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## They went nuts at the Netz

The stadium at JHS has been named the Rick Netzelt Stadium in honor of a man who has spent 34 years coaching there.

**Netzelt:** Never would I have ever thought I would have this kind of honor bestowed on me. I am in awe."

More on page 8-9



## We've done it again! JHS named to Newsweek's top high schools

For the 5th consecutive year, JHS was ranked among the nation's top 1,500 public high schools by Newsweek. Last year JHS was ranked #1096. This year's ranking was not known at the time of this printing. Look for the magazine's updated list to be published in July.

## Did You Know?

Jackson Local has fewer administrators per student than any district in Stark County.

## Unity In Our Community



## Senior Service Day

This year, 360 seniors worked at 55 job sites throughout the community. Pictured cleaning trash at the intersection of Fulton and Arlington are: Steve Meredith, Bill Blanton, Cody Finger, Andrew George, teacher Dan Michel, teacher Kaitlin Dunlap, Jessie Young, and Taylor Stefano. The group also cleaned from Portage to Sunset Strip, from the Center Ice Sports Complex to Waywood, and from Seifert's to Lake O' Springs Avenue.

## Would you play school with this pup?

Find out how Misty, a sweet-tempered and intelligent weimaraner, made weekly visits to the classroom to help a small group of Jackson students fetch big skills.

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# Head of the Class of 2009



**Micah Johnson**  
Valedictorian  
Mr. Jacksonite



**Rachel Anderson**  
Salutatorian  
Miss Jacksonite



**Suzanne Lababidi**  
Top 10



**Elze Rackaityte**  
Top 10



**Michael Workman**  
Top 10



**Andrew Gansmiller**  
Top 10



**Corinne Merriman**  
Top 10



**Sophie Kaineg**  
Top 10



**Margaret Apperson**  
Top 10



**Aric Augustine**  
Top 10



**Katelyn Levensgood**  
Top 10



**Samantha Haft**  
Top 10

## Top 25 students honor teachers who inspired, cared, demanded their best

Each year, Jackson's top 25 students honor a teacher who made a difference in their lives. Some students note that what impressed them was the teacher who saw their potential and lifted them to it. Others were impressed by the teacher's humor, intellect, or ability to communicate. Still others were moved by the teacher who simply cared about them on a daily basis or during a time of personal crisis.

### This year's students and honorees are:

Brandi Albini honoring Julie Litman  
Rachel Anderson-Dan Taray  
Meg Apperson-Christina Soltis  
Aric Augustine-Andrew Houk  
Stephanie Conlan-Humphrey Fradl  
Ari Elefterin-Susie Gardner  
Andrew Gansmiller-Harold Fisher  
Ally Gordon-Michael Fisher  
Samantha Haft-Jill Clapper  
Elizabeth Harter-Frank Gagliardi  
Natassia Haupt-Diane Cook  
Micah Johnson-Bruce Lautzenheiser



This year's top 25 students with the teachers they honored at a dinner held at Brookside Country Club. The dinner was paid for by a Jackson family with a long history of generosity toward the students of Jackson Local Schools.

Sophie Kaineg-Stephanie Scourfield  
Christina Knight-Nancy Montgomery  
Suzanne Lababidi-Christine Adolph  
Katelyn Levensgood-Mary Moore  
Corinne Merriman-Gretchen Hull  
Amelia Quilon-Parthena Draggett

Elze Rackaityte-Vassa Delis-Parker  
Anthony Russell-Greg Shadle  
Michael Schmidt-Julie Prato  
Stephen Winick-Matthew Gillette  
Michael Workman-Carol Harmon  
Lucy Xia-Tonya Gillette



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## Academic Awards

### The Young Artist Awards

Steven (Kyle) Larsen, Erin Meyer, Amanda Rearick & Sharon Teuscher

### National Art Honor Society Scholarship

Amanda Rearick

### Jackson School for the Arts Scholarship

Ariane Elefterin & Emily Wilson

### Prism Scholarship (Parents Recognizing Innovative Students Mentorship)

Lacey Zerner

### Pauline Liebermann Literary Memorial

Rachel Anderson

### Outstanding Career & Technical Scholarship

Clayton Allen & John Walter

### Stark County Teens of The Month

Micah Johnson & Stephen Winick

### W. Dale Haverstock Memorial Scholarship

Aric Augustine

### William R. Thackwell, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Samantha Haft

### ESL Scholarship

Armand Deligny & Lucy Xia

### Quota International of Canton Scholarship

Karee Anderson

### Evelyn Stark Scholarship

Rachael Tossell

### Scott Santschi Memorial Scholarship

Elze Rackaityte

### Sara Otremba Memorial Scholarship

Brennan Hamilton

### Stephen Bowers Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Harter

### Scott Manning Memorial Scholarship

Alexandra Gordon

### Larry Pritz Memorial Scholarship

Emily Wilson

### Benson Family Memorial Scholarships

Nicholas Olinger, Emily Wilson & Amanda Gordon

### Anthony Sandy Memorial Scholarships

Brooke Barley

### Stephanie Beoglos Bartuseck Memorial

Erin Meyer & Brett Parr

### Aaron Seesan Memorial

Brennan Hamilton

### Jeff Bates Memorial Scholarship

Stephen Winick

### Phil Graham Scholarship

Stephen Winick

### Joseph B. Armogida Inspirational Scholarship

Dustin Kiaski

### Jackson Boys' Soccer Booster Club Hat Trick Awards

Evan Biedenbach, Quebec Gibbins & Jordan Robinson-Williams

### Jackson Township Lions Club Scholarship

Clayton Allen, Elizabeth Harter & Marina Sandy

### Jackson Township Rotary Club Rick Rodak Scholarship

Meghan Lechner

### Monsignor Joseph Krispinsky Scholarship (Jackson Kiwanis Club)

Erica Kakos

### Harris/Day Architects Inc. Scholarship

Michael Benroth

### Jackson High School Alumni Scholarship

Sharon Teuscher, David Neff, Julianne Beck & Olivia Johnson

### The Strip Scholarship

Abbey Deremer

### Drs. Bernard & Eimer Scholarship

Brennan Hamilton

### Aultman Blood Center Scholarship

Paul Scheetz, Joshua Young, Courtney Rohr, Kayla Fuzer, Hope Cleland & Kim Dang

### Memmer Jackson Habitat for Humanity Scholarship

Aric Augustine & Teodora Kocovska

### Michael Jay Danner Memorial Scholarship

Brandi Albini, Karee Anderson, Kayla Fuzer, Meghan Lechner, Cara Longworth, Marina Sandy, Nicholas Olinger, & Cody Lindeman

### Gleaner Life Insurance Society Scholarship

Katelyn Levengood

### J.M.E.A. Scholarships

Stephanie Gibbs & Sharon Teuscher

### National Honor Society Scholarships

Jordan Boeshart, Daniel Butler, Haley Cherniuk, Amanda Gordon, Anna Myers, Madison Richards, Rand Romas, Michael Schmidt, Matthew Skinner & Michael Workman

### United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award

Micah Johnson

### U. S. Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award

Michael Workman

### Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica Scholarship

Brennan Hamilton, Mathias Peralta, Samantha Haft & Christina Knight

### Spanish Club Scholarships

Melissa Hagan & Jessica Simmons

### National Spanish Exam Silver Medal Placement

Mathias Peralta

### National Spanish Exam Bronze Level Placement

Brennan Hamilton

### National Spanish Exam Award of Excellence

Jacob Current, Kyle Meyerhoefer, Michael Workman, Nicole Kasper, Sean McLaughlin, Kandice Mickunas, Brooke Barley, Christina Knight & Jamie Klotz

