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Modeling generosity for young people

During this season of Thanksgiving, our school district is grateful for the tremendous generosity of local leaders who are supporting our hard-working students through the following impressive partnerships.

Hundreds of staff and students were led by parents Janelle Winkhart, Susie Gindlesberger and Jen Herold as we hosted the eighth annual Unity in Our Community Pancake Breakfast. This event brings thousands of people to the high school and welcomes over 40 local businesses to participate in our health fair. It provides many of our older students with opportunities to give back by lending a hand, and has our 2,500 elementary students decorate place mats with art depicting what they are grateful for in our community. It is important for students to see this level of public engagement with their schools and it is truly humbling for all of us to know that a portion of the proceeds go right back into the community to serve Jackson's needy families.

Thank You

Under the leadership of parents Steve Shatrich and Mike Tirmonia, the Robert Fife Stadium Committee and the Sideliners have installed a new Daktronics scoreboard with instant video

replay for our Friday night football athletes and spectators. The project leaders partnered with major sponsors: Kenan Advantage Group, Aultman Hospital, Spectrum Orthopedics and Bellstores in addition to other private and corporate donors. This project has also given some of our staff and students the opportunity to learn a variety of technical and communication skills as they help to operate the scoreboard.

Thank You

Head baseball coach Bill Gamble and the Jackson Diamond Club (JDC) are leading an effort to bring artificial turf to our infield. The \$230,000 project, funded totally by the JDC, corporate sponsors and private donors, will also create a grand entrance plaza with paved walkways, benches and landscaping for our players and spectators.

Thank You

We believe that when students witness the many forms of our community's generosity, it positively affects their personal and group achievements as they strive for excellence. We also believe it serves as a model for how they will someday give back to the youth of their own communities.

Purple Army performs third Hall of Fame halftime show

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the Super Bowl, and the JHS Marching Band was honored to perform the halftime show, forming the number 50 on the field at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. It is the third time our band has performed the HOF halftime show.

Other performances this year include the Timken Grand Parade and the Stow Band Show. In addition, senior band members designed a Star Wars halftime performance for the annual blacklight show at Fife Stadium. This performance featured music and characters from the



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1977 original Star Wars movie.

On December 28, the band will travel to Florida to march in the Macy's Holiday Parade. There, they will also take an educational workshop creating music and sound effects for a movie scene, spend a day in Disney's Magic Kingdom, and ring in the new year at Universal Studios theme park.



JHS honors patriots on 9/11

On Patriot Day, a time for remembrance and renewal of the American spirit, over 40 students and eight staff members arrived at JHS at dawn to line the school walkways with 400 American flags to honor and remember those lost in the 2001 terrorist attacks on our country.

Later that morning, all 2000 students entered the gym for a 9/11 tribute. With lights dimmed, the JHS drumline performed as Principal Monica Myers stood at center court with Bob Shaffer (retired military) and Tonya Leon (Jackson police officer assigned to Jackson Local). Mrs. Myers

read President Obama's lengthy proclamation marking the 14th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The proclamation asks all Americans to observe the day with acts of selflessness and charity. Mrs. Myers then asked students to

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Fife Stadium gets new scoreboard with the capability of instant replay

Fans of Jackson High School football enjoyed a new Daktronics scoreboard this season. It is smaller but similar to those used in college and major league stadiums and offers spectators instant replays from its digital video display.

The scoreboard is a project of the Robert Fife Stadium Committee and Jackson Sideliners, under the leadership of Steve Shatrach and Mike Tirmonia. It is funded by more than \$287,000 in advertising commitments over the next five years, including four \$40,000 commitments for the corner anchor positions (held by Kenan Advantage Group, Aultman Hospital, Spectrum Orthopedics and Bellstores) as well as other ads that scroll or are shown as videos during the games.

JHS teachers Linda Sutherland and Matt Monter, and technology specialists Keith Obermeir and Ryan Schwenning are trained to operate the scoreboard. Students Mitch Quartz, Jake Gmerek, Peighton Neuman and Adam Saunier are growing their technical skills from seats in the press box.

“There is a lot of value for these students, as they will develop marketing, graphic design, multimedia production and broadcast skills,” said Mrs. Sutherland. From various vantage points, two of the students and videographer Tom Suttman operate three cameras that are hardwired into the scoreboard system. To create an instant replays, Mr. Monter and Mr. Schwenning perform a fast, on-the-spot edit of the three feeds.

The scoreboard not only serves the Friday night crowd, but also the fans of boys’ and girls’ lacrosse, JV football, freshman football, JMMS football and youth football, welcoming approximately 30,000 spectators to the stadium each year.



Scoreboard Crew (above from left): Jake Gmerek, Peighton Neuman, Linda Sutherland, Ryan Shwenning, Mitch Quartz, Matt Monter, Adam Saunier and Keith Obermeir. Not pictured: Tom Suttman.

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stand and be recognized if they are planning a career in the military or as a first responder.

When the applause ceased, she asked additional students to stand if they have a family member or close association now serving in the military or as a first responder.

Two-thirds of the students were on their feet to deafening applause. Finally, she asked all students to stand for a moment of silence.

“You could have heard a pin drop in that gymnasium,” Mrs. Myers later said. “Our students are so respectful, and I am most proud of them.”

The tribute concluded with Jacks-N-Jills singing the National Anthem and the entire student body singing the Alma Mater.

As the day progressed, many community members who drove past the school’s flag display posted positive and moving comments on the district’s Facebook page about how seeing the flags affected them. We intend for this to become an annual tribute with more flags each year.

