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## What a great start *Academics, arts, athletics start strong*

Serving as your superintendent of the Jackson Local School District is a great honor and privilege, along with that comes responsibility. But the position of superintendent allows me to have a front-row seat to see the many treasures we have in the Jackson Local School District. Here are a few things I saw this school year so far:

Our high school was informed that two of our graduated seniors — Nagapparanav Nagajothi and Nolan Scanlon received perfect Advance Placement Test scores. They were 2 of 375 students worldwide to answer every question correctly on their AP test. They were Carley Anne Barnes' students and Dan Taray had them last year for the AP course leading into the course in which they test



CHRIS DILORETO

perfect.

Our Jackson School for the Arts program really had a hit with the musical "Footloose" on stage this fall. While many of the students on stage get much of the attention, it was the students behind the scenes who impressed this year as well. They

learned a new computer graphics tool that allowed them to project three-dimensional scenes on the stage that helped to save with set building. The performance was remarkable.

Many of our Jackson Academy for Global Studies and JSA students came together for our annual Veterans Day tribute. After the program our social studies classes had veterans on stage for discussions that proved to

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## Senior leaders chosen

*Matronia, Hartnett, Buonaspina, Reott elected by classmates to lead Class of 2022*

The Jackson High School Class of 2022

senior leaders were elected at the end of last school year. Jarod Matronia is the class president, Allie Hartnett is the class vice president, Anthony Buonaspina is the class treasurer, and Ava Reott is the class secretary.

The class leaders work closely with Senior Class Advisor Ms. Gretchen Hull, as well as Jackson High School administrators to set the tone for the school year and organize events.

"They are the best class officers I've ever worked with," Hull said. "Jarod is the epitome of a leader and the other three step up. All four are leaders. They check in every day to see what needs to

happen. Their personalities are all different; and they complement each other very well. They are wonderful to work with."



JAROD MATRONIA



ALLIE HARTNETT



AVA REOTT



ANTHONY BUONASPINA

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be enlightening for our students.

Sauder Elementary received word from U.S. News & World Report it was named one of the best elementary schools in the country. Congratulations to Sauder Principal J.R. Reindel and the staff there on a job well done.

The Polar Bears had a dominant fall sports season. Let's start with boys soccer. Coach Biros had his program finely tuned again and won the league and advanced to the regional finals, just a goal shy of advancing to the state Final Four. Coach Biros was the league Coach of the Year as well.

In volleyball Mary Kate Agona took over as the head coach and won the league title and was named the Federal League Coach of the Year in her first year. Our girls won the district tournament and advanced to the regional finals before falling to the eventual state champions Rocky River Magnificat.

Girls soccer won the Federal League championship and Coach Frank Gagliardi's team made it to the regional semifinal round. Judging by the amount of youth soccer players I have seen Coach Gagliardi working with, the program has plenty of talent coming through.

Our boys and girls cross country teams won Federal League championships and then



The Jackson volleyball team celebrates a hard-earned point in a regional tournament match. The Polar Bears won the Federal League.

Photo courtesy of the Canton Repository

both teams advanced to the state meet where the girls finished seventh and the boys ninth. Congratulations to Coach Walsh, who also was named Coach of the Year in the League!

Girls tennis finished second in the league and had a doubles team (Madison Altman and Paige Reese) get to the state tournament.

Girls golf finished third in the league but made it to the state tournament. Avery Wright tied for seventh at the state tournament.

Football and boys golf each finished third in the league but had

strong postseason runs. The football team won a playoff game at Robert Fife Stadium and finished 9-3.

Our overall fall sports record was 76-18 and 42-6 in the Federal League. We were one of five schools in Ohio to have volleyball, both soccer teams advance to the regional tournament and win a football playoff game. We were the only school in Ohio to have girls golf and both cross country teams made it to the state tournament, win a football playoff game and get both soccer teams and the volleyball team to the regional tournament.



The boys soccer team won the Federal League and advanced to the regional championship game. The Polar Bears were Federal League champs.



Members of the "Purple Army" Marching Band at Jackson High School perform during pregame of a Polar Bear football game.

Our fall sports team finished the All-Sports Trophy Federal League Standings with a 15.5-point lead in the All Sports Trophy race.