### O. F. L. A. Award for Excellence in Spanish

Brennan Hamilton

### O. F. L. A. Award for Excellence in French

Joseph Vincent

### O. F. L. A. Award for Excellence in Chinese

Matthew Skinner

### Student Council Scholarships

Margaret Apperson, Victoria Gilbride, Dustin Kiaski, Allison Kracker, Corinne Merriman & Michael Schmidt

### Speech and Debate Scholarship

Courtney Ziegler

### Band Boosters Scholarship

Joseph Forchione, Colin Gartner & Natassia Haupt

### Hershey Company Scholars Program

Victoria Gilbride

### Polar Bear Backers Scholarship

Brennan Hamilton & Meghan Lechner

### Andy Steve & Harold Montgomery Citizenship Awards

Karee Anderson & Brennan Hamilton

### Danner Dental Care Scholarship

Andrew Gansmiller & Michael Schmidt

### Freshmen Mentor Scholarship

Karee Anderson, Nicholas Olinger, Brennan Hamilton, Rand Romas & Anna Myers

### Aultcare Team Spirit Award

Rachel Anderson

### Polymer Packaging Fund Scholarships

Karee Anderson & Erika Ross

### United States Army Distinguished Athlete Award

Rachel Anderson & Micah Johnson



## Academic Awards

### ROTC 4-year Scholarship

Mark (Sonny) Boswell

### Athletic Awards & Scholarships Cross Country Scholarships

Brennan Hamilton & Rachel Anderson

### Jackson Youth Basketball Association Scholarship

Eric Pace & Daniel Tamburro

### Heck Scholarship

Zachary Drukenbrod

### Mama Bears Scholarships

Zachary Drukenbrod, Michael Benroth, Kyle Arrington & Erik Carlson

### Meritorious Service Awards

Evelyn Stark, Denny Essig & Greg Shadle

### Federal League Sam DiBlasi Commissioner's Award Nominees

Rachel Anderson, Corinne Merriman, Micah Johnson & Michael Schmidt

### Federal League Sam DiBlasi Commissioner's Award Winners

Rachel Anderson & Micah Johnson

### Polar Bear Softball Booster Club Scholarship

Cara Longworth, Haley Dunn, Abbey Schory Erinn Wright, Alexandra Gordon, Emily Edwards, Kayla Ashbrook & Madison Richards

### State Farm Scholar Athlete Certificate Awards

Rachel Anderson & Anthony Russell

### Cheerleading Booster Club Scholarship

Kelsey Ricker & Courtney Rohr

### State Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity

Bob Glassburn

### The Federal League Student Leadership Award

Jonathan Cheyney & Cara Longworth

### Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Awards

Cara Longworth & Jeremy Gruber

### Jackson Girls Softball League Award

Anne Halle, Meghan Lechner, Rachel Anderson & Victoria Gilbride

### Joe Herman Award

Zachary Drukenbrod

### Akron Beacon Journal Scholar Athlete Nominees

Elizabeth Harter & Michael Benroth

### OHSAA Courageous Student Award

Wyatt Lloyd

### OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Nominees

Corinne Merriman & Erik Carlson

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

Erin Metzger & Jordan Robinson-Williams

### Jackson's Ladies Lacrosse Booster Club Scholarship

Jessica Carosiello, Corinne Merriman & Kelsey Everhart

### Diamond Club Scholarships

Katie Yingling

### Jackson Sideliners Scholarships

Dustin Musser, Max Paulus, Michael Benroth, Zachary Faas, Kyle Arrington, Kelsey Lee, Katie Yingling & Allison Jordan

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## National Merit

### Winner of the 2009 Competition for National Merit Scholarship Program

Micah Johnson

### Finalist in the 2009 Competition for National Merit Scholarship Program

Rachel Anderson

### Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program

Leanne Diese, Andrew Gansmiller, Samantha Haft, Suzanne Lababidi & Sean McLaughlin



**Micah Johnson**

## Don't be fooled Instead be proud

As you read *Polar Bear Pride* and see the many students who earn scholarships and give outstanding performances in district and state competitions, one might wrongly assume that most high schools are able to report similar statistics. Not true. The vast number of students you meet in these pages are as special and unusual as they seem. Their impressive accomplishments are a testament to their eagerness to learn, determination to win, and willingness to do what has been asked of them by their Jackson teachers, (from kindergarten through grade 12) who are unified in their dedication to excellence. It is a testament to their caring families who expected excellence from them and helped lift them toward their lofty goals. And finally, it is a testament to their progressive community that has demanded the best from its school system and has been willing to support its ever-changing and world-wide quest for excellence. Ohio is home to 155,781 high school students. Our district's top qualifiers are something to be celebrated on many levels.

## Eagle Scouts

The following members of the class of 2009 earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program. Those who attain this rank carry the title for life. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle rank has been earned by more than 1.7 million young men. Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout Spirit, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages.



**Dan Bridenstine, Troop 927, Lake Cable Recreation Assoc.**

**Dan Butler, Troop 927, Lake Cable Recreation Assoc.**

**Jared Byrd, Troop 927, Lake Cable Recreation Assoc.**

**Brennan Hamilton, Troop 265, John Knox Presbyterian Church**

**Sam Magner, Troop 935, McDonaldsville St. Paul UMC**

**Chad Puskas, Troop 927, Lake Cable Recreation Assoc.**

**Joe Vincent, Troop 927, Lake Cable Recreation Assoc.**

**Matt Vukmanovich, Troop 927, Lake Cable Recreation Assoc.**

## Jackson students earn well over \$1 million in scholarships

The class of 2009 has received over \$1,431,310 in scholarships. In addition, seven students received full tuition, one student received ¾ tuition and two students received ½ tuition.

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## High School

### He's the best in the state



Brett Parr finished 1st in the state DECA competition in the category of Sports and Marketing Entertainment. Brett plans to study marketing at Kent State University. Also fairing well were Randy Jones and Kyle Bryan who placed among the

top 10 of their events, Retail Merchandising and Buying and Merchandising, respectively.

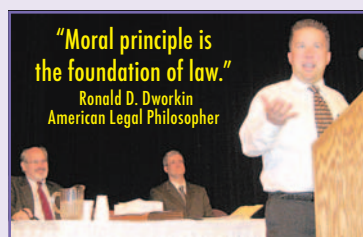
#### The following DECA district placements qualified these students for state competition:

- 1st Place: Brett Parr - Sports and Entertainment
- 1st Place: Jake Batcho and Louis Thomas - Sports and Entertainment
- 1st Place: Kyle Leeman and Taylor Youngdahl - Buying and Merchandising
- 1st Place: Carissa Klein and Erika Hoot - Fashion Merchandising
- 1st Place: Melany Bagnola - Hotel and Lodging
- 1st Place: Kyle Brya - Automotive Services
- 2nd Place: Zach Burch and Zach Pugh - Business Law and Ethics
- 2nd Place: Grace Tatka, Sarah Thorn, and Brittany Franzen - Advertising Campaign
- 2nd Place: Randy Jones - Retail Merchandising
- 2nd Place: Ryan Miller - Restaurant & Food Services
- 3rd Place: Jon Cheyney - Hotel and Lodging

DECA is an international association for students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality, and marketing sales and service.



