

# Jaguar Jottings

Your Johnsburg Central School Newsletter



## Superintendent's Corner



Welcome back!!!

I hope you have had a great summer. We have been busy getting ready for this school year. This year, we hope to return to a more typical school day starting at 7:45 and to go until 2:36 for students. We still have many protocols in place to keep everyone safe. We will still have to work through daily situations as they come up, but I believe that if we all work together, we will keep our school safe and open.

Another difference we have this year is that we will be having all students in attendance, and there will be no virtual learning. Our school, State, and even Nation realized from the last two years that virtual learning only worked for a very small percentage of students. Most students struggled with virtual learning, and many were not successful at all.

This year we are running busses at total capacity. We realize that students will be closer together, but we need the room to get all students to and from school daily out of necessity. Also, due to the lack of bus drivers, we may have to have additional runs in which students would have to wait until a bus gets back from its original run to get either picked up or brought home. (If you are interested in a full-time/part-time job, we have bus driving positions available.

Another place where students will be closer than six feet is in the cafeteria. Again, due to necessity, we will have students three feet apart. We will have seating charts for the cafeteria to help with safety and reduce the possibility of having mutilated students quarantined. The

seating chart will also be used when we need to conduct contract tracing.

I know that all this seems like a lot, but we are getting closer to a normal school year. And, I am sure you will agree with me that we hope for the day that COVID 19, quarantines, social distancing, are all words and issues that students learn about in history class.

With that being said, I am looking forward to seeing the halls filled with students and the excitement they bring to our school. See you soon.

**Never miss a copy of the 2021-2022 Jaguar Jottings.**

**Please email Cindy Homer at**

**[chomer@johnsburgcsd.org](mailto:chomer@johnsburgcsd.org) with the email address you would like her to send you our monthly newsletter.**



## Principal's Message



Welcome back to school! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. I'm looking forward to a successful year of in-person learning. We will continue to put COVID-19 safety precautions in place to keep our students and staff safe. Classes start for students on Tuesday, September 7th. The custodial and office staff have been hard at work getting the building, buses, fields, and grounds ready for the 2021-2022 school year.

### COVID-19 Protocol

We are planning for in-person learning for all students grades PreK-12. There will be no remote learning option. Masks will be worn while inside the building regardless of vaccination status. If students/staff are 6 feet or more apart, masks may be removed while distanced. All unvaccinated staff must be masked while inside at all times. Masks are not required while outside. Masks are required on all buses. School will be in session from 8:00-2:36.



### Good luck, Johnsburg-Minerva Athletes!!

Our fall sports teams will be girls' soccer, boys' soccer and XC running both at the varsity and modified levels. Contact our Athletic Directors, Zachary Pierson and Allison Gonyo, with questions about sports.

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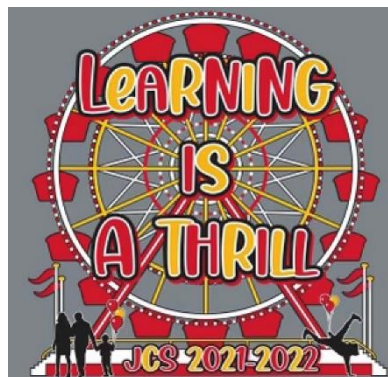
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# Welcome



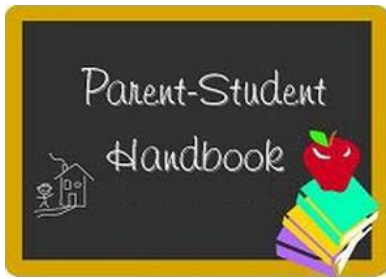
### Welcome to our School!

There are many new faces at JCS this year. Welcome, Allison Gonyo (PE), Melissa Jay (Special Education), Ashleigh Lawrence (Teaching Assistant). Mary Lupo (Teaching Assistant), MaryEllen Mahar (Art), Amanda May (Teaching Assistant), April Millington (Aide), Nicole Owens (Bus Driver), Zachary Pierson (PE), John Rathbun (Industrial Arts).