This, of course, sets us for a fine winter sports season. We hope you will take the opportunity to visit our campus and

watch one of our winter sports teams.

Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the great cooperation and relationship we have with our Jackson Township Trustees — John Pizzino, Todd Hawke, and Jim Thomas — as well as fiscal officer Randy Gonzalez.

## **JHS again named a top U.S. high school**

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## Jackson Local Schools Board of Education



Gindlesberger



Goff



Douglas



Winkhart



Wright

The 2021-2022 Jackson Local Board of Education members have met four times this school year.

The members are: Board President Scott Gindlesberger, Vice President Christopher Goff, Tonya Wright,

Thomas Winkhart, Esq., and Ken Douglas.

The Board of Education meets monthly. Regularly scheduled meetings can be found on the district's website.



## JLSF raises nearly \$40,000 during inaugural golf outing at Glenmoor

By Justin Hardesty

The Jackson Local Schools Foundation (JLSF) and the Jackson High School Alumni Association (JHSAA) held their first combined fundraiser, an October golf outing at Glenmoor Country Club, raising \$38,640 to be split equally between both and used to benefit Jackson students.

The JHSAA merged with the JLSF in December of 2020. Both groups operate under separate boards of directors and with separate sets of by-laws, while sharing financial and marketing resources.

"Bringing the alumni association onboard will make both organizations stronger in our parallel pursuit to serve Jackson students and staff," said JLSF president, Justin Hardesty.

"Alumni associations are traditionally linked to school foundations, and we look forward to combining our efforts with the important work being done by the school foundation," said Jim Camp, of the JHSAA.

The golf outing featured 48 sponsors and hosted 27 foursomes who enjoyed 18 holes and a haul of prizes, including a \$30 Glenmoor Pro Shop gift voucher for each golfer and a chance to win a car. Earning rave reviews from golfers as well as volunteers from both hosting organizations, the JLSF and JHSAA are actively planning next year's outing.

We are grateful for the relationship and partnership the Foundation and Alumni Association is afforded with the Jackson Local Board of Education. Working together, these entities provide a first-class education experience for our community.

These sponsors shaped the event's success.

**Signature sponsor:** Employers Health, Chris Goff.

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## JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Student Calendar  
2021 - 2022

AUGUST 2021						
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## August

- 11 Gr 6/New Student Orientation, 6-8:00 pm
- 11 Gr 9/New Student Orientation A-L, 7-8:00 pm
- 12 Gr 9/New Student Orientation M-Z, 7-8:00 pm
- 12 Teacher In-Service
- 12 Open House - All Elementaries, 4:30-6:30 pm
- 16 1st Day for Students (K-12)
- 17 Open House - JMMS, Last Name A-M, 6:00-7:00 pm  
Last Name N-Z, 7:00-8:00 pm
- 25 Open House - High School, 5:30-7:30 pm

## September

- 3 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
- 6 Labor Day - No School (K-12)

## October

- 5 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
- 5 Parent Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
- 7 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
- 8 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
- 11 Columbus Day - No School (K-12)
- 13 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
- 13 Parent Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
- 15 End of 1st Marking Period - 41 Days

## November

- 24 Thanksgiving Break Begins
- 30 Classes Resume

## December

- 20 Winter Break Begins

## January

- 3 Classes Resume
- 7 End of 2nd Marking Period - 46 Days
- 14 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School (K-12)

## February

- 10 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
- 16 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
- 18 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
- 21 Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)

## March

- 18 End of 3rd Marking Period - 46 Days
- 21 Spring Break Begins
- 28 Classes Resume

## April

- 15 K-12 Conference Exchange - No School (K-12)

## May

- 25 Last Day for Students & Staff
- 25 End of 4th Marking Period - 42 Days
- 30 Memorial Day

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# Seven myths about children's mental health

*How to dispel misrepresentations about mental health in kids and support efforts to stop the stigma*

This article is being used in cooperation with Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery. It came from StarkHelpCentral.com, a free website with additional resources for parents.

It is easy to empathize with suffering we can see: a child who has lost her hair as a result of chemotherapy, for instance. The suffering of a child with psychiatric issues is far less obvious. Many children and teens with emotional problems keep their pain secret. Others express their feelings in risky or offensive ways. Due largely to stigma — fear, shame, misunderstanding about psychiatric disorders — the majority never receive clinical care.