JHS student Craig McKinley took the role of bailiff when the Fifth District Court of Appeals held court at Jackson High School.



JHS teacher Chris Amedeo addresses the student body before cases are heard. Waiting to argue their cases are Attorney Mark Caldwell from the Prosecutor's Office and Attorney Kenneth Frame from the Public Defender's Office.



Judge Julie A. Edwards, Judge John W. Wise, and Judge Patricia A. Delaney on the JHS stage, hearing an appeal.

### Fifth District Court of Appeals in session at Jackson High

The Ohio 5th District Court of Appeals held sessions in the JHS auditorium as part of the Stark County Bar Association's Law Week. Students in American history, law, and senior government classes attended the proceedings, hearing eight cases, ranging from drug trafficking, obstruction of justice, robbery, kidnapping, aggravated murder, and domestic violence. The students received copies of the briefs ahead of time so they could see the type of paperwork that lawyers produce.

"The court thinks it is important that students see what real court is like. It's not like television," said court administrator Melinda Cooper.

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### JHS writers take top spots in DAR contest

Competing in the Daughters of the American Revolution writing contest, JHS students Allison Antram won 1st place for short story at the local and state levels, Allison Manudhane 1st place for poetry at the local and state levels, and Amanda Gordon won honorable mention for her poetry. Antram and Manudhane moved on to the national-regional level where they both won 1st place in their categories. In a final competition, Allison Antram, who wants a career as a writer, won first place in the nation for 9th grade short story.



Allison Antram (left), Allison Manudhane, and Amanda Gordon

### JHS Culinary Kings

Mike Garrini placed 2nd and Clayton Allen placed 4th in the Sullivan University Cook-Off. Mike won a \$4,000 scholarship and Clayton won a \$2,000 scholarship to Sullivan University in Kentucky where they will study culinary Arts. Clayton also received a \$500 scholarship for "Most Outstanding Career & Tech Student at JHS" from the Career & Tech Department. Patrick Marshall placed 4th in the Glenmoor cooking competition and won a \$200 scholarship to Sullivan. He also broke the Glenmoor record by earning the highest ever score on the written exam.



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## JHS takes top three spots in environmental home design contest

The Building Industry Association and the Repository challenged Stark County high school students to design and build models of energy-efficient homes, complete with elevations and foundation plans, landscape, and a list of energy-efficient features. The students are members of Keith Kohmann's mechanical drawing class.

Pictured front from left are: 3rd place winner Aaron Camerato, 1st place winner John Castle, and 2nd place winner George Preston. Back row: Jeff Humrickhouse, Jacob Alber, Aaron Flanagan, and Tony Skidmore.

The top three were awarded cash prizes of \$125, \$75, and \$50.

## Seeing how things work

JHS anatomy students dissected fetal pigs, sharks frogs, worms, and chicken wings to better understand muscles, bones, and various life systems. Buehler's grocery store donated the chicken wings and several cow bones which the store butcher sawed to the teacher's specification so that students could study the bone's layers, cartilage and marrow. Most of these students plan to pursue careers in the medical field. Their teacher, Anastasia Suchoski, said the scalpel skills, lab techniques, organ identification, and the progression of the animals' systems are valuable study for such students. Pictured from left are: Matt Lo, Kayla Fuzer, Alyssa Dresner, Eric Miller, Danny Tamburro, and Abbey Schory.



## Senior memory making

Seniors in Kaitlin Dunlap's English class created memory books containing 10 chapters of their lives. Pages included personal essays, poems, photos, and other measures of individual creativity. Dev Kumar said it now has sentimental value to him because he included photos of his mother who passed away when he was 13-years-old. Yasamine El-Badewi said it made her really think about her 17 years and that she expects the book will be nice to look back on in the future. Alex Hohl said the project was time-consuming but that it was her absolute favorite school project.



Yasamine El-Badewi, Alex Hohl, Calyssa Smith, and Dev Kumar with their memory books.

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## Middle School

## JMMS students create wax museum

Research reports aren't what they used to be. The JMMS school library came alive with history when 75 JMMS 6th grade enrichment students acted as rags-to-riches characters in a wax museum project. The students researched the characters of their choice, then dressed as their chosen character, delivering monologues which they wrote. Approximately 450 classmates and over 100 community friends visited the wax museum and heard the monologues.



**Nikki Tank as Pablo Picasso.**



**Johnny Heropolous as Ben Franklin.**

**Hailey Adams as Jewish child  
hiding from the Nazis.**



**Ellie Camerato as  
Annie Oakley.**



**Jared McCulley as  
Franklin Delano Roosevelt.**

## JMMS student signatures to blast off into outer space

Throughout May, JMMS students joined 500 schools around the world by signing Student Signatures in Space® posters to celebrate Space Day 2009 on May 1.

The program, jointly sponsored by NASA and Lockheed Martin, provides elementary and middle school students the opportunity to send their digitized signatures into space and feel a personal involvement with the crew and the mission.

The Space Shuttle mission designated to carry this year's signatures has tentatively been identified as STS-129, a flight to the International Space Station that is scheduled for November.

After the signatures return from space, the poster will be returned for permanent display along with a flight certificate and picture of the crew that carried the signatures into space.

Since the program began in 1997, over 5.5 million students have participated in Student Signatures in Space, including Strausser Elementary. There is no cost to schools to participate.



**Showing the Signatures in Space poster, containing 1,318 JMMS student signatures are Shannon Stambaugh, Chris Head, Max Jacobs, Emily Hershberger, Emma Irwin, Lisa Maccora, Madeline Maneval, Vinnie Yacono, Teressa Hill, Evan Fix, Emily Cao, Olivia Ferrante, and Hannah Durr.**

The ultimate goal is to promote math, science, technology, and engineering education by nurturing young peoples' enthusiasm for the wonders of the universe and inspiring them to continue the stellar work of today's space

explorers. This year's Space Day event – with the theme “Celebrating Human Space Flight: Past, Present, and Future” – will be celebrated by students and educators throughout the world.



## JMMS students explore and celebrate the fabric of our culture

Jackson School for the Arts (JSA) collaborated with 6th graders in the implementation the first year of a SmARTS grant from ArtsinStark that affords Jackson \$30,000 over three years. The goal of the grant is to integrate the arts into the history and language arts programs with the expectation that the arts will improve student learning.

The year's theme was "Fabric of Our Culture," which had students in the freshman JSA program and the JMMS 6B community literally and metaphorically exploring fabric and its influence on themselves and various cultures. Both 6th graders and JSA students visited the Itchiku Kubota Kimono show at the Canton Museum of Art and experimented with Kubota's labor-intensive shibori technique (a dying process similar to tie-dying). Sixth graders learned to write their names in Chinese with assistance from our guest Chinese teacher, Mr. Ren, and created calligraphy symbols that related to their personal narratives.



**JMMS students celebrate a year of learning by displaying for parents and classmates, their Shibori kimonos, their Chinese writing, their fabric quilts, and hand-bound books.**

They also made fabric quilts depicting something about themselves. Finally, they created hand-bound books with assistance from visual artist in residence Kathy Jevc.

This year, the grant enriched approximately 200 JSA freshmen and 6th graders. Next year, the program will

expand to include all JSA students grades 9-12 and all 6th graders (nearly 600 students).

Next year's theme, "The Magic of Fabric" will expand the usual idea of fabric by focusing on the Jackson community. Students will explore what is magical about the fabric of Jackson Township.