JHS baseball infield gets artificial turf

Jackson High School’s varsity baseball field is being upgraded. Head coach Bill Gamble and the Jackson Diamond Club are leading an effort to add artificial turf to the infield. The \$230,000 project, funded totally by the Jackson Diamond Club, corporate sponsors and private donations, will also create a grand entrance plaza with paved walkways, benches and landscaping to give the home of the polar bears a stadium feel.



Put your stamp on the stadium

Jackson residents can leave their mark on the project by purchasing a personalized brick paver. The pavers are limited, as they will be arranged inside the entrance in the shape of a gigantic “home plate” that will greet every fan.

“We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our community and local businesses for making this project possible,” said Coach Gamble.

Gamble added that the current and future Polar Bears will be the big winners, guaranteeing more practices and more games played with fewer rain-outs due to poor field conditions. He expects to host a lot more than the current 28 or so home varsity and JV games. In addition, the 9th grade team will use the field when their field is too muddy; and in the summer, the 18U and 16U teams will continue use it.

“When it is completed, our facility

will also be able to host more Northeastern Ohio Summer Tournaments, bringing a lot more people to Jackson to experience what we get every day, an outstanding community,” Gamble said. All told, the field could eventually see up to 150-170 spring and summer games per year.

The project (only the second in Stark County) is expected to be completed this November, making the field ready for baseball fever in the spring.



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JHS senior presents research paper to world experts

JHS senior, Kylea Adams and her teacher Ms. Kathryn Stone, were among the 200 teacher-student teams from across the U.S. selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute, in Des Moines, Iowa in October, where Kylea presented her paper on sustainable agriculture. Kylea earned the privilege to attend the conference after experts heard her presentation at an earlier regional competition in Columbus.

"Food is the moral right of all who are born into this world."
Norman Borlaug



Kylea is a member of what will, in 2016, become the first graduating class of the Jackson Academy for Global Studies (JAGS), a rigorous four-year program in which students work to become globally aware and culturally competent. JAGS students culminate the program with a capstone project that incorporates the knowledge they have gained. Kylea's focus is food security. There will be 9.8 billion people to feed by 2050, and she wants to be part of the solution. For her capstone, Kylea not only researched food insecurity

but also engaged in several leadership opportunities and Model United Nation symposiums.

"Before joining JAGS, I had only one perspective - mine. These past four years have given me the opportunity to see the world from a different perspective, understand different cultures, and develop the skills that will be needed to succeed in college and in a global career," said Kylea. "My experiences in JAGS and the World Food Prize inspired me to pursue a career in environmental science and sustainable development."

Kylea was named a Norman E. Borlaug Scholar and will attend The Ohio State University College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Science, in Wooster.

"In JAGS, I have been pushed past my limits every day only to find that there are no limits to hard work and dedication," Kylea said.

The World Food Prize is the foremost international conference on global hunger and food security. Its tandem youth symposium challenges high school students to solve the world's most pressing food security problems. At the conference, Kylea presented her research to a panel of scientists and agriculture experts.

"She shined at the conference," said Ms. Stone, adding, "She was a leader among her peers and in the adult community."



JHS Steel Drum Band plays with Canton Symphony Orchestra

In October the following members of the JHS Steel Drum Band performed two Young Person's Concerts with the Canton Symphony Orchestra under the direction of their JHS percussion teacher Mr. Tyler Carpenter. They were: Nathan Webb, Abby Harrill, Caitlin Tytler, Ethan Wahl, Scott Jacobsen, Chris Smith, Nikki Manes, Jacob Gardner, Ridge Krauss, Hannah Jones, Anthony Khilkov, Jordan Walker, Ethan Burns, Jeremiah Kincaid, Enzo Nieto, Megan Shoop and Clay Casper.

JHS junior attends Future Medical Leaders conference

In June, Anita Ney, represented Jackson High School and Ohio at the National Academies' Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, Massachusetts. Anita later received the program's official Award of Excellence for successful completion of the Congress. The award was mailed to JHS Principal Monica Myers who presented it with pride to Anita.

While in Boston, Anita watched live surgery and was taught by some of the greatest living minds in medicine: winners of the Nobel Prize, award winning young



Anita with Principal Myers

inventors and scientists, Ivy League academic leaders, patients, leaders

of medicine, and medical futurists. She was most inspired by a 12-year-old prodigy who is working on a cure for cancer, and Jack Andraka, a Stanford University student known for his work in developing a new, rapid, inexpensive method to detect pancreatic, ovarian, and lung cancer during their early stages.

Anita said these young inventors made her feel that she could make a difference in the area of Biomedical Engineering, which she plans to one day study, most likely at the University of Cincinnati.



One of the many thank you notes that these Jackson Polar Bears received was from a veteran of the 31st Infantry "Polar Bears", a regiment that fought in the Korean Campaign and every war since.

JHS partners with MAPS for veterans

More than 300 veterans were welcomed to Jackson High School on Saturday, October 24 before they attended the MAPS Air Museum Welcome Home Celebration for soldiers who served from 1950-1975. More than 30 Jackson students were on hand to greet the veterans, thank them for their service, check them in, and serve them lunch before they loaded buses and traveled (escorted by Jackson police, fire and Rolling Thunder) from JHS to the MAPS Museum where the celebration took place.



"It was a privilege to partner with MAPS in service to those who gave so much to our country," said JHS Principal Monica Myers.

