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CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2013

A graduation ceremony is a school system's payoff for 13 years of work by students, faculty, and parents. It is also a community's reward for investing in the next generation. Most importantly, graduation is a student's victory. It is a milestone in the next leg of their journey. This outstanding group of seniors earned over \$4 million in scholarships and volunteered thousands of hours in our community. We wish them well as they step into their adult lives. They have the kind of dreams, goals, and work ethic that will surely make the world a better place.

WE'RE STILL SAVING ENERGY



We continue to receive accolades for our Energy Star excellence by paying constant close attention to energy resource management. You may be surprised to learn that, over the summer, our buildings get almost daily use by athletic and academic enrichment camps. To conserve dollars, we have centralized the camps into fewer buildings, and inside those buildings we have located the programs nearer to one another. This allows us to completely close some buildings and also close off large areas of the buildings still in use. In addition, our summer staff works four 10-hour days, enabling us to power down three days each week. We are grateful for the community's support and feel it is imperative for us to stretch every taxpayer dollar. Our energy program is a way to conserve dollars as well as an opportunity to demonstrate environmental leadership to students, staff, and the community.

HONORING OUR COMMUNITY'S HEROES

Jackson Local Schools was privileged to work with the Rotary Club of Jackson Township on its second Field of Heroes, flying 1,300 flags over the Memorial Day weekend, each one honoring an inspirational person. Our senior students helped assemble the flags, and our Jacks-N-Jills sang a patriotic medley at the opening ceremony, which was held in our Center for Performing Arts. We look forward to working on this event each year as it continues to grow and pay tribute to our heroes.

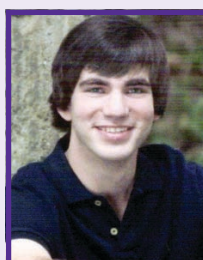
HAVE A SAFE AND RESTFUL SUMMER

We hope you enjoy plenty of relaxation this summer after all the hard work that academic excellence requires. We are proud of our students and look forward to seeing them rested and ready for another school year in the fall.

TOP 10 - CLASS OF 2013



Tala Nashawati
Valedictorian



Jacob Donnelly
Salutatorian



Zachary Kassir
Salutatorian



Brandon Mader
Top 10



Nicholas Seifert
Top 10



Emily Rozmajzl
Top 10



Omar Shwaiki
Top 10



Sarah Sullivan
Top 10



Leah Shaheen
Top 10



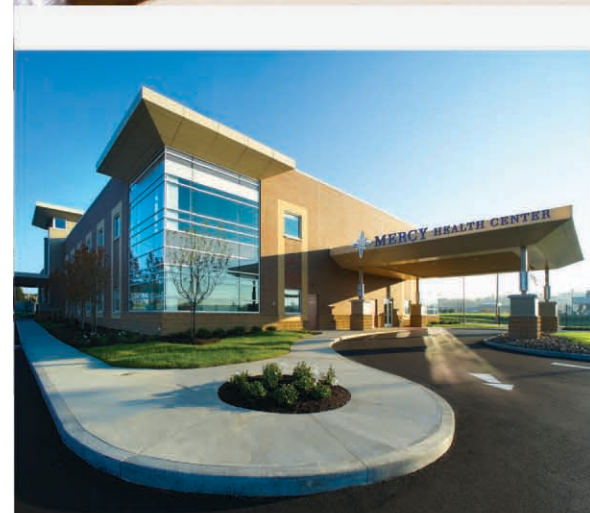
Mallory Capestrain
Top 10



Senior Community Service Day

Each year, Jackson seniors, together, spend a day in our community lending a hand to non-profit agencies and senior citizens. They paint, rake, mulch, clean, sort, file, weed, plant, build, fix, and charm the socks off everyone they meet. This year's seniors served at 53 locations, including the homes of 18 senior citizens.





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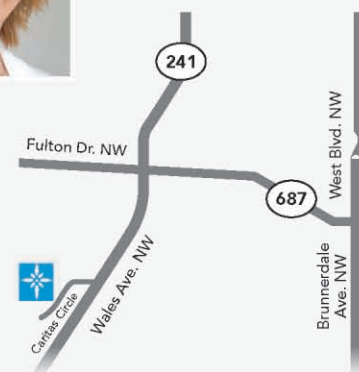
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Students welcome Senior Citizens

Jackson senior citizens and their friends attended the annual Spring Fling, a dress rehearsal for the Jaks-N-Jills Showcase. They then enjoyed a dinner prepared by the Food Service Department and the Culinary students. The Jackson Jazz Band further enlivened the event by providing a big band sound during dinner, and the Horticulture Department provided live plants for centerpieces. Senior citizens are invited to see various dress rehearsals throughout the school year. Their attendance is appreciated as it gives many students the opportunity to serve and to practice their skills before an understanding audience.



Tapped for membership in Jackson's Tri-M Music Honor Society

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is the international music honor society for middle/junior high and high school students. It is designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other students to excel at music and leadership.

This year's new members:

Michael Duff, Elyse Dye, Zachary Eschenbrenner, Zak Fettman, Jennifer Hake, Eric Hodson, Jamey Howie, Emily Jacob, Gabriel Lane, Caitlin Maholic, Robert Maholic, Scott Marino, Lindsey McDonough, Justin Murray, Ashley Palmer, Kareesma Parbhoo, Tedd Pavlantos, Liam Pinegar, Nick Seifert, Ben Shaheen, Sarah Sullivan, Trevor Wendt, and Emily Yoder.

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Olivia was a Lake Cable Elementary student and will be a Jackson Middle School student.

