

# Jaguar Jottings

Your Johnsburg Central School Newsletter



## Superintendent's Corner



Happy fall!

We have made it through the first month, and things are going great. Our students are doing an excellent job at being back at school, and we are thankful to have everyone in person so our teacher's attention can be focused on teaching and not so much on the technology with remote learning.

Now would be a great time for parents to check in with their children to ensure everything is going well at school. I know that it seems early in the school year, but we are past the review from last year (the first week of school) and are now in new material. A simple check-in might allow you to fix a situation before it is a much more challenging task in the future. Give your student's teacher a call if you think there may be an issue.

Many other activities are also going on this year at school. Our athletes are playing soccer and cross country and are doing well. We are also moving forward with Pop-singers and Jazz Band as well as many other after-school activities.

With all that being said, we are still working under many COVID restrictions. We still have to keep our masks on while on the bus, in the hallways, bathrooms, and classrooms. We also still have seating charts and are trying to keep students at least 3 feet apart. I know everyone is tired of these protocols, but we have to stay diligent to keep everyone safe, and hopefully, this will be over soon.

Stay safe and healthy and enjoy the beautiful colors of fall.



Never miss a copy of the 2021-2022 Jaguar Jottings.  
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[chomer@johnsburgcsd.org](mailto:chomer@johnsburgcsd.org) with the email address you  
would like her to send you our monthly newsletter.



next day with the official results. Keep in mind that if you call or email the school nurse after 2:30 pm, there is no guarantee anyone will get the information in time for the next school day and have it communicated to all pertinent staff. Students will not be allowed to ride the bus or enter school without the proper documentation from their health care provider.

It is essential to know that our school nurse is not deciding when students can and cannot return. We are following State and County guidelines, so please be understanding when she asks for information and try to provide it as quickly as possible so we can get your child back to school. Our nurse is Amber Aurilio and her number is (518) 251-2921 ext. 5. Thank you.

### **K-3 Reading Theme 2021-2022**

The grade K-3 reading theme is "Learning is a Thrill."

## **Principal's Message**

Our first month of school has gone well. Students and staff were excited to be back to in-person learning. Many COVID procedures are still in place. The students have adjusted to full-day learning very well. Keep up the great work!

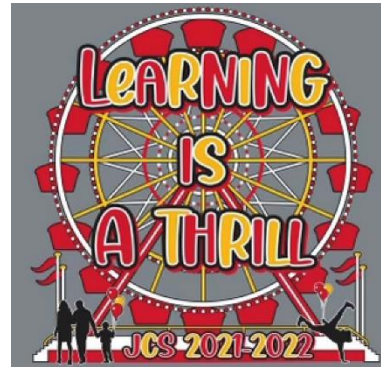
### **October 8th Staff Day**

There will be no school for students on Friday, October 8th due to a Staff Day. There is also no school on Monday the 11th in observance of Columbus Day.

### **What To Do When Students Are Sick**

The State has set regulations in place as the school year has moved forward regarding illness. Anytime your child is not in school, we now have to assume that it is related to COVID. If your child does not come to school because of a non-illness reason, you need to let us know the reason before he or she can return. Unfortunately, if you don't, your child can't return to school until we have a reason for the absence or a clearance from your child's doctor. If your child is ill with any of the COVID symptoms, we will need your doctor to clear them to come back to school. Your doctor may request you to have a COVID test, and if so, you will need to give the school a copy of the negative results in order for your child to return to school.

You may get the clearance or the negative results when it is after school hours. If this happens, please bring your child to school the



### **Jiggy Paw Award**

Jiggy Jaguar is our school mascot. Students who are "caught doing something good" by a JCS staff member may receive a "Jiggy Paw Award." Students who receive a "Jiggy Paw Award" should bring it to Mrs. Flanagan in the principal's office to be recognized for their accomplishments. I hope to have frequent visitors in the office who have been "caught being good!"