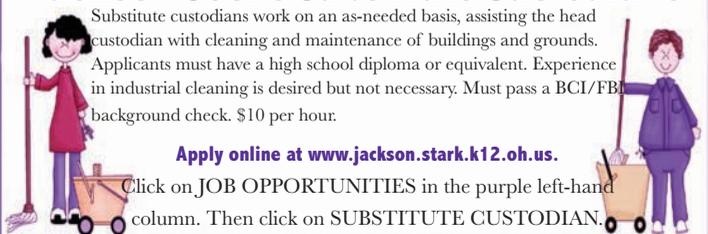
Mrs. Myers received many notes of thanks from veterans who were impressed with our students' interest and respect. One such letter from a US Army Vietnam veteran noted on behalf of all in attendance, "We were touched by [the students'] genuine concern and support of our long overdue welcome home... This opportunity of interaction between the generations was very heartwarming and good therapy for many of the veterans... Many of the veterans had tears in their eyes and were very much encouraged after this tremendous welcome home."

Jackson Seeks Substitute Custodians

Substitute custodians work on an as-needed basis, assisting the head custodian with cleaning and maintenance of buildings and grounds. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Experience in industrial cleaning is desired but not necessary. Must pass a BCI/FBI background check. \$10 per hour.

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Students immersed themselves in Costa Rican culture

Spanish teachers Roxanne King and Lisa Howie coordinated a 21-day Costa Rican exchange program for 15 JHS students and three students from Smithville High School.

Students stayed with host families and attended classes at their host brother/sister's school. They toured a coffee bean plantation that exports to Starbucks; traveled by horseback through the rainforest; did a canopy tour (zipline) and went white water rafting. They soaked in volcanic hot springs and walked through the Manuel Antonio National Park, spotting sloths, deer, iguana, frogs, strange insects and Morph butterflies. Some students toured Earth University and learned about the institution's commitment

to preparing young people worldwide to contribute to the sustainable development of their countries. Other students toured the remote Tortuguero National Park, famous for its large variety of biological diversity. Finally, they had a memorable 4th of July fireworks celebration in the rainforest, complete with our National Anthem.

At the end of the trip students were asked what they liked most. Many responded, "The people and friends we made."

Ms. King said, "The hospitality of the Costa Rican people cannot be put into words," adding, "I think our students came home rich (Costa Rica means rich coast), rich from the opportunities to learn

about the culture, the language, the people, and very importantly, themselves."

In December, the Costa Rican students will spend three weeks in Ohio, attending classes at Jackson and Smithville High Schools and enjoying activities such as skiing, snowboarding, ice-skating and sledding because they have never experienced snow. They will also see a Cavs game, Amish country, and the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame.

HOST A STUDENT

If a family with a student currently attending JHS is interested in hosting a Costa Rican student please contact Ms. King at rxk2jc@bearworks.jackson.sparcc.org.

Eagle Scout makes children's playground safer

Eric R. Busson has earned his Eagle Scout Award. Each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and complete a service project. Eric earned 32 badges.

He is the 62nd scout from Troop 935 at McDonaldsville St. Paul United Methodist Church, to earn the Eagle rank since the troop was founded in 1967. For his Eagle project, Eric constructed a safe-fall zone

for a children's playground at McDonaldsville St. Paul Church.

Eric has served as Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Quartermaster and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, holds a fifth-year Pipestone and the Polar Bear Camping Award, completed the National Youth Leadership Training, and is an Ordeal member in the Order of the Arrow.

A senior in the Jackson School

for the Arts program at JHS, he also participates in Marching Band, Jazz Band, the Thespian Society, Drama

Club, and stage crew. Eric is the son of Robert and Mary Beth Busson of Jackson Township.



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JSA learns from the pros

The JSA Dance Company and its sister company at Firestone High School were invited to learn from and dance with the internationally acclaimed Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal at the University of Akron on September 30, the week prior to BJM's performance at EJ Thomas.



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JMMS Fall Sports Wrap-Up

7th/8th Grade Girls Cross Country

Head Coach Katie Elliott, assisted by Pam Dingler, Brigett Fontes

Finished the season 7-0 in duals: 1st Place at Mount Vernon, North Canton, Brecksville, Boardman, Cloverleaf, Andrew Osborne Academy, Stark County, and Federal League Invitational's. Finished 1st place at the OHSAA State Middle School Championships.



Girls' Cross Country (above), Boys Cross Country.

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8th Grade Gold Volleyball

Head Coach Samantha Hubbard

Completed the season 15-3 and lost in the Federal League Quarter Finals.

7th Grade Purple Volleyball

Head Coach Kathryn White

Completed the season 15-4 and lost in the Federal League Semi-Finals

8th Grade Football

Head Coach Jim Williamson, assisted by Joe Knopick, Craig Brown, and Jordan Johnson.

The A-team finished 5-3 on the season, and the B-team finished 3-2-1.

7th Grade Gold Volleyball

Head Coach Erin Johnson

Completed the season 17-3 and finished the season Federal League Runner-up.

8th Grade Purple Volleyball

Head Coach Julie Kovick

Completed the season 17-2 and lost in the Federal League Semi-Finals.

Athletes' Academic Performance

With 195 winter sport athletes, we are proud to say that their combined GPA is 3.63. "Pretty impressive. I believe this is the highest total in four years," said JMMS Athletic Director Dan Michel.

Football 3.631

Cross Country 3.636

Volleyball 3.643

Cheerleaders 3.639

Art

The 8th grade students in Mrs. Ayres Surber's art classes drew tools in the style of the artist Jim Dine. The 8th grade advanced art students learned about value, using both ebony and colored pencils to create amazing, photo-like nature drawings.