Debunking myths about child mental health is critical to getting more children the help and understanding they deserve.

**MYTH 1:** A child with a psychiatric disorder is damaged for life.

A psychiatric disorder is by no means an indication of a child's potential for future happiness and fulfillment. If a child's struggles are recognized and treated — the earlier the better — she has a good chance of managing or overcoming symptoms and developing into a healthy adult.

**MYTH 2:** Psychiatric problems result from personal weakness.

It can be difficult to separate the symptoms of a child's psychiatric disorder — impulsive behavior, aggressiveness, or extreme anxiety, for example — from a child's character. But a

psychiatric disorder is an illness, just like diabetes or leukemia, and not a personality type. We can't expect children and teens to have the tools to overcome these challenges on their own, but they can recover with the help of their parents, and an effective diagnosis and treatment plan.

**MYTH 3:** Psychiatric disorders result from bad parenting.

While a child's home environment and relationships with his parents can exacerbate a psychiatric disorder, these things don't cause the disorder. Things like anxiety, depression, autism and learning disorders are thought to have biological causes. Parenting isn't to blame. But parents play a central role by providing support and care that is crucial to their child's recovery.

**MYTH 4:** A child can manage a psychiatric disorder through willpower.

A disorder is not mild anxiety or a dip in mood. It is severe distress and dysfunction that can affect all areas of a child's life. Kids don't have the skills and life experience to manage conditions as overwhelming as depression, anxiety, or ADHD. They can benefit profoundly from the right treatment plan, which usually includes a type of behavioral therapy, and have their health



HAROLD KOPLEWICZ

and happiness restored.

**MYTH 5:** Therapy for kids is a waste of time.

Treatment for childhood psychiatric disorders isn't old-fashioned talk therapy. Today's best evidence-based treatment programs for children and teens use cognitive-behavioral therapy, which focuses on changing the thoughts, feelings, and behaviors that are causing them serious problems. And research has shown that there's a window of opportunity — the first few years during which symptoms appear — when treatment interventions are most successful.

**MYTH 6:** Children are overmedicated.

Since so many public voices (many without first-hand or clinical experience) have questioned the use of medications in the treatment of childhood psychiatric disorders, many people believe that psychiatrists prescribe medication to every child they see. The truth, however, is that good psychiatrists use enormous care when deciding whether and how to start a child on a treatment plan that includes medication — usually along with behavioral therapy. We never doubt whether a child with diabetes or a seizure disorder should get medication; we should take psychiatric illness just as



seriously.

**MYTH 7:** Children grow out of mental health problems.

Children are less likely to “grow out” of psychiatric disorders than they are to “grow into” more debilitating conditions. Most mental health problems left untreated in childhood become more difficult to treat in adulthood. Since we know most psychiatric disorders emerge before a child is 14, we should have huge incentive to screen young people for emotional and behavioral problems. We can then coordinate interventions while a child's brain is most responsive to change and treatment is likely to be successful.

**Harold S. Koplewicz, MD, is the founding president and Medical Director of the Child Mind Institute. One of the nation's leading child and adolescent psychiatrists, he is known as an innovator in the field and a master clinician.**



# Jalli dominant at international Pan Am Games

*Sophomore aiming for spot on Olympic table tennis team after championships this summer*

Jackson High School sophomore Sarah Jalli is an international table tennis champion after returning from the Pan Am Youth Games in the Dominican Republic. She is ranked the best 15-under girls player in North and South America. Previously, Sarah was the U.S. National Champion in 15-under and 17-under competitions.

At the Pan Am Youth Games held in the Dominican Republic, she cruised through competition winning every match either 3-0 or 3-1.

Not only did she capture the singles title, but she also teamed up with other US Superstars to win the girls doubles and girls team events



Sara Jalli poses with her medals from the Pan Am Youth Games.

## About Sarah Jalli

U.S. National Women's Team Member  
U.S. National Junior Team Member  
Ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for u15  
Ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for u17  
Ranked No. 2 in the U.S. for u19  
Ranked No. 6 in the U.S. for women

Jalli has moved up to the women's division for even more of a challenge, according to her coach, Samson Dubina. Her goal is to make the 2024 Olympics and she is continuing to work hard at the Samson Dubina Table Tennis Academy in Akron.