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

The reading theme is "Learning is a Thrill!" K-3 assemblies will be held monthly. Happy Reading!



### JCS Student/Parent Handbook & Code of Conduct

The handbook will be shared digitally through student school emails. The handbook can also be viewed through the JCS website under Parents and through our Facebook page. If you would like a hard copy of the handbook, stop by or call the principal's office at (518) 251-2921. There are several permission slips that need to be filled out and signed for each JCS student. A packet of these permission slips will be sent through the mail for all grade levels. Please return all permission slips by **Friday, September 17th**. If you have questions about the "Parent/Student Handbook & Code of Conduct," please call or stop by the principal's office.



### Dress Code

We do have a change to our dress code policy on page 87 of the "Parent/Student Handbook & Code of Conduct." This change is noted below with an asterisks.

Students wearing inappropriate clothing, for example, clothing that reveal undergarments, will be handled by the principal through teacher referral. Recognize that extremely brief garments such as **\*crop tops**, tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps without an appropriate outer garment such as a sweater (straps must be a minimum of 2 inches wide), inappropriate necklines (front and/or back) and see-through garments are not appropriate. Shorts, pants, skirts must be appropriate. No undergarments can be shown. A student's midriff area must be appropriately covered.



### After School Program (ASP)

The After School Program is for students in grades K-6 whose parents are working during after school hours. The cost of the program is \$3.00/day for each student. Payment is expected every 4 weeks. If your child attends the program regularly, a bill will be sent home with your child. If the bill is not sent with the child, it will be mailed. If payment is not made by the end of the week following the due date, your child(ren) will no longer be able to attend ASP. ASP will be based out of the third floor multi-purpose room (310). **Please remember that ASP is for the children of working parents only.** If a parent is home during after school hours, students are expected to go home. ASP runs Monday through Friday from 2:40-4:45. Students may be picked up or ride the 4:45 late bus. Look for an ASP application in this newsletter. ASP questions, call the principal's office at (518)251-2921, ext. 1.



### 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 to the office who have been "caught being good!"

Mrs. Flanagan Building Principal



Meet the newest members of the  
Johnsburg Central School Staff.



# ALLISON GONYO

Physical Education Teacher  
Health Teacher

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all throughout the school year, but for starters here's a little about me! I grew up in Lake Pleasant, NY, graduated from Wells Central School in 2001 and went on to earn my Bachelor's Degree at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA. I stayed in the Boston area and taught PE for two years. After returning home to the Adirondacks in 2008 I worked as a Substance Abuse Prevention Educator at Hamilton County Community Services. I have coached softball, basketball and soccer at area schools, including Johnsburg. For the last three years I have been teaching Health and Physical Education at Indian Lake Central School and recently received a Masters Degree in Health Education from SUNY Brockport. I currently live in North Creek with my husband Justin, and four year old son Collin. I look forward to getting to know the students and parents in the Johnsburg Central School Community and I'm excited to join this team!



# Melissa Jay

Special Education Teacher

My name is Melissa Jay I'm going to be a Special Education teacher here in Johnsburg. I am so excited to begin this journey teaching. I am 22 years old and I just graduated from Keuka College with a Bachelor's degree. I love sports especially football and basketball. I love to color in coloring books and do crossword puzzles. My favorite show to watch is Grey's Anatomy.



## ASHLEIGH LAWRENCE

Teaching Assistant

My name is Ashleigh Lawrence and I'm so excited to be joining JCS as a teaching assistant this year. I live in Johnsburg with my husband, Tim and our three children who all attend JCS. Our son Peyton is an 8th grader, our son Colton is in 3rd grade and our daughter Kinleigh is in 2nd grade. I'm an animal lover and in my free time you can find me playing with our lovable meathead Folsom (dog), tending my chickens or pitching in on my dad's farm. I love softball and play in both a women's league and a co-ed league throughout the summer and fall. When I'm not playing sports myself, I'm cheering my kids on from the sideline. After subbing at JCS for a number of years, I'm looking forward to joining the staff of my alma mater full time!