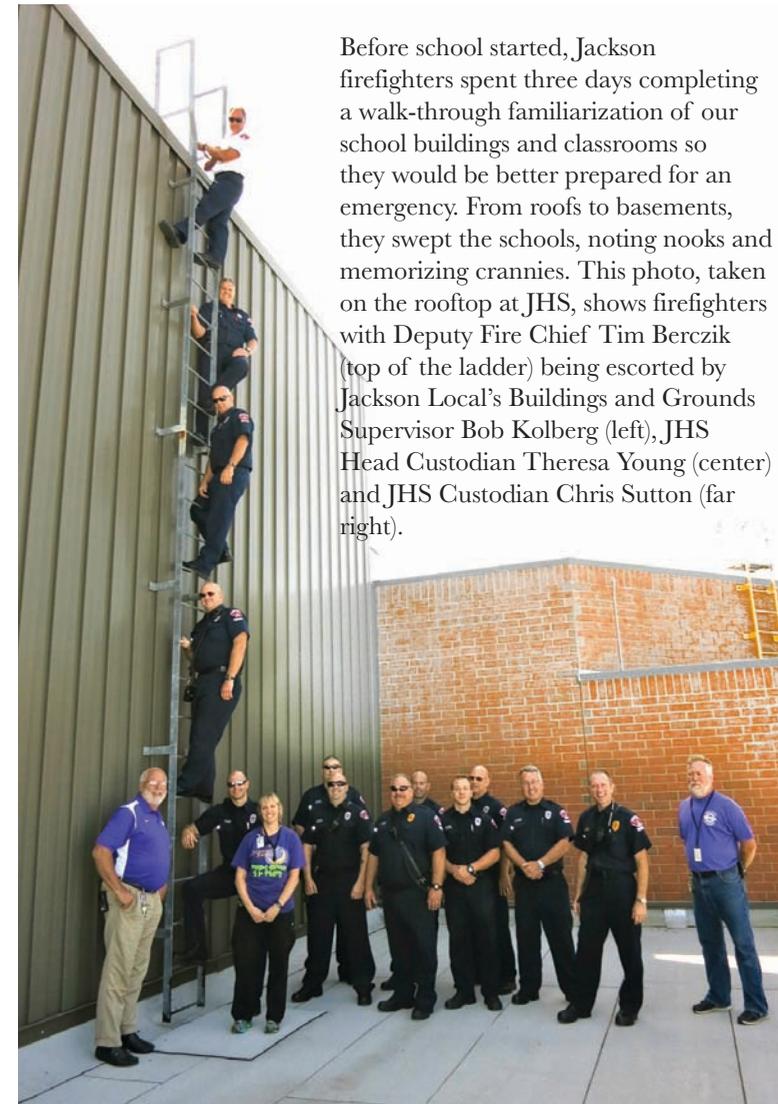


Older Writers Read Their Work to Young Readers

Mrs. Mastroine's sixth grade students wrote children's books, then walked to Sauder Elementary to share them with Mrs. Colaner and Mrs. Nehlen's first grade classes.

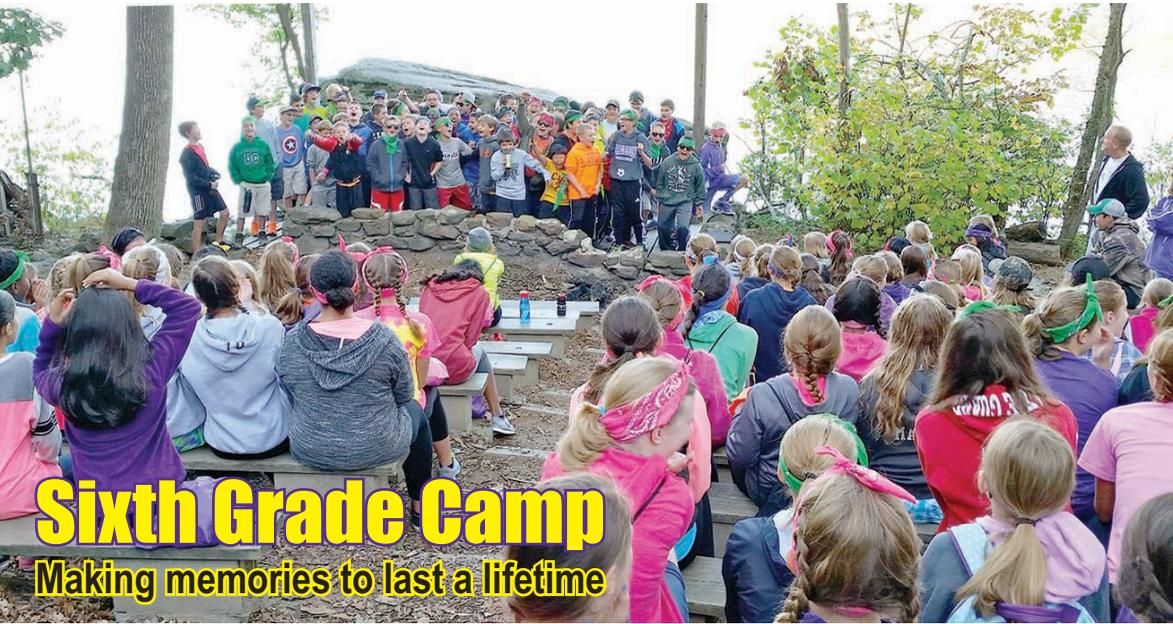
Jackson Firefighters familiarize themselves with our schools

Before school started, Jackson firefighters spent three days completing a walk-through familiarization of our school buildings and classrooms so they would be better prepared for an emergency. From roofs to basements, they swept the schools, noting nooks and memorizing crannies. This photo, taken on the rooftop at JHS, shows firefighters with Deputy Fire Chief Tim Berczik (top of the ladder) being escorted by Jackson Local's Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Bob Kolberg (left), JHS Head Custodian Theresa Young (center) and JHS Custodian Chris Sutton (far right).



