Jaguar Jottings

Your Johnsburg Central School Newsletter



Superintendent's Corner

The first Merger Feasibility Study Committee Meeting occurred on October 18, 2023, at the Johnsburg Central School District. The committee comprises teachers, school staff, students, community members, and parents from the Johnsburg Central and Minerva Central School Districts, for a total of twenty members.

They discussed the role of the Feasibility Study Committee, which is to check facts and assumptions of the CASDA Consultants, provide local knowledge, problem-solve as a "Committee of the Whole," review work of any subcommittees, make recommendations to the Boards of Education prior to the next School Board vote in each of the districts. This information will also be shared with the public before the straw vote and serve as a source of and conduit for public information.

The meeting discussed the options for school organization. They discussed why districts reorganize, for example, larger student/tax base, more resources through reorganization incentive operating aid, more educational programs, more support services, and more opportunities. Reorganization incentive building aid can provide an opportunity to upgrade and improve buildings, grounds, and other school facilities. The main focus of the first meeting was a discussion of enrollment trends and projections and current staffing at both districts. As most people know, enrollment in each district has declined over the last several years/decades.

The next meeting will be at Minerva Central School on November 1, 2023. The topic will be financial data. The third of four meetings will take place on November 29, 2023, at Johnsburg Central School and will cover the topic of curriculum and instruction. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings.

CASDA and the districts will also organize several focus groups of community members, students, teachers, staff, and parents. These groups will delve deeper into various topics. These meetings will be another opportunity for public input. Each district will hold its own focus group meetings. The schedule for Johnsburg's focus groups is as follows:

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15 Johnsburg Central School Cafetorium Stage

12:30 - 1:30	Community/Senior Citizens/Businesses
1:45 - 2:30	Students -Student Council
2:45- 3:45	Teachers
3:45- 4:45	Staff
5:00- 6:00	Parents

If you have any questions, please call Michael Markwica at 518-251-2921 EX 9





Veterans' Day

There will be no school on Friday, November 10th in honor of Veterans' Day, Saturday, November 11th.



Reunification Drill 11/9

Johnsburg Central School will conduct a reunification drill on Thursday, November 9th. Following a lock down drill, students will be escorted by JCS staff to Tannery Pond. Roads will be blocked off for safety. Once at Tannery Pond, attendance will be taken and an early dismissal will begin. Students that ride buses will be dismissed first at approximately 1:45. After buses have departed, students that are being picked up will be released at approximately 2:00. If you are picking up a student, you should park on Peaceful Valley Extension Road and wait to be directed to Tannery Pond. Students being picked up must be signed out by a person listed in a students' contact. The

student pick up process will be used as an opportunity for our staff to utilize our release procedures that would be used during an actual emergency situation. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making our drill run smoothly. There will be no after school activities on November 9th.

Soccerfest

JCS held their annual Soccerfest event on October 13th & 14th. Students in grades K-12 had a fun-filled weekend of soccer. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Johnsburg-Minerva athletes. Thank you, Phil Goodman (33 years) and Gene "Geno" Maiorana (24 years), for your dedication and service to coaching at JCS.









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Mrs. Flanagan Building Principal





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

> Colton Hopkins Remington Thissell Carson Bradway Eleanor Ballard Lillian Bliss Sophia Hungerford Emma McNally Orion Altman

Specials: Physical Education – Emma McNally & Orion Altman Art – Rhys Olesheski Music – Whitney Benton Library – Savannah Utley

Students in grades PreK-3 are off to a great start this school year! Keep up the hard work!

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KINDERGARTEN



1ST **GRADE**



 2^{ND} **GRADE**



3RD **GRADE**







This month's question was asked to Mrs. Hayden and Mrs. Knickerbocker's 5th-grade classes.

"Who are you thankful for and why?"