## Young authors celebrate the power of words on paper

Approximately 200 JMMS 6th graders wrote and published hard-back books, some about the students' personal experiences and others fictional survival stories based upon the students' research into remote places on the earth. The goal of the project was to enable students to experience the thrills and challenges of publishing their ideas for others to enjoy. In the process, the students studied characterization, setting, and the structure of story plots. They incorporated dialogue, figurative language, and sensory details to bring their stories to life. Topics ranged from haunted house experiences and childhood injuries, to the Holocaust. An authors' reception, held in the school library, was attended by more than 100 guests. Over 400 students also visited the reception, where the student authors read their stories and celebrated their work.



## Stars on Staff

### Jackson Local staffer spends spring break helping victims of Katrina

Dave Tupy spends the school year helping to make sure our classroom computers run smoothly. During spring break for the past four years, he has traveled to New Orleans to help Katrina victims. This year, his group of 47 people from seven different churches and four different religions, completed about \$13,000 of labor on two homes. They installed hardwood floors and a floating floor, painted trim, textured a ceiling, laid slate tile and more. He plans to return to help out again next spring.

"What compels me is the people we meet. John and Joan, the owners of house #1, were there everyday working with us, and we really got to know them. Joan mentioned that she wanted to pick up a flag for the house, so we picked one up for her. She was elated and gave me a big hug when I presented it to her. I saw John, her dad, tear up a little as we attached it to the house. Those are the moments that compel me," Mr Tupy said.



Mr. Tupy with Katrina co-workers.



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## JHS 2008-2009 SPORTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### 5 Federal League Championships

Boys' Soccer, Boys' Golf, Boys' Tennis, Baseball, Softball

### 6 Second Place Federal League Finishes

Girls' Golf  
Girls' Soccer  
Girls' Tennis  
Boys' Basketball

### 4 State Qualifiers

Girls' Golf  
Boys' Golf  
Girls' Bowling  
Boys' Tennis Doubles Duo Team of Matt Sloan and Louie Thomas

### 2 Teams - Tenth Place Finish in the State

Girls' Golf  
Boys' Golf

### 2 Regional Runners Up

Girls' Soccer  
Boys' Soccer

### 3 Regional Qualifiers

Girls' Cross Country  
Boys' Bowling  
Softball

Our 2009-09 athletes earned a 111-46-1 head-to-head record against Federal League competitors.

### ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Boys' Soccer: Evan McCreary  
Boys' Golf: Byron Firestone  
Girls' Soccer: Rachel Dennis  
Softball: Erin Wright

### COACHES OF THE YEAR

Boys' Soccer: Mike Biros  
Boys' Golf: Jim Kish  
Softball: Bill Conley

## CLUB SPORTS

### BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Overall Record 15-8  
Regional Finalists

### BOYS' LACROSSE

Overall Record 6-11  
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### GIRLS' LACROSSE

Overall Record: 8-7-2



## RICK NEITZELT STADIUM



## JACKSON POLAR BEARS

The stadium scoreboard bearing the new name.

## They went nuts at the Netz

In April, the Jackson Local Board of Education named the stadium at Jackson High School in honor of a beloved coach who has faithfully served the school district for more than three decades.

The 2009 season marked Coach Rick Neitzelt's 35th year as a head coach. He has provided the leadership and motivation which has resulted in 16 Federal League Championships and nine District Championships.

Coach Neitz, as he is lovingly referred to as, has been recognized by his peers as Federal League Coach of the Year eleven times and as Stark County Coach of the year 11 times and has impacted the lives of approximately 2,200 athletes.

The School Board commendation declared, "Rick Neitzelt has displayed an unwavering work ethic and loyalty to the Jackson Local School District and has set a high standard for all. He has been an outstanding role model for our student athletes displaying the highest standards of character, ethics, integrity and sportsmanship."

For those reasons, the stadium at Jackson High School is now known as the RICK NEITZELT STADIUM. That is the name on the scoreboard, but those who know and love the man already call the stadium THE NETZ.

"I was totally taken by surprise and extremely humbled by it," Coach Netz said, adding that he just loved what he did and his accomplishments paled in comparison to student growth. What excited him about his career was "Watching the kids grow from year-to-year and watching their growing confidence. Whether they are a top athlete or a hard worker with less natural talent, when they got excited about shaving a few seconds off their time, or improving in any way, then I got excited with them." Coach Netz said.

## The humble coach/trainer at a glance

### As Head Girls' Track Coach

- 34 years as JHS head Girls' Track Coach
- Overall Dual Meet Record: 271 wins, 70 losses, 2 ties (79%)
- Overall Federal League Dual Meet Record: 177 wins, 45 losses, 2 ties (80%)
- 16 Federal League Championships
- 9 District Championships
- 11-time Federal League Coach of the Year
- 10-time Stark County Coach of the Year
- In 1999, won the prestigious Akron Beacon Journal Clem Caraboolad Award, given to an educator/coach for commitment to students and athletes.

### Since 1990:

- Overall Dual Meet Record: 152 wins, 9 losses (94.4%)
- Overall Federal League Dual Record: 126 wins, 6 losses (95.5%)

### As Athletic Trainer

- 36 years as JHS athletic trainer for football and boys' basketball
- Has been the head football trainer through eight different head football coaches
- Has become the full-time on-site trainer for all sports
- teaches CPR to Jackson coaches, administrators and employees



A student section of the crowd that came out to congratulate the coach on his outstanding career.



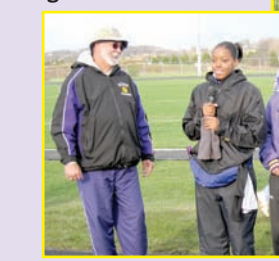
Jim Kracker shows the t-shirt worn by hundreds of fans at the event.



Tiny fan, Emily, travels from Las Vegas to applaud her grandfather.



Superintendent Cheryl Haschak and Athletic Director Terry Peterson present Coach Netz with a framed t-shirt and commemorative plaque.



Senior team members Jada Henderson, Mitva Soni, Kaitlyn Lab, and Rachel Anderson congratulate the coach and make a presentation from the team.

Go Bears



After the ceremony, the team rushes in to hug and congratulate their coach.



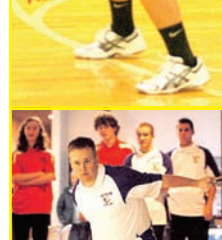
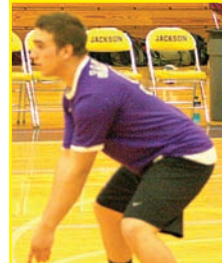
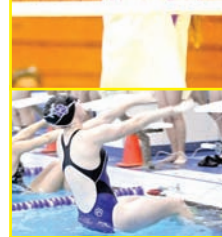
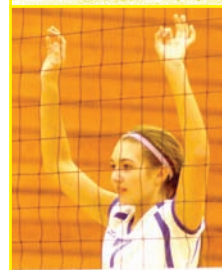
## Girls' Lacrosse

In their inaugural year as a Division I team, playing a very competitive schedule, the Jackson Girls' Lacrosse Team ended with a 8-7-2 record. The team thanks the following Jackson community businesses for their outstanding support: Spirit Gear, La Pizzeria, Giant Eagle, Winking Lizard, Chic Fillet, Subway, Heavenly Ham, Little Italian Kitchen, Buehlers, Sam's Club, Three Brothers, HOF Fitness Center, & The Sports Dome.