## Dr. MARYELLEN MAHAR

ART TEACHER

I am thrilled to join the Johnsburg community, and I thank you for the warm welcome I have received from everyone! I bring to Johnsburg my experience with arts-based methods of experiential learning and community building, utilizing art expression to foster personal agency and discovery. I come to you from Poughkeepsie, NY, where I have been teaching courses at Dutchess Community College while completing my Ph.D. in Expressive Art Therapies at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA.

In addition to my former work as an individual and group therapist at Recovery Centers of America in Danvers MA, my background includes Master's-level counseling at Lahey Clinic in Beverly, MA. This combination of teaching and clinical work has enriched my earlier experiences in the arts.

I hold a B.F.A. from The School of Visual Arts in New York City. My early artistic career includes murals and paintings in art galleries, along with being a radio morning show co-host, a singer in a band, and a teacher of dance and yoga. Although I've traveled extensively and lived in California, Colorado, Idaho, New York, Massachusetts and Italy, my favorite place of all has always been Minerva Lake. My family had a cabin there for most of my childhood.

I love nature, sports and community, and art expression has always been my way of connecting to the world. It is wonderful to be back here! I look forward to sharing all I've learned with the students and community of Johnsburg and I look forward to learning all you will teach me!





## Amanda May

Teaching Assistant

Hello! My name is Amanda L. May! I'm so excited to be coming back to work for my alma mater! I am a class of 2007 JCS graduate! I have 3 young sons Jameson Logen and Wyatt who are JCS students! They truly are my life, so what excitement it brings me to have the opportunity to work within their school too!

Some of my favorite things to do include taking care of all of our farm animals, taking time to travel, and go camping as a family. I look forward to the interactions with your children either in the classroom or on the bus!



## April Millington

Aide

Hi! My name is April and I am very excited to be part of the Johnsburg family! I am a 1998 JCS graduate and have 2 daughter that are very excited to be returning to their friends. Lilly is in 11th grade and Audrie is in 3rd grade. Lilly has a passion for anything art. Whether it be drawing, singing or playing a musical instrument. Audrie loves horses and has been really enjoying taking lessons and riding at horse shows. We also have 2 fur babies Titus (cat) and Murphy (German Shepherd). Up until 2 years ago we resided in the Johnsburg area until Chris, the girls and I bought a house and moved to Warrensburg. Previously I was the lead teacher in the toddler classroom at a daycare and I love to cook, read and crochet. As a family, we try to kayak, hike, or travel whenever possible to experience new places. Being a one-to-one aide is my new adventure that I am very excited to be a part of.



Welcome

# NICOLE OWENS

Bus Driver

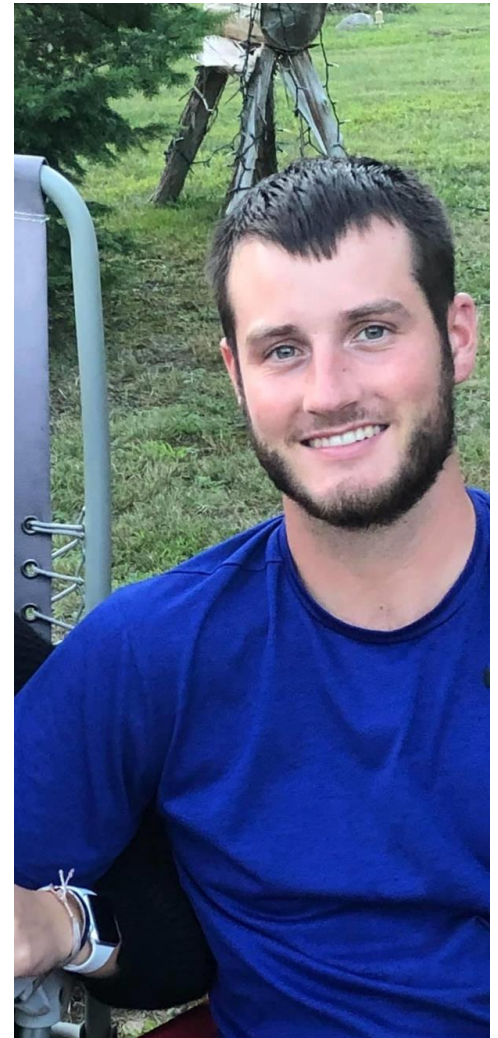
Hello everyone,  
My name is Nicole Owens, I am a proud mom of two children and a step-mom of one. I married my best-friend 10 months ago and I moved to North Creek a little over 3 years ago. I am currently enrolled at SUNY Empire state college where I am working towards a degree in Human and Community Services. I am incredibly honored to be able to work side by side with the greatest group of people within the Johnsbury bus garage. For the coming school year I just wish everyone happiness, joy and that we all can stay healthy. I'm looking forward to working with everyone and seeing all the children.



