

# Jaguar Jottings

Your Johnsburg Central School Newsletter



## Superintendent's Corner



### Feasibility Study

At the January 17 meeting, the feasibility committee discussed course offerings, future building use, and transportation. CASDA presented information they had gathered to the group, facilitating a general discussion. The group broke into two smaller groups to take information and develop possible plans for the merged district.

Both groups agreed that both school buildings should be used if the districts were to merge. They talked about different combinations of grade levels at the two buildings and what the advantages of each were.

When they talked about transportation, they realized that no student was on a bus for longer than 40 minutes in either district under normal road conditions at the present time. It was also discussed that the two schools are less than 7 miles apart and that the time to travel between the schools is less than 10 minutes. (This is known because both schools do this almost nightly due to our merged sports program.)

The last thing discussed was the curriculum at both schools. This included offerings that each school had at the present time, as well as what may be able to be offered in the future if the schools were to merge. For example, Minerva has a Technology teacher

(for the older generation, this would be known as a shop teacher), but Johnsburg does not. Johnsburg has a Family Consumer Teacher (again, for the older generation, this would be known as a Home Economics teacher.), and Minerva does not. If the two schools were to merge, it would bring both programs together for all students. Other differences were discussed, showing how a merged district would help both schools academically.

The next Feasibility meeting is January 31<sup>st</sup> and the topics to be discussed at this meeting are Elementary program alignment, athletics, contract comparisons, and district financial information.

### The Governor's Budget.

If you are following the Governor's budget proposal, you will already know that she has removed the "Save Harmless" law from the school budget process. This law states that schools affected negatively by the school aid formula will not see a decrease in their foundation aid from the prior year. This has been the lifeline for all rural schools as enrollment has decreased. The governor took that safety net away this year, and our district lost \$550,000.

Now, it is up to our legislatures to turn this around. They still have the negotiation power to change this proposal and give us and approximately 400 other school districts back their aid. It is essential to know that this does not include an increase; we all know that everything has increased in cost. Be assured that I am lobbying our legislatures to take action. The State Budget deadline is April 1st, but it is often later than this when they come out with the final passed budget.



## Principal's Message



The Mountain and Valley Athletic Conference has unveiled its fall 2023 scholar athletes. Congratulations, Caroline Williams and Angelo Galle!

### NYS Grade 3-8 Testing Dates

ELA 3-6 April 10 & 11  
ELA 7-8 April 17 & 18  
Math 3-6 May 7 & 8  
Math 7-8 April 30 & May 1  
Science 5 & 8 May 14

### JCS Book Swap - DONATIONS WANTED!

JCS will be holding a FREE book swap during our Prek-6 "Leap into Reading Night" on February 29th. Donations of gently used children's books are being collected for this event. Books may be dropped off in the JCS main office or brought to Mrs. Olesheski in room 214. Books should be in good condition with no writing or tears. Early readers, picture books, and age appropriate chapter books are welcome. Information about Leap into Reading Night for grades PreK-6 will be sent home in February. Thank you for your donations!

BOOKSWAP



### Facebook

Check out our Johnsburg Central School page on Facebook.  
<https://www.facebook.com/JohnsburgCentralSchool/>



Mrs. Flanagan  Building Principal



## K-3 Student of the Month – January

(Listed Alphabetically)

Collin Gonyo  
Eamon Emlaw  
Gracelyn Monroe  
Grayson VanAken  
Hallie Horton  
Hollis Olesheski  
Lukas Bliss  
Mark Donohue  
Oliver Shaw

### Specials:

Physical Education –  
Hollis Olesheski & Jace Thissell  
Art – Hallie Horton  
Music – Grace Piemme  
Library – Elliana Harris

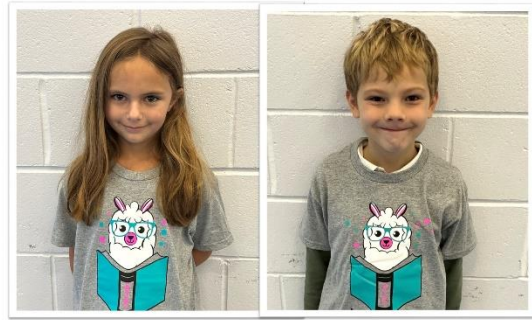
**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**Keep up the hard work!**



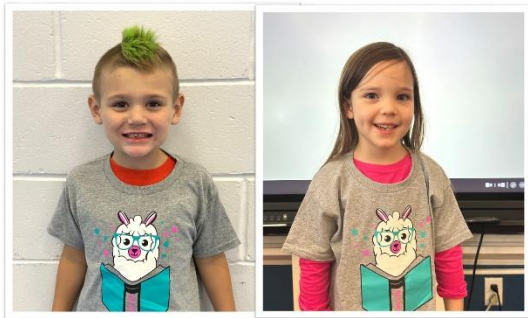
# PRE K



# 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE



# KINDERGARTEN



# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE



# 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE



## Incoming Prekindergarten at JCS

If your child(ren) will be 4 years old prior to December 1, 2024, they are eligible to attend prekindergarten during the 2024-2025 school year. Please call Laurie West in the main office at 518-251-2921 to register your child for pre-k. After you call, you will be sent a packet of information to fill out and return to the guidance office. Your child will be placed on a list indicating whether you prefer an AM or PM session, if it becomes necessary to have two sessions of pre-k. We cannot guarantee that your child will be placed in the session that you prefer. Placement will be determined by a first come, first-served basis. Please fill out and return your packets as soon as possible.