## 2008-09 ALL-FEDERAL LEAGUE PERFORMERS

Sport	1st Team	2nd Team	Hon. Mention
<b>Football</b>	Drew Blinco Erik Carlson Casey Irwin	Ramon Brown Jimmy Hanlon Brad Holt Max Paulus	Alex Gorgievski Wyatt Lloyd
<b>Boys' CC</b>	Brennan Hamilton	Ian Bonsky	
<b>Girls' CC</b>	Corinne Merriman	Rachel Anderson Mikki Anderson Anna Busta Maddie Schuler	Maria Lancianese
<b>Boys' Soccer</b>	Evan McCreary Dustin Kiaski Derek Kuniaga	Greg Marchand Quebec Gibbons	Evan Biedenbach Jimmy Csoin Danny Baraldi
<b>Girls' Soccer</b>	Rachel Dennis Melissa Hagan Brianna DeFelice	Maggie Rusnak Lauren Jokovich Abby Kenyon	Emily Sanders Olivia Buttery
<b>Boys' Golf</b>	Byron Firestone Jonathan Clark		Mike Rehfus Angelo Palmer John Tidenburg
<b>Girls' Golf</b>	Erin Metzger Amanda Smith Abbey Kimar	Julie Westerbeck Meghan Lechner	
<b>Volleyball</b>	Britney Terrell	Caroline Houston	Allie Kracker Tessa Lentz
<b>Girls' Tennis</b>	Trisha Conlan Stephanie Conlan Ashley Thomas	Marissa Sloan Taylor Zito	Hanna Fedorka Amelia Quilon
<b>Boys' Basketball</b>	Josh Egner Mark Henniger	Brad DuPont	Eric Pace
<b>Girls' Basketball</b>	Rachel Tossel	Courtney Armsey	Britney Terrell
<b>Wrestling</b>		Jeremy Gruber	Will Logan George Preston Sidney Sponseller
<b>Boys' Swimming</b>	Clayton Smith Matt Williams	Ryan Baker Devin Metzger Julian Mueller Patrick Wohlfarth	Matt Hagen Juan Hernandez Aaron Long Matt Olinger
<b>Girls' Swimming</b>	Erica Ross	Alexandria Gulli Holly Herstine Josie McKee Katie Zito	Haley Cherniek Emily Hahn Erin Metzger
<b>Baseball</b>	Sean Paul Matt Rabbitt	Mike Benroth Zach Drukenbrod	Casey Irwin Justin Clements Steve Cardwell
<b>Softball</b>	Erin Wright Haley Dunn Maddy Richards Kayla Ashbrook	Mariah Richards Cara Longworth Shelbi Howington	Laura Baford Abbey Schory
<b>Boys' Tennis</b>	Nathan Kanam Louie Thomas Matt Sloan Will Eisenberg	Nathan Gardner Armand Delingy Rohan Bhargava	
<b>Boys' Track</b>		Dan Bridenstine Nick Olinger Jordan Robinson-Williams Devin Wingerter	
<b>Girls' Track</b>	Jada Henderson Courtney Armsey Kristen Carlson		Shelby Hutton Abby Kenyon







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## Amherst brings down the house with Oliver Twist

Approximately 90 Amherst fourth graders took the stage at the JHS Center for Performing Arts where they performed the musical *Oliver Twist* for an adoring crowd of family and community friends. Practicing since January, Jackson fourth graders perfected realistic cockney accents giving the musical a sense of professional authenticity that Principal Elaine Ferguson said was brought out in the amazing students by the bottomless talent of their music teacher, Mrs. Cindy Grove.

"It was the greatest play I've ever done, and I loved the experience I had when I was on the stage," said Alex King who played the Artful Dodger.

"It was my first time as a main character and it was awesome," said Bryson Lambes who played Fagin.

"It was really fun, and I hope to do more acting in the future, said Matthew Venus who played Oliver.

"It was a great experience, and I learned it from the best music teacher, Mrs. Grove," said Makayla Zawacky who played the part of Nancy.

"I would like to thank the Jackson Community for providing these kids with the wonderful facilities that we have here in Jackson. When we do a production like this it involves so many people - parents, teachers, and the excellent staff at the Jackson Center for the Performing Arts, headed by Mr. Doug Bower, Jerry LaRocca and their high school stage crew. Many thanks to all who make this possible," said a humble Mrs. Grove.



Bryson Lambes as Fagin gives Oliver (Matthew Venus) a stern warning.



## Matthew Uhl was principal for a day

For 25 cents, students could buy a ticket for a drawing that would allow someone to change places with Amherst principal Elaine Ferguson for a day. She would attend class and the winner would run the school. Matthew Uhl and several of his friends pooled their quarters and agreed that if any of them won the drawing, they would invite the others to a pizza party in the principal's office. Mr. Uhl, the winner, made good on his promise and also made some school rules which applied during his reign. Rules for the day were: an extra 1/2 hour recess, students allowed to chew gum, no homework, no tests, and teachers allowed to wear jeans. All was rosy in Mr. Uhl's principalian world until he was called to a classroom to settle an unruly student. It seems that student Elaine Ferguson was late to class, then was caught passing notes, talking on her cell phone, and throwing paper airplanes. Well this just would not do. Mr. Uhl was forced to discipline her by taking away her recess. Mr. Uhl liked being principal for a day, especially the part where he got to deliver a candy treat to every student in the school, compliments of his beloved principal, Mrs. Ferguson. The project raised \$633 which will be doled out by Principal Ferguson for student projects as needs arise.



Amherst principal Elaine Ferguson and student Matthew Uhl trade places for the day.

## On The Banner

**P** Ashley Grisez  
**O** Kate Morena  
**L** Cindy Grisez  
**A** Adam Kelly  
**R** George Tully

**B** Megan Shoop  
**E** Maycie Etting  
**A** Rachel Immel & Owen Lepsky  
**R** Lauren Bailey

**P** Joey Metcalf  
**R** Cyngen Engler  
**I** Gavin Hines  
**D** Madison Powell  
**E** Rachel Carp



## Aultman helps protect county brain trust

Tom Boggs, senior vice president at Aultman Health Foundation and Jason Justus, Aultman's director of finance visited Lake Cable Elementary and presented 1st graders with a bicycle safety helmet. But Lake Cable students were not the only recipients. Aultman's executive team delivered helmets to every first grader in the county. "Part of our mission is to lead our community to improved health," Mr. Boggs said.

"I feel safer in this helmet because if I fall I won't get a big injury," said 1st grader

Charlotte Brunkalla.

### Unity In Our Community

"My other helmets keep falling off, but this one fits," said Hannah Stanich.

"I look cool in this," said a smiling Dante Rice.

"And I look cute," added Meagan Cooper.

Mr. Boggs took special pleasure in delivering the helmets to Jackson schools because he and his wife are 1987 and '88 Jackson graduates who now have three children in the district.



## Cable kids step out for fitness and fun

Lake Cable's playground was old, splintered and made unsafe by a band of buzzing bees that had taken up residence in the wood. The PTO parent support group decided it was time to replace it, so the dynamic Traci Bailey, Lynn Baumoel, and Karen Skeriotis set out to raise the funds by leading what turned out to be 502 students,

90 parents, and 25 staff members in a neighborhood walk-a-thon. Students collected sponsorships from family and friends for their promise to walk one mile through the Lake Cable neighborhood. The effort raised enough to complete the project and set a tone for fitness school-wide. Gym teacher, Courtney Adelman, gave students a plastic charm to mark the fitness aspect of the event. Students added the charm to their string of other similar charms earned from their teacher as they completed various fitness activities throughout the year on their own time at home.

