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Team Strausser

Shaving heads to support kids with cancer.



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School safety is a top priority

We are continually improving on ways to manage the challenges of maintaining a public building while reducing the risk to students and staff. We work closely with the Jackson Police and Fire Departments to reduce response time, and continually work to



Trubisky



Ayres



Demyan

increase communications with our students, parents, and community partners. For many years, Police Officer Dave Trubisky has served as our School Resource Officer. Recently, the Jackson Police Department has assigned two more officers who will also provide these services to our school district. Their names are Brian Ayres and Matt Demyan, and we welcome them to our school community. A special thank you to our Jackson Township Board of Trustees who have worked corroboratively with our administration to provide our students and staff with these two additional officers.

Jackson Local Schools also has a Critical Incident Management Plan (CIMP) that is annually updated and regularly reviewed by our CIMP team. This plan is overseen by our Safety Director, Harley Neftzer, who formerly served as Staff Lieutenant with the Ohio State Patrol and Police Chief for Jackson Township. Our CIMP is a fluid document that continually incorporates the nation's best practices and is submitted each year to the U.S. Attorney General for review.

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The State of Ohio has ranked Jackson Local Schools, based upon the Performance Index, as:

- 13th among Ohio's more than 600 public school districts
- 1st among the 20 districts that the state deems most similar to Jackson
- 1st among Stark County schools

When ranked based upon the state's Value Added Gain Index, Jackson is:

- 3rd among Ohio's more than 600 public school districts
- 1st among the 20 districts most similar to Jackson
- 1st among Stark County Schools.

To accomplish this when we are already high-performing is very challenging, a tribute to our outstanding faculty, the hard work done by our students, and the support our students receive from their parents.

Team Strausser answers hero's call

Seventeen Strausser students and one Strausser mom joined Scott Morton's St. Baldrick's team and had their heads shaved in front of the entire student body. They did it in honor of two Jackson students who had been diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia but are now cured. They did it to stand in solidarity with kids everywhere who are still fighting cancer. They did it to raise nearly \$6,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

St. Baldrick's is a childhood cancer charity that funds the most promising research. Mr. Morton has been active with the organization since 2004 when his student, fourth grader Austin Rohrer, was

diagnosed with leukemia.

"At the time, I felt helpless, not knowing what to do for Austin or his classmates," Mr. Morton said. "The St. Baldrick's annual head-shaving event removed some of that helplessness."

Mr. Morton and Austin have shaved their heads together at a St. Baldrick's event every year since, and a few weeks ago Mr. Morton attended Austin's 16th birthday party.

Strausser fifth grader Danielle Deryck, also diagnosed in 2004, is cancer-free as well. Danielle's mom, Keli, and Austin's mom, Krista, both attended the Strausser head-

shaving event.

Also having her head shaved was Strausser mom Luciana Meighan. "I am honored to be a part of this noble cause," she said. "To us, it's just hair, but to the children who are sick, it's much more than that."

The hero students are: Camden Raymond, Brennan Wanzer, Conlan Wanzer, Logan Bishman, Brady Bishman, Drew Wright, Jordan Sharpless, Natham Gilham, Aidan Smith, Jack Lancy, Zane Cowles, Braeden Bosler, Andrew Arnold, Caleb Slackford, James Hale, Darian Brautigam, and Aaron Waltman. Custodian Bill Weaver joined the team by later having his head shaved.

Student's energy suggestions line up with district practices

Amherst principal, Bill Hayden, was surprised and impressed when he opened his mail to find a letter written by fourth grader Kamri Beard who had some ideas about how to save the planet, starting with her school.

Kamri's letter read, in part, "First of all, you could have the teachers turn off the lights if they don't need them. Second, you could run the heat less often. Third, you could change the lights to lights that take up less energy."

Mr. Hayden called Kamri to the office to meet Bob Kolberg who oversees the district's energy conservation program. Mr. Kolberg showed Kamri the computer program he uses to monitor the heat in every room across the district. He and Mr. Hayden explained to Kamri that she was right on target with her ideas as the district has been practicing all of her suggestions, and much more, for the past three years in



Energy Education Specialist Bob Kolberg and Amherst Principal Bill Hayden teach Kamri Beard about the district's energy conservation program.

an effort to conserve energy resources and significant taxpayer dollars.

Now it was Kamri's turn to be surprised and delighted.

"Energy recycling is one of my favorite topics," Kamri said. "I like nature, and global warming kind of scares me for the animals who live on the ice. I'd like to protect what we have."

Chase Kinney, Jackson's two-time State Swim Champ



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Chase Kinney is Jackson High School's only swimming state champion and the only Stark County swimmer to win back-to-back state championships in an individual event.

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JHS opens Chinese cultural center

Jackson's guest Chinese teacher, Xiaoqing Wang, opened a Chinese Cultural Center at JHS as a place for students to gather and extend their classroom learning. He accomplished this with gifts and learning materials from Hanban, the Chinese National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language. The students can use the space to complete their Chinese assignments, practice speaking the language together, taste Chinese foods and teas, play Asian games, and view Chinese videos on the television monitor gifted to the district by Hanban. Mr. Wang held a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by students, JHS foreign language teachers, and guests from the Confucius Institute at the University of Akron: instructor Emily Ma and Dr. Chengxin Zhao who is a visiting associate professor and deputy director of the university's Confucius Institute. In conjunction with the grand opening and to celebrate Chinese New Year (Feb. 10), JHS Chinese teacher Rui Tan guided students in the making of traditional dumplings. After wrapping ground pork, celery, and seasonings in a small wonton-like skin, the students boiled then ate the delicious Asian treat.