### **Facebook**

Check out our Johnsburg Central School page on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/JohnsburgCentralSchool/>



 **Heather Flanagan**   
Building Principal

# OCTOBER'S



## OF THE MONTH!

**This month's question of the month was "What are your goals for the new school year?" Mrs. Corr's sixth grade class answered**



I hope I can achieve my goal of getting 100 AR points because I felt like everyone else had 100 points. I want this because it will improve me as a reader. - Evan Gale

This year I hope to read as many books as I can. If I can achieve this goal, I would become a better reader. - Vanessa Donohue

My goal for this school year is to read every day for 40 minutes and get 100 AR points. I want this because I've always liked reading. I could increase my reading lexile and I would get a good grade for reading. - Abbey Perryman

My goal is to get better at division and reading music in band because it will make me happy!  
- Sydney Facey

My goal is to get Honor Roll every quarter. If I do this then that means I got Honor Roll every quarter since 3rd grade. It will make me happy!  
- Ryder Olesheski

My goal this year is to get 90 or over A+ in all of my classes. If I achieve this goal then I will pass 6th grade and I will be very proud of myself. I want this because my parents will be very happy. - Connor Sharp

My goal is to pass all of my classes, mostly my math class. If I achieve this goal then I will feel more confident about next year. It would also make math tests easier for me. - Avery Morse

This year I hope to finish a Harry Potter book and get 40 AR points. I also want to get my homework done before I get home. If I achieve this goal then I will be less stressed.  
- Raymond Smith

My goal for this year is to be the best trumpet player in the class. I want this because I love music and I love to make songs and make beats and rhythms. If no one else in the class is playing trumpet then I want to be the best musician in the class. - Gabe Pesquera

My goal is to get 400 AR points this year. I want to get 400 AR points because I have never gotten that many points. I want this because I will be smarter from the knowledge inside the books. - Timmy DeGroat

My goal for this year is to get honor roll and make myself have perfect attendance. I would also like to get better at math and ELA. I am good at science and social studies so I'm not worried about them. I'm really excited about this year. That's my goal for this year. - Hailey Bezio



My goal for the school year is to get all my AR points for each quarter. If I did this I would get good grades and I will become a better reader.  
- Quinn Selleck

My goal is to get good grades in all my classes. I want to make this goal happen so I can move on to 7th grade and make even more friends.  
- Lydia Pierson

My goal for this year is to get good grades so I don't fail and it'll be nice to be ahead. Another goal is to make friends because having friends would be nice as well. I would like to achieve these goals before summer break so I can pass with all my friends and have a good summer. Then when I get back I can have friends to talk to.  
- Norah Caselli

My goal for this year is to get High Honor Roll. If I achieve this goal I will be very happy and proud. I want this because I have never gotten High Honor Roll before.  
- Sully Richards

My goal for this year is to get Honor Roll or get High Honor Roll and do the best in school. If I achieve this goal I will be really happy and tell my parents.  
- Taylor Smith



My goal is to get Honor Roll or High Honor Roll. If I achieve this goal then I will get rewarded.  
-Trinity Lord

My goal is to have fun and make new friends. I want this because it's fun to learn more about someone.  
- Cole Millington

This year I hope to read all my books on my book list so I can get 400 AR points. If I achieve this goal I will make the SRI Reading Wall of Fame 400 Club. I will feel happy if I achieve this goal because it is a big goal.  
-Jacqueline San Antonio

My goal is to pass all of my classes or just some of my classes. I hope to do better in reading. I hope to make Honor Roll or maybe High Honor Roll. If I achieve these goals then I would be so

happy for myself and I would keep pushing myself to do even better. - Liam McKinney

My goal is to do a lot better in art and get at least 100 AR points. I want to do better in art because I want to get better at drawing and painting. I want to get at least 100 AR points so I can be a better reader. - Sofia Hodgson