Sixth Grade Camp

Making memories to last a lifetime



Supporting Kids With Cancer
The 8th grade volleyball teams wore gold socks to all of their matches in support of pediatric cancer.



JMMS students explore the Underground Railroad

Sixth grade students spent a week learning about the Underground Railroad. Together, they made a quilt representing some of the codes used to help enslaved African Americans escape to freedom. In addition, they completed an online simulation of the Underground Railroad, following a runaway slave along a secret network of hiding places and meeting some of the brave freed slaves and abolitionists who helped them reach freedom.

DID YOU KNOW? As many as 100,000 slaves escaped on the Underground Railroad between 1800 and 1865.



Prepping for the Eclipse
Mr. Morningstar's 7th graders studied how the positions of the earth, moon and sun cause lunar and solar eclipses, preparing students for the lunar eclipse that could be seen in Jackson Township on Sept. 28.

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November

25 Thanksgiving Break Begins

December

1 Classes Resume
18 End of 2nd Marking Period - 41 Days
21 Winter Break Begins

January

4 Classes Resume
15 Teacher In-Service - No School (K-12)
18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School (K-12)

February

10 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
12 Teacher In-Service - No School (K-12)
15 Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)
18 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 pm

March

18 End of 3rd Marking Period - 51 Days
21 Spring Break Begins
28 Classes Resume

April

May

25 Last Day for Students & Staff
25 End of 4th Marking Period - 43 Days



Cheerleaders return to their alma mater

Jackson alumni cheerleaders took to the Fife Stadium sidelines at the September 11 football game to perform alongside the JHS Cheer Team. A cheer-full trip down memory lane.

DELAYED START SCHEDULE

Because staff and student safety is a top priority, the district may need to delay the start of the school day because of a weather-related emergency. If so:

- **Elementary students and their parents would not be impacted. Their starting time remains the same if the school day is delayed.**
- **Period 0 at JHS will be cancelled.**
- **Alert Now calls to cancel school go out between 5:30 and 6 AM.**
- **End of school day dismissal times would remain the same for all students.**

JMMS DELAYED START

Homeroom	10:00-10:08
Period 1	10:11-10:31
Period 2	10:34-10:54
Period 3	10:57-11:17
Period 4	11:20-11:40
Period 5	11:43-12:09
Period 6	12:12-12:38
Period 7	12:41-1:07
Period 8	1:10-1:36
Period 9	1:39-2:04
Period 10	2:07-2:27
Period 11	2:30-2:50

JHS DELAYED START

Period 0	Cancelled
Period 1	9:40-10:16
Period 2	10:21-10:53
Period 3	10:58-11:30
Period 4	11:35-12:07
Period 5	12:12-12:44
Period 6	12:49-1:21
Period 7	1:26-1:58
Period 8	2:03-2:35

Jackson students invited to sing in honors choir



In June, several Strausser students and one JMMS student traveled to Otterbein University to participate in the OCDA Children's Honors Chorus. After approximately 15 hours of practice, they performed a full concert. Two weeks prior to the event, the students attended six hours of rehearsal at The University of Akron under Dr. Christine Jordanoff, former director of the Pittsburg Children's Chorus.

Row 1 (from left): Taylor Mizeur, Madi Shaw, Rylee Colangelo, Stavro Spanakis, Katie Obermeier.

Row 2: Morgan Leach, Lauren Gram, Maria Hisey, Ben Iraheta, JMMS student Casey Walters.

Row 3: Sarah Roth, Lilly Wahl, Maraja Moss, Ava Peterson, Strausser Music Teacher Mrs. Suzanne Walters.

Not Pictured: JMMS students Lily Iraheta, Lily Mertes.



Strausser Principal Susanne Waltman, elementary Curriculum Coordinator Becky Gribble, Amherst Principal Bill Hayden, Strausser Dean of Students Michelle Krieg, Lake Cable Principal Angela Leggett and Sauder Principal J.R. Reindel.



JMMS Principal Paul Salvino with Assistant Principal Dave Waltman.

JHS Principal Monica Myers and Assistant Principal Kasey Carter with Interact students and their advisor, Stephanie Anderson.

Rotary welcomes Jackson Local Schools

Jackson Local Schools would like to thank the Rotary Club of Jackson Township for inviting us to speak at four consecutive meetings about life and learning in our school district. The presentations began with Superintendent Chris DiLoreto giving an overview of the district. In successive weeks Rotarians heard from principals of the high school, middle school and finally our four elementary schools.

Pay fees online

Jackson Local offers parents a convenient way to pay their child's school fees and manage meal accounts by using PayForIt.

Parents or guardians can go to the Pay For It fees link on the jackson.stark.k12.oh.us website or visit www.payforit.net. If you used the service last year, your user name and password are the same. If you are a new user, instructions to create an account are on the Pay For It website.

The program allows users to create a secure online account where they can pay school fees or add money to their child's lunch account with a credit card, debit card or even an electronic check any time of the day or night. Families with multiple children enrolled in the district can add money to each child's account during the same transaction.

Parents can have peace of mind knowing that students will have money available for meals, and that the money will only be used for breakfast or lunch instead of other items. Parent can also view food items their student has purchased.

The district will continue to accept cash and checks for school fees and meal purchases along with payments made through the Pay For It system.



JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Quality Education is a Community Commitment

Unity in Our Community Pancake Breakfast marks eighth year of serving up smiles

Did You Know?