Her daily training includes jogging and stretching, Power Pong robot training, getting lessons from Coach Dubina and Coach Chance Friend, participating in group sessions and leagues, and going to the gym for speed and strength training.



Jackson High School student Sarah Jalli has earned a spot on the U.S. National Women's Table Tennis Team. She competed in the Pan Am Games, and international competition. Jalli has hopes of making the U.S. Olympic team. She is ranked No. 1 in the United States in under-15 and under-17.

"The 2024 Olympics is a tough goal, but she is prepared and ready and making daily progress," Dubina said.

Jalli would like to thank

her parents, Sudhakar and Vimala for their support and to her sponsors Paddle Palace and Nittaku for their awesome equipment.

## Purple Army performs at OSU Skull Session

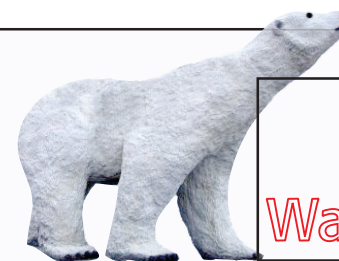
The Purple Army performed at Ohio State's Skull Session, which is a pep rally held before every Buckeye home game. Jackson High School was the invited band and played "God Bless America" as part of the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11.



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# Division I college scholarships



Janine Murphy will be swimming at Towson University in Maryland starting in the fall. She enters her senior year as a three-year letter winner. She earned All-District, All Federal League, and All Stark County every year since freshman year. She made it to state as a freshman in the 200 medley relay and 100 back and as a junior in the 100 back where she placed eighth and the 100 free where she placed 15th, earning All-Ohio honors. She holds the record at Jackson High School in the 200 medley relay, 100 back, and 400 free relay.

Picture: (first row) Cara Murphy, Janine Murphy; (second row) Dan Murphy, Leslie Murphy, Coach Doug Nist



Riley Floyd, a senior attacker and four-year letterman for Team Jackson, has recently signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her lacrosse career playing for Coach Brianne Tierney at Division I Kent State University, a member of the Mid-American Conference (MAC). Last year, Riley was awarded OHSGLCA Second Team All-Region.

(First row left to right) Tina Floyd, Riley Floyd, Jeff Floyd (second row) Coach Mike Peterson, Coach John Kroah, Audrey Floyd, Tommi Floyd



Danny Hastings is a three-year sectional qualifier, two-year district qualifier, and a two-year letter award winner. He has been named to the all-county and all Federal league teams. He runs cross country and track. Upon graduation Danny will have earned 11 varsity letters in three sports. He also finds time to maintain a 4.4 GPA while taking multiple AP and CCP classes.

(First row) Danny Hastings; (second row) Dan Hastings, Debbie Hastings, Coach Doug Nist



Camryn Meek, a senior defender and four-year letterman for Team Jackson, has recently signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her lacrosse career playing for Coach Brianne Tierney at Division I Kent State University. Last year, Cam was awarded OHSGLCA Regional Honorable Mention.

(First row left to right) Carrie Meek, Camryn Meek, James Meek (second row) Coach Mike Peterson, Coach John Kroah, Natalie Meek, Tyler Meek



Avery Wright is signing a letter of intent to continue her golf career at The University of Akron. Avery is a four-year letter winner. Avery has guided her team to four state appearances and was named second team All-Ohio in 2021 and first team in 2020. In addition, the past four years she has been recognized as a member of the all NE District, Stark County, and Federal League teams. This past golf season she broke the school record with a 63 at Shady Hollow Country Club.

(First row left to right) Erica Wright, Avery Wright, Chris Wright, Creston Wright (second row) Coach Teal Harvey, Doug Lemons



# Division I college scholarships



Chelsea Debevec, a senior midfielder and four-year letterman for Team Jackson, has recently signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her lacrosse career playing for Coach Amy Bokker at The Ohio State University, a member of the Big Ten conference. As a freshman, Chelsea was awarded OSLCA First Team All-Region. Last year, she was awarded OHSGLCA First Team All Ohio and OHSGLCA First Team All-Region.