Percussion Perfection

JHS percussion students attended the High School Percussion Ensemble Festival hosted by the Ohio State University Percussion Department. This was Jackson's first trip to the event where they performed for world-renowned clinicians Michael Burritt and John Beck. One of Jackson's percussion ensembles was selected, along with a group from Pickerington North High School and a group from Dublin Coffman High School, to perform at the Saturday evening concert. These groups were the top three selected out of 14 ensembles that performed during the day and at an evening concert which culminated the two-day festival.



Standing: Emily Su, Marissa Hoover, Jared McCully, Michael Markel, Briana Shires, Jared Fehlman, Garrett Goehring, Jad Hamdan. Kneeling: Rotary president elect Jim Ondrus, contest coordinator Mark Clendening, Jackson speech coach Leslie Muhlbach, Central speech coach Penny Harris, and Rotary president Marybeth Reynolds.

Students compete in Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest

Annually, the Jackson Township Rotary Club holds a speech contest in which high school seniors compete for scholarships. The contestants base their speeches on the Rotary 4-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor and still serves as the Rotarian model for business and personal life.

The test asks four questions of the things we think, say or do: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? This 24-word test has been translated into more than 100 languages.

This year, eight students from Jackson High School and Central Catholic High School gave excellent speeches before club members and a panel of judges. Emily Su of Central Catholic was deemed the winner and will compete at the district level later this month. Also placing in the competition were Jad Hamdan (JHS), Jared McCully (JHS), and Garrett Goehring (Central). Other competitors included Marissa Hoover (JHS), Michael Markel (Central), Briana Shires (JHS), and Jared Fehlman (JHS).

Purple Army invited to perform in China

In 2010, when leaders from our sister school, Jiaozhou No. 1 High School in Qingdao, China, came to America to visit Jackson High School, they were incredibly impressed with the Jackson Band Program. Because of the superior quality of the musicians, the program received an official invitation from the leaders in Qingdao to experience an unprecedented opportunity for global education and performance in China, next March 2014.

To learn more and to help the band make the trip, visit <http://www.jackson.stark.k12.oh.us/JacksonHigh.cfm?subpage=343354>

JHS takes second place in culinary competition

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Culinary competition Team of Josh Hodson, Kaila Fell, Breanna Taylor and Anthony Lomardo took second place at the Regionals and are advancing to the state competition in April. They missed first place by only four points. They are pictured here with Ohio FCCLA representative, Annie Pleinies.



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HIGH SCHOOL



Speech and Debate competes in State and National competitions

The team finished 4th overall out of 84 teams from across Ohio. Jackson has finished in the top five for the past four years. Two of those four included 1st place finishes. More than half of this year's team were freshman and sophomores. Out of the 26 students who competed, only seven were seniors, rendering the team

an exceptional future in Speech and Debate. The following students had exceptional performances and were honored during the awards ceremony following the tournament.
Representing Jackson at the state finals were: Rose Milnes, Katie Peters, Maddy Williams, Noelle Fuze, Abby Zalenski, Jillian Eckroate, Priyanka

Podugu, Hannah Fierle, Abhishek Bhargava, Kevin Nui, Nathan White, Andrew Glantz, Jared Fehlman, Jad Hamdan, Khoa Nguyen, Spencer Withorn, Marissa Hoover, Brianna Shires, Dana Sutton, Jared McCully, Mark Dickerhoof, Drew Burton, Jake Zalenski, Brandon Mader, Fuad Farah, and Joe Fahmy.

Accomplishments at the State Competition:

- **Jared McCully/Mark Dickerhoof** - Octafinalists in Policy Debate
- **Maddy Williams/Katie Peters** - Quarterfinalists in Duo Interpretation
- **Kevin Nui** - Quarterfinalist in International Extemporeous Speaking
- **Khoa Nguyen** - Semifinalists in Prose Poetry
- **Priyanka Podugu** - Semifinalist -United States Extemporeous Speaking
- **Brianna Shires and Spencer Withorn-Peterson** - Semifinalists in Student Congressional Debate
- **Joe Fahmy** - 7th in International Extemporeous
- **Rose Milnes** - State Champion Runner-Up in Original Oratory
- **Abhishek Bhargava** - State Champion Runner-Up in International Extemp
- **Jadd Hamdan** - State Champion Runner-Up in United States Extemporeous Speaking



National Competition

In a separate competition, the team made an impressive showing at the National-Qualifying Tournament held recently at Wooster High School. In June, six Polar Bears will compete for a national title in Birmingham, Alabama as a result of their outstanding performances. They are: **Abhishek Bhargava, Jad Hamdan, Rose Milnes, Fuad Farah, Brandon Mader, and Priyanka Podudgu.**

Thank you from the troops

JHS Spanish teacher Carol Harmon and the Spanish Club received the following letter of thanks from a soldier who received one of the 200 packages the club has sent since the war began. The Spanish Club continues to send packages to the military personnel overseas who are friends or loved ones of the members of our Jackson community.



Dear Mrs. Harmon,
 I wanted to say thank you for all the stuff that the Spanish Club sent to me and my soldiers in Afghanistan. All the things that were sent are greatly appreciated and needed. It is nice to know that we have support and love from your group back in the states.
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Creativity on display at the annual JSA Arts Extravaganza



The Jackson School for the Arts' (JSA) 7th annual Arts Extravaganza brought district wide talents to the stage, before the biggest crowd yet. The highly successful JSA program is partially supported by the generous corporate and private donations made during this event.