## Incoming Kindergarten at JCS

If your child(ren) will be 5 years old prior to December 1, 2024, they are eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2024-2025 school year. If your child currently attends pre-k at JCS, your child will be automatically registered for kindergarten.

If your child is not currently enrolled in pre-k at JCS, please call Laurie West in the main office at 518-251-2921 as soon as possible.







This month's question was asked to Ms. Varney's Third grade class.

**"What do you love about your school and your community?"**

Stephen Morehouse- One thing I love about my community is the hiking trails. I love the hiking trails because I get to go on them with my class. What I like about my school is Gym. I like Gym because we play tag games.

Cooper Haines-I love to go to the Ski Bowl to fish with my dad.

Lillian Bliss- I love my community because every winter I go to Gore Mountain and ski. It is fun. I go with my class or my family. I love my school because I get to see my teacher. I love my teacher. She is the best. I love Ms. Varney because she lets us do a bunch of stuff like coloring.

Sophia Hungerford- What I love about my community and school is that we get to go to Gore Mountain and ski. I am in a group of 3. I am with Joe and Robert and my instructor's name is Trent. I love my school because we have Art every Friday and we play and do Lucky Bucket.

Joe Thissell- I love our community because I love Little League. It is fun to hit balls. That is what I love about my community. I love music because we get to use the ukulele. That is what I love about school.



Hollis Olesheski- I love my community because every year people get here for Harvest Fest at Gore Mountain. There are bounce houses. People ski too. I also like Gore's mascot.. What do you love about your community? There are so many things I love about school. My favorite thing is seeing my friends and doing fun things with them like Art, Library, Music, and PE. I go to Johnsbury Central School. Our Mascot is a Jaguar. His name is Jiggy. What do you love about your school?

Wyatt May- I go hiking with my Aunt Amanda, Lincoln, and Maddie, Logen and Jameson. On the Carol Thomas Trail. I love Johnsbury School. I love gym. The time is 8:30 a.m. We get to play hockey!

Caida Ovitt-I love community because I like to go to Gore Mountain. I like my ski instructor. Her name is Mia. My favorite thing about school is Art because I like free drawing. What do you like about school?

Rhys Olesheski- I love our community because of skiing. We get a free pass because I am a student. That is what I love about my community. What I love about school is music class. I love to dance, sing, and have fun.

JosieLyn Beaudrot- I like my community because I like to go skiing. My instructor's name is Peter. Every Wednesday we do skiing. I love to go to Art because I like painting, coloring, and cutting. That is what I like about school.

Robert McComsey- I love my community because I love to go skiing. I love my school because I love learning math. It is fun. That is what I love about school.

Grayson VanAken- I love my community because I like to go to Gore Mountain and ski with my friends. What I love about school is recess because I can play with Robert. That is what I love about school.





Johnsburg Families,

A few Reminders from the Health Office:

- **SPRING SPORTS PHYSICALS** will be held on February 2nd. If your student-athlete does not have a current physical on file or it will expire before the start of the season, they are responsible for signing up for a school physical or handing in a physical before the season begins to participate.
- Many illnesses have and will continue to circulate; please keep your child(ren) home when not feeling well to help decrease the spread of all illnesses. \*Attached is a reminder for when your child(ren) should remain home
- If your child displays any COVID-19 symptoms, please do a home COVID-19 test before returning. If positive, please let me know so we can review the return to school protocol.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** JCS will hold a Blood Drive on March 15th. Be on the lookout for how to sign up!

I am looking for donations of travel-size deodorant if anyone would like to donate to the health office. These are supplied to students daily and are used up quickly. I'd be grateful for any amount donated! Thank you in advance!

As always, please contact me if you have any questions!

Be well,

Mrs. Amber Aurilio, RN

JCS School Nurse

[aurilio@johnsburgcsd.org](mailto:aurilio@johnsburgcsd.org)

518-251-2921 ext 5

Confidential Fax 518-251-2367

## Guidelines for Keeping Children Home from School Due to Illness Johnsburg Central School



It is sometimes difficult to decide when or how long to keep a sick child home from school. A child needs to stay home from school if they could possibly spread disease to others and/or are too sick themselves to function in a school setting. Please use the following guidelines for your child(ren).

**Fever:** If your child's temperature is 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above, they may not remain in school. A child **MUST** be fever-free for a mandatory 24 hours, without fever reducing medication, before returning to school.