# ZACHARY PIERSON

Physical Education Teacher

Hi, my name is Zachary Pierson and I am from Willsboro, New York. I graduated from Willsboro Central School in 2016, and attended SUNY Cortland where I received my Bachelor's degree in Physical Education. Over the last two years I have worked as a Physical Education Teacher and a Permanent Building Substitute at Willsboro Central School. At Willsboro I also volunteered with coaching soccer and basketball. I am excited to be the varsity coach for the Boys Soccer team this upcoming season, and look forward to meeting all of you throughout the year.





## John Rathbun

Industrial Arts Teacher

Hello, my name is John Rathbun I retired in 2012 after teaching Technology Education for 32 years. I have lived in Indian Lake since 1980. I am married and have 2 sons and daughter-in-laws and 3 grandchildren. I also work at Gore Mountain Ski Center in Ski School during the winter and in summer I work for Hamilton County Sherriff Department Navigation Patrol. I look forward to working with the students at Johnsburg Central School this year.



Welcome

# Students OF THE MONTH



## K-4 Student of the Month - June (Listed Alphabetically)

Gavin Galusha

Mark Donohue

Jason Pryme

Taiga Dean

Dominic Aurillo

Emery Eldridge

Lucas Perez

Juliet Beaudrot

Emeline Galusha

Leon Bills

Kameron Pardick

Aidan Waldron

Abel Hitchcock

Jameson May

Launa Morehouse

### Specials:

Physical Education – Emeline Galusha & Gavin Galusha

Art – Kayden Lawrence & Kayden Lawrence

Music – Alexander Fish

Library – Cyrene Brouthers

CONGRATULATIONS!



# Kindergarten



# 1st Grade



# 1ST GRADE



# 2nd Grade



# 3rd Grade



# 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



## 4th Grade Mrs. Morris & Mrs. Olesheski 4th Marking Period

### High Honor Roll

*Overall average of 93% or higher*

Katherine Moro  
Aaden Sauer-Jones

### Honor Roll

*Overall average between 85%-92%*

Olive Aurilio  
Carleigh Hayes  
Huck Knickerbocker  
Isla Lewis  
Jameson May  
Evelynn Noel  
Wesley SanAntonio  
Amasia Smith





# Johnsburg Central School

## Fourth Quarter

2020-2021



### HIGH HONORS

93 and above average

#### Grade 7

Keegan Mottram    Hannah Sharp    Lexi Sharp

#### Grade 8

Alesha Johnston                      Eric Mason  
Lillian San Antonio                  Tristin Secor

#### Grade 9

Angelo Galle                              Caroline Williams

#### Grade 10

Michael Brouthers                      Julia Morris

#### Grade 11

Drue Degroat                              Zachariah Morehouse  
Madison Vaus                              Aleesha Washburn

#### Grade 12

Jennie Allen                              Ryan Morris  
Hunter Mulvey                              Jamie Sabattis  
JulieAnn Verfurth                              Helena Williams



### HONORS

85 to 92 average

#### Grade 7

Alissa Bennett                              Jeremiah Freebern  
Walter Hodgson                              Peyton Lawrence  
Marley Lewis                                  Lucia Williams

#### Grade 8

Kira DeLong                                  Mason Englert  
Charity Lupo                                  Elington Morin  
Kaylie O'Hara                                  Margaret Selleck

#### Grade 9

Corbin DeGroat                              Madelaine Freebern  
Levi Neal    Cole Sears