- While the pancake breakfast isn't a fundraiser, its several thousand dollars in proceeds help Jackson families in need, and a \$1,000 donation goes to the Jackson Local Schools Foundation.
- The event has always been coordinated by Janelle Winkhart, Susie Gindlesberger and Jennifer Harold.
- At least 15 community partners and 500+ school and community volunteers help us pull the event off.
- Approximately 8,400 pancakes, 5,520 sausage links and more than 100 gallons of syrup are served to more than 2,800 guests.
- Left-overs are taken to the Refuge of Hope men's shelter in Canton.
- The public can visit over 40 health care and community service provider booths.
- Our elementary students decorate placemats with pictures and words about what they are grateful for in our community.
- Our ISA students decorate the high school's front sidewalks with chalk and invite the public to join them.
- Our Steel Drum Band entertains the crowd with island music.



Local businesses leaders welcome Jackson's Chinese teacher

Jean Campbell, director of the Paul & Carol David YMCA, and Claudette Istnick of Auto Club Driving School, have extended warm welcomes to Jackson's new Chinese teacher, Mr. Dejun Xie. Mrs. Istnick gifted Mr. Xie with driving lessons, and Mrs. Campbell gave him a one-year family membership to the Paul & Carol David YMCA.

Mrs. Istnick has offered free lessons to all four of our Chinese teachers as a community service to the school district. The Auto Club Driving School, located at 1972 Wales Rd. NE, Massillon, is starting its 10th year of serving Stark county drivers of all ages. They offer teen driving classes, adult remedial classes and serve adults of all ages with driving needs.

The David Y in Jackson Township is a full-facility YMCA approaching its 10th year with well over 10,000 members. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

Mr. Xie is a guest teacher through the Chinese Hanban (similar to our National Education Association). He hails from Chongqing, in Southwest China, a major municipality of nearly 29 million people. He will spend the next one or two years at Jackson, teaching Chinese language and cultural studies at the middle school.



Mrs. Claudette Istnick with Mr. Xie



Mrs. Jean Campbell, director of the Paul & Carol David YMCA with the Xie family, seven-year-old Pengyu, his father Jejun and mother Xiuchun.

This marks Jackson's ninth year of offering Chinese to its high school and middle school students.



THANK YOU

The JLS Foundation wishes to thank **THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST TEAM** for donating \$1,000 from the Pancake Breakfast proceeds. A portion of the award will be used for special projects that enhance learning for current students of Jackson Local Schools, and a portion will become part of the Foundation's legacy fund for students of future generations.

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Reputation Estimation

After Mrs. Kerri Benson's third graders learned about character traits, they taped a piece of paper onto their backs and paused to let their classmates write character traits on their papers.

"The kids really enjoyed reading what others thought of them," said Mrs. Benson.

Students later added those character traits to a portrait they made of themselves.



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The Foundation contributed to the establishment of permanent art programs in Jackson's four elementary schools, something the community has wanted for decades. Foundation members initially worked with the Jackson Curriculum Director and ArtsinStark to establish a third grade art program in the 2013-14 school year. In school year 2014-15, continued foundation support aided the expansion of that program to serve all elementary students and is now a permanent part of the Language Arts curriculum.

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EcoSearchers

Mrs. Greczanik's fifth grade science class at Amherst went outside to learn more about the ecosystem surrounding their school. Students looked for examples of living and nonliving things and drew pictures of what they found. Then, they investigated how those living and nonliving things were dependent on each other for survival.



Buddy Day

First and fourth graders at Amherst Elementary got together to have a little Halloween fun.



BBF Walk-A-Thon an Amherst tradition

In October, Amherst PTO held its 7th annual Bears Being Fit Walk-A-Thon. This day-long event, led each year by Angie Walsh, gets every student participating. For a little added fun this year, students, staff and volunteers were encouraged to dress like a pirate.

In previous years, the funds raised were used to build the school's outdoor walking track, install SmartBoards in the classrooms and support the Pediatric Cancer Foundation. This year, the PTO will embark on a multi-year venture to raise funds for new playground equipment.



Constitution Day at Cable

Mrs. Kelsey Royer's second grade students at Lake Cable learned about and celebrated Constitution Day.



Apple Centers

Miss Alycia Kakos' Lake Cable first graders enjoyed a day of learning that took them from station-to-station where they weighed apples, measured, tasted and labeled them, counted their seeds, and made predictions about whether or not apples would sink or float in water.



Omega Man is a H.E.R.O.

Omega Man brought an anti-bullying message to Lake Cable, asking the students to be heroes. Helping Everyone Respect Others. He showed physical strength by tearing a phone book, lifting two students from the audience on the ends of a barbell (see above), breaking a wooden bat and even carrying teacher Mr. Michael Stanley around the stage while reminding students that there is no strength in bullying. Strength lies in being responsible, being kind to others, and having self-control.

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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Kicking Off the School Year

Sauder staff divided into two teams and started the school year with its annual family-friendly Kickball Kick-Off. Many Sauder families showed up to cheer on their favorite teachers and staffers and have a picnic meal together. This year, the purple team won the game, but everyone went home with a bit more Jackson spirit, ready to “win” the school year.



Hold my place, please

Sauder second graders put their place value skills to the test. The students used colored Post-it notes to show the different values of numbers and tested each other by making up different number combinations for their partner to guess. Pictured front from left are: Amanda Yang, Lillia Shimp, Delaine Wertz. Back Row: Emma Grey, Kiersten Unger, Lainey Fribley.