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Thank you from the Long Beach Bulldogs

You may remember that Jackson and Hoover cheerleaders raised \$5,700 to benefit the Long Beach High School Bull Dogs of Long Island, NY rebuild their athletic program after it was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. They recently received a thank you photo from the grateful seaside crew. We wish them all the best as they rebuild 69 of their 70 athletic teams and their band.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL

JMMS students perform in OMEA Honors Band

Ten of Mrs. Amy Sullivan's and Mr. Joseph Carlson's seventh grade band students performed in the OMEA District VIII Honors Band Concert at Dover High School as part of the OMEA District 8 Professional Conference. Band teachers throughout Stark County nominated their students as a way to recognize their excellent musicianship in class.

"We are extremely proud of their outstanding musicianship and how well they represented the Jackson band program," said Mr. Carlson.

Prior to the concert, students spent the day rehearsing with Dr. Birch Browning, Associate Professor of Music Education at Cleveland State University and various



Performing in the OMEA Honors Band were: Adam Arnold, John Brady, Olivia Geiser, Jake Humbert, Alexa Smith, Evan Gardell, Leah Snow, Katie Norton, Laurel Albertson, and Lauren Just.

other band directors in attendance. The OMEA conference also provided

professional development for the band directors.

JMMS eighth graders meet with local business pros



JMMS eighth graders attended a career fair in the school's gymnasium.

There were 48 career stations represented by area business professionals who volunteered to spend a morning with our students. Prior to the event, all 8th graders took two online assessments, which gave them career recommendations based on their interests.

"We hope this personalized approach will prepare students to explore careers they are actually interested in and are compatible with," said JMMS guidance counselor, Luis Lacourt.

"We are grateful to the business people who took time from their busy schedules to help our students grow," said building principal, Paul Salvino.



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JMMS Champs Undefeated

Seventh Grade Girls' Basketball Team (purple) won the Federal League Championship with a record of 18-0. Pictured are: Gabby Bachtel, Naudier Becton, Lauren Hattery, Triniti Lee, Nikolette Zanolli, Zoe Turner, Megan Perkins, Alexis Veigel, and Sarah Johnson with their coach Nicole Feher.

JMMS Winter Sports Wrap-Up

Girls Basketball

- 7th Grade Gold, coached by Victoria Taylor, finished 15-2 and reached the Federal League semi-finals.
- 8th Grade Purple, coached by Gary Cahoon, finished 16-1 and won the FLC Championship.

Boys Basketball

- 7th Grade Gold, coached by Jordan Johnson, finished 10-8 and reached the FLC semis.
- 7th Grade Purple, coached by Evan Elliott, finished 11-7 and reached the FLC semis.
- 8th Grade Purple, coached by John Telloni, finished 16-2 and reached the FLC semis.
- 8th Grade Gold, coached by Teal Harvey, finished 18-0 and won the FLC Championship.

Wrestling

The wrestling team, coached by Corky Marcelli, took 2nd at the Jackson Tournament, 1st at the Lake Dual Meet Tournament, and 2nd at the Federal League Tournament.



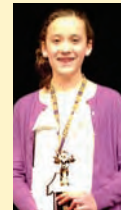
Eighth grader, Logan Hill, dunks the ball.

The boy who can jump

The Polar Bears were down by 10 going into the 4th quarter against Lehman. At the time the above photo was taken, Jackson had taken a 1 point lead, and when Lehman brought the ball down the court, we stole it. Then Dillon Dingler alley-ooped the ball to Logan Hill who took flight and dunked it. The fans leapt to their feet in a roar of amazement, including the fans from Lehman. The Bears ended up winning 53-50.

Spelling Bee Winner

At the Jackson Local Spelling Bee, 75 contestants and 90 minutes of exciting rounds resulted in 7th grader Gabrielle Bachtel emerging as the victor. John Fitch secured the alternate position of second place. Jimmy Maccora, Alexis Veigle, and Clayton Washington will serve as additional alternates. Gabrielle represented Jackson Local Schools at the 67th Regional Grand Final Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Repository, in March.



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JMMS students share smiles with Jackson senior citizens

JMMS sixth graders have formed a relationship with the senior citizens who live at Rose Lane Health Center. Under the guidance of JMMS Language Arts teacher, Fran Dougherty, the students have delivered candy, cards, drawings, and various treats to the residents for Easter, Christmas, and Halloween for the past several years.

Recently, the Rose Lane residents returned the favor by surprising the middle schoolers with treat bags full of candy, pencils, stickers and gum.

"We do this to give back to the community that has given so much to us," said Mrs. Dougherty. "And the kids really enjoy it. When I announce to the students that Rose Lane needs candy, the students bring bags and bags of it in."

"It's cool that they (the senior citizens) get really happy when they see what we bring," said student Taylor Etter. "It makes me smile."

Jackson Local Schools feels it is important to provide our students with opportunities for giving back to our community.



Alumni Association inducts four to JHS Wall of Fame

The Class of 2012 inductees have distinguished themselves in either athletic accomplishment, community contribution, professional accomplishment, political leadership, humanitarian contributions, or educational contribution.

Bradley (Brad) Doemel Athlete, Class of 1990

Brad was an All-Ohio athlete in football and track during his senior year. In 1989, he was a two-way lineman for the Polar Bears, was named 1st team All Federal League as offensive guard, 1st team All Stark County as defensive tackle, and was selected to play in the North/South football game. Brad also excelled in track, where he threw shot

put and discuss. *"I didn't realize how good he really was."*

Katelyn Doemel
(Brad's daughter)

He held school records in both events upon his graduation. Brad finished 6th in the State Track Meet during his senior year. He received Academic All American honors as a three-year starting lineman for the Eagles at Ashland University What Brad is most remembered for

is the type of man he was off the field. He battled a brain tumor for nine years with the same tenacity he used to protect quarterbacks and running backs. He privately fought that battle at home in Jackson Township with his wife Lisa, his high school sweetheart, and daughters Katelyn and Riley. Brad, also a data analyst for Aultman Hospital and a part-time Jackson Township firefighter, lost his battle with cancer on November 14, 2010.