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**JACKSON
SENIOR**

**HONORED
TEACHER**

Matt Belardo	Matt Ziders
Maddy Busch	Sherry Angeloni
Mallory Capestrain	Rui Tan
Jackie Craig	Amy Walker
Jake Donnelly	Harold Fisher
Victoria Hicks	Margaret Peters
Zachary Kassir	Matt Gillette
Chase Kinney	Kevin Walsh
Brandon Mader	Bruce Lautzenheiser
Albert Manudhane	Kathryn Stone
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Leah McPherson	Doris Oberlin
Tala Nashawati	Christine Adolph
Elliott Orzan	Vassa Delis-Parker
Emily Rozmajzl	Amy Dria
Nicholas Seifert	Chris Amedeo
Leah Shaheen	Parthena Draggett
Omar Shwaiki	Humphrey Fradl
Andrew Spohn	Tonya Gillette
Siddhant Srivastava	Julie Prato
Sarah Sullivan	Dan Taray
Lena Ta	Kathy Cochran
Trevor Wendt	Don Turoso
Abby Zalenski	Leslie Muhlbach

**Distinguished students honor
educators at the Top 25 Dinner**



Rotary Scholars

The Jackson Township Rotary Club awarded a total of \$4,000 in scholarships to Laura Peshek who will study psychology and law at the Ohio State University, Alexis Juergensen who will study pre-med at Capital University, and Laura Schwartz who will study pharmacy at the University of Findlay. Pictured with the girls are club president MaryBeth Reynolds, and members Mark Clendenin and Steven Meeks.



Math Men

In April, 20 JHS students competed in the annual Stark County Mathematics Competition held at Kent State, Stark campus. The team of (from left) Jeffrey Hooper, John Mickley, Jon Li, and Logan Neidert finished the competition in 3rd place. Jon finished in 2nd place in the individual competition.

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International Gift of Art

On behalf of Jackson High School, the Jackson Local Board of Education graciously received an original painting from prominent Chinese artist Mr. Liu Nailun. The painting titled "Fun of Fish" will be on permanent display in the International Studies classroom at JHS. Mr. Nailun is vice chairman of the Jiaozhou Artists Association, honorary president of the Jiaozhou Painting Academy, and a member of the Chinese Artists Association. It is with deep gratitude that the district accepts this beautiful work of art.



From left are: Board of Education President Chris Goff, JHS Principal Monica Myers, Superintendent Chris DiLoreto, Curriculum Director Linda Salom, Special Education Coordinator Kathy Brand, and JHS Assistant Principal Jeff Kracker.

Timken awards scholarships to four Jackson students

The Timken Company awarded scholarships to 38 children of Timken employees at 24 locations in six countries around the world. Four of those students attend Jackson High School and each received a \$5,000 scholarship.

Nicholas Seifert plans to attend the University of Akron to study Computer Engineering. Siddhant Srivastava will attend the Ohio State University to begin a medical degree. Morgan Domin will attend Case Western Reserve University, and although undecided, she may study international relations and foreign languages. Morgan's home school is Perry High School, and she attends JHS as a student in the International Baccalaureate program. Mallory Capestrain plans to attend Purdue University to study Chemical Engineering. Mallory is pictured in the photo inset because, at the time of the awards presentation she was studying on Andros



Front from left are: Mallory Capestrain, Nicholas Seifert, Morgan Domin, Siddhant Srivastava. Behind are: guidance counselor Monica Buehler, Superintendent Chris DiLoreto, James Gresh, JHS Principal Monica Myers, Elaine Russell Reolfi, guidance counselor Julie Prato.

Island with Jackson's marine biology program. Timken representatives, James Gresh, vice president of strategy and international in the steel division, and Elaine Russell Reolfi, general manager,

organizational communications, traveled to JHS to personally surprise the students with their scholarships. Each student also received an iPad with a personalized video message from Tim Timken, chairman of the board.

Beggin' for Biscuits

JHS students in Chris McKay and John Dirken's classes raised \$1,000 by baking and selling dog treats that have dogs begging for more. The students learned to run a business and donated the funds to two local non-profits for animal rescue: One of a Kind Pets and Woozez Animal Rescue.

Student business partner Tristan Simon said, "The money we raised helps save animals' lives. If we didn't do it, some animals wouldn't have places to go." A representative from Woozes brought a three-legged cat to the classroom on the day that students presented their donation check. "That cat was saved by the agency, and the students got to see the effects of their effort," said Mrs. McKay. I am just so proud of them. They learned to run a business, using skills such as measuring, consistency,



packaging, and selling."

The students' secret biscuit recipe contains peanut butter, bananas, wheat flour, eggs, oats and honey.

Student business partner, Lucy Rose,

said, "Animals love our treats."

Customer, Marsha Escola, agrees. She tasted the treat before giving it to her dog Lexie and said, "They are excellent."

Academic Booster Club awards scholarships

The JHS Academic Booster Club, under the leadership of the group's president, Sunita Paul, gave three \$500 scholarships, based on academic and community service. Recipients were seniors: Laura Schwartz, Victoria Hicks, and Anna DeGalan.



Senior scholarship winners: Laura Schwartz, Victoria Hicks, and Anna DeGalan.

At the end of each nine-week grading period, ABC offers students small gifts of encouragement if they have completed a minimum of eight hours of community service during the grading period and have earned a minimum 3.0 GPA or have increased their GPA by .5 or more.

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Lora Finn Battelle Award

Amherst 4th grade teacher, Lora Finn, was one of 45 Ohio teachers to receive the Battelle for Kids "Celebrate Teaching Award" for distinguished educators.



Lora Finn

Celebrate Teaching is Battelle for Kids' commitment to identify highly effective teachers, celebrate their achievements, learn from their practices, and share the lessons learned to elevate the performance of all teachers so that all children can achieve their potential.

The criteria used to select Mrs. Finn included principal feedback and data showing that she consistently achieved above expected growth with her students over the last two years.