Prior to the walk-a-thon, Mrs. Bailey notified all the neighbors on the route that students would be making noise and having fun as they participated.

On walk day, principal Kathy Clark led the student procession while sitting on the back of a Corvette convertible, much like a parade queen, waving her arms to the peppy music coming from the car's radio. A Plymouth Prowler, followed the procession to heighten the excitement and to keep the students safely together.



Samantha Hanzel and Akexis Keller show the charms they received after completing the walk.



### Unity In Our Community

"Those cars were really sweet," said 5th grader Adam Pappas.

Neighbors welcomed the walkers by stepping outside of their homes to wave, applaud, and encourage. One person teased that the cars were not green and that if Mrs. Clark were planet-conscious, she'd have led the kids on a bicycle, or at least atop a Prius.

Major sponsors were the Lake Cable student council, contributing \$1,000 to the cause, and 41 other sponsor, including the students' two playground monitors Kris Lyons and Billie Jo King. Although the 5th graders will not get to enjoy the new playground, Mandi Ashton said she had fun participating and feels great about leaving the school with such a legacy.

## Math Victors

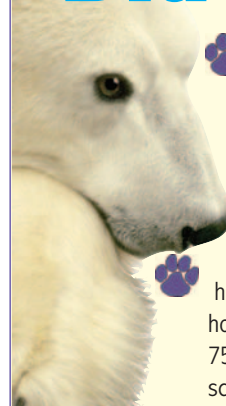
Lake Cable students participated in the county-wide math tournament held at JMMS for fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students. After three rounds of 20-minute computation tests, Lake Cable 5th graders, under the guidance of their teacher Mr. Jordan Parks, fared very well. The winners were: 1st place, Simran Vaidya; 2nd place, Jake Zalenski; and 5th place, Abrianna Dolan.



## Reading, reading, and more reading

The Lake Cable Bears' Book Club ended the school year with a Celebration of Reading ceremony. The club of 1st and 2nd graders, led by Mrs. Mardi Edwards, read a total of 6,992 books.

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**Tween Book Club - Grades 6-8**  
Thursdays, July 16; August 13, 6:30-7:30  
Browse books and listen to booktalks at our first meeting. We'll select books to read and discuss for our meetings in July and August. Snacks provided!

**Fruit Stamped Apron Art - Adults**  
Saturday, June 20, 1:00-3:30 pm  
Create a one of a kind apron.

**Teen Writer's Club - Grades 6-12**  
Wednesdays, June 24; July 8, 22; August 5, 19, 3:00-4:30 pm

**Required Reading: JHS Book Club**  
Thursday, July 23; August 20, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Grades 9-12  
Be prepared for the next school year. Discuss required reading with other teens.

**Art Class 1 - Grades K-1**  
Thursday, July 2, 10:00-11:30 am or 1:30-3:00 pm  
Create a portrait based on the artist Kandinsky or Mondrian.

**Art Class 2 - Grades 2-3**  
Thursday, July 9, 10:00-11:30 am or 1:30-3:00 pm  
Create a portrait based on the work of artist Piet Mondrian.

**Checkers the Clown - Preschool-Grade 1**  
Saturday, July 11, 2:00-3:00 pm

**Dance the Night Away, Again! - Adults**  
Monday, July 13, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Spend a midsummer's night at the library as Barb Craven teaches ballroom dance.

**Jackson Historical Society/Jackson Branch Birthday Bash - All Ages**  
Tuesday, July 14th, 4:00-8:00 pm  
Activities, cake and ice cream at the library. Then tour the old school house.

**Bicentennial Speaker Series**  
Tuesday, July 14, 7:00-8:00 pm  
To help celebrate Stark County's bicentennial, Mary Aaby from the Jackson Historical Society will present a program on the History of Jackson Township.

**WeJoySing Ages: 9-23 months**  
Wednesday, July 15, 10:00-10:45 am  
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**Beginner's Art Class - Adults**  
Saturday, July 18, 1:00-3:00 pm  
Watercolor pencil sketching with Veronica Miller.

# New teacher wags her way into students' hearts

Misty, a two-year-old weimaraner, motivated a classroom of Sauder students to improve their communication skills. Every Thursday, Misty and her owner/trainer, Julia Etter, visited Sherri Reynolds's kindergarten through 2nd grade students to aid their learning despite their various disabilities.

Mrs. Reynolds explained that sometimes a disability such as autism leaves a child unmotivated to speak. But when Misty visits, the students eagerly interact, sometimes using sign language. Misty responds to sign language. Student George Tully gave Misty the sign for "lie down" and was delighted to see Misty follow the command. Other sign and verbal commands, such as sit, stay, and come, bring equal delight as Misty does exactly what the children ask of her.

"Students are learning the power of communication by giving Misty a command and getting an immediate payoff. Using language makes something happen," Mrs. Reynolds said.

Speech therapist Susan Marchi said, "The sign language makes Misty a perfect fit for this class," adding that the work being accomplished with Misty is also raising the students' motivation to speak to people.

"Misty is more motivating than I am," said a humbled but happy Mrs. Reynolds.

The children also improved their reading skills by playing language games with Misty and by reading directly to her. Misty sits beside a reader and watches, never judging, never correcting, only motivating the young readers to keep at it.

Mrs. Etter is thrilled to be a part of student progress. She said she loves well-behaved dogs, owns a well behaved dog, and I saw a unique way to serve her community. But Misty is not just a well-behaved dog. She is a certified therapy dog who had to pass all 11 tests administered by Therapy Dogs International. Misty also complies with the stringent Jarod's Law now in effect in Ohio schools.



Serena Hamilton



Zack Crews



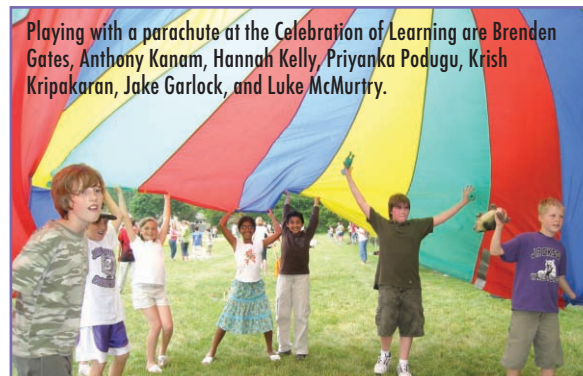
George Tully and Mrs. Etter give Misty the sign for lie down as Logan Gehring, Adam Parramore, and Zack Crews watch.

Adam Parramore's mother, Lisa, called the program phenomenal. "Mrs. Reynolds sent home pictures of our children every week, and as the weeks went on, it was like watching a storybook of confidence unfold," she said.

Jennifer Philabaum, a speech therapy student teacher, commented that well-trained dogs like Misty want to work and want to give their unique gifts.

"And they ask nothing in return," said Mrs. Etter.

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## Celebration of Learning

It took 100 parent volunteers led by Dawn Stark and Denise Brine to hold an PTG end-of-year fun-fest that transformed the school yard into a childhood wonderland filled with over a dozen games, inflatables, and sweet treats.

## COSI at Sauder

Sauder students had fun learning about the food chain when COSI, the interactive science exhibit arrived. At right, Peyton Nichols and Danielle Evans learn about antlers with Karen Kurkcu. Below, Zachary McCauley peers through a microscope at Denise Brine's table of bugs.