Demonstrating the Web of Life

Mr. Slayman’s Sauder 5th graders learned about food chains. Some animals eat plants and some eat other animals, but it all starts with energy from the sun. To demonstrate, student Alan Newcomb (in the middle) wore a bright yellow shirt to represent the sun. Alan held string which was passed in many directions to other students in the class. All food chains start with energy from the sun. Plants are called producers because they use the sun’s light energy to produce their own food in a process called photosynthesis. Animals cannot make their own food so they must eat plants and/or other animals. They are called consumers. Thus the living part of a food chain always starts with plant life and ends with an animal.



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Making Music

Ashley Bullach’s Sauder third grade music students learn to play an autumn song on the xylophones, glockenspiels & metallophones.



Students investigate the effects of seasonal sunshine

Mrs. Scolaro's fifth grade class at Strausser experimented with flashlights to visualize and model direct and indirect sunlight. Students learned that the tilt of our Earth causes the seasons by changing the amount of direct and indirect sunlight the hemispheres receive.

They attached flashlights to rulers and shined them on graph paper at a 90 degree angle (to represent summer) and a 45 degree angle (to represent winter). Next, they counted the number of boxes covered by the light in each example and concluded that the summer sunlight had the same amount of light at the same distance, but because it was more direct, it had a smaller area to cover and would be warmer.



Elementary Art Program

Mrs. Lancy's second grade students at Strausser learned about the elements of art through the districtwide *Connect the Arts* program, led by Mrs. Bridget Williams. The now permanent program was started with grants from the Jackson Local Schools Foundation, ArtsinStark and Stark Community Foundation.

Junior cartographers know their way around the playground

Strausser fourth grade students created maps of their school playground. They included symbols, a key and a compass. Finally, they wrote puzzle questions for their maps using the cardinal directions of north, south, east, and west, and the intermediate directions of northeast, southeast, southwest and northwest. The students traded papers with their classmates and followed each other's map directions to find the puzzle locations.



Welcome to the Wild West of third grade at Strausser Elementary

Early in the school year, teachers and students enjoyed getting to know each other through a series of team-building activities and problem-solving activities that culminated in a Wild West Day.

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The Jackson Girls Soccer team after winning the Federal League Championship.

FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP

At the time of this writing, many of Jackson High School fall sports teams were still in active play. However, four teams have already won conference titles: Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Soccer and Girls' Volleyball. Here is a recap of the fall sports season thus far:

Girls' Golf completed the Federal League season with a 4-1 record and finished in 2nd place. The Lady Bears were Sectional champions, and finished 4th in the District Tournament, which qualified them for the State Tournament for the 8th consecutive year. The Lady Bears finished 11th in the State in Division 1. Junior Hannah Lemons was named to the 1st Team All-Ohio team.



Photo by Glenn B. Dettman, Massillon Independent

State golf tournament qualifiers from Jackson High School are (from left) Lauren Hatfield, Amelia Stefan, Lauren Dauk, Hannah Lemons, Sarah Blumer and Alexandra Jakubow.

Boys' Golf had a 4-2 regular-season league record and finished 4th in the Federal League. The Bears finished 2nd in the Sectional Tournament qualifying them for the District Tournament.

Girls' Tennis completed the season with a 4-2 record in the Federal League, good for 3rd in the Federal League. Sophomore Emily Thomas won the Sectionals and finished 5th in the Districts qualifying her for the State Tournament.

Football Finished the season with a 5-5 overall record and 3-3 in Federal League play to finish in 4th place. The Bears beat Hoover 45-28 in their last game of the season making it the first time since 2002 the Bears beat Hoover at their place and the first time in 50 years the Bears have beaten Hoover in back to back season

Boys' Cross Country finished in 2nd place in the Stark County Meet, were champions of the Federal League Meet, and 4th in the District Meet which qualifies them for the State Meet to be held the first Saturday in November. Head coach, Kevin Walsh, was named the Federal League Coach of the Year.

Girls' Cross Country

finished in 2nd place in the Stark County Meet, were champions of the Federal League Meet, and 2nd in the District Meet which qualifies them for the State Meet to be held the first Saturday in November. Junior Kayla Chapman was named the Federal League Runner of the Year and head coach Kevin Walsh was named the Federal League Coach of the Year.

Girls' Volleyball

currently has a record of 25-1 and finished the Federal League season with a perfect 12-0 record, which clinched its 5th consecutive Federal League Championship and has won 62 consecutive Federal League matches dating back to 2010. The Lady Bears won the Sectional Tournament and the District Tournament and are still competing in Regional competition. Senior Brooke Bailey was named the Federal League Player of the Year and head coach Jeff Walck was named the Federal League Coach of the Year.

Boys' Soccer

finished the Federal League season with a 3-2-1 record, good for 4th place in the league.

Girls' Soccer

won the Federal League Championship for the 19th time in the past 20 years by going a perfect 6-0 in League play. The Lady Bears also won the Sectional Tournament and the District Tournament and will be competing in the Regional Tournament the first week of November. Junior Elena Gutlove was named the Federal League Player of the Year and Frank Gagliardi was the Federal League Coach of the Year.

Federal League All-Sports Trophy Points

SCHOOL	FALL SPORTS
JACKSON	54.0
GREEN	43.0
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GLENOAK	37.0
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Volleyball coach is state level Coach of the Year

Jackson High School girls' volleyball coach, Jeff Walck, was selected by the NFHS Coaches Association to receive the 2014 state level Coach of the Year Award. The NFHS Coaches Association is the official national coaches association of the National Federation of State High School Associations. Coach Walck's current coaching record is 470-94 and his teams have been to the state tournament eight times.