In a letter to Mrs. Finn, Jim Mahoney, Executive Director, Battelle for Kids stated, "Your work provides compelling evidence of your ability to impact students year after year."

In June, Mrs. Finn will join other distinguished educators at the annual Celebrate Teaching conference in Columbus to receive her award.

"It is an honor to be recognized as a member of the 2013 Battelle Celebrate Teaching class. I am very proud of all of my students and all of their hard work, and I am very grateful to be able to teach in such an amazing school district with a plethora of talented and dedicated educators," said Mrs. Finn.

Stefanie Fatzinger Jackson's Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Fatzinger is a one-person Theatre Department as International Baccalaureate (IB) teacher of theatre and dance at JHS. She has taught grades 9-12 and has increased the level of complexity of the theatre productions to the likes of Shakespeare and Molière.



Stefanie Fatzinger

Her students learn set design and construction, using all the tools of the trade, stage makeup, costume design (sewing many costumes herself), production, and acting.

Mrs. Fatzinger has endless energy. She arrives early in the morning, teaching a 0 period IB Theatre class before the regular school day begins and remains long after the school day ends. Since none of the theatre productions occurs during the school day, Mrs. Fatzinger spends many afternoons and weekends in rehearsal, making sure that each of her students succeed.

A master at finding the right niche for her students, they shine on stage and behind the scenes. She helps her students discover who they are, find a talent they may not have known they had, and develop the confidence to follow their aspirations.

Recommendations for Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year are made by principals to a county board who makes the final selections.

Rui Tan Jackson's Rookie Teacher of the Year

Miss Tan took on an enormous teaching load during her first year as Chinese language teacher and has handled it with great success, always focusing on how she can best serve her students. She teaches Chinese I, II, III, IV, and AP. During this first year, she has had to learn about the AP curriculum framework and submit a syllabus to the AP Audit site, which was approved quickly. Now add: intense training and meetings for the newly formed Jackson Academy of Global Studies, workshops for teaching her upcoming International Baccalaureate Chinese course, involvement in the Ohio Chinese Language Teachers' Association, advising Chinese Club, writing course organizers for all levels of Chinese, and monthly meetings to teach Chinese to students making a summer trip to our sister school in Jiaozhou, Shandong Province, China.



Rui Tan

Miss Tan has earned the admiration of her students. One of her students invited her to the Top 25 Banquet where she was honored for her contributions to his success in Chinese. She has a truly caring way about her that is a beacon to her students who enjoy learning from "Tan Laoshi," as they respectfully address her.

Stark County Student Councils meet at JHS

Periodically throughout the school year, student councils from Stark County high schools meet to share ideas and raise funds for a charity of choice. The spring meeting was held at Jackson, and the respective schools collected \$397.47 for Project K.A.R.E.

Attending this meeting were 31 representatives from McKinley, Minerva, Canton City, Sandy Valley, and of course, Jackson. A keynote speech on leadership was given by Jackson Local Superintendent Chris DiLoreto who involved the students in an active discussion on the qualities of great leaders. The group later toured the high school, lunched together, attended three break-out sessions, and heard a presentation by JHS Principal Monica Myers who holds a monthly meeting with JHS student leaders to discuss topics



as varied as codes of conduct, bullying, dress code, classroom temperature, and more. She spoke on how the administration and Student Leadership Group work together to understand

one another in order to enhance the high school experience. Mrs. Myers recommended that students introduce themselves to the administrators in their own schools.

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Impersonating our heroes

Sixth grade students in Mrs. Haas, Mrs. Raddish and Mrs. Fultz's classes presented their biography projects. They, first, read a biography on a person of their choice, created a Prezi or Power Point presentation, and added extra visuals to enhance their technology piece. Students then presented their information to the class, dressing and acting as the person they researched.



JMMS Authors' Reception

JMMS teachers, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Mastroine, held an authors reception displaying the published works of sixth graders who wrote and illustrated books. Family, friends, and classmates were invited to school to read the books and congratulate the young people. Guests also attended student readings and enjoyed refreshments.



Student battles bombs with books

Nicole Lawson, a JMMS sixth grader, had too many books. Her bookshelf was overflowing. 'Some of these books must go,' she said to herself. She wondered if her friends at school also had books they had outgrown. If they did, she would take them. She would send them to other children who had too few books. And so, the project, "Books That Go" was born. To Nicole's surprise and delight, 6,000 books landed in her family's garage. Nicole sent the books to multiple children's agencies in the U.S. and Ecuador, with some help from The Canton chapter of the Foundation for Community Betterment.

Nicole's idea came to her amid the Boston bombing as she saw so much grieving.

"Bad things happen, and you can't undo them, but you can make a positive impact in the present," Nicole said. "Little things matter, and even if you're young, you can make a difference."

"She motivates me to be a better person," said Nicole's mother, Kelly.



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13	Gr.6 /New Student Orientation/Open House 6-8:00 PM
13	Gr 9 / New Student Orientation A-M 7PM
14	Gr 9 / New Student Orientation N-Z 7PM
15	Open House - All Elementaries 4:30-6:30 PM
20	1st Day for Students (K-12)
30	Waiver Day - No School (K-12)
September	
2	Labor Day - No School (K-12)
3	Open House JMMS
October	
10	Open House High School 6:30-8:30 PM
	Last Name A-M 6:30-7:30 PM
	Last Name N-Z 7:30-8:30 PM
November	
27	Thanksgiving Break Begins
December	
3	Classes Resume
23	Winter Break Begins
January	
6	Classes Resume
10	End 2nd 9 weeks - 41 days
17	Waiver Day - No School (K-12)
20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School (K-12)
February	
12	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM
12	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 PM
14	Waiver Day - No School (K-12)
17	Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)
20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM
20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 PM
March	
21	End 3rd 9 weeks - 46 days
24	Spring Break Begins
31	Classes Resume
April	
18	Exchange for Parent/Teacher Conferences
	No School (K-12)
May	
26	Memorial Day - No School (K-12)
29	Last Day for Students & Staff
29	End 4th 9 weeks - 42 days

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Board Meeting Schedule

June 25	Jackson High School	6:00 p.m.
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.