Bob Kolberg Community Contribution Class of 1974

Bob, a life-long resident of Jackson Township, has dedicated much of his time to the community, with contributions that include: charter member and umpire for the Boys Baseball Association, coach for Boys Youth Baseball, coach for Midget Football, charter member and coach for the Girls Softball Association, coach for Girls Soccer, volunteer driver for the Jackson Marching Band's Purple Army bus, chairperson

"I am very humbled to be placed on this wall when so many others deserve it as much or more. It is an honor to serve our great community."

Bob Kolberg

of six successful Jackson Local Schools Levy campaigns, charter member and past president of the Jackson Alumni Association, member of the Jackson Alumni Scholarship Committee, charter member of the Jackson Port Authority, past board member of the Jackson Community Parks System, committee member of the Jackson Township YMCA, committee member for the 2003 Jackson Police Levy, and member of the Stark State College of Technology Jackson Work Occupation Program. Bob was voted the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce Man-of-the-Year in 1996. He is employed by Jackson Local Schools and has two children, Mike and Liz.

Glen (Butch) Lanzer Athlete, Class of 1971

During his high school career, Butch received 9 varsity letters: 3 football, 2 basketball, 4 baseball. He was named 1st team All Federal League in 1969 and 1970 in football. He was awarded 1st team all Stark County and 3rd team all district in 1969 in football. Butch was also named to the All Federal League team in basketball for the 1970-71 season and in baseball for 1970 and 1971. After high school, Butch entered the United States Naval Academy and graduated in 1976 as a Naval Aviator. He flew the A-4 Skylark and A-6 Intruder and instructed pilots for both aircrafts. Butch retired as Lieutenant Commander in March 1987 and began a new career as a pilot for Delta Airlines, retiring as a captain in 2005. He resides in Texas with his wife Tammy and their three sons Glen III, Tanner, Taylor and grandson Tanner (Ayden).

Dr. Dina Rooney Professional Accomplishment, Class of 1981

Dr. Rooney was the class valedictorian at Jackson. However, her Wall of Fame recognition is largely due to her success as a doctor. An oncologist and hematologist, she is active at both Mercy Medical and Aultman Hospitals where she also serves on many committees. Dr. Rooney was instrumental in developing the Breast Cancer Center at Mercy Medical and serves as its director. Her dedication to her profession and her patients is exceptional, due in part to her compassion and



The Brad Doemel family



Bob Kolberg



Glen Lanzer



Dina Rooney

"It is special to be awarded in my home town. I'll go back to Texas, but I come home to Ohio. My roots are here."

Glen Lanzer

"I am the kid who came home. I'm incredibly humbled by this award and the way I have been embraced by this community."

Dina Rooney

sense of humor. Dr. Rooney received a degree in Biochemistry in 1985 and her MD in 1989 from The Ohio State University. She completed her residency of internal medicine at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and her fellowship in Hematology-Oncology at Indiana University Medical Center.

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Amy Laschinske	Basketball, Volleyball, Track
Pam (Dillon) Dingler	Track
Dan Funk	Wrestling
Lori (Grey) Moore.....	Track, Cross Country
Stefanie (Belcher) Spielman	Humanitarian Contribution
Mike Funk	Wrestling
Jenny (Woodward) Malandro	Basketball, Track
Jeff Morris.....	Football
Jennifer (Cook) Ruhman	Swimming
Keri Sarver.....	Soccer
Scott Wiles.....	Tennis
Jami Bosley	Basketball
Jason Bake.....	Wrestling

JHS teacher receives Ohio Foreign Language Association Award

Estela Muñoz Rodriguez, JHS Spanish teacher, received the Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award at the 2013 Central States Conference in Columbus. It is a joint conference of the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and the Ohio Foreign Language Association.

She was recommended by fellow teacher Parthena Dragget who remarked, "Estela seems more like an accomplished expert in the classroom. She is well organized, very caring and motivated to advance her students to a higher level of competency. Students are often found with her before and after school getting extra help. She always wears a sincere, warm smile that makes her very approachable. Estela is very adept at varying methodology and activities to keep students interested. Estela exemplifies true

collegiality in the way she takes the lead, inspiring other teachers to raise the bar for their students."

Student Rachel Williams said of her teacher, "Señora recognized my fears and saw that I was struggling and adjusted her teaching style and life to help me. I saw how much she loved, appreciated and used the Spanish language, and she inspired me to feel the same way. She is always providing a listening ear and warm environment. She has enriched



my learning, and now I can't imagine my life without Spanish.

Another student, Jared Fitzpatrick, said, "I was nervous for the first day of school. However, all my butterflies went away when I met Mrs. Muñoz Rodriguez. She went on to be someone I could trust, someone who would create a friendly learning environment, someone who would develop a passion for Spanish in me."

"I am overwhelmed by this, but a lot of others deserve this kind of recognition, not only me," said Señora Muñoz Rodriguez. "The student comments mean a lot to me. I want to thank Señora Draggett for recommending me. She is a mentor and example for me, the relentless driving force of our department. She never stops."

2012-13 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mar.	22	End 3rd 9 weeks - 47 days
	25	Spring Break Begins
April	1	Classes Resume
May	11	Prom
	16	Senior Awards
	20	Graduation
	23	Last Day for Students & Staff



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Good Hours Band wins Repository Battle of the Bands

Good Hours from Jackson High School won the 10th annual Battle of the Bands sponsored by The Repository. They competed against six other area high-school bands at the Palace Theatre. The band performed its original piece, "Rocks" and also performed a Coldplay song, "Violet Hill."