I am thankful for my family because they do a lot for me. They bring me to places like Sky Zone, The Great Escape and sometimes to the Bowling Alley. Ryan Bacon

I am thankful for my brother Colby. He takes me to get ice cream and buys me stuff that I like. He likes to hang out with me and he likes to go for walks with me. Autumn Baker

I am thankful for my Dad. My Dad is a superhero. He gives great advice. He is smart and super funny. He is so nice and I love him so much. That's just some of the reasons why I am thankful for my Dad. Juliet Beaudrot

I am thankful for my Mom. My Mom is nice and she works very hard everyday to take us to places like Six Flags and McDonalds. She's the best in the world. Connor Briggs

I am thankful for my Mom because she helps do my homework and she works for me. I love her so much. Jasmine Clark- Lawrence

I'm thankful for my Grandpa. My Grandpa takes me to my baseball and soccer games. Mason Cleveland

I am thankful for Mema. She is a good cook. I love Mema because she is a good Grandma. Sara Donohue I am thankful for my brother Shawn. He has taught me a lot of stuff. He also protects me. Emery Eldridge

I am thankful for my Dad because he got me a puppy that is funny, playful and loves to see me. My Dad takes me fishing. Ari Galle

I am thankful for my parents because they take care of me, feed me and help me when I am sick. That is who and what I am thankful for.

Jaxson Harpp

I am thankful for Hannah because she is my best friend. She makes me happy on some of my worst days. I've known Hannah since we were 3 years old and we have been best friends since. Aurora Hitchcock

I am thankful for my little cousin William. I am thankful for William because he is my lovebug. Audrie Knickerbocker

I am thankful for my father and mother because they provide for me, my sister and my brother. Colton Lawrence

I am thankful for my parents because they are always helpful. We always have something fun to look forward to like trips and different places. Scarlett Leigh

I am thankful for my family because they care for me and love me. So I am thankful for them. Griffin Lewis

I am thankful for my Mom and Dad. They help me through hard times. They are always there for me. Lewka Lorenson

I am thankful for my best friend Juliet because she is amazing and funny. I hope we stay friends for a long time. McKenna Mahaffey I am thankful for my sisters Saoirse and Kenna because they support me when I need it. They help me with my homework and they are nice to me. That's why I am thankful for my lovely sisters. Quinn Mahaffey

I am thankful for my parents because they are the ones that bring me to our family's bigfest. Sometimes they let me go to my Aunt Gret's house after the fest. Miles Moos

I am thankful for my Mom. My Mom makes me dinner. She lets me have a late bedtime. Levi Owens

I am thankful for my Mom and Dad. They help a lot of sick people all around the world. And they help the people they work with.

Hannah Sauer-Jones

I am thankful for my best friends because they are so supportive. Sometimes we fight, but we always stay friends. Hayley Smith

I'm thankful for my Mom because she helped me build a house for my toys. My Mom is so nice. She does a lot for me. She cooks for me. She helps me clean. That is why I am thankful for my Mom. Kloey Tuma

I am thankful for Mom and Dad because they provide the things I want or need. My Mom cooks and cleans for us. My Dad fixes cars and plays with me. That is why I am thankful for my parents. Hunter Verfurth

I am thankful for my family because they're amazing with helping me and encouraging me when I need it. They are just so kind. That is why I am thankful for them. Elijah Waldron



Pre-Kindergarten's Annual Gore Mountain Trip



Prekindergarten's annual trip to Gore Mountain! PreK enjoyed lunch on the patio; a gondola ride up the mountain where they got to explore the labyrinth at the top, then we took a scenic ride back down to explore the base of the mountain!





Information provided by Mrs. Bruce

College Acceptances

Melissa Bibby has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack.

Financial Aid Conferences For Seniors and their Parents

Mrs. Bruce, School Counselor, is currently scheduling individual financial aid conferences in her office. Seniors and their parents are encouraged to make an appointment. The financial aid process and the various forms needed to be completed and submitted for college-bound seniors will be discussed.

To make an appointment, you can email jbruce@johnsburgcsd.org or call my office 518-251-2921 ext. 3900.

On-line Scholarship Websites

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



SUNY Open House Dates and Virtual Campus Tour Site

Take a virtual tour of the SUNY colleges, schedule an on campus tour or register for their

Open House. Visit <u>https://www.suny.edu/attend/visit-</u> us/campus-visit/



VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOURS?

Learn about Careers

1. www.learnhowtobecome.org

2. www.sciencebuddies.org – science careers

3. www.nursingexplorer.com – nursing careers

4. http://explorehealthcareers.org



JCSTA Scholarship Recognition Assembly

The Johnsburg Central School Teachers Association was pleased to host the annual Scholarship Recognition Assembly on September 28 to highlight students' academic achievement during the 2022-2023 school year. This year's speaker was **Mr. Stan Williford**. An impressive nineteen students were recognized for achieving a score of 90 or above on their June Regents exams.