Meeting dates and times can change. Call 330-830-8000 to confirm.

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Jacob Donnelly

Spielman Gridiron Classis Scholarship

Eian Elsass, Thane Anderson

Benson Family Memorial Scholarship

Jody Musser

Evelyn Stark Scholarship

Amy Schmidt

Dr. Dean LeBeau Memorial Scholarship

Monica Campbell

SAIL Scholarships

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Jody Musser, Kathryn Peters

J.M.E.A. Scholarship

Emily Hatcher, Kristin Cardwell

Speech and Debate Scholarship

Hannah Fierle

Anthony Sandy Memorial Scholarship

Jaelyn Current

Stephanie Beoglos Bartuseck Memorial Scholarship

Marissa Biclawski, Allison Lamm

Jackson Township Lions Club Scholarship

Brian Bruno, Jacob Donnelly, Andrew Fulton

Jackson Township Rotary Club Rick Rodak Scholarship

Alexis Juergensen, Laura Peshek, Laura Schwartz

Jackson High School Alumni Scholarship

Michael Class, John Crum, Alex Mallue, Zachary Zimmer

Drs. Bernard, Eimer Scholarship

Madeline Stoffer

Michael Jay Danner Memorial Scholarship

Casey Jellison, Kate Lawrence, Zachary Michel, Laura Peshek, Kathryn Peters, Maria Shatrich, Alex Wind, Jordan Howell

Aultcare Team Spirit Award

Jackie Craig

Lloyd Seifer Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #206 Scholarship

Megan Ferrell

Unity in the Community Scholarship

Joshua Houston, Kenleigh Ash

Dr. Gregg and Kristine Elefterin Scholarship

Laura Schwartz

North Canton Area Ministerial Association Scholarship

Michael Class

John E. Harris III Architectural Scholarship

Andrew Haines

Jackson School for the Arts Scholarships

Natalie Altieri, Joshua Houston, Trevor Wendt, Rachel Szeles, Madelyn Stoffer, Rachel Mast



The Young Artist Awards

Lauren Blair, Lauren Hess, Alyssa Klauer, Alex Nichols

National Art Honor Society Scholarships

Maria Untch

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica Scholarship

Jamie Howie, Michelle Moore, Justin Murray, Kathryn Peters, Elizabeth Rapsard, Rachel Szeles, Leah Shaheen

Student Council Scholarship

Joshua Reed, Victoria Hicks, Lauren Simpson, Monica Campbell, Jacqueline Craig, Karlie DiRuzza

Tom Holliday Scholarship

Elyse Dye

Bruce Shelly Scholarship

Anna DeGalan, Benjamin Shaheen

Lifeshare Scholarship

Jamie Howie, Natalie Lucas, Robert Maholic, Justin Murray

Kent State University Book Scholarship

Abbey Jones

Junior Achievement Scholarship Awards

Spencer Latona, Jaclyn Knoble, Patrick Martell, Stephen Muica

Math Club Scholarship

Jamie Howie, Jacqueline Craig, Evan Byrd

Excellence in Career & Technical Education Scholarship

Cinara Foor, Justin Borowski

W. Dale Haverstock Memorial Scholarship

Kathryn Peters

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Trevor Wendt

Scott Santschi Memorial Scholarship

Monica Campbell

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Stephen Bowers Memorial Scholarship

Justin Murray

Larry Pritz Memorial Scholarship

Jacqueline Craig

Hershey Company Scholarship

Jacqueline Gilbride

National Honor Society Scholarship

Jaelyn Current, Erin Hayden, Bethany Smith

Freshman Mentor Scholarships

Brandon Mader, Maria Shatrich

Lois L. Baxter Scholarship

Jacqueline Craig

Andy Steve & Harold Montgomery Citizenship Awards

Elyse Dye, Brandon Mader

The Ohio National Guard Scholarship

Kayla Fell, Brody Wentzel, Katie Gregory, Wilfred Santos

Mr. & Miss Jacksonite

Jackson High School Cross Country Scholarship

Alex Mallue, Joshua Reed, Alex Wind, Benjamin Clark, Mallory Capestrain, Jody Musser, Jacque Gilbride, Chase Kinney, Laura Peshek

Lisa Purtz Award Scholarship

Kate Lawrence

Joe Mandi Award Scholarship

Casey Jellison

Jackson Girls Soccer Booster Club Scholarship

Abby Gindlesberger, Ciara LeRoy

Jackson Cheerleading Booster Club Scholarship

Chelsey Berkey, Taylor Bogovich, Chloe Canterbury, Andrea Diese, Lexi Sedlacko, Stephanie Spadone

Jeff Bates Memorial Scholarship

Nicholas Wright

Joseph B. Armogida Inspirational Scholarship

James Haupt

Jackson Boys' Soccer Booster Club Hat Trick Award

Max Pollock

Mike Bessler Memorial Scholarship

Miles Griffin

Jackson Youth Basketball Association Scholarships and Awards

Teddy Ostapack, Nick Dillon, Jake Vassas, Josh Herold, Kyle Johnson, Miles Griffin, Blake Nicolas, Madison Paulus, Maria Shatrich