My goal for this year is to get four time Honor Roll. Last year I got four time Honor Roll and it made me feel great about myself! Also it has given me so much encouragement and when I found out I got four time Honor roll I said to myself, "Wow! I can actually do this!" I just want to feel that way again! Also, I won't fail.  
- Maggie Pratt

My goal for this year is to read 300 AR points for the year. I want 300 points because that would be 100 more points than last year. As a reader I would be happy to get that many points in a year. - Ryan Fink

My goal is to get more than 40 AR points. I want to achieve this goal because I've never gotten more than 40 points. Another goal I have is to make High Honor Roll 4 times. I want to make Honor Roll 4 times because it would make me and my mom happy. - Andilyn Cleveland

My goals for this year are to get all of my AR points for the year, maybe more. I also want to get good grades in all my classes. I hope to get better at social studies and be friends with my teacher. If and when I achieve my goals for the year then I will be proud of myself.  
- Saoirse Mahaffey

My goal is to pass 6th grade. If I pass 6th grade then I can be on modified softball. It feels good when I play softball. - Lauren Cleveland



## JCS Honors Ceremony, 2021

The Johnsborg Central School Teachers Association was thrilled to be able to hold its annual Honors Ceremony on Wednesday, June 9 outdoors on the grounds at JCS. The event was live streamed so that remote students and all families and friends could view from home. Students in grades 7-12 were recognized for outstanding achievement and effort during the 2020-21 school year. Twenty-five in-person and remote 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were recognized for their hard work, as were 55 senior high students. In addition, an incredible 32 scholarships were presented to several 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The format of the ceremony was different than in past years and provided the opportunity for all 7 - 12 grade students to attend, whether in-person or virtually.



11th Grade in-person recipients



7th Grade in-person recipients



12th Grade in-person recipients



9th Grade in-person recipients

YOU DID IT!  
*Congratulations*



# National Honor Society

JCS inducted 10 students into our Junior and Senior National Honor Societies. The 2021 Junior National Honor Society inductees include Kaylie O'Hara, Lillian SanAntonio, Eli Morin, and Eric Mason. The 2020 Senior National Honor Society inductees include Michael Brouthers, Kamron Calvert, Erin Corr, Aidan Millington, Zachariah Morehouse, and Julia Morris. Junior members must maintain an average of 85, while senior members must maintain an 88 average. Members must also demonstrate an ongoing display of character, leadership, and service throughout the school, community, and beyond. Congratulations to all new inductees!



## NOTES FROM OUR TAX COLLECTOR

Please note: We will not offer in-person collections again this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. We are offering for those individuals who do not wish to mail in their tax bill, a drop box located inside the main entrance, Door A, of Johnsburg Central School. We are accepting checks or money orders only. NO CASH please.

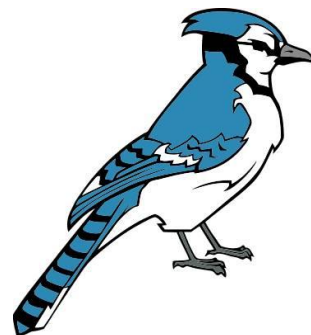
The drop box will be available September 1<sup>st</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions please call our Tax Collector, Ms. Mary Alexander at 518-251-2431 after 4 pm.



## JOHNSBURG TRIVIA

Did you know?

The Johnsburg Jaguars used to be called the Johnsburg Blue Jays?





## Information provided by Mrs. Bruce

### **SAT** **SAT for Seniors** **SAT**

Seniors wanting to take the SAT can do so on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 in room 123 from 8:00 – 12:00. There is a sign-up sheet on Mrs. Bruce's office door. The test fee is \$55 unless you qualify for a fee reduction which is \$8.00. The Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section tests your knowledge of comprehension and grammar. The Math section has 2 parts; a calculator use and a non-calculator use. Problems consist of Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Problem Solving and Data Analysis. Payment is due the morning of the test. Checks can be made payable to Johnsburg Central School.