Pictured from left are: Will Lowry, Greg Snier, Paul Clifford, and Wyatt Zelle, members of the Good Hours band.



Strausser choir performs at Ohio Choral Directors event

The Strausser Elementary School Choir was one of six participating in the Ohio Choral Directors Association (OCD) Elementary Choir Festival in mid February at Jackson High School.

Clinicians for the day were Dr. Sandra Mathias, founding artistic director of the Columbus Children's Chorus, and Mrs. Robyn Lana, founding artistic director of the Cincinnati Children's Chorus.

This was the second such festival, the first taking place a year ago, also at Jackson High School. Strausser music teacher, Suzanne Walters was responsible for the planning and execution of the event.

Since September, 2009, Mrs. Walters has been a board member with OCD in the Elementary Repertoire and Standards Chair. Her role is



to support and encourage the growth of choral music in elementary school choirs throughout Ohio.

AlumNotes

Stephanie Schneider, a 2010 Jackson grad, received a full scholarship to Bowling Green State University. She graduated from BGSU in December, 2012, just 2.5 years later, with a bachelor's degree in political science with a concentration in public administration and non-profits. She arrived at college with a number of AP and dual credit classes that exempted her from many basic level courses.

"I was given a lot of opportunities at Jackson that allowed me to utilize my time there very well. Other BGSU students were mind boggled by that and questioned why their high schools did not offer such opportunities. I was very

prepared for university study, in fact, some of my high school classes were tougher than my college classes," Sephanie said.

At college, Stephanie was a member of the President's Leadership Academy (PLA), which prepares students to lead with integrity.

"Service has always been an important part of my life. Since high school, I have worked toward positive change," Stephanie said. As a PLA member, she works at Bowling Green Parks and Recreation, coordinating a



program that creates partnerships between college students and middle school students. Stephanie also interned with United Way where she said she gained an understanding of non-profit management. She is now employed by United Way of Greater Toledo as a data coordinator serving three counties.

Dr. Jane Rosser, director of the Office of Service Learning at BGSU, and one of Stephanie's advisors said, "Stephanie is one of the most talented students I have ever worked with. She brings her whole self to everything she does... and you feel energized just being around her."

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July 23	Jackson High School	6:00 p.m.
August 27	Jackson High School	6:00 p.m.
September 24	Jackson High School	6:00 p.m.
October 22	Sauder Elementary	6:00 p.m.
November 19	Lake Cable Elementary	6:00 p.m.
December 17	Amherst Elementary	6:00 p.m.

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Learning about the guitar

Amherst students in Mrs. Grove's music class welcomed guest guitarist Erin Vaughn to demonstrate his skill. Mr. Vaughn is a professor in the music program at Kent State University, Stark Campus.



Wacky Wednesday

Amherst fourth graders celebrated Seuss Week with special themes and events each day. The teachers enjoyed the way the week's silliness encouraged students to keep reading and learning.



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Presidents and First Ladies Wax Museum

Amherst third grade students researched and became a president or first lady for a day. They created science boards that represented their Oval Office and prepared speeches to recite to visitor who attended the grand opening of their wax museum which was set up in the school's gymnasium.



Science is so cool

JMMS teacher Dave Weisburn traveled to Lake Cable Elementary to show the 4th grade technology classes how GPS systems can be utilized. Students had previously read a book about GPS using the online resource, Big Universe. Mr. Weisburn then let the students on a scavenger hunt using the handheld devices.



Mrs. Evanchan, Mrs. Shellhammer, and Mrs. Schlabach's second grade classes studied spiders and insects with Mr. Weisburn. They learned that spiders are not insects because they have eight legs, and insects have six legs. Mr. Weisburn brought a variety of insects and spiders for the students to explore.

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Box tops help parents renovate gymnasium

Lake Cable PTO surpassed its lofty goal of collecting 30,000 box tops



between August and February. The effort earned them \$3,160 toward their next lofty goal of renovating the school's gymnasium over the next two years. The top three contributors won gift cards. They are: second grader Skylar Byard (1st Place), third grader Allie Wilson (2nd Place), and Kindergartner Robbie Eberhardt (3rd Place). There are 88 students in the school's Box Top Club. Students collecting 100 or more box tops gain membership. "We would also like to thank the John Knox Church for their donation of over 1200 box tops," said PTO member and box top coordinator, Carrie Milkkanin.



Young Explorers

Lake Cable fifth graders completed their explorer research projects by creating a game, book, journal of voyages, interview sketch, or creative writing story. They had fun reading each other's projects and playing each other's games.



Titanic Calculations

Lake Cable fourth graders in Jennifer Coddington's class read a story about the Titanic and then completed a data-driven project that compared survivor percentages. They found the percentage of survivors that were men, women, and children in each class, then used that data in a pictograph and put it on a drawing of the Titanic for which they were given specific guidelines. Finally, they used their creativity to decorate their drawing of the Titanic.



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Sauder students meet Zeke and Loco

Sauder second graders read the Caldecott Medal Book, OFFICER BUCKLE AND GLORIA, about a police officer who teaches safety tips and his working dog Gloria. Jackson parent, Todd Osugi, arranged for Officer Eric Stanbro and Officer Chris Heslop, members of the Canton K9 unit, to visit the students with their canine partners Zeke and Loco.

The officers were wonderful with the children," said teacher, Lori Bly. The children asked the cutest questions... "Can you train a cat?" and "What are the dogs' last names?"



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On January 30, first grade students at Sauder celebrated the 100th day of school. They and their teachers dressed up as though they were 100-years-old then paraded through the building as the rest of the student body lined the hallways to be amused. They also did 100 exercises, made 100 thumb prints (Thumbody is 100 days smarter), counted and sorted 100 items, wrote 100 words, and wrote about what they'd do if they had \$100.