Jackson Basketball Preview Scholarship

Blake Nicolas

Jackson Sideliners Scholarships

Eian Elsass, Joshua Pinson, Joshua Good, Kristin Cardwell, Jody Musser

Heck Scholarship

Charlie Dear

Mama Bears Scholarship

Zachary Michel, Joshua Good, Eian Elsass

Laura Byham Memorial Scholarship

Andrew Fulton

Jackson Polar Bear Softball Scholarship

Kelsey Schutt, Katie Davis, Abby Funk, Hannah Drukenbrod, Amy Schmidt, Michaela Marcelli

Jackson Girls Softball League Awards

Brooke Conaway, Megan Ferrell, Kate Lawrence, Kasey Klimo, Jacqueline Gilbride, Lauren Cutler

The Federal League Student Leadership Award

Paige Hill, Miles Griffin, Chase Kinney, James Haupt

V. F.W. Post 3124 Athletes of the Year

Charlie Dear, Chase Kinney

Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Awards

Kyle Johnson, Katherine Devine

OHSAA Courageous Student Award

Laura Peshek

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Awards

Andrew Spohn, Leah Shaheen

Federal League Sam DiBlasi Commissioner's Nominees

Zachary Kassir, Albert Manudhane, Emily Rozmajzl, Leah Shaheen

National Federation of High School's Award of Excellence

Alex Wind, Jody Musser

Meritorious Service Award

Judy Christine, Bob Pryor

State Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity

Todd Nicolas



Trevor Wendt



Chase Kinney

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James Howie
Brandon Mader
Sarah Sullivan

Commended Students in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program

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Zachary Kassir
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Leah McPherson



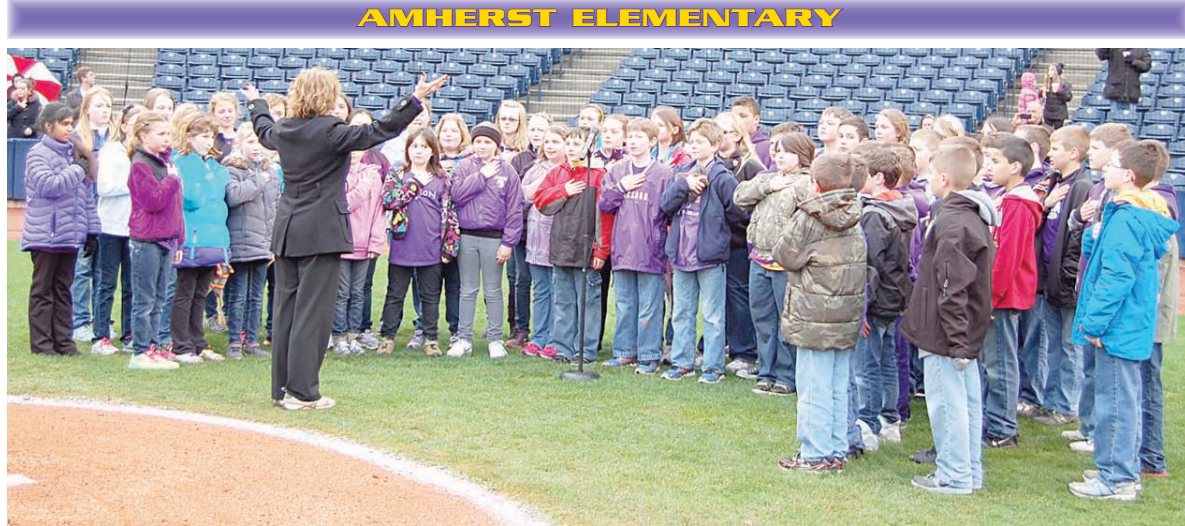
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Anthem at an Aeros Game

Amherst Choir Cubs, under the musical direction of Cindy Grove, were invited to sing the National Anthem at the Akron Aeros game in April. The day was cold and rainy but it didn't dampen student spirit. They lifted their voices in praise of our country, filling the stadium with a perfect patriotic performance.

Amherst 3rd graders go underground

Amherst third grade students took a field trip to Beech Creek Botanical Gardens in Alliance to extend their learning and knowledge of soil. The students hiked, dug in the ground for soil samples, made predictions, and conducted experiments with soil. As they dug, they found "creepy critters" and learned how worms benefit the soil. Later, they made leaf rubbings and visited the Amazing Garden Greenhouse to discover interesting facts about plants and root systems.



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Exceptional Olympics send-off

Jackson students participated in the countywide Exceptional Olympics at Perry High in May. Exceptional Olympics brings together elementary through high school students from all school districts in the Stark county area. Jackson High School students traveled along to assist and cheer on our special needs students in a variety of events. The Jackson contestants gathered at Amherst Elementary for a roaring send-off by the entire Amherst staff and student body.



Father / Daughter Dance



Earth Day

Lake Cable students in Gail Evanchan's second grade classroom performed an Earth Day play for parents and classmates in kindergarten through grade two to communicate how important it is to reduce, reuse, and recycle and make every day Earth Day. They also wrote Earth Day poems and sang songs with an Earth Day theme. The children wore T-shirts that they painted with their own hand print to form the branches of a tree.

Kindergarten Cockroaches

JMMS science teacher, Dave Weisburn, visited Lake Cable kindergartners to teach the children about Madagascar cockroaches. The students observed them for several weeks during a unit on continents. Madagascar cockroaches are not pests and do not inhabit human dwellings. These insects live on forest floors, feeding on plants.



Bobby St. Jean and Cole Maurer.



Soil Science

Mrs. Geisberger's students observed the growth of the flowers that they planted in four different types of soil, and observe mealworms to see if they prefer a wet or dry habitat.

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Jackson seeks to serve 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 the principal of the school the child attends or would likely attend upon reaching school age.