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## Poetry Cafe

Sauder first graders in Mrs. Rae Russell's class developed an appreciation of poetry as they recited (usually from memory) a poem a week to their classmates. Students kept poetry notebooks containing their chosen pieces and selected from that notebook as they hosted their Poetry Cafe for parents at the end of the school year. Parents brought muffins and juice while students brought poems and props for an afternoon of meter and verse.





## Mother's Day Tea brings smiles to Strausser

Many-a-mom could be seen wiping a tear as their children read poems written for them, sang love songs to them, and handed over home-made-treasures as symbols of gratitude to make mom smile. Madison Schmid drew her mother Paula's picture on a card for her, and the likeness made mom chuckle (see photo at right). "She even put highlights in my hair," Mrs. Schmid said. Teacher Emily Bryte told the moms, "These patient, adaptable, and kind children are a reflection of your nurturing." After the party, moms waited in long lines to thank the teachers who helped their children prepare the lovely party.

A few of the 112 moms who attended the Strausser 2nd grade Mother's Day tea party were: Victoria and Alexandra Baxter, Marilea Hindman-Kistler and Isabella Kistler, Pam and Alex Billups, Sue and Julie Loveless, Cindy and Anthony Corra, Colleen and Ian Hawkins, Stephanie and Taylor Fletcher, Wendy and Owen Bosley, and Nancy Kiplinger with her grandson Collin DeRosa.



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## Strausser student wins Hall of Fame art contest

Marta Fratzcak won 2nd place in the Canton Football Hall of Fame art contest. She is one of the 1290 students from 34 different Stark County schools and 15 school districts to enter the contest. Marta's winning entry will be framed and hung inside the Hall of Fame to welcome out-of-town visitors to Stark County during the 2009 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival. Other student entries will be placed in area hotel rooms to welcome out-of-town guests to the HOF celebration. Marta is pictured here with her teacher Greg Bukosky, her principal Mrs. Susanne Waltman, and Hall of Fame representative Adam Shipley.



## Students beautify their school yard

On Community Service Day, a group of JHS seniors traveled to Strausser to help the elementary students weed their school flower beds, plant daffodils, and spread 25 yards of mulch. Nearly every Strausser student spent 30 minutes of their day helping out.



Anthony Mazzeo, Alexis Nichols, Cameron Ternent, and Austin Kanam plant bulbs.



Jake White, Jenna Alexander, and Jesse Geyer move mulch.

"We wanted our students to be able to take pride in their school building," said principal Anna Minor.

"It makes our school look neat," said Strausser student Andy Dagota.

"Working together with the little kids is fun, and it's good for the community," said JHS student Samantha Howald.



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## Men's Chorus – Seven years of superior ratings

Jackson High School Men's Chorus, directed by Scott Eversdyke, is one of seven choral groups at JHS. This school year, the men were selected to perform at the OMEA Professional Conference in Columbus.



The group began attending adjudicated events in 1989 and has earned superior ratings in class AA every year at state adjudicated events. The chorus has performed at the OMEA Conference in Columbus, at the Ohio State University Men's Glee Club Invitational, and on tour in New York City at St. John the Divine, St. Patrick's, St. Paul the Apostle, and Riverside. Members are: Ryan Blair, Aaron Darr, Ethan Ash, Bryant Campbell, Jesse Clevenger, Alex Doyle, Matthew Campanizzi, Erik Carlson, Kyle Longworth, Ryan Jackson, Austin Garofalo, Devon Carroll, Andrew Walker, Brett Parr, Zachary Hathaway, Randy Jones, Michael Vitrano, Brandon Solinger, Connor Reese, and Matt Turner.

## Earns Violet Richardson Award for empowering her female classmates



As president of JHS Family and Consumer Educational Sciences Club (F.A.C.E.S.), Karee Anderson, a JHS senior, helped create, organize, and direct an awareness of women's rights in the school through a project she called "Girl Power." The project focused on educating young women about healthy attitudes for successful lifestyles, emphasizing areas of safety, healthy body image, and confidence. A mother/daughter tea, buttons, bookmarks, self defense instruction, and a Sadie Hawkins dance were outlets for spreading the message. Karee established two \$500 scholarships to Stark State College for high school senior girls working toward degrees in social services and pursuing careers that would enable them to give back to the community. For her efforts, Karee won the local, district, and regional Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award. She received \$1600 toward her studies in Speech Pathology and Audiology at The Ohio State University and \$1000 to give to F.A.C.E.S. for future projects. The Violet Richardson Award honors young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts, particularly efforts that benefit women.

## Planning our future

A teacher-selected group of 23 JHS students participated in a two-day training designed to move them from students to adult learners, workers and citizens. Megan Marie McDougal knows she wants to become a medical instrument sterilization technician. She and others learned what they could expect to earn in their chosen fields, and what it might be like to manage an independent lifestyle complete with insurance costs, rent, utility bills, and car expenses.



Megan Marie McDougal, Andrew Rittmaier, Kaylee Dennis, and Jessica Leiby play a game that teaches independent living.

## Coincidence and chutzpa net JHS museum posters

In honor of the 400th anniversary of Galileo's use of the first astronomical telescope, the Space Telescope Science Institute issued museum-quality plastic posters of Galaxy M-101 to select universities. Coincidentally, the number on JHS science teacher Randy Pelton's classroom door is M-101. Just as Galileo knew the sun was not the center of the solar system, Mr. Pelton knew that JHS was not a university. But he wrote to the institute anyway, telling them of his room number and asking for a set of the posters which will now be on permanent display at JHS. "Well done Master Pelton," his students proclaimed.



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# Stark Strikers bowl and belong

During the school year, 63 high school students with multiple disabilities met monthly to improve social skills by bowling together at AMF Hall of Fame Lanes in Perry Township. The bowling league is called the Stark Strikers and the participants were from six area schools' high-school-age MD units including Jackson, Canton Local, GlenOak, Lake Local, Minerva, and Fairless.

To encourage student interaction, eight teams with names such as the Stunners, the Blue Thunder, and the Pindarellas were formed by mixing students from each district instead of allowing the students to compete under their home school banner.

"It's fun and awesome," said Jackson student Noor Aljaberi.

"This league offers a place to belong and something to be a part of," said Plain Local teacher Kristin Fleming. "The students are competitive and love to shoot for the highest score, and some of the young adults have never been on a team or participated in an extra-curricular



**Jackson's Stark Strikers are: Teacher Jackie Cameron, Noor Aljaberi, teacher Rick Netzelt, Jeremy Johnson, Sean Murphy, Jimmy Lambos, and teacher Stacie Crane. Not pictured are: Brendan Miller, Amelia Kaufman, Alysia Fitzpatrick and Michael Sand.**

activity, so this gives them a chance to experience what it is like," she said.

At an end-of-year celebration, student fists were pumping, throats were whooping, and cameras were flashing as each student came forward to receive an engraved trophy provided by AMF Lanes who also threw a pizza/ice cream party for the league.

AMF general manager John Ungashick said he thoroughly enjoys having these "fantastic kids" at the lanes. "When you

see their faces, you can tell it means the world to them," he said.

"For the past three years, John Ungashick and his team of Cindy Abbott, Sandi Fitzgerald, and Char Martino at AMF have gone above and beyond with their acts of kindness and generosity," Mrs. Fleming said.

"The kids are fantastic and the teachers are all such special people. We will do this every year as long as I am manager," Mr. Ungashick said.