In addition, Scholarship J letters and pins were awarded to students in grades 9 - 12who earned an 85 or higher final mark in each subject for the 2022-2023 school year. First time recipients are awarded a blue scholarship letter J. In subsequent years, an honoree receives a lamp of knowledge pin to attach to the scholarship J. Last year's seniors were honored at graduation. The students honored at the September assembly included: 11th Grade Achievement: Melissa Bibby, **Everett Parker**, Cole Sears 10th Grade Achievement: Vasanti Collins, Ellington Morin, Tristin Secor 9th Grade Achievement: Alissa Bennett, Hannah Sharp, Lexi Sharp



JCSTA President, Kim McKenna, Vasanti Collins, Alyssa Bennett. Front Row: Tristin Secor, Lexi Sharp, and Hannah Sharp.



Congratulations to all of our Soccer Teams on their terrific seasons! We would like to thank everyone who came out to support our student-athletes. We also appreciate all the hard work that went into making our soccerfest weekend a success and all the alumni who turned out to play in the alumni game.

As the weather is shifting, so is our focus on sports. Winter sports will begin on November 13th. Students must have physicals completed in order to practice on the 13th. Please see Coach Pierson if you are interested in playing either Basketball or Nordic.

We are also in the process of setting up our elementary basketball program. If anyone is interested in coaching or volunteering with elementary basketball at any age group/level, please contact Allison Gonyo at

agonyo@johnsburgcsd.org. We are looking for coaches who will encourage sportsmanship, teamwork and work to develop basketball skills at the elementary level.

As the weather begins to get colder, we want to remind everyone that it is very important for your kids to be prepared for their PE classes. We will still be looking to take the students outside from time to time. Please have your child prepared with a warm coat and/or sweatshirt and winter hat and gloves for this fall season. Our lower elementary physical education program has been working on locomotor skills such as skipping, hopping, jumping, galloping, and running. They have been practicing how to move around safely in large and small areas. Our upper elementary, middle, and high school students have recently completed a handball unit as well as doing the mile run a couple of times! We are very pleased with the effort we saw from all the students with the mile run! Please encourage your child(ren) to be active outside of school and PE as well.

Coach Pierson and Coach Gonyo want to thank all the students for their continued hard work in all of our classes! GO JAGS!

Zach Pierson <u>zpierson@johnsburgcsd.org</u> or Allison Gonyo <u>agonyo@johnsburgcsd.org</u>



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- Student-athletes need an up-todate (within 12 months of the start of the school year) physical on file in order to start any winter sport.
- Please remember students cannot carry any medications, even over-the-counter (OTC) meds such as ibuprofen (Motrin/Advil) or acetaminophen (Tylenol), without a doctor's order.
- If a student goes on an overnight field trip, they need orders to carry any medications (prescription or OTC). Being proactive with obtaining orders is highly recommended.
- Please communicate any new or ongoing medical conditions with me throughout the year. Keeping me in the loop helps keep your child safe and healthy while at school.
- If you have been contacted regarding vision or hearing screenings, please let me know when you have scheduled appointments.

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

Be well,

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



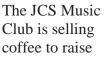
Canned Tuna, Chicken, Beans

Canned Soups, Stews, Chili, Gravy, Vegetables

Pop Singers and Stage Band Kick-Off Fall Fundraiser

October 23- November 9th (10th for online sales) you can support the JCS Music Club in their quest for greatness at the Music In the Parks Spring Music Competition at Six Flags NE in April by buying amazing coffee! See one of our 34 traveling musicians, or visit our site: https://www.drivencoffeefundraising.com/ref /jcs-music-club/.

Calling All Coffee Lovers:



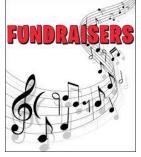


funds for our Spring Competition Trip to Six Flags New England to compete at Music in the Parks.

