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Section I: Good News

- Congratulations to Kyla Butler for qualifying for the U.S. Ski and Snowboard U16 Eastern Region Giant Slalom and Slalom Project on February 20th and 21st at The National Winter Activity Center in Vernon, NJ. Kyla will be one of 3 female racers that will represent NJ at this event. Attending this event will be the top 14/15-year-old junior ski racers from the Eastern, Central, and Southern regions of the United States. This accomplishment is a significant extracurricular achievement. We are so proud of you!
- Congratulations to Paul Monaco for receiving the JTHS Scholar Athlete Award. Great job both in the classroom and on the field/court!
- Congratulations to Cameron Delfino for receiving the NJPSA scholarship!
- The Jefferson Education Foundation, joined by Bill Snouffer from Franklin Sussex Auto Mall, raffled off the Jeep Renegade on Feb. 15th. Congratulations to the winner and a huge thank you to Mr. Snouffer for donating the Jeep Renegade.
- On Feb. 19th, students took the CCM Accuplacer Exam.
- Professional speaker Arel Moodie presented his “Starting Points for Student Success” to our Senior Class on Feb. 22nd.
- Congratulations to Dave DeVries who was selected as this year's Jefferson Township Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year!
- The JTHS Boys Basketball was the NJAC Freedom Champions and 5th seed in the Morris County Tournament. They had a Cinderella run to the county finals. After taking out 4th seeded Mendham in the Quarterfinals they stunned Delbarton, the 1st seed, to head to the Morris County Finals against West Morris. The event on Feb. 23rd was a night to be remembered. The 50th-anniversary tournament was capped off by back to back ESPN Top 10 worthy plays. The Wolfpack ended up putting in the winning basket at the buzzer to win 51-50. While the result was not what we wanted, the fans who came out to support our Falcons did not leave empty-handed. Senior Joe Batelli took away the tournament MVP trophy, a well-deserved honor.
- Congratulations to James Knapik and Jennifer Ahart who were honored at the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards on Feb. 28th.
- Congratulations to Jeremy Thide on being named JTHS Staff Member of the Month for February. Mr. Thide is a positive, hard-working physical education teacher and it is clear that he cares deeply about the students and his role as a teacher.
- Tickets are now on sale for the JTHS Annual Spring Musical, Sweeney Todd- The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, being held on March 29th and 30th at 7:00 PM and March 31st at 2:00 PM. Adult



Home of the Falcons

- tickets are \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door and student/senior tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door.
- The JTHS wrestling team won their first district title in 21 years! Congratulations to the team and all the coaches. They will hang a banner after taking home the District 8 Championship, while Coach Moscatello took home Coach of the Year honors after placing 8th into the Region 2 tournament. Sophomores Austin Jack and Mike Gould took home 5th while Mason Godfrey punched his ticket for AC with a 3rd place medal. They headed to the State Tournament in Atlantic City the weekend of March 2nd.
- On March 7th, JTHS hosted a College Fair for our underclassman. There were more than 45 colleges present for students to visit.
- The JTHS National Honor Society has completed the Pennies for Patients campaign for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The total amount raised was \$617.54. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.
- PDP Leaders are starting up their outreaches with the 8th graders. They will meet with them three times before the end of the school year to start the transition process into High School. These meetings are helpful to relieve stress that the upcoming 8th graders may have and gives them a chance to ask questions about High School. The meetings will take place on March 15th, April 12th, and May 23rd.
- The DECA State Competition was held March 4th-6th in Atlantic City. JTHS students earned six spots at the International Development Conference in Orlando, Florida for THRIVE level in their promotional campaign, community service campaign and membership campaign. The students attending nationals are Alyssa DeNino, Gia Scarpa, Alivia Catania, Jordan Morstatt, Abbie Buccieri and Emily Bradford. Congratulations Falcons! Congratulations to Roger Besemer who was also at the competition with the Votech Chapter.
- The Academy for Environmental Science held Eco-Fest 2019 on March 7th. This event introduced simple ways to make life more sustainable. There were free giveaways and awesome products to purchase.
- The National Honor Society is starting a fundraiser for Camp Courage. Camp Courage is an organization which provides care packages for active duty military service personnel. Every \$30 we raise will provide a care package for a soldier. Money will be collected on March 15th and March 29th during lunch/academic periods. Thank you in advance for your support.
- The JTHS Ski Team has continued to produce amazing times on the slopes with Kayla Butler, Amber Whitman, and Krista Poehlmann qualifying to compete in the NJ State Race of Champions, while Elija Quintana found his way to the mix for top racer in the NJAC. Congratulations to skiers Kyla Butler and Krista Poehlmann for finishing in the top 4 of NJ at the NJ State Ski Racing Championships on March 1st. Kyla and Krista have both been invited and will represent the State of NJ and Jefferson Twp. High School at the Eastern State Regional Championship being held at Attitash Mountain in New Hampshire on March 7th-March 10th. Great job girls!
- Congratulations to Ms. Erica Pelusio! Ms. Pelusio and JTHS have been accepted into the Amazon Future Engineer program in partnership with Edhesive. They will be providing her with the curriculum and programs to use throughout the year for both AP Computer Science Principles and AP Computer Science A.
- Brian Costello, a 1994 JTHS graduate and sports writer for the NY Post, visited Mrs. Clarizio's Sports and Entertainment Journalism class on March 8th. He is also the Jets voice for WFAN and very accomplished in the field of sports journalism.

- **The Robotics Club attended a Robotics Competition at Mt. Olive High School that was held March 8th-10th. Congratulations for a terrific run and making it to the quarterfinals out of 28 teams. A special thank you to Mr. Warncke, Mr. Nicholas, and Mr. Papa for making the weekend exceptional for our robotics students.**
- **Project Kind collected a tremendous amount of food for Jefferson residents during the Souper Bowl of Caring. The JTHS Project Kind Club, JTMS Student Council, and the Red Cross Club collaborated efforts to run the food drive project. Food was collected at both the high school and middle school and bins were placed in various community areas. The students also collected food and donations at a JTHS varsity boys' basketball game, thanks to Athletic Director, Bill Koch and athletic secretary, Michele Grieves. All in all, the students and staff collected over 1,400 food items and over \$600.00 in cash donations. All proceeds were divided between the Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Lake Hopatcong and the Milton Methodist Church in Oak Ridge. Both churches house the town's food banks. A special thank you to Karen VanderBok, advisor for the JTHS Project Kind Club, Jennifer Foley, advisor for the JTMS Red Cross Club, Terry Koontz, advisor for the JTMS Student Council and Pamela Graham from JTMS. A very special thank you is extended to Mrs. Howe, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Cooke, principal of JTMS and Dr. Plotts, principal of JTHS as well as Mayor Wilsusen for supporting this worthwhile and valuable cause.**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
FEBRUARY 2019**

- ScienceKiera Baumann**
- Science.....Alexis Abreu**
- Video Production.....Emily McMahan**
- English.....Joshua Martorelli**
- Mathematics.....Brianna Cumberton**
- Physical Education.....Erik Garv**
- Social Studies.....Sarah Leppard**
- World Language.....Tyler Kolmer**
- Music.....Morgan Brown**
- Business..... Gianna Scarpa**
- Business..... Alyssa DeNino**