staff Member of the Month for November, and Mr. DeVries for December.
- The UNICEF club sold winter grams during all lunch periods; they were able to spread cheer throughout the school, while earning money for UNICEF.
- Congratulations to the following students for their acceptance into the North Jersey Area Band: Ryan Schmidt, Kara Majury, James Knapik, Joel Spirodiglozzi, Alyssa DeNino, Annabelle Del Rosario, Patrick Flynn, and Alivia Catania.
- Morris County School of Technology visited JTHS on Tuesday December 19th to discuss the vo-tech share time programs.
- Sports and Entertainment Journalism students attended the Jets vs. Chiefs game on December 3. Our students and their families had a great time.
- The Future Business Leaders of America wrapped up another successful Toy Drive in support of the Jr. Women's Club of Jefferson Township. FBLA coordinated a district wide toy drive collecting 8 large bags of toys from the schools in the district, collected and donated 50 Walmart Gift Cards and all the wrapping paper needed to wrap the toys. FBLA, along with DECA will now focus on their regional and state business competitions.
- The Annual Holiday Choral Concert was presented on Wednesday, December 20. The Concert featured performances by the Chamber Choir, Men's and Women's Ensembles and also featured a special salute to "Christmas Movie Music" by the Concert Chorus.
- JTHS will hold their annual Rock Concert on February 9.

- In English classes on Friday, December 22, senior's participated in the second annual "For Love of Reading Day" during which they read books, and drank hot chocolate. Seniors were able to wear their pajamas, and enjoyed a High School pajama day.
- The students in Rho Kappa created a video to raise awareness of human trafficking in Kenya. Please check out operationsafehome.blog.
- Mrs. Maxwell's English Students visited the Newark Museum they visited a Victorian house decorated for the season and a Tibetan Buddhist altar connecting to curricular readings.
- John DiColo was recognized for 40 years of service by the New Jersey Officials Association. His last day as athletic director was December 22nd. JTHS is proud to welcome Mr. William Koch as the new head of the athletic department.
- JTHS held a service night on 12/19. Students made holiday cards for children at St. Jude's Children's Hospital.
- JTHS began the One to One Laptop initiative. Freshman students were all given laptops. The process couldn't have gone any better and it was due to the efforts of many. Our hope is to be able to disseminate laptops to the 10th grade within 3 weeks and to the 11th grade by mid to late February.
- The JTHS Chamber Choir is hosting a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's of Butler on Saturday morning, January 13th
- Students, alumni, and teachers will be competing in J-Town Thinks They Can Dance! This district-wide dance competition is being held on Friday, January 12th in the auditorium.
- The first ever Jefferson Township High School Elective and AP Fair was held on Monday, January 8th in the auxiliary gym during all three lunches. Information, artifacts, handouts, and representatives were present for all elective and AP classes offered at the high school. The purpose of this program was to give the students an opportunity to learn more about elective classes and AP classes offered at JTHS before selecting their classes for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Starting Thursday, January 25th JTHS will be offering a free SAT preparation course to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
- Congratulations to the following DECA State Qualifiers: Anthony DeRobertis, Jack Bishop Noelle Sabatino Alivia Catania Morgan Beaudoin Mehul Bhargava Justin Palus and Gianna Scarpa. They will be going to States in Atlantic City.
- On January 10th, 8th Grade Parents and Students attended the Freshman Parent Orientation. A presentation was given in the auditorium, followed by a tour of the school.

- On January 16, 2018, the Sports and Entertainment Journalism students are invited to a presentation by published Sports Journalist, Jack Devries. Jack is the brother of our very own art teacher Dave Devries.
- Congratulations to senior Steve Breeman for reaching the 1000 point milestone. Steve scored his 1000 point vs Hanover Park on December 28th. Steve became the 12th Jefferson male to reach the milestone. Steve has committed to continue his academic and athletic career at Moravian College in Bethlehem Pennsylvania.
- It was that time of year again when students entered the Star Lab to observe different phenomena that occur in our night sky. The star lab is a portable planetarium that uses a high definition projector to present the various constellations that can be viewed in real time at any location on Earth. Students in Mr. Bruseo, Mrs. Kirshenbaum, and Ms. Beshlian's Earth Science classes entered the lab on January 9th through January 11th to discuss topics in Astronomy. Classes began by identifying the patterns of stars in the constellations that could be observed in the night sky. Students also discussed the concept of light pollution since many of the stars viewed in the lab are not totally visible when students look outside. Finally, the classes concluded by discussing the seasons that occur on Earth by comparing the angle of the sun during the summer and winter solstices.
- On Thursday January 12th JTHS held the first Science League Competition at home.
- Congratulations to Senior Taylor Langan on her McDonalds All-American athletics nomination.
- Congratulations to our Science League team members. In yesterday's competition at JTHS, Jefferson teams came in first place for Area 1 for Biology 1, Biology 2, Chemistry 1, Physics 1, Physics 2, and Earth Science. Next month, they will compete at Newton high school.
- Congratulations Peter Fifoot for being invited to attend the Devils vs.Capitals game on January 18 to interview players and coaches.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

December 2017

Science.....Peyton Riegel
 Video Production.....McKenna Brown
 English.....Matthew DelRosario
 English.....Andy Jimenez
 Mathematics.....Payton Reid
 Physical Education.....Sarah Thomas
 Social Studies.....Ben Shapiro
 World Language.....Joey Fisher
 Music.....Kirsten Ebbinouser
 Business.....Alyssa DeNino