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Your Johnsburg Central School Newsletter





Merger Update

The second Merger Feasibility Study Committee Meeting occurred on November 1, 2023, at the Minerva Central School. The main focus of this meeting was financial data.

The discussion included budget results, revenue and expenditures, the calculation of tax rates, current tax rates, and tax bills for both schools, as well as the tax levy and tax rates if the schools merge. The consultants reviewed projected tax bills if the schools merge, foundation aid, reorganization, and incentive-building aid.

Focus group meetings were held on November 8 at Minerva and November 15 at Johnsburg. Each school allowed the community, students, faculty, staff, and parents time to work with the consultants from CASDA. These groups had the opportunity to delve deeper into various topics.

The next Merger Feasibility Study Committee meeting will be held at Johnsburg Central School on November 29, 2023, at 6:00 pm. on the cafetorium stage. The topic for this meeting will be curriculum and instruction. We plan to have the committee continue to meet throughout February and then have the CASD consultants present their findings to both Boards of Education in late February or March. Then, each Board will have to decide if they will move the proposal forward to their communities

Happy Holidays

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a peaceful New Year.



Coffee with Mike

Join me for a conversation and a cup of coffee on Tuesday, December 12, at 8 am.















Principal's Message

Good luck to all of our winter basketball and nordic athletes! Go "Irish Jags!"







PreK-6 Report Cards/PT Conferences

Grade PreK-3 parent/teacher conferences have already been scheduled. Grades 4-6 will conference at a later date.

PreK-6 Trimesters 9/6/23-12/1/23 12/4/23-3/8/24 3/11/24-6/25/24

Area All State

Congratulations to Caroline Williams, Angelo Galle, Cole Sears and Evan Bonanno! Area All State was held at Proctor's Theatre on November 17th & 18th. Caroline, Angelo and Cole were a part of the Mixed Chorus and Evan played tenor sax in the Jazz Band.



Pictured with our kids in front of Proctor's is multi Grammy award winning saxophonist, and director of the Jazz Band, David DeJesus!

Stuffed Jiggy Jaguar

Stuffed Jiggy Jaguars are for sale in the principal's office for \$10 each. These would make a great stocking stuffer!



Holiday Recess

There will be no school for students December 22nd -January 1st . Happy Holidays!

Facebook

Check out our Johnsburg Central School page on Facebook.

https://www.facebook.com/JohnsburgCentralSchool/ Mrs. Flanagan

Building Principal





PreK-3 Student of the Month -November (Listed Alphabetically)

Aidan Gray
Caida Ovitt
Elliana Harris
Grace Piemme
Orin Richards
Royanne Millington
Shelby Facey

Specials:

Physical Education – JosieLyn Beaudrot & Eleanor Ballard Art – Michael Moon Music – Julia Webb Library – Jace Thissell

CONGRATULATIONS!
Keep up the hard work!

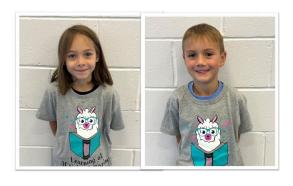
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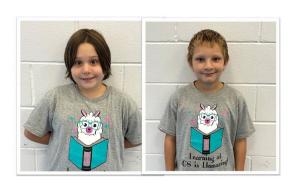
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2ND GRADE



3RD GRADE





2023 High Honor Roll Quarter 1

Grade 7 N/A

Grade 8 Ryan Fink Jacqueline San Antonio Connor Sharp Raymond Smith

Grade 9

Colin Morris Leah Owens Regan Slater

Grade 10

Keegan Mottram Lexi Sharp

Grade 11

Lillian San Antonio Tristin Secor

Grade 12

Evan Bonanno
Cadence Dawson
Corbin DeGroat
Madelaine Freebern
Angelo Galle
Everett Parker
Scott Patton
Cole Sears
Caroline Williams



2023 Honor Roll Quarter 1

Grade 7

Olive Aurilio
Emitt Bonanno
Abel Hitchcock
Huck Knickerbocker
Isla Lewis
Austin Lupo
Jameson May
Tailyn Millington
Launa Morehouse
Evelynn Noel
Wesley San Antonio
Aaden Sauer-Jones



Grade 8

Vanessa Donohue Evan Gale Sofia Hodgson Liam McKinney Cole Millington Ryder Olesheski Abbey Perryman Gabriel Pesquera Maggie Pratt

Grade 9

Tate Bacon
Elijah Bonanno
Tristin Campbell
Lilliana Hunsperger
Isabella Lawrence
Maeghan McKinney
Reagan Morris
Jocelyn Palmer
Kaelyn Poirier
Nicholas Sauer-Jones
Lily Secor

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Grade 10

Alissa Bennett Jeremiah Freebern Aarilyn Goodson Walter Hodgson Marley Lewis Rowan Olesheski Hannah Sharp

Grade 11

Vasanti Collins Kira DeLong Eric Mason Elington Morin Kaylie O'Hara Arthur Perryman Riley Sprague Emma Wilson

Grade 12

Tanner Baker Melissa Bibby Sean Bibby Mackenzie Mulligan Ian O'Connor Micheala Thomas



This month's question was asked to Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Olesheski's 4th-grade classes.