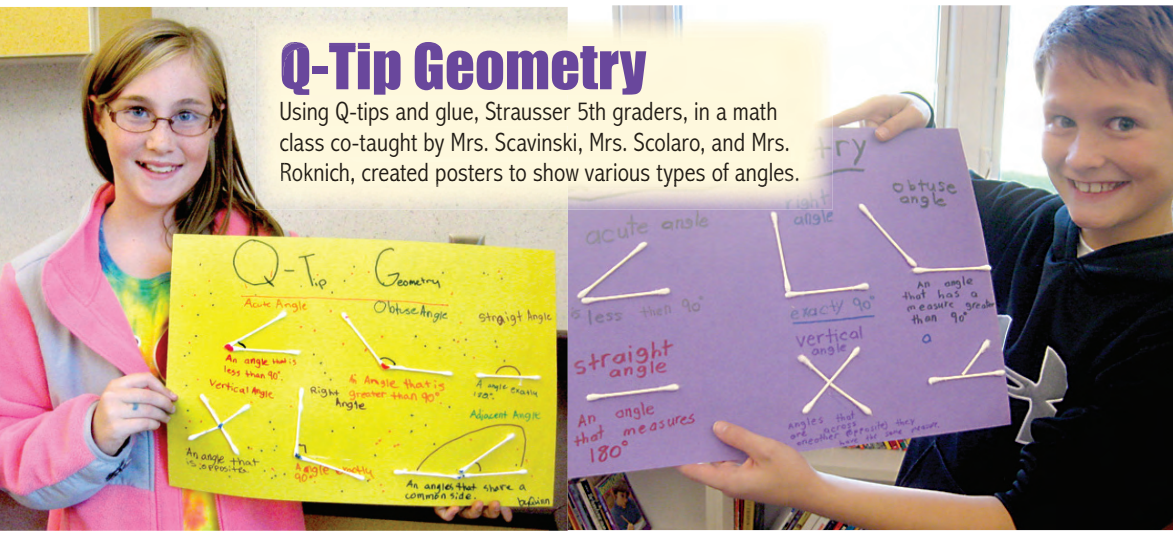
Online program personalizes learning

In Deidre Disman and Tammy Oser's project based classroom at Sauder, fourth graders utilize a Web-based enrichment program called Renzulli Learning. This online tool gathers engaging, individualized resources specially chosen for each student's specific interest areas and learning styles. The teachers use the data about each student to create personalized lessons and to develop students' critical thinking and reasoning skills. For this project, the teachers grouped their 59 students by interest and asked them to choose a math project online. Students then created a three-dimensional project with available materials, and explained to their teachers and classmates how it related to recent math lessons.



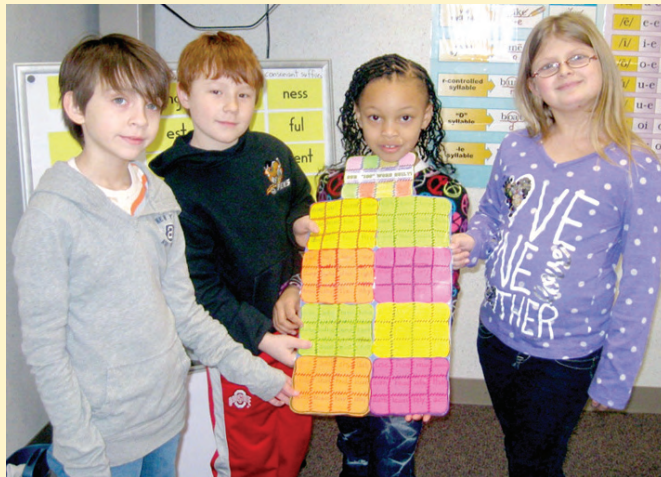
Q-Tip Geometry

Using Q-tips and glue, Strausser 5th graders, in a math class co-taught by Mrs. Scavinski, Mrs. Scolaro, and Mrs. Roknich, created posters to show various types of angles.



We are 100 days smarter at Strausser

In January, Strausser students in Mary Mazzocca's Little Cubs program celebrated the 100th day of school by participating in a variety of activities based around the theme "100." First grade students constructed and recorded as many real words as they could, using the letter blocks that spelled "one hundred." Some of the second graders teamed up to design a quilt which included 100 Foundations trick words. Third grade students put pencil to paper with a race against time to see how many words they could write in 100 seconds.



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My very own energy efficient community

Strausser third graders used their geography, social studies, and earth science skills to design and illustrate an imaginary community that was energy efficient and earthily responsible in the three Rs (reduce, reuse, and recycle). They inventively named their streets and community and then created a map key showing its energy saving ideas. Finally, they included two or three energy saving features on the front cover to attract new neighbors who are also concerned about the environment.

Strausser students have their heads in the clouds

Strausser 4th graders have been learning about weather in science. Students used cotton to make posters to showing the four main types of clouds, a description of each cloud and the type of weather each brings. They also read the book, Molly's Pilgrim, to discover the similarities and differences between modern day pilgrims and traditional pilgrims.



Chase Kinney

Jackson's two-time State Swim Champ

Chase Kinney is Jackson High School's only swimming state champion and the only Stark County swimmer to win back-to-back state championships in an individual event.

In 2012 and 2013, she won the state championships in the 50 Freestyle, and this year, she added the title of 100 Freestyle state champ.