Jackson seeks federal grants for special education

The Jackson Local School District is eligible to submit two applications to the Ohio Department of Education for federal grants to maintain and improve special education programs and services in the Jackson Local Schools: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (Public Law 105-17) and Education of the Handicapped Act, Preschool Grant Program (Public Law 99-457). Residents within the Jackson Local School District may inquire and make program and service recommendations regarding the grant applications. For information, contact Kathy Brand, Director of Special Programs at 830-8006.



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Upperclassmen lead the way for incoming fifth grade students

Sauder fifth graders in Mr. Blackstock's math class wrote how-to books for incoming fifth graders on the common core math standards.

The Common Core Standards are a universal set of robust educational standards for kindergarten through 12th grade in English language arts and mathematics across the United States. Developed by education experts from 45 states, they are designed to ensure that students, teachers and parents can easily understand what students are expected to learn in a given school year. The standards require a practical, real-life



**Mr. Blackstock goes over one of
the Common Core Standards with
Divya Patibandla.**

application of knowledge that prepares students for success in college, work and life.

Just before the close of the school year, the Sauder students spent five weeks translating what they learned into easy-to-understand fifth grader language. They wrote chapters on topics such as relative place value, long division, fractions, volume, rounding, and long multiplication. For each topic, the students show sample problems, step-by-step instructions, Web sites for further study and a way that a fifth grader might

use the information in the real world.

"The state's wording was not so good, so we had to translate it into something kids would understand," said student Shreyaa Nagajothi.

Mr. Blackstock beamed when he heard his student, Divya Patibandla, say, "This project made us smarter. Mr. Blackstock says the ultimate proof that you know something is being able to teach it to somebody."

"We know, really well, how to do these things. We're not uneasy about it. We're certain," said Maria Mitri.

"It's a pretty cool reference that other kids can use," said Joseph McAuliffe.

"They will know what is expected of them," added Victor Scott.

"It's nice to know that other people will be helped by our hard work," said Ty Nelson.



Earth Day Tree Spree

Each of Jackson's 403 fourth graders received a live tree today from the Jackson Township Lion's Club. Last year, Lions Club International aimed to distribute a million trees worldwide and instead, distributed over 15 million.

"It makes me happy to know the environment will have more trees," said student, Kate Morena.

"I'm going to climb this someday," said Sam Etter.

The Jackson Lions Club also gives three \$1000 scholarships to JHS graduating seniors in addition to annually sponsoring a student to Buckeye Boys State and one to Buckeye Girls State. The trees were delivered to our students by John Woodside, district governor and Gary Wenning, former JMMS assistant principal.

Jackson grad brings the world home to Strausser

Shannon Crewse's fourth grade class at Strausser and Jen Milligan's fifth grade class at Lake Cable spent four months on a vicarious voyage with 2010 JHS graduate, Heather Woodard, a sophomore at Baldwin Wallace University. Heather spent a semester at sea, studying International Law, Cognitive Psychology, and Marine Biology while aboard ship and exploring the world as the ship docked in: Hawaii, Japan, China, Vietnam, Singapore, India, Burma, Mauritius, South Africa, Ghana, Morocco, and Spain.

Heather took the Jackson students with her via her blog and a toy polar bear which she emptied of its stuffing and filled with strips of paper onto which each child had written his or her name. Heather photographed the newly stuffed polar bear around the globe to interest the children in the cultures she experienced, the foods she ate, and people she met.

Through Heather, students were introduced to Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu. They learned about global time changes, walked an active volcano in Hawaii, met a panda bear, visited a silk factory, rode a rickshaw, walked the Great China Wall, rode a Burmese elephant, and met a monkey who chased her roommate in Vietnam. They went with her to the Taj Mahal where officials confiscated the



polar bear. When she explained about the American children on the journey with her, the bear was returned. Off they went on Safari in Africa where Heather saw nearly 50 species. They visited a Muslim mosque and Rick's Café in Casablanca, ate Haribo gummy candies in Morocco (a sweet reminder of home), and rode a camel in the Sahara Desert.

When Heather returned to Jackson, she visited each of the classrooms. Our

students were interested in the unusual foods she ate and the uncomfortable conditions she experienced (such as the six-hour ride on a Vietnamese ferry/fishing boat crowded with people, motorcycles and live octopus. She was splashed with ocean waves the entire



trip and nearly fell overboard). Heather told the children she would not trade one moment of her trip, even though she was frequently squeezed out of her comfort zone.

"I went on the trip to become a better Heather, and if I would have stayed in my usually shy and reserved comfort zone, I would have missed so much," Heather said, hoping to excite the students about the world and what it has to offer.

"WE ARE VERY BLESSED AND PRIVILEGED IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP, AND THAT'S OKAY AS LONG AS WE DO NOT TAKE OUR BLESSINGS FOR GRANTED."

— Heather Woodard

Success with Seuss

Third graders at Strausser had a Seuss-erific time with their author study of Theodor Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss. Did you know that while in high school Dr. Seuss was voted Least Likely to Succeed? Students learned that with hard work and creativity, they can move mountains. They analyzed quotes by Dr. Seuss, threw a Christmas party for the Grinch, and listened to guest readers Mrs. Waltman, Mrs. Leggett, Mrs. Lyons, parents, and online celebrities Tim Tebow and Taylor Swift. They had a visit from Mr. Weisburn who brought a live turtle just like the character in the story Yertle, the Turtle, and Mrs. Rohr from the cafeteria read Seuss's *Butter Battle Book*. Students applied Dr. Seuss to reading, writing, and math, then culminated the study by dressing as a Seuss character for a celebration. Together they answered the age-old question, "Will you succeed? Yes, you will indeed! Ninety-eight and three quarters percent guaranteed!"