"The best gift I had ever given to someone?"



The best gift I ever gave someone was a soapstone whale that I had carved myself. I carved the whale out of soapstone when I attended the afterschool art club with Ms. Kate for carving. We used special tools and I really liked how the whale turned out. I gave the soapstone whale I carved to my dad as a special any day gift. **Kinleigh Lawrence**

The best gift I gave someone was a gift that my dad, my two sisters and I saved up money to purchase. We gave my mom for Christmas a Ninja machine that she really wanted. When she opened it up she was happy and very surprised. The Ninja machine was the best gift because it was something my mom really wanted and she uses it quite a bit when she's making us dinner. Silas Leigh

The best gift I ever gave someone was when I helped JoJo pick out a tablet for my little brother Logan. The gift was for Logan's first birthday. My older brother did not agree with it because my brother is young. When Logan took it out of the bag he kept using the flashlight on the tablet and putting his hand on the flashlight. This was the best gift because it was the first gift I gave my little brother. Cyrene Brouthers

The best gift I gave was to my mom and dad. It was a birdhouse that I painted when I was in PreK. I painted it black and orange and brought it home and hid it. I found it one day in the back of the storage room and gave it to my mom and dad. My mom had a pet bird and she put the bird by the house. This was the best gift because the bird needed a house and it used the house I gave my mom and dad. Lucas Perez

The best gift I gave was to my little brother Cooper for Christmas a couple of years ago. I gave him the Nintendo Switch game Minecraft. This was the best gift because my little brother and I both liked playing it a lot and even our older brother Brian would play it with us. **Xavier Haines**

The best gift I gave was a gift I gave my little brother. I gave him a Tonka truck for Christmas a few years ago. When he opened the gift and saw the truck he ran all over the house squealing because he was so happy. My brother still plays with it and puts it in a sand pit near our house. This was the best gift because my little brother had been wanting this particular truck for a long time. **Ella Steele**

The best gift I ever gave someone was just yesterday. I used a gift card of my own to purchase a birthday gift for my cousin Orion. I bought him a Nerf gun, water balloons, and paint. What made this the best gift was that I bought them myself for my cousin. **Isaiah Fish**



"The best gift I had ever given to someone was to my cousin because my cousin helped me stack wood and put wood in the fire. The gift was a phone and I felt really happy giving the gift to my cousin. My cousin was even happier than me because my cousin really wanted a phone!" **Destiny Facey**

"The best gift I have ever given is a chocolate orange. I gave the gift to my dad. My dad really likes chocolate. Giving the gift to him made me feel really good about myself." **Ryan Tucker**

"The best gift that I have ever given to someone is a crossbow. I gave it to my dad for Christmas with a target. I gave it to him because he wanted one and it felt good to give it to my dad." **Elliot Noel**

"The best gift I will ever give is going to my sister. For my sister I will give her a video of the cruise that we are going to go on for my birthday. I have also been saving for a long time so I can get her a necklace on the cruise so I can give it to her for Christmas because I love her." **Olivia Kitchin**

"The best gift I have ever given someone was Magic Mixlings. I got Magic Mixings for Zoe because it was her Birthday! When it was time to open presents, mine was first. Zoe opened my present and it made me happy to see Zoe happy." **Sophia Moffit**

"The best gift I have ever given was a necklace. I gave it to Annabella. I gave it to her because it was her birthday and when I gave it to her she felt happy."

Kayla Waldron

"The best gift I'm going to give is a little figure of me to Keen my cousin.I'm going to give it to Keen because I feel like he doesn't have something to represent me. I'm really excited to give it to him."

Dominic Aurilio





College Acceptances

Melissa Bibby – SUNY Adirondack **Cadence Dawson** – Columbia Greene Community College and Wells College **Corbin DeGroat** – Charleston Southern University and Liberty University **Madeline Freebern** – SUNY Adirondack **Angelo Galle** – Paul Smith's College Francis Volcheck – SUNY Adirondack



1. The New York State PTA Jenkins **Memorial Scholarship** - this scholarship is for any student planning to major in education. The application is online at: https://nyspta.org/home/ptaleaders/awardsandrecognitions/jenkins-scholarship The Deadline is December 15, 2023.