#### Grade 10

Kamron Calvert                              Erin Corr  
Aidan Millington                              Rodney Wolfe

#### Grade 11

David Anderson                              Yanden Cleveland  
Cassandra Dunbar                              Mariya Dunkley  
Noah Moffitt                                  Gage Morris  
Nolan Pierson                                  Samuel Porter  
Andrew Prosser                                  Kaleb Smith  
Lukas Van Aken

#### Grade 12

Sierra Dunkley                              Andrew Freebern  
Anthony Galle                                  Haley Mason  
June McCarthy                                  Maria Ordway  
Jaxon Roblee                                  Clayton Schmale  
Austin Washburn                                  Peyton Wing



# JOHNSBURG



Greetings everyone! We hope this newsletters finds you well and excited for this upcoming school year. The PE, Health and Athletics department will see some new faces this year. Zach Pierson and Allison Gonyo will be taking on the PE role and will be CO-Athletic Coordinators for this school year. Coach Gonyo will be teaching the 7th and 10th grade Health Education classes. We are both eager to start the school year and get to know all the students and parents in the Johnsburg Community.

Our goal for the physical education program is to expose students to many different forms of physical activity that can be taken with them and enjoyed outside of school independently or when playing on a team. PE will also give students the opportunity to demonstrate positive social behaviors that emphasizes both sportsmanship and teamwork all while having fun. The PE curriculum will be based on the SHAPE America and New York State Physical Education Learning Standards. In order for this to be a positive experience, students are expected to follow these classroom expectations.

1. Be responsible; come to class each day prepared to participate with appropriate footwear and clothing.
2. Observe safety rules
3. Interact appropriately with peers by showing good sportsmanship in all activities.

We know that there are many health benefits to exercising and eating healthy. Please encourage your children to exercise outside of PE class. Here are some tips on how families can work together to be more active.

- **Keep track of how your family spends time during one week. Then find two 30 minute time slots when the family could fit in physical activity.**
  - Choose times when the family is usually together to try an activity

- Choose times when you usually have a lot of energy.
- **Start Small**
  - Take a walk or play tag
  - Walk to work, school or a friends house
  - Use chores to move more (vacuuming, raking, shoveling, scrubbing floors etc.)
  - Come up with your own ideas as a family!
- **Start with what you know**
  - Do things I know how to do: Ride a bike, dance, ski, swim
  - Pick activities that don't need costly sports gear: Jogging, pushups, toss a ball
  - Get active at home, neighborhood or park

We hope you enjoy finding ways to be active and we look forward to working with your child(ren). Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns or just to say "hello!" Have a great school year!!!

Coach Gonyo  
Coach Pierson







Welcome Back JCS Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Hopefully you all did things that made your hearts happy!

I'm so glad we have the opportunity to be back in school full time this year! As we come back to school, I would like to remind everyone that handwashing has and always will be number one in reducing the spread of illness, which remains especially important as we remain in the COVID-19 Pandemic. In addition, mask wearing and social distancing again this year will significantly reduce the spread of COVID-19. I've had the pleasure of being on our school "Re-opening Committee" and believe we have and continue to discuss the best plans for our district with the safety and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff as the main priority, of course while providing the best education possible to our students.

- If you have a child entering PK or Kindergarten, please make sure a Health Appraisal (physical form within the past 12 months) and a copy of immunizations has been submitted.

- If you received a letter in June requesting an up to date physical or the need for immunizations, please make sure you submit these documents ASAP. Physicals need to be submitted within 30 days of the start of the school year or a physical may be scheduled with our medical director here at school. Immunization documentation must be submitted within 14 days of starting school. **If you need help in obtaining the required vaccines for school entry, please contact me or Warren County Public Health.**

- ALL Medication Orders have to be renewed every school year, so if your child has daily or any as needed medications, please obtain new

orders from their Primary Health Care Provider and submit to me as soon as possible. Please also contact me to arrange a time to drop off any medications. Unless you submit an order to me from your child's health care provider that states they are allowed to self-carry an emergency medication (i.e. inhalers/epi-pens/Benadryl), then the medication CANNOT be sent in with the student (or an older sibling), a parent must bring the medication in.