You can order directly online and have it shipped right to you! If you'd like to support a specific student (there are 34 traveling!), you can select their name in the drop-down menu.

https://www.drivencoffeefundraising.com /ref/jcs-music-club/

The fundraiser runs through November 10th! Please let me know if you have any questions! And thank you for supporting our musicians! Mrs. Ashe



JCS Sends 4 to Area All State Festival at Proctor's Theater

Seniors Evan Bonanno, Caroline Williams, Cole Sears, and Angelo Galle will join NYSSMA's Zone 7 top musicians to perform at the 2 day Area All State Festival, now being held at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady. They will work alongside renowned musicians, and have a culminating performance Saturday, November 18th at 2 pm on the Proctor's Mainstage. Tickets are \$15 to attend.



JCS Students Head to Schroon Lake for All County Festival November 4th

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 2 pm, join the eight True North Schools to celebrate their best and brightest musicians at the Annual CASMA Fall Festival, held at Schroon Lake Central School in their Auditorium. Performances from the Senior Select Choir, Junior Select Choir, Jazz Band, and Elementary Band will be featured. There is a suggested donation of \$5 adults/ \$3 students/seniors at the door. All donations fund CASMA scholarships, which help students pay for college, summer enrichment programs, and support a musical future for all.



Upcoming Concert Dates:

Saturday, November 4- CASMA Fall Festival Schroon Lake Friday, November 17-Saturday November 18- Zone 7 Area All State Festival-Schenectady Tuesday, November 21 7 pm- Junior and Senior High Fall Concert Tuesday, December 12 6 pm Elementary Band and Elementary Chorus Concert





BREAKFAST MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE





JCS LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Juice is offered daily along with fruit for grades 9-10	Sandwiches & Salads are made daily as part of the lunch options	Tomato Soup 1 Toast cheese Sandwich Vegetables Fruit Milk	Hot chicken 2 And gravy Potatoes Vegetables Biscuits Fruit Milk	Mac & Ch. 3 Hot dog on a Bun French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk	
Chicken 6 Nuggets French fries Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	Meatloaf 7 Potatoes Vegetables Rolls Fruit Milk	Chicken Chili 8 Biscuits Fruit Milk	Dorito Nachos 9 Lettuce, tomato Vegetables Fruit Milk	Veterans Day Celebrate Honor Remember	
Spaghetti 13 w/meat sauce Vegetables Bread sticks Fruit Milk	Popcorn 14 Chicken Rice Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	Hamburger 15 On a bun Am. Cheese French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk	Roast turkey 16 Potatoes Vegetables Rolls Fruit Milk	Cheese pizza 17 Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	
Chicken 21 Patty French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk	Meatball subs 22 Baked chips Vegetables Fruit Milk	23	24 PPOP	25	
Cheese or 27 Taco pizza Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	Hot dog 28 On a bun French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk	Beef stew 29 Biscuits Fruit Milk	Chicken 30 Nuggets Rice Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	All bread products are whole grain enriched Nondairy and Gluten Free options available	

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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. <u>cnoel@johnsburgcsd.org</u> or <u>alawrence@johnsburgcsd.org</u> 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.



Happy Holidays!



LEARN TO SKI OR SNOWBOARD Gore Regional School Program - 2024 Town of Johnsburg Youth Program

Sunday Morning Ski/Snowboard Program - Open to ages 5-18, levels 1-3 ONLY:

<u>Dates:</u> Sundays– January 7, 21, 28, February 4, 11 and 25 *No program MLK weekend January 14 or Presidents weekend February 18*

Time: Lessons gather at 8:15 AM - Lessons begin at 8:30 AM and end at 9:30 AM *Children must be picked up by an adult at 9:30 AM

Place: All students mus check in at the shed near the Northwoods Lodge

Cost: \$105 with your Gore Mountain ski pass (includes all 6 lessons)

Equipment: Rental equipment can be added for an additional \$108. All participants must wear a helmet

Deadline: Participants must be prepaid by Thursday, November 30th, 2023

Registration Information:

-Please return registration forms/fees to the Johnsburg Town Hall Monday-Friday between 8 AM and 4 PM

Please do not return registration forms or fees to the school

-Please make checks payable to: Town of Johnsburg

-Use one form for multiple children

*Once registered and closer to the start of the program, ORDA will send a link to your email address for an electronic signature

*Please remember to get/update your school pass - returning students can use their same pass photo as last year, but new students will need to supply a photo with no hat or dark goggles/glasses. These photos can be emailed along with the child's full name, school name and subject "GRS Program" to <u>sp@goremountain.com</u>