Jackson High School's volleyball teams have won 62 consecutive Federal League matches dating back to 2010 and with their win over Lake, they clinched their 5th consecutive Federal League Championship.

"Congratulations to Coach Walck on being selected to represent all the deserving coaches from the State of Ohio," said Athletic Director Terry Peterson as he presented the award before a recent game.



Baseball Signing

Nate Rearick, a 2015 graduate of Jackson High School, recently signed to continue his baseball career at Notre Dame College. Nate helped lead the Polar Bears to a 23-7 record and an Elite 8 appearance as well as back-to-back Federal League Championships. He's a 2nd team All Federal League selection in 2015 and was part of the 2014 DI State Championship Team. **Nate is pictured with Head Coach Bill Gamble and his parents Mike and Julie Rearick.**



Varsity soccer looks like this when you win Districts.



Both cross country teams qualified to the OHSAA State Cross Country Championships by placing in the top four at the Boardman Regional. The girls finished 2nd while the boys finished 4th.

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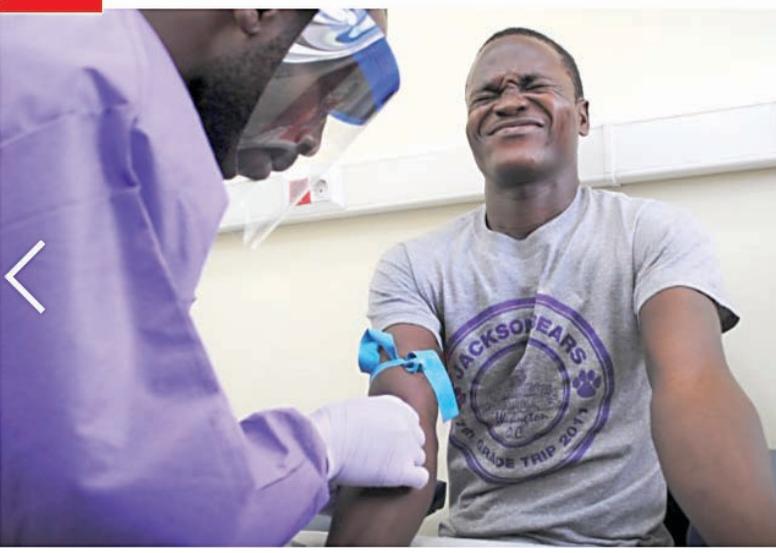




JACKSON'S NEW TEACHERS

First	Last	Assignment	Bldg.
Audrey	Altieri	8 th Grade Math	MS
Ashley	Aowad	7 th Grade Math	MS
Melissa	Ash	Grade 5	AM
Alan	Blakley	Intervention Specialist	SD
Tim	Budd	Social Studies	HS
Nicole	Bulgrin	Grade 2	SD
Michael	Coon	Physical Education	ST
Darby	Culp-Musselman	Intervention Specialist	AM
Marc	Davide	7 th Social Studies	MS
Allison	Dennison	Spanish	HS
Shawn	Donaldson	Business/Computers	HS
Stephanie	Douglas	Grade 4	LC
Kaylei	Edwards	Math (Long-Term Sub)	HS
Allison	Ferguson	Kindergarten	AM
Elliot	Georgiadis	Social Studies	HS
Emily	Glaser	Intervention Specialist	MS
Jennifer	Gupta	Clinical Health Services	HS
Matt	Holecko	Health/PE	HS/SD
Allison	Hostetter	8 th Language Arts	MS
Kelsey	Hostler	Grade 1	LC
Tyler	Jones	Science	MS
Heather	Kane	Science	HS
Victoria	Kerr	7 th Language Arts	MS
Robert	Lyle	Social Studies	HS
Brett	Marlowe	Psychologist	MS
Oliver	Miday	Science	HS
Kathryn	Narcross	Intervention Specialist	HS
Randy	Olsen	Intervention Specialist	AM
Katelyn	Paolucci	Intervention Specialist	LC
Jennifer	Poelker	Kindergarten	ST
Baylee	Ralls	Guidance	HS
Jay	Rohr	Intervention Specialist	HS
Grace	Schoenberger	Social Studies	HS
Kirk	Spuhler	Grade 3	AM
Erika	Weaver	Intervention Specialist	LC/SD

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EBOLA SURVIVOR – LOOK CLOSELY AT HIS SHIRT
 JMMS teacher, Andrew Robitaille, found this photo of an Ebola survivor in Liberia, Africa in a CNN article. He is wearing a 2011 JMMS Washington DC shirt! "It's amazing how far a donated t-shirt travels," said Mr. Robitaille. Small world.

THANK YOU The JLS Foundation thanks **Mike Adolph**, the 2015 Bridgestone Invitational Volunteer Chairperson, for choosing us as the recipient of a \$1,000 award from Northern Ohio Golf Charities Foundation. As organizer of the event's 1,000+ volunteers, Mr. Adolph had the privilege of granting the award to a charity of his choice. A portion of the award will be used for special projects that enhance learning for current students of Jackson Local Schools, and a portion will become part of the Foundation's legacy fund for students of future generations.

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Once a Bear, Always a Bear
 The PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE band halftime show brought band alumni, current band members and future marching bears (8th graders) to perform together at Fife Stadium on Friday, October 2. With nearly 100 alumni on the field, the popular annual tradition confirms, "Once a Bear, Always a Bear."



Geese Waddle Their Way to Jackson High



At 6:45 AM on the first day of school, a gaggle of geese stopped traffic as they waddled their way to the JHS campus. Even geese know where to get a great education! Photo snapped by Jackson teacher, Lori Bly.

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