- If your child has a health condition or needs special care during the school day such as medication, treatments, or monitoring, please inform me and provide any pertinent documentation (orders) from your child's Primary Health Care Provider. Individual health care plans help keep your children safe and healthy.

- Visit the school nurse section of our School web page for more information on student health, school forms, and other helpful links.

This time of year raises the perfect opportunity to get your children back on a good schedule. Reading daily, eating a healthy balanced diet, talking to them about hand washing and mask wearing, and back to a healthy bedtime schedule and routines so they are well rested and ready to begin school!

As always, please never hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns!

I look forward to seeing all the familiar faces this fall and meeting all the new students as well!

Be well,

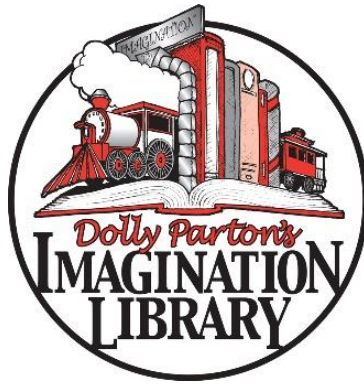
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Johnsburg Central School District  
165 Main Street  
North Creek, NY 12853  
(518) 251-2921



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1<sup>ST</sup> Preschool Child's FULL Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Sex: M F Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Sex: M F Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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2021

JCS BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fresh fruit and vegetables used  Price: Students K-12 Free Adult: \$2.50		1  <b>Staff Day</b>		3  
6	7 Juice Fruit Cereal Toast Jelly Milk	8 Juice Fruit Breakfast pizza Hash browns Milk	9 Juice Fruit Bacon and cheese on a bagel Milk	10 Juice Fruit Mini pancakes Syrup Milk
13 Juice Fruit Bagel w/ cream cheese Milk	14 Juice Fruit Cereal Toast Jelly Milk	15 Juice Fruit Breakfast parfait English Jelly Milk	16 Juice Fruit Mini Waffles Syrup Milk	17 Juice Fruit Egg & cheese on English muffin Milk
20 Juice Fruit Breakfast pizza Hash browns Milk	21 Juice Fruit French toast Syrup Milk	22 Juice Fruit Cereal Toast Jelly Milk	23 Juice Fruit Bacon & cheese on a Bagel Milk	24 Juice Fruit Breakfast Smoothie Muffins Milk
27 Juice Fruit Mini Pancakes Syrup Milk	28 Juice Fruit Cereal Toast Jelly Milk	29 Juice Fruit Bacon, Egg & cheese on English muffin Milk	30 Juice Yogurt Muffins Milk	

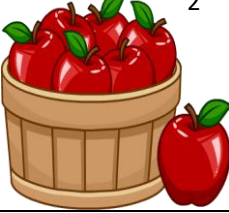





**MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**



# SEPTEMBER

2021  
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	1  <b>STAFF DAY</b>	2 	3 
6 	7 Meatball Sub Baked chips Vegetables Fruit Milk	8 BBQ chicken Sandwich Rice Vegetables Fruit Milk	9 Hamburger Am. Cheese Pasta Vegetables Fruit Milk	10 Cheese Pizza Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk
13 Hot dog French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk	14 Chicken patty On a bun Rice Vegetables Fruit Milk	15 Taco Lettuce/ tomato French fries Rice Fruit Milk	16 Tomato soup Toasted cheese Vegetables Fruit Milk	17 Chicken Caesar Salad Biscuits Fruit Milk
20 Sausage Pizza Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	21 BBQ pulled Pork sandwich Rice Vegetables Fruit Milk	22 Beef Ravioli Vegetables Bread sticks Fruit Milk	23 Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap Baked chips Vegetables Fruit Milk	24 Hamburger Am. Cheese French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk
27 Chicken Nuggets French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk	28 Italian Dunkers Pasta Vegetables Fruit Milk	29 Tomato soup Toasted cheese Vegetables Fruit Milk	30 Pepperoni Pizza Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	

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