Free practice tests are available at:  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>.



### **Virtual College Fairs offered by SUNY**

Students can meet representatives from SUNY campuses to discuss academic offering, student life, financial aid, and more. During the fair, you will be able to communicate with campus representatives using test and video chat. These events are on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

Register at:  
<https://www.suny.edu/attend/events/virtual-college-fair>



### **Financial Aid Conferences**

I am currently holding individual financial aid conferences in my office. Seniors and their parents are encouraged to make an appointment with me to go over the financial aid process. You will gain knowledge of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, New York Scholarships and Award programs including the Excelsior Scholarship and TAP, CSS/Profile, Scholarship Search websites and much more.

Email me at [jbruce@johnsburgcsd.org](mailto:jbruce@johnsburgcsd.org) or call my office at 518-251-2921 ext. 3900

### **PSAT/NMSQT for Juniors**

Juniors can take the PSAT (practice test for the SAT) on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 in room 123 from 8:00 – 11:30. There is a sign-up sheet on Mrs. Bruce's office door. The test fee is \$18.00. When you take the PSAT/NMSQT, you may meet requirements to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program and compete for national recognition and college scholarships. The Reading and Writing section includes reading passages with multiple choice questions. The Math section includes Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Problem Solving and Data Analysis. There is a calculator use section and a non-calculator use section.

Free practice tests are available at  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>



# JOHNSBURG



## Fall Sports:

- All of our fall sports teams are right in the midst of their very busy seasons. The Modified and Varsity Soccer teams are very competitive in the MVAC in Section 7. The Cross Country Teams are competing in the Adirondack League of Section 2.
- These teams are spending a lot of time preparing themselves for postseason play which will begin in the middle of October.
- Elementary Soccer is starting September 28th! Our 5th and 6th grade team will be coached by Maryellen Mahar and Joseph San Antonio. Our 3rd and 4th grade teams will be coached by Kate Sauer-Jones. Please keep an eye out for information on youth soccer for prek-2nd grade soccer.
- Join us for SOCCERFEST Columbus day weekend!
  - **Friday October 8th**  
Girls Modified vs. Schroon  
Lake/Newcomb @ 5pm  
Girls Varsity vs. Fort Ann @ 7pm  
(Under the lights!)  
(Girls Senior Night in between the two games- 6:45ish)
  - **Saturday October 9th**  
3rd and 4th Grade Soccer Game Lower Field 1:30-3:00pm  
5th and 6th grade soccer game on the upper Field 1:30-3:00pm  
Alumni Soccer Game 3:00-4:30pm  
Boys Modified vs. Willsboro @ 5pm  
Boys Varsity vs. Willsboro @ 7pm  
(Under the lights!)  
(Boys Senior Night in between the two games- 6:45ish)

## Looking ahead:

- Winter sports sign-ups will be coming out soon. Students should be on the lookout for information on how to sign up.
- All Student-Athletes will need an up to date physical to participate in winter sports. If they have not yet played a sport this school year, the Student-Athletes should check with Coach Pierson to see if they will need an updated physical.
- All Winter sports are set to start on November 15th.

## Physical Education:

- It is great to be able to have all of our students in the gym with us this year. Our elementary students have PE every day during the week and our 7-12 students have PE 2-3 times per week.
- We just recently finished a Soccer unit and it was great to see all the different skills that the students have. We will be moving onto an Ultimate Frisbee unit next.
- Just as a reminder to everyone, we will be going outside as much as possible so all the students need to be prepared for any type of weather.

Coach Gonyo  
Coach Pierson







We made it through our first month back in school! Though I cannot physically see the smiles with our masks, I know the students are smiling behind them. It's been so nice to see everyone back and have our normal school hours. The students seem to be happy as I see them pass by or stop by my office. It hasn't been easy on everyone, but I am proud to be a part of such a supportive community here at Johnsburg.