(First row left to right) Abbey Debevec, Katie Debevec, Tim Debevec, Chelsea Debevec, Chris Debevec (second row) Coach Mike Peterson, Coach John Kroah



Sofia Istnick has signed a letter of intent to continue her cross country and track career at William and Mary University. Sofia is one of the most accomplished runners to come through Jackson. She has earned eight letters in cross country and track. She is a two-time All-Ohio Runner, a three-time FLC MVP (twice in cross country, once in track).

(First row left to right) Anna Istnick, Sofia Istnick, Rick Isrnick (second row) Marty Clement, Kevin Walsh, Chryssa Hartnett



Allie Hartnett, a senior midfielder and four-year letterman for Team Jackson, has recently signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her lacrosse career playing for Coach Kim Wayne at Division I Davidson College, a member of the Atlantic 10 conference. As a freshman, Allie was awarded OSLCA First Team All-Region. Last year, she was awarded US Lacrosse All American, OHSGLCA First Team All Ohio, and OHSGLCA First Team All-Region.

(First row left to right) Chryssa Hartnett, Allie Hartnett, Tom Hartnett; (second row) Coach Mike Peterson, Coach John Kroah



Ava Peterson, a senior defender and four-year letterman for Team Jackson, has recently signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her lacrosse career playing for Coach Emily Boissonneault at Division I University of Pittsburgh. Pitt will begin their inaugural season in 2022 as a member of the ACC. Ava's 1v1 lockdown defense is her calling card and will be on full display while defending some of the top attackers around the country.

(First row - left to right) Estelle Peterson, Julie Peterson, Ava Peterson; (second row) Coach John Kroah, Coach Mike Peterson

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# Watch Polar Bear athletics in your home

Jackson High School boys and girls basketball contests played at Jackson High School can be viewed from your home, or in a relative's home who lives outside the area. The live stream broadcasts of home basketball games will include play-by-play audio. Single-games can be purchased for \$8. The entire boys basketball season is \$72 (\$6 per game) and the entire girls basketball



season is \$60 (\$6 per game).

An All-Sports Channel pass can be purchased for \$100, which includes access to all live stream home games for boys and girls basketball, baseball and softball in the spring.

Please visit [GoPolarBears.org](http://GoPolarBears.org) and click on Polar Bear Athletic Live Stream Channels on the left side of the page.



Jackson High School boys basketball coach Tim Debevec talks strategy with his team during a game. The Polar Bears' home games can be viewed online at [GoPolarBears.org](http://GoPolarBears.org) and click on Polar Bear Athletic Live Stream Channels. Cost is \$8 per home game.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Jackson Local School District ranked in the top 4% of all districts in the country, according to Niche and Jackson Local School District ranked by Niche as 30th best district out of more than 600 in Ohio



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## BOYS BASKETBALL

Date/Time	Opponent	Location
Fri Nov 26 5:45 PM	Lakota East High School	Mason High School
Fri Dec 3 7:15 PM	North Canton Hoover	Hoover HS/MS
Tue Dec 7 7:15 PM	Uniontown Lake HS/MS	Jackson High School
Sat Dec 11 7:30 PM	Massillon Washington High School	Washington High School
Fri Dec 17 7:15 PM	GlenOak High School	Jackson High School
Tue Jan 4 7:15 PM	Perry High School-Massillon	Perry High School
Sat Jan 8 3:15 PM	Canton McKinley High School	Memorial Fieldhouse
Tue Jan 11 7:15 PM	Green HS/MS - Uniontown	Jackson High School
Fri Jan 14 7:15 PM	North Canton Hoover HS/MS	Jackson High School
Fri Jan 21 7:15 PM	Uniontown Lake HS/MS	Uniontown Lake HS/MS
Tue Jan 25 7:15 PM	Louisville HS/MS	Jackson High School
Fri Jan 28 7:30 PM	GlenOak High School	GlenOak High School
Tue Feb 1 7:15 PM	Perry High School-Massillon	Jackson High School
Fri Feb 4 7:15 PM	Canton McKinley High School	Jackson High School
Sat Feb 5 7:15 PM	Cleveland Central Catholic High School	Jackson High School
Fri Feb 11 7:15 PM	Green HS/MS - Uniontown	Green High School
Tue Feb 15 7:30 PM	Brush High School	Brush High School
Fri Feb 18 7:15 PM	Archbishop Hoban High School	Jackson High School