Chase is a record maker and breaker. In addition to her state titles, here is a list of her outstanding accomplishments:

District Record Holder: 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle

Sectional Record Holder: 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle Relay, 400 Freestyle Relay, 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle

Stark County Record Holder: 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle Relay, 400 Freestyle Relay, 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle

School Record Holder: 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly, 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle Relay, 400 Freestyle Relay, 50 Butterfly Relay Split, 50 Freestyle Relay Split, 100 Freestyle Relay Split

Chase is also:

- 2012-2013 Academic All American
- All American in the 100 Free (2 years)
- All American in the 50 Free (all 4 years)



Chase Kinney wins the state swimming competition.
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- 12-Time All Ohio
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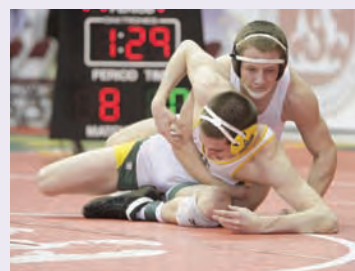
Winter Sports Wrap-Up

GIRLS SWIMMING: finished 7th in the State as a team in Division 1 (Highest placement in the history of the school). In addition to Chase Kinney's accomplishments (noted in the above article), Biz Graeff finished 6th in the 50 freestyle. The 200-meter relay team of Kinney, Graeff, Haley Locke, and Kaitlyn Daiger finished 4th, and the 200 medley relay team consisting of Graeff, Victoria Addis, Daiger, and Kinney finished 8th.

BOYS SWIMMING: Finished the season with a 9-2 overall record and 5-1 in the Federal League, good for 2nd place. Senior Drew Fulton and junior Michale Mueller were named 1st Team All Federal League.

BOYS BOWLING: finished the season with a 9-10 overall record and 4-8 in the Federal League. Junior Cory Liebau was a 1st team All Federal League selection.

GIRLS BOWLING: finished 9th as a team at the State tournament. Qualified for the Division 1 state tournament for the 3rd consecutive year. Team Members: Melanie Snier (9), Ashley



Lucas Marcelli at the state wrestling competition.

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Mast (10), Hannah Suter (10), Chandra Letcavits (10), Taylor Sturm (11), Autumn Heaton (11) Federal League Player of the Year, Allison Lamm (12), Bailey Fries (12). Coach: Jon Mazur.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: finished the season with a 13-11 overall record, 4th place in the Federal League.

BOYS BASKETBALL: finished the season with a 17-7 overall record and 9-3 in the Federal League which tied them for second. Junior Evan Bailey was a 1st Team All Federal League selection and 3rd Team All-Ohio selection.

WRESTLING: Justyn Bostic, Lucas Marcelli and Charlie Dear all finished in 2nd place in their respective weight classes at the Division 1 District wrestling tournament. Lucas Marcelli finished in 6th place at the State Division 1 wrestling tournament at the Ohio State University. It is the first time since 2007 Jackson has had three state qualifiers in the same year. Justyn Bostic (10 -113lbs.) 38-10 record, 67-20 career record.

Lucas Marcelli (12 - 145lbs.) 30-6 record, 125-36 career record.

Charlie Dear (12 - 182 lbs.) 35-8 record, 106-40 career record.

Coaches: Head: Rocky Laughlin (Federal League Coach of the Year), Assistant, Joe Knopick.

GYMNASTICS: Hannah Buell (grade 11) competed in the State Gymnastics meet at Hilliard and finished 31st in the floor exercises.

HOCKEY CLUB: The team won two games in their league playoffs and went on to participate in the Buckeye Cup State Championships.



Abby Gindlesberger

From left are: Head Coach Frank Gagliardi, Mother Susie, Abby, Father Scott, Assistant Coach Tom Shemory.



James Haupt

From left are: Sister Alexandra, Mother Suzanne, Father Frank, James, Head Coach Michael Biros.



Eian Elsass

Football Head Coach Beau Balderson, Father Eric, Eian, Mother Tina Kline-Elsass.



Jody Musser

Cross Country Head Coach Kevin Walsh, Mother Linnea, Brother Scott, Jody, Girls' Track Head Coach Rick Neitzelt, Father Jeff, Brother Dustin



Alex Wind

Cross Country Head Coach Kevin Walsh, Mother Lisa, Alex, Father Brian, Boys' Track Head Coach Jon Mazur

Abby Gindlesberger
University of Akron

Abby was a four-year starter and the 2012 captain of the JHS Girls' Soccer Team. She was Jackson's leader on and off the field. The 2012 team was centered around her experience and work ethic, especially since the program graduated six starters in 2011 and Abby was the only returning senior starter in 2012. Her contributions led the team to a 6-0 record, winning them another Federal League Championship and a regional appearance in the state tournament. Abby is greatly recognized for her incredible passing service and defensive recovery work. Over the past two years, she compiled 25 assists and 11 game-winning assists. She is a two-time All County and All Federal League honors recipient. Abby was the 2012 Stark County Player of the Year and was also selected to the All Greater Akron District Team.

Eian Elsass
Malone College

Eian, a JHS senior and one of the team's captains, signed his Letter of Intent to play football at Malone College. Offensive Stats: Receiving – 48 receptions; 785 yards; 6 TD's; 16.4 avg. Rushing – 3 carries; 14 yards; 1 TD. Defensive Stats: 3 Tackles; 1 assist. Special Teams: K.O. return – 5 returns; 91 yards. Punt Return – 5 returns; 15 yards. During Eian's four-year football career, he did not miss a single football-related event (lifting, practices, fundraisers, community service). He received Jackson's "Ultimate Warrior" Award for the 2nd consecutive year.

James Haupt
University Of Dayton

James signed an Letter of Intent on Wednesday, February 6, to attend the University of Dayton where he hopes to make an immediate impact for the Flyers' Soccer Team. The four-year starter at JHS helped lead the Polar Bears to four district championships, three league championships, and two regional final appearances. James was the 2012

Federal League and Stark County Player of the Year. He was also honored as a 1st team All-State member and a NSCAA All-American.