As we move into the school year, remember athletes may not practice if their physical is not up to date and their health interval form is not filled out within 30 days of the start of sports. Please check if you are unsure if their physical is up to date in the health office. Winter sports are set to begin on November 15th; please check in before then.

Please be diligent about keeping your kids home when sick, it may not be COVID, but we need to be sure to reduce the risk of spreading any illness to other students and staff.

Please make sure to be sending your child in with clean masks daily, they should be washed nightly or a new disposable mask used daily. Hand washing cannot be stressed enough; regardless of what the germs are-we do not want to spread any of them!

Many people may not realize that I cannot give any medications/ointments/Over the counter medications etc. without an order from their health care provider. If you would like an order on file for your child to be able to have Motrin/Tylenol etc., please provide the medication in the original labeled container along with an order from their healthcare provider.

\*Remind your kids to be drinking plenty of water and getting to bed at a reasonable time; a well hydrated and well-rested student will learn more quickly! These have been very busy weeks here at school, so getting enough rest cannot be encouraged enough!

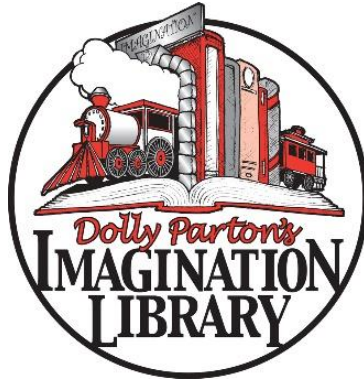
I encourage everyone to visit the school nurse section of our district's website. I often add helpful information, school requirements for physicals, screening, and vaccines. There are also informational links for other sites. We strictly follow NYSDOH regulations, so I would encourage you to review them as they may affect you/your children should they become sick at all this school year. The direct link for the "Commissioner's Determination on COVID-19 Testing pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.62" dated September 2, 2021, is found at the bottom right of the school nurse section of the district website. This outlines our requirements for excluding sick students and requiring COVID-19 testing before returning to school. I know how difficult this can be, as I, too, have had to do it with my own children. However, in order to decrease the risk of spreading COVID-19, we need to ensure we have sick students tested before returning to school.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I will be happy to answer or find the answers for you!

Be well,

Mrs. Amber Aurilio, RN JCS School Nurse  
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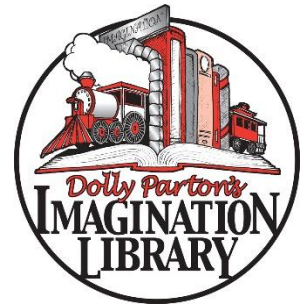




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Over 1,200,000 families have signed up to receive free children's books for their children. This includes nearly 100 families in the Town of Johnsburg who have also enrolled their kids in the Imagination Library program. And it's free and easy! Dolly Parton started an international program, Imagination Library, for any child from birth until their 5th birthday to have a quality children's book mailed directly to their home each month. She understands the value of books in the life of a child. There is no cost to you because our local chapter receives generous grant funding from the Glenn and Carol Pearsall Foundation as well as the Charles R. Wood Foundation. Interested? Just sign up... registration forms are available at JCS, the town library, or attached to the monthly JCS Newsletter. Thanks, Ann Arsenault Imagination Library, Johnsburg Chapter

Sign up your child today!  
Simply fill out the form below and mail to:  
Johnsburg Central School District  
165 Main Street  
North Creek, NY 12853  
(518) 251-2921



Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY Official Registration Form

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2<sup>nd</sup> Preschool Child's FULL Name \_\_\_\_\_

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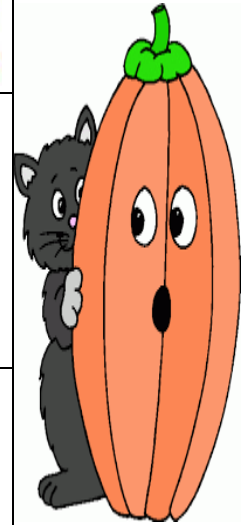
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# October