- 2. AFSCME Family Scholarship **Program** provides ten \$2,000 scholarships to graduating high **school seniors** that will be renewed for \$2,000 each year for a maximum of four years, provided the student remains enrolled in a full-time course of study. To be eligible, you must:
- At the time of application, be a graduating high school senior whose parent, legal guardian or financially responsible grandparent is a full dues-paying AFSCME member;
- At the time the scholarship is awarded, be enrolled in a full-time degree program either at an accredited four-year institution or at a two-year institution that will transfer credits to a four-year institution; and
- In 2022, AFSCME adopted a testoptional policy. Applicants are not required to submit SAT or ACT scores, but the selection committee may consider them. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. The deadline is December 31, 2023.
- 3. GERARD J. BUCKENMEYER **FASNY VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP** - The Firemen's Association of the State of New York will award 25 \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors entering college. **Applicant Criteria:**
 - Be a member in good standing with FASNY or have a parent/legal guardian who is a member.
 - Attend high school as a senior who is enrolled in the fall 2023 school year at an accredited two- or four-year

- institution of higher learning or an accredited technical post-secondary school.
 - Serve as a current Junior firefighter, Explorer Scout or RAM in a group affiliated with a volunteer department; a volunteer firefighter; or a volunteer with an EMS unit.
 - Be postmarked or electronically submitted by 3/15/2024.
 - Application https://fasny.com/awards/scholar ship/application/
 - Demonstrate a commitment to both volunteer emergency service and the community.
- **4.** Excelsior Scholarship This scholarship covers tuition for any student attending a SUNY or CUNY college and who's family made \$125,000 or less in the 2022 tax year. You can input your email to be alerted as to when this online application will be accepting applications for fall 2024. www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior

On-line Scholarship Websites



Scholarships for New York State students: https://bold.org/scholarships/by-state/newvork-scholarships/ www.fastweb.com www.collegexpress.com www.unigo.com www.scholarships.com www.supercollege.com www.hesc.ny.gov (select pay, then select grants, scholarships tab) www.studentscholarshipsearch.com www.cappex.com



Employment and Career Websites

- 1. www.learnhowtobecome.org
- 2. www.sciencebuddies.org science
- 3. www.nursingexplorer.com nursing careers
- 4. http://exlorehealthcareers.org
- 5. https://www.talentdesk.com/careerfinder - what jobs can I get with my degree?
- 6. www.glassdoor.com
- 7. www.jobzone.ny.gov
- 8. www.AdirondackHelpWanted.com
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Greetings! PE, Health and Athletics have been busy! Coach Pierson and Coach Gonyo attended the NYSAHPERD conference this fall and brought back some new and exciting activities and ideas for our classrooms. Please remember that students need a pair of sneakers/tennis shoes to participate in PE. We will also be going outside throughout the winter, so appropriate winter attire is needed. We have sneakers and warm clothing available at school, so please reach out if needed.

Winter sports has started and we are looking forward to watching our teams compete. Here is a list of our December home games and races as well as the schedule for our first annual Ring in the New Year basketball tournament. As always we remind our athletes and spectators that they are representing our school and community at all sporting events. Please cheer in a positive manner, let the players play, coaches coach and the officials officiate. A full athletics schedule can be found on the school's website. We look forward to seeing you all at our future athletic events.



12/4 GV vs Fort Ann @ JCS 12/8 GM/GV vs Wells @ MCS 12/13 GM/GV Coaches vs Cancer game vs Indian Lake @ JCS 12/15 BM/BV vs Bolton @ MCS 12/18 GM/GV vs Lake Placid @ MCS 12/19 Nordic Race at Garnet Hill 3 pm Keep an eye out for the "Ring in the New Year Tournament"
Friday January 5th
Game 1: Wells vs Indian
Lake/Long Lake @
Minerva 5pm
Game 2:
Johnsburg/Minerva vs
Kings School @ Johnsburg
5pm

Saturday January 6th Consolation Game: 5pm @ Johnsburg Central School

Championship Game: 7pm @ Johnsburg

Central School

All Modified games are at 5:00 pm and Varsity games are at 6:30 pm unless stated otherwise!

If you are interested in coaching any sport at any level please feel free to stop by the school and fill out an application.





Dear Johnsburg Families,

We have seen various illnesses this past month. Please keep your child(ren) home when sick in an attempt to slow the spread of all illnesses. Please continue to do an athome COVID-19 test if they are exhibiting any related symptoms, if positive, be sure to let me know. Please remember to call or email me or the main office if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Fun Fact: Handwashing alone prevents 1 in 3 diarrhea-related illnesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections such as a cold or the flu. (CDC)

A reminder as we head into winter: please be sure to pack snow clothes and extra clothes should your child get wet while playing out in the snow. I have limited extra clothing here in the health office, so please remember to pack extras for your little ones.

Hope you all enjoy your holidays this month!