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WINNING YEAR NETS JACKSON FEDERAL LEAGUE TROPHY

The overall head-to-head record of all sports combined was 243 wins, 97 losses and 7 ties for a winning percentage of 72%. The overall Federal League head to head record was 109-44-2 for a 71% winning percentage. Polar Bear teams combined for 7 Federal League championships, had 8 of their teams reach regional play, had 6 teams place at the state level competition, including one state runner-up and one third place finish. The Bears won the Federal League All-Sports Trophy for the second consecutive year, accumulating 123½ points to outscore second place Hoover by 4 points.



GIRLS LACROSSE

The Girls' Lacrosse Team, coached by Elizabeth McCormick, made both school and Stark County history this year by becoming the first team at Jackson and in Stark County to ever advance to the State Final-Four. The Lady Bears finished with a 16-3 overall record which included two wins, each against the highly respected programs of Magnificat and Shaker Heights. The Lady Bears also beat their arch rival Hoover by a score of 11-4 on Senior Night.



BOYS LACROSSE

The Boys' Lacrosse Team finished the season with a 12-5 overall record, led by new head coach, Hans Rydquist. The Bears had some big wins throughout the season, including victories over Lakewood St. Ed's, Medina, Solon and Hoover.



BASEBALL

The Baseball Team, coached by Bill Gamble, finished the season with a 16-10 overall record and 6-6 record in the Federal League, which was 4th place in the League. Senior Andrew Stalnaker was named to the Federal League's First Team.



SOFTBALL

The Softball Team, under first-year coach Jackie Pitzo, finished with an impressive 20-9 record and 9-3 in the Federal League, second only to Hoover. Senior Abby Funk was a First Team All-League performer for the second consecutive year.



BOYS TRACK

The Boys' Track Team, coached by Jon Mazur, finished the season with a 3-3 overall and Federal League record, but finished 3rd in the Federal League meet to overtake Hoover for third place overall in the League. The Bears were also District runners-up this year. All League performers were: Micah Johnson in the 400, Tyler Berg in the 800, the 4 x 400 relay team of Johnson, Berg, Joey Boord, and Josh Reed, and the 4 x 800 team of Johnson, Berg, Reed and Ben Hyde. The 4 x 800 team also advanced to the State Tournament, which has not been run as of this writing.



GIRLS TRACK

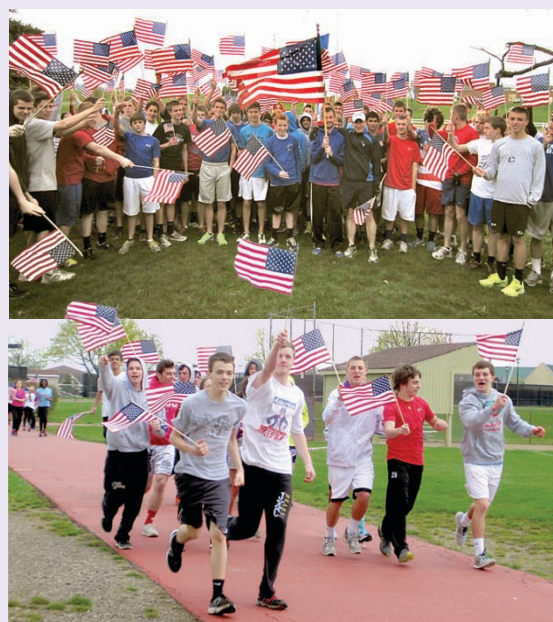
The Girls' Track Team, coached by Rick Neitzelt, finished its season with a 3-3 overall and Federal League record. The Lady Bears finished 4th in the League. In addition, they were the Hoover Relay champions and finished 2nd at the Valkyrie Invitational in Ravenna. Senior Jody Musser was a First-Team All-League performer in the 3200m run.

BOYS TENNIS

The Boys' Tennis Team, coached by Lee Fortner, finished the season with a 13-4 overall record and a perfect 6-0 in the Federal League. They captured the Federal League Tournament title, giving the Bears the overall Federal League title. Freshmen sensations Joey Thomas and Jake Zalenski were named to the All-League First Team in singles. Senior, Ben Shaheen paired with sophomore Mark Dickerhoof to grab All-League First-Team honors in doubles. Thomas was the Federal League Player of the Year and qualified to the Division 1 State Singles Tournament. Coach Fortner was named the League's Coach of the Year.

Jackson Track honors Boston Strong

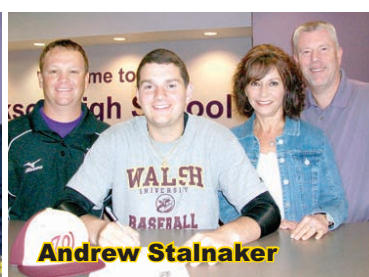
In the wake of the Boston Marathon tragedy, with flags at half-mast across the country, the JHS Track Team, parents, and community members lifted Old Glory high and ran up to five miles through Jackson parks and neighborhoods. Prior to the run, Track Coach Kevin Walsh gathered the group together for a moment of silence, which ended with the coach affirming, "Evil will not win. The American spirit will. The race continues."



Animal Magnetism



Allie the German Shepherd planted a puppy kiss on the Jackson Polar Bear's lips after participating in the Autism Awareness Walk held at the high school track. The Jackson mascot often has that effect of people, but rarely on animals. The very affectionate Allie, owned by Kathy O'Connor and her daughter Sabrina, is training to become a therapy dog for children's hospitals and nursing homes.



Kelsey Schutt

Kelsey's father Jeff, head coach Teal Harvey, Kelsey, assistant coach Gary Jones, and Kelsey's mother Deborah.