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JCS BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fresh fruit and vegetables used  Price: Students K-12 Free Adult: \$2.50				Juice 1 Fruit Waffles Syrup Milk
Juice 4 Fruit Bacon and cheese on a bagel Milk	Juice 5 Fruit Yogurt Muffins Milk	Juice 6 Fruit Pancakes Syrup Milk	Juice 7 Fruit Cereal Toast Jelly Milk	8 
11 	Juice 12 Fruit Breakfast pizza Hash browns Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Juice 13 Fruit Mini Fr. toast Syrup Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Juice 14 Fruit Breakfast parfait Cereal English Jelly Milk	Juice 15 Fruit Cheese Omelet Cereal Muffin Milk
Juice 18 Fruit Mini Waffles Syrup Cereal Toast / Jelly Milk	Juice 19 Fruit Bacon breakfast Sandwich Cereal English/ Jelly Milk	Juice 20 Fruit Yogurt Cereal Muffin Milk	Juice 21 Fruit Pancakes Syrup Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Juice 22 Fruit Veggie Omelet Cereal English Jelly Milk
Juice 25 Fruit Breakfast pizza Hash browns Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Juice 26 Fruit French toast Syrup Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Juice 27 Fruit Breakfast Smoothies Cereal Muffins Milk	Juice 28 Fruit Ham breakfast Sandwich Cereal English / Jelly Milk	Juice 29 Fruit Bacon & cheese on a bagel Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk







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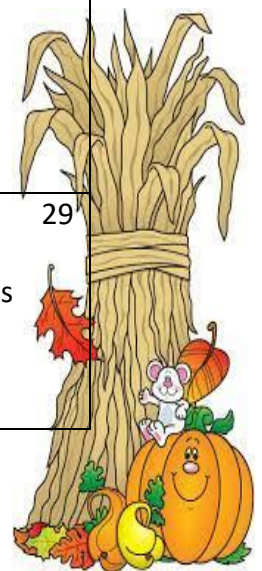
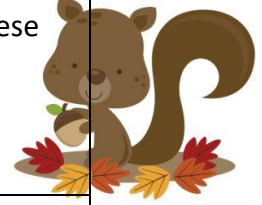


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JCS LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sandwiches & Salads are made daily as part of the lunch options	Juice is offered daily along with fruit for grades 9-12  All bread products are whole grain enriched			Hot dog 1 Mac & cheese Vegetables Fruit Milk
Chili w/beans or 4 w/o beans Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	Chicken 5 Tenders Couscous Vegetables Fruit Milk	Hamburger 6 Am. Cheese Smiley Fries Vegetables Fruit Milk	Turkey Sub 7 Lettuce, Tomato, Onions Baked Chips Vegetables Fruit Milk	8  <i>No School</i> <i>Staff Development Day</i> 
 <i>Columbus Day</i>	Cheese pizza 12 Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	Taco 13 Lettuce/ tomato French fries Rice Fruit Milk	Popcorn 14 Chicken Rice Vegetables Fruit Milk	Meatball 15 Sub Pasta Vegetables Fruit Milk
Tomato soup 18 Toasted cheese Vegetables Fruit Milk	Hamburg 19 Gravy Potatoes Vegetables Biscuits Fruit Milk	Chicken patty 20 On a bun Couscous Vegetables Fruit Milk	Italian 21 Dunkers Pasta Vegetables Fruit Milk	Chef Salad 22 Bread Sticks Fruit Salad
Nachos 25 Vegetables Fruit Muffins Milk	Hot dogs 26 Smiley fries Vegetables Fruit Milk	Chicken 27 Tenders Rice Vegetables Fruit Milk	Pepperoni 28 Pizza Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	Goulash 29 Vegetables Bread Sticks Fruit Milk



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