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date/Time	Opponent	Location
Tue Nov 23 7:15 PM	Louisville HS/MS	Jackson High School
Wed Dec 1 7:15 PM	Green HS/MS - Uniontown	Green High/Middle School
Sat Dec 4 2:15 PM	North Canton Hoover HS/MS	North Canton Hoover
Wed Dec 8 7:15 PM	Uniontown Lake HS/MS	Jackson High School
Sat Dec 11-12	Hoban GBK Classic	Hoban High School
Wed Dec 15 7:15 PM	GlenOak High School	Jackson High School
Sat Dec 18 2:15 PM	Perry High School-Massillon	Jackson High School
Wed Dec 22 7:15 PM	Massillon Washington High School	Jackson High School
Mon Dec 27 6:30 PM	Solon High School/Middle School	Solon High School
Wed Jan 5 7:15 PM	Canton McKinley High School	Canton Memorial Fieldhouse
Sat Jan 8 2:15 PM	Green HS/MS - Uniontown	Jackson High School
Wed Jan 12 7:15 PM	North Canton Hoover HS/MS	Jackson High School
Sat Jan 15 7:30 PM	St. Vincent-St. Mary High School	SVSM
Wed Jan 19 7:15 PM	Uniontown Lake HS/MS	Uniontown Lake HS/MS
Sat Jan 22 2:30 PM	Stow-Munroe Falls High School	Stow-Munroe Falls
Wed Jan 26 7:30 PM	GlenOak High School	GlenOak High School
Sat Jan 29 2:30 PM	Perry High School-Massillon	Perry High School
Wed Feb 2 7:15 PM	Canton McKinley High School	Jackson High School
Sat Feb 5 2:15 PM	Brush High School	Jackson High School
Mon Feb 7 7:30 PM	Wooster High School	Wooster High School
Thu Feb 10 7:15 PM	Salem HS/MS	Jackson High School



## WRESTLING

Date/Time	Opponent
Sat Dec 4 10:00 AM	@Edison High School-Milan with 11 others
Fri Dec 17-18	@61st Annual North Canton Holiday
Thu Jan 6 6:00 PM	Uniontown Lake HS/MS
Sat Jan 8 10:00 AM	@Woodridge Local Schools
Thu Jan 13 6:00 PM	@Green HS/MS
Fri Jan 14-15	@Bill Dies Memorial Wrestling Tournament
Fri Jan 21-22	@Josh Hephner Memorial Wrestling
Thu Jan 27 6:00 PM	@North Canton Hoover
Thu Feb 3 6:00 PM	GlenOak High School
Thu Feb 10 6:00 PM	@Canton McKinley High School
Sat Feb 12 9:00 AM	@Nordonia High School
Wed Feb 16 6:30 PM	@Perry High School-Massillon

## BOYS SWIMMING

Date/Time	Opponent
Sat Dec 18 12:00 PM	@Canton McKinley High School
Wed Dec 22 5:30 PM	Boardman High School
Wed Dec 29 5:00 PM	@Canton McKinley High School
Fri Jan 7 6:00 PM	@Dover City Schools
Wed Jan 12 5:30 PM	Wooster High School
Sat Jan 22 5:00 PM	@Hudson (C.T. Branin Natatorium)
Sat Feb 5 9:00 AM	@Canton McKinley High School

## GIRLS SWIMMING

Date/Time	Opponent
Sat Dec 18 12:00 PM	@Canton McKinley High School C.T.
Wed Dec 22 5:30 PM	Boardman High School
Wed Dec 29 5:00 PM	@Canton McKinley High School
Fri Jan 7 6:00 PM	Dover City Schools
Wed Jan 12 5:30 PM	Wooster High School
Sat Jan 22 5:00 PM	@Hudson (C.T. Branin Natatorium)
Sat Jan 29 3:30 PM	@Hoover HS/MS (C.T. Branin Natatorium)
Sat Feb 5 9:00 AM	@Canton McKinley High School



## PUBLIC NOTICE

# Lia Jones elected to Jackson BOE seat

Voters in the Jackson Local School District elected Lia Jones to the Board of Education. Jones will replace longtime board member Kenneth

Douglas, who chose not to run for re-election after serving the district for 17 years.