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Be well,

Mrs. Amber Aurilio, RN JCS School Nurse aurilio@johnsburgcsd.org
518-251-2921 ext 5
Confidential Fax 518-251-2367



December



Happenings

JCS Music Students to Participate in the Annual Light's On! Events in North Creek

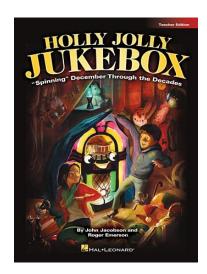
It's the most wonderful time of the year in North Creek! Join the JCS Music Department the first weekend of December for a plethora of fun festivities!



- Friday, December 1st at 5:30 PM, join Mrs. Ashe and the JCS Pop Singers for our annual caroling at the Town Tree Lighting at Tannery Pond!
- Saturday, The JCS Performance Techniques Class will be in the annual holiday parade, providing some of your favorite holiday classic tunes!
- Sunday, it's the North Country
 Singers Holiday Celebration Show at
 2 pm! Join the North Country
 Singers, under the direction of Mrs.
 Denise Conti, along with the Guiding
 Steps North Dancers, JCS student
 Jazz and chamber groups, and much
 more!

Elementary Band and Chorus Concert December 12th!

Join the JCS Elementary Band (featuring grades 5 and 6) and the Elementary Chorus (grades 4-6) for a fantastic evening of Holiday music on December 12th at 6:30 pm! The evening will start out with the band followed by the Elementary Chorus presentation of "Holly Jolly Jukebox!"



Highlights from Area- All State Proctor's Theater: November 17-18, 2023



Caroline Williams, Angelo Galle, Cole Sears, and Evan Bonanno, with Grammy Award Winning Saxophonist, David DeJesus



The Area- All State Jazz Band



A view of the amazing architecture of Proctor's and the Area-All State Mixed Chorus.









2023 JCS BREAKFAST

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Juice is offered daily along with fruit for grades 9-12	Sandwiches & Salads are made daily as part of the lunch options		All bread products are whole grain enriched Nondairy and Gluten Free options available	Hamburger 1 On a bun Bacon Am. Cheese French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk
Popcorn 4 Chicken Seasoned Fries Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	Italian 5 Dunkers Pasta Vegetables Fruit Milk	Chicken 6 Caesar salad Bread sticks Fruit Milk	Hamburger 7 Gravy Potatoes Vegetables Biscuits Fruit Milk	Pepperoni 8 Cheese pizza Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk
Tomato soup 11 Toasted cheese Sandwich Vegetables Fruit Milk	Chicken 12 Nuggets Rice Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	Hot dog 13 On a bun Pasta Vegetables Fruit Milk	Hot turkey 14 Sandwich French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk	Shepherd's 15 Pie Biscuits Fruit Milk
Chicken 18 Patty On a bun Rice Vegetables Fruit Milk	Dorito 19 Nachos Cheddar cheese Lettuce, tomato Fruit Milk	Chicken chili 20 Muffins Fruit Milk	Bagel pizza 21 Chicken nuggets Mozzarella sticks Vegetables Fruit Milk	LET THE HOLIDAYS BEGIN!





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CALLING ALL SHOPPERS!

December 2nd & 3rd Saturday 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday 10 am to 2 pm

The JCS Junior Class is holding a Craft Fair.

December 2nd 9 am to 5 pm & December 3rd 10 am to 2 pm.

In the gym at Johnsburg Central School. Come Shop and Browse some WONDERFUL items made by amazing local crafters!

If you are interested in acquiring a space, please email. cnoel@johnsburgcsd.org or alawrence@johnsburgcsd.org Cost: \$40 per 10 x 10ft booth for both days (add \$10 if electricity is needed)

Please note that December 2nd the annual Ski Swap will also be held at JCS in the cafetorium.



After School Art Club: <u>Gifts - Fiber and Driftwood</u> <u>Creations</u>

With Kate Hartley, Art Instructor For children in grades 2-6!

When: Tuesdays 2:45-4:45PM

Nov. 28 to Dec. 19

Where: JCS Art Room (students may

take the late bus home)

Who: Class is open to the first 12 Johnsburg students in grades 2-6 and Home-schoolers.

To register: email Kate Hartley, kate.jyc@gmail.com

or call 518-251-9083

Only the first 12 who sign up with Kate will be admitted to class.

– in this 4-week-long class, students will combine handmade pompons, needle-felting, felt, ribbon, magnets and driftwood to create imaginative treasures as holiday gifts and ornaments!

The class is free, sponsored by the Johnsburg Youth Committee.

Please bring a snack and drink for each class, and wear old clothes. Don't forget to sign up for the late bus each class day. You will need to fill out a Permission/Emergency Contact form, and a bus permission form, and deliver them to Mrs. West in the JCS office. Submitting forms to JCS does not mean your child is registered. Please contact Kate to be put on the class list!

To register: call Kate Hartley, 518-251-9083, or email: kate.jyc@gmail.com