## Beyond The School Day

### Girl Scouts Give Back

By Lake Cable 5th grader, Simran Vaidya, As **Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 58**, we decided to give a little extra. We used our cookie money and made scarves and sang carols to patients at Altman Hospital during Christmas. At Valentine's Day, our troop paid another visit to Altman Hospital and decorated the oncology wing and gave cookies and valentines to the patients. Recently, we made blankets for kids at the hospital. The pediatric case worker, Jaimie, was so nice. She told us everything there was to know about the pediatrics unit. Well, maybe not everything, but pretty close. We even got to go up to the roof of the hospital and take a look at the helicopter.

### Bringing home the gold

Representing the United States at the Olympic-like 2009 World Championships in Ghent, Belgium in the Junior Solo, Two-Baton, and Rhythmic Twirl, **Kristen Scali** won a gold and a bronze medal. Earlier in her twirling career, she won 13 national championships, numerous state and regional championships and has attended world championships in Birmingham, England (2000), Marseilles, France (2003), Eindhoven, Holland (2006) winning a total of 9 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze.

Kristen is also the 2008 Junior Grand National Twirling Champion, and the 2009 Senior Ohio State Solo, Strut, Two-Baton and Rhythmic Twirl Champion.

### Algebra by 5th Grade Stars

Sauder Elementary students **Ben Boyle and Sarah Brown** were awarded "Algebra by 5th Grade" stars for their achievement in Kumon math program. Their dedication, hard work and perseverance have enabled them to achieve Algebra-level math while still in 5th Grade.

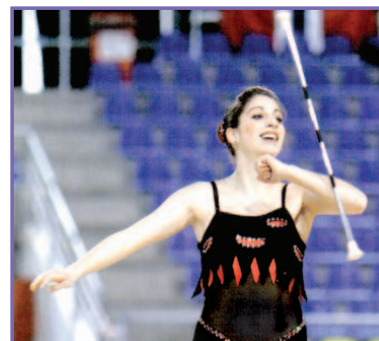
### Young Equestrians

JMMS students **Jaclyn Knoble and Katy Bjornson** qualified to compete in the Interscholastic Equestrian Association's (IEA) Zone 5 Competition at Albion College in Michigan. The unique aspect of IEA competitions is that none of the riders supply their own horses or tack. The host team arranges for the horses and equipment. Though the rider and horse have a short opportunity at orientation in the over fences classes, essentially, the horse is new to the rider, and the scores are based upon horsemanship, not the horse. Competing against Zone qualifiers from Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan, Jaclyn placed 9th in Individual Future

Intermediate on the Flat, and Katy placed 8th in Individual Future Beginner on the Flat.



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From left are Diamond Club honorees: George Kemper, Scott Kirker, Kevin Storch, Tony Shulik, Kevin Miller, Jason Pettigrew, Bob Simpson, Bruce Peters, Ted Sima, Terry DeMuesey, Ken DeMuesey, Patrick Ater, Wes Sima, and Bret Blackstock.

## Diamond Club begins new annual tradition – honoring alumni

About 150 JHS baseball fans filled the air with applause as 14 former players took the field before the night game on May 16th against Barberton.

The Jackson Diamond Club (baseball boosters) decided it was time for a new tradition.

"We wanted the current high school varsity

team to meet and show appreciation to some of the players who built the foundation for their successful program. Our team is coming off of a regional semi-final appearance and has taken its 3rd consecutive Federal League title," said Diamond Club trustee Denny Ross.

The club hopes to increase community

attendance at the games which now take place under lights. The field was recently lit by the Diamond Club as a gift to the team and the school district. No tax dollars were used on the project.

For more on Jackson baseball, including summer baseball, news stories, and photos, visit [www.jdcbaseball.org](http://www.jdcbaseball.org).

## Alumni Association recaps successes at annual dinner

On Wednesday, April 22, approximately 50 alumni and friends of Jackson Local Schools gathered in the Bear's Den at the high school for a recap of yet another successful year of fellowship, fund-raising and scholarship-making. This year's Jackson High School Alumni Association dinner brought members of classes from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s together for food, fond memories and wonderful entertainment provided by the JHS Jazz Band under the direction of Don Turoso. Current President, Tom Lockard, welcomed all attendees and shared the mission and goals of the Association. Barb "Pinkey" Strieber, treasurer, shared the financial status with the crowd announcing that the Association had awarded nearly \$40,000 in scholarships to graduates of JHS over the years. She also mentioned the hard work and dedication of charter members, vice president, Jim Scott and his wife Eleanor, thanking them for their fund-raising leadership with the middle school Fall/Winter concession stand sales (the groups' main source of income in addition to membership dues, seat cushion sales and donations). After the group joined member Jennifer Jones in singing the school's Alma Mater, and the invocation was given by member Sebia Crum, the group enjoyed a delicious meal prepared and served by the JHS culinary arts students. In addition to scholarships awarded, the Association has donated monies toward the purchase of items for the schools such as chairs for the middle school basketball teams and scoreboards in the high school. They also are responsible for the creation of the Wall of Fame located in the high school.

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### Once a Bear, Always a Bear



#### Alum seeks doctorate in archaeology

Michael Bowman, a 2005 graduate of JHS, graduated from Cornell University May 24 with a double major in archaeology and classics. He will attend The Ohio State University this fall where he received a university fellowship. Michael will be in the history of Art Department's Doctoral program. He will study ancient Greek and Roman art, and archaeology. Michael had the opportunity to travel to Theologos, Greece last summer and participate in an archaeological dig for the Cornell Halaï and East Lokris Project. He excavated and co-directed trench H8u at the site of Halaï and worked with Neolithic pottery in the CHELP workrooms at Tragana, Greece.

#### Salvation Army can help with back to school items

If you live in the 44646, 44647, or 44614 zip codes, you may be eligible for a school bag, school supplies, clothing, and shoes. Applications will be accepted July 1 to July 31 by phone at 330-833-6473 or by walk-in at 143 First Street, SE, Massillon for kindergarten to grade 12. Have your child's social security number ready.

<b>August</b>	17	First Day New Teachers
	17	Gr 6 / New Student Orientation A-M (7 PM)
	18	Gr 6 / New Student Orientation N-Z (7 PM)
	18-20	Teacher In-service
	18	Gr 9/New Student Orientation A-M (7 PM)
	19	Gr 9/New Student Orientation N-Z (7 PM)
	20	Open House-All Elementary Bldgs. (4:30 PM)
	24	1st day Students (K-9)
	25	1st day Students (10-12)
<b>September</b>	1	Open House JMMS
		Last Name A-M (6:30-7:30 PM)
		Last Name N-Z (7:30-8:30 PM)
	4	In-service - No School (K-12)
	7	Labor Day - No School (K-12)
	9	Open House High School
<b>October</b>	12	Columbus Day - No School (K-12)
	20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5)
	22	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12)
	28	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12)
	30	Waiver Day - No School (K-12)
	30	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5)
<b>November</b>	2	No School - (K-5 ONLY)
	25-30	Thanksgiving Break
<b>December</b>	21	1st Day Christmas Break
<b>January</b>	4	Classes Resume
	15	End 2nd 9 weeks
	18	Martin Luther King Day - No School (K-12)
<b>February</b>	4	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12)
	10	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12)
	12	Waiver Day - No School (K-12)
	15	Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)
<b>March</b>	19	End 3rd 9 weeks
	29	1st Day Spring Break
<b>April</b>	5	Classes Resume
<b>May</b>	14	No School (K-12)
	31	Memorial Day - No School (K-12)
<b>June</b>	4	Last Day of School

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