Jones lives in Jackson Township with her husband, Caleb, and their young daughter Elle.

She graduated from Denison University with a bachelor of arts degree in communication. She earned her juris doctor from the University of Akron



LIA JONES

School of Law. Jones is the director of the Center for Gift and Estate Planning at the University of Akron.

In addition to her work

on the JLSD

Board of Education, Jones is a member of Akron Symphony Board of

Directors. She was the 2018 recipient of the 30 for the Future Award, presented by the Greater Akron Chamber.

Jones was re-elected along with current board members Thomas Winkhart and Tonya Wright.

## Jackson community helps local families during holiday season

Jackson High School Principal Jeff Kracker helps Jen Mucci (center) and Kathy Yaros (district family support specialist) with a dozen Thanksgiving meals donated by the Mucci Team. The district also received 23 gift certificates for meals from Jackson Friends Church, seven baskets from Grace Christian Church, four from Jackson Lions, four from John Knox Church, five meals from Jackson Police, and a basket from a Jackson Cub Scout troop, and supplemental weekend food from Rivertree Christian Church



and help from Jackson Bear Hugs. Thank you to all the groups who helped make Thanksgiving better for our families.

## JLSD serves children with disabilities

Within the intent of the federal statutes (Rehabilitation Act of 1973-section 504 and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act IDEA-public law 105-17), the Jackson Local School District continues its effort to locate and identify children with disabilities from birth through age 21.

Children with disabilities have physical, emotional, and/or mental impairments that may require special education. Public schools provide free and appropriate education regardless of a child's disability. However, before these children can be served, they must be found.

Many of these children are not visible because they may not function in the community's mainstream, and many are preschoolers. Parents may not realize that programs and services are available through their school district or from agencies in their community. If you are aware of a child who may need a special education program or services, contact Kathy Brand, Jackson Local School District's Special Programs Director with any question you may have regarding the above notice.

The district is open to provide services (if your child is found eligible under IDEA) if you are interested in your child attending a

public school setting.

Contact Information:  
Kathy Brand, Special

Programs Director

7602 Fulton Drive NW  
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Ralph and Janelle Lee established the Lee Family Foundation to facilitate their charitable giving and continue their passion for helping inner-city kids reach their full potential. By supporting local organizations, they provide opportunities for youth to learn, grow and develop.

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# So much done, so much yet to do



Students from Mrs. Winters' kindergarten class at Sauder Elementary heard from veterans during Veterans Day. (At right) Jackson High School JAGS and JSA students place flags in the high school thoroughfares early in the morning on Veterans day.



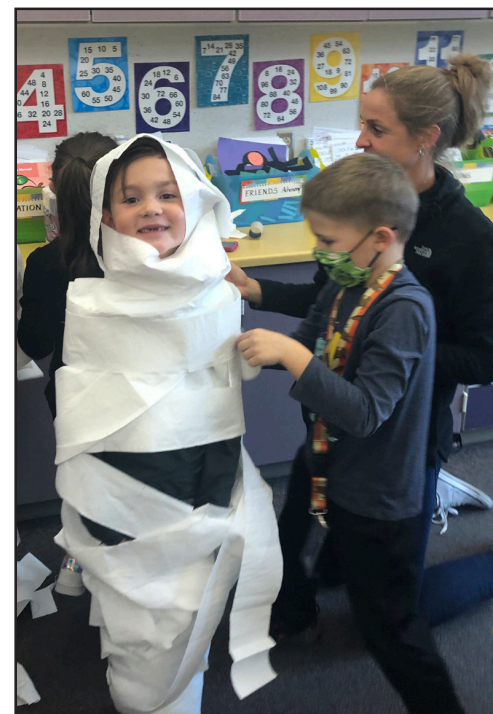
Students in Mrs. Lancy's first-grade class practice learning "The Cha Cha Slide" dance in music class.



Mrs. Risley's class at Sauder met Mr. Mark and Abby, who is part of the Polar Pups program. Kids at Sauder love the Polar Pups.



Members of the Jackson High School boys soccer team celebrate a championship. The Polar Bears were one win shy of getting to the state soccer championships



Strausser first-graders had a great time during their Halloween party, thanks to volunteers for the PTG. They decorated and created costumes to try on their classmates.

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