Kelsey Schutt Austin Peay State University Golf Scholarship

Kelsey Schutt, will attend Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN on a golf scholarship. Kelsey is a 4-year varsity letter winner. For three years she played on teams that qualified for the state tournament. She was 1st team Northeast District (2011), 1st Team Stark County (2010, 2011, 2012), 1st Team All Federal League (2010, 2011, 2012), 2nd Team Stark County (2009), 2nd Team All Federal League (2009), Honorable Mention Northeast District (2012), and Honorable Mention Stark County (2010).

Michaela Marcelli Notre Dame College Softball Scholarship

Michaela Marcelli has signed to play softball with Notre Dame College in Cleveland. "She plays catcher, first base, and third base, but where she is most impactful is with a bat in her hands. She can hit for average and she can hit for power," said her Ohio Pride coach,



Lacrosse ladies crosse check poverty

In March, 38 JHS Girls Lacrosse players volunteered with local non-profit group, Hammer and Nails, to spend a day providing a downtown Canton home with a facelift, painting interior rooms and hallways, an outside porch and a garage. The homeowner, who recently experienced medical and financial issues, was visibly moved by the work of these energetic and compassionate young women. She said she would never have believed her home could look so good in one day's time. Hammer & Nails, based in Canton, is an ecumenical, Christian outreach program that assists disadvantaged Stark County homeowners with home and property repairs.

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Brett's brother John, his father John, Brett, his mother Marti, and head football coach Beau Balderson.

Raymond Kent. Coach Kent also praised Michaela's competitive nature, work ethic, willingness to help teammates succeed, leadership, character, personality, perseverance, maturity and intelligence. Michaela was a starter for Jackson and also played on the Ohio Pride 18u Travel Softball Team.

Brett Pinson, Capital University Football Scholarship

Brett Pinson was the 2nd leading wide receiver on the team in his first year of play. He had 29 catches, 491 yards, 2 touchdowns, and 16.9 yards a catch average. Brett was also selected to play in the Stark County East West All Star game.

Andrew Stalnaker Walsh University Baseball Scholarship

JHS senior Andrew Stalnaker signed a National Letter of Intent to continue his baseball career at Walsh University. He was a 1st team All Federal League selection in 2013 for the Polar Bears. Andrew led Jackson with a .430 batting average, 14 2Bs, and 27 RBI.

Nick's mother Debbie, Shady Hollow golf professional Greg Matthus, Nick, head coach Jim Kish, Nick's father John.

Nick Colangelo - Walsh University - Golf Scholarship

Nick Colangelo, is a three-year letter winner on the Golf Team. He was named 1st Team All Federal League, 1st Team Stark County, 2nd Team Northeast District and was a state qualifier. He will continue his career at Walsh University in the fall.

Head coach Bill Gamble, Andrew, and his parents Rick and Marlene Stalnaker.

Michaela's father Bryan, her brother Victor, her sister Marissa, Michaela, her brother Lucas, her mother Angela, and coach Raymond Kent.

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JHS students contribute to Field of Heroes

On Community Service Day, a group of JHS seniors assembled hundreds of the 1,300 flags that were flown in the Jackson Rotary Club's Field of Heroes over the Memorial Day Weekend. Prior to the event, The Rotary Club invited JHS Graphic Design teacher Lynn DeLuca and her students to design large, vinyl banners to be posted at the event. Visitors to the spectacular event were encouraged, not only to wander through the ordered rows of flags marked with the names of heroes but also to write tributes to their



Seated front: JHS Business and Computer Teacher Lynn DeLuca and Hayley Landers. Standing from left, row JHS principal Monica Myers, Kesley Putnam, Jim Ondrus (Rotary), Chad Gillilan, Jackie Duffy, MaryBeth Reynolds (Rotary), Mike Boyd (Rotary), and Bri Manes.

heroes directly on the banners designed by our students. The students presented their graphic

ideas to the Rotarians at a club meeting held in the Bear's Den at Jackson High School.

JHS Football in the off season

JHS football coach, Beau Balderson, has twice taken more than 20 players to help feed the homeless at Trinity Lutheran Church in Canton, where they served over 100 people in February and April. Coach Balderson said that he and his athletes were humbled by the experience of serving those less fortunate than themselves.



Speaking Spanish District-wide

For the 5th consecutive year, JHS Spanish IV and Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica gave Spanish lessons throughout the district. There were 50 students teaching or preparing lessons for more than 175 children in grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 at Amherst, Lake Cable, Sauder, and Strausser Elementary schools. They tutored middle school Spanish I and II students on Mondays and Wednesdays, and gave private lessons to younger students at the request of parents. They also tutored many of their high school peers after school. JHS Spanish teacher Stella Muñoz commented that one of her students just received an A on a test due to the efforts of peer tutor Louisa Engelhardt.



Adam Fratzcak. Pierce Bentivegna, Monica Campbell, Jesse Vitano, and Elizabeth Rapsard went to Strausser during the school day when possible to help teacher, Joanne Young, communicate with Daniel, a kindergartener from Venezuela who spoke no English. Daniel felt isolated before the arrival of his Spanish-speaking high school pals but blossomed under their guidance. Elizabeth also served as a translator for children in the county-based preschool program at Strausser, and she was asked to sit in on a parent-teacher conference to translate for the parents and educators present.

JHS students Abby Lyall and Krsita Lutz wrote, "For the past five weeks we have had the great joy of teaching Spanish to five fifth graders at Lake Cable Elementary. Our students were very enthusiastic about learning, and we were very enthusiastic about teaching. From numbers, letters, and colors to foods, classroom objects, animals and many more topics, our students were always eager to learn more."



Stark County Bar Association Law Week Poster Winners

From left are: 6th grader Caitelynn Puddock (2nd place), 6th grader Luke Jones (3rd place), 6th grader Adam Saunier (most original theme), 5th grade Gracie Taylor (3rd place), and 6th grader Alexandra Baxter (1st place).

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