"We will miss James' leadership and scoring ability next year," said Jackson head coach Michael Biros. "He has been an exciting player and has helped us achieve so much. I am glad to see him continue playing at the next level and can't wait to see him excel at Dayton."

Jody Musser
Bowling Green University

Jody is a seven-time varsity award winner for cross country and track at Jackson High School. This past season, she led the Jackson Girls' Cross Country Team to the Federal League Title, District Title, Regional Runner Up, and 10th place finish at the Division I State Meet. In addition, she helped the team capture titles at Stark County, Malone, North Canton and Walsh Jesuit. She ran a career best time of 18:42 at the State Meet, which earned her selection as the Stark County Division I Runner of the Year. In addition, she was selected first team All FLC and was nominated to run in the Stark/Summit All Star Race. Jody is the defending Federal League 3200 meter champion and she advanced to the regional meet in that event last year. In addition to her 1st Team selection for the 3200 meter run, she earned 2nd Team All Federal League honors in the 3200 meter relay and 1600 meter run. Jody also earned Academic All Ohio honors and was twice selected Academic All Stark County.

Alex Wind
Ohio University

Alex is a six-time varsity award winner for cross country and track at Jackson High School. This past season, he led the Jackson Boys' Cross Country Team to the Stark County Title and a trip to the Regional Meet. Alex was selected Second Team All FLC and Stark County despite battling a season-long injury. In addition, he participated in the Stark/Summit County All Star Race. As a junior, he led Jackson to its first Federal League

Title since 1983. In addition, he helped the team capture titles at Stark County, Malone, North Canton, and the Division I District Championship meet. Alex placed 16th at the Regional Meet to help Jackson advance to the 2011 State Meet

where he ran a personal best time of 16:24. His Cross Country performances earned him selections to the first team All FLC and Stark County squads, and he was selected as the Division I Runner of the Year. During the 2012 track season, Alex

helped Jackson earn the Federal League Title by placing second in the 3200 meter run and third in the 1600 meter run. Alex earned Academic All Ohio honors last fall and has twice been selected Academic All Stark County.

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JMMS students stage Oklahoma

Along with a cast of 45 JMMS students, it took an additional 40 students in various roles such as stage crew and publicity crew to produce the wildly successful Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, *Oklahoma*. The students practiced after school for more than two months, two nights a week.

"It was a challenging show because of the unfamiliar dialect," said codirector Holly Bantum, adding, "We gave the cast a history lesson regarding what it meant to become a state as Oklahoma did during that time period. The kids did an amazing job in all three performances."

Also working with the students were codirector Jennifer Vaughn, Lyndsay Dimengo with the publicity crew, and Kaylee Jones with the stage crew.



The eighth grade team: Simi Carp, Kaitlyn Bader (received a "Best of Round" at regionals), Daelyn Bever, John Skakun, Maria Knepshield (placed 12th out of 200 writers), advisor Anne Snow, Erin Fitzpatrick (placed 4th out of 200 writers), and Rylie Fuline.

The JMMS pen is filled with power

Members of the Power of the Pen have worked diligently to improve their creative writing skills. This hard work was emphatically expressed in this year's Power of the Pen Tournament that took place in January at The University of Mount Union. Each writer participated in three writing rounds. Katyah Nabours, Erin Fitzpatrick, and Maria Knepshield placed in the top 15 out of 200 writers per grade. In addition, the 7th grade team received 3rd place out of 19 teams, and the 8th grade team received 2nd place out of 19 teams.



The seventh grade team: Kat Nabour (placed 8th out of 200 writers), Alicia Carpenter, Chloe Downerd, Jeremiah Kincaid, Zara Siddiquee, Fiona Szeles (placed 15th at Regionals and will be going to States in May), Faheem Ali, Jocelyn Pinegar, and advisor Anne Snow.

Birthday books make library gift

Lake Cable first grader, Payne Wagner, asked the friends who attended her birthday party to bring a book or two in lieu of a gift for herself. Payne received 39 books from her generous friends and donated all of them to her school library.



Spotlight on Youth raises awareness of substance abuse

JMMS seventh graders assembled in the gym for a dramatic presentation by Spotlight on Youth, an outreach program based in the North Canton Playhouse. The actors are high school students who presented a realistic message on drug and alcohol abuse/awareness.

After the show, JMMS student George Bogner said, "I did not know that steroids could give you a heart problem."

"And I didn't know you could pass out from huffing (breathing inhalants), said Meghan Tucker.

Gabe Ferrante was surprised to learn that energy drinks could be a problem.

"Peer pressure makes it hard to say no, but now I know I wouldn't do any of this even if it came from a friend," said Sidney Snyder.

"This program made me feel more safe because now I know the consequences of some of these things and I know I am making the right decision by staying away from them," said Megan Etter.

Spotlight actor, Misty Weik said she likes being part of the troop because, "Sometimes kids don't know they are doing



JMMS students George Bogner, Meghan Tucker, Gabe Ferrante, Megan Etter, and Sidney Snyder, pose with members of Spotlight on Youth, David Loughney, Sarah Jane Toy, Isaac Ruffin, Becca Herbert, Misty Weick, and Emily Zornes. Also picture are school principal Paul Salvino, guidance counselor Luis Lacourt, and Spotlight facilitator Scott Barwick.

something wrong, and this play gives them the information."

Spotlight on Youth facilitator, Scott Barwick added that the program is one way that the arts are educating the youth of Stark County.



Happy birthday Dr. Seuss

Superintendent Chris DiLoreto helped Kim McBride's Strausser first graders celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading ONE FISH TWO FISH RED FISH BLUE FISH.

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