**Cough:** If your child has a serious cough, particularly if it is accompanied by breathing trouble, keep your child home from school and consider seeing a doctor.

**Sore Throat:** If your child complains of a sore throat accompanied by a fever, they must be seen by a doctor before returning to school. If they have been diagnosed with strep throat and placed on antibiotics, they must remain home until fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication) **and** have been on the antibiotics for at least 24 hours.

**Diarrhea/Vomiting:** If your child has vomited and/or has had diarrhea (6 or more loose stools) within 24 hours, they should remain home. Remember, your child may feel better after vomiting but should still be kept home for 24 hours.

**Rashes:** Skin rashes of an unknown origin should be evaluated by a doctor before sending your child to school.

**Pinkeye:** Your child should remain home from school until receiving 24 hours of antibiotic therapy and discharge from the eye has stopped.

**Head Lice:** Your child is not allowed to be in school if live lice are present. They must be treated for lice before returning to school.

If your child was seen by their health care provider, it is necessary to provide a return to school note upon returning to school. The JCS fax number is (518) 251-2367.

If you are ever unsure of when to send your child(ren) and when to keep them home, please contact the school nurse, Mrs. Aurilio, for further clarification at (518) 251-2921 ext. 5.  
(updated 06/10/2022)



*Information provided by Mrs. Bruce*



### College Acceptances

**Melissa Bibby** – SUNY Adirondack

**Evan Bonanno** – SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Fredonia, and Hartwick College

**Cadence Dawson** – Columbia Greene Community College, The College of Saint Rose, and Wells College

**Corbin DeGroat** – Charleston Southern University and Liberty University

**Madeline Freebern** – SUNY Adirondack, Russell Sage College, and SUNY Potsdam

**Angelo Galle** – Paul Smith's College

**Mackenzie Mulligan** – The Paul Mitchell School

**Ian O'Connor** – SUNY Purchase and Elmira College

**Cole Sears** – SUNY Canton

**Francis Volcheck** – SUNY Adirondack

**Caroline Williams** – Belmont University, Nazareth University SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Purchase, and St. Lawrence University.

**Feelin Sick?  
Stay Home**





# SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1. 2024 Hudson Mohawk AHEC Health Career Scholarship** – This \$500 scholarship is for a senior enrolling into an approved healthcare-related program at a community college, university, or training entity within New York State. Applicant must reside in New York State. Applicant must reside in or be a graduating senior from a high school from one of these counties: Albany, Essex, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Warren, or Washington County.  
Applications are available in the Guidance Office.  
**The deadline is March 15, 2024.**
- 2. 2024 Cameron Jace Quartiers Memorial Scholarship** – This is a \$1,000 scholarship to a senior graduating from a New York State high school planning to pursue a 2 or 4-year degree in any health care field.  
Applications are available in the Guidance Office.  
**The deadline is April 30, 2024.**
- 3. 2024 Lloyd Mott Cycling Scholarship** – A deserving senior who will attend a 2 or 4-year college or trade school can win this \$2,500 scholarship based on their essay on the dangers of cycling in an unsafe space and what can be done to ensure the safety of cyclists.  
Applications are available in the Guidance Office.  
**The deadline is May 1, 2024**
- 4. Adirondack Paralegal Association Scholarship** – This \$350 scholarship is given by an organization comprised of professional individuals employed in the legal field in law offices and court systems throughout Warren, Washington, and Saratoga Counties. Eligible applicants must be high school seniors and a resident of Warren or Washington County. Applications will be judged on community service,

academic achievement, financial need, and personal goals.

Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**The deadline is March 1, 2024**

- 5. Crary Education Fund Scholarship** – This renewable scholarship valued up to \$1,300 is for a high school senior living in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, or Warren County who will be enrolling in a vocational program or college. The adjusted gross family income cannot exceed \$90,000. Exceptions to surpassing this limit **will** be considered but **must** be justified in writing by providing specific information on the number of children in the household, the number attending college, or any unusual financial circumstances.

Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**The deadline is May 1, 2024**

- 6. Excelsior Scholarship** – This scholarship covers tuition for any student attending a SUNY or CUNY college and whose family made \$125,000 or less in the 2022 tax year. You can submit your email so you are alerted to the opening of the online application for applicants planning to attend college in the fall 2024.

[www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior](http://www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior)

- 7. The Grishkot Foundation** – This is a renewable college scholarship of at least \$2,500 is for residents of Warren, Washington, and Saratoga Counties who are pursuing a degree in Aviation, Aerospace, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and other related medical support fields. Undergraduate premedical and graduate medical studies are specifically excluded. High school seniors and continuing college students can apply at

<https://grishkotfoundation.org>

**The deadline is March 2, 2024**



## 8. 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 2021 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/scholarship/application/>
- Demonstrate a commitment to both volunteer emergency service and the community.

## On-line Scholarship Websites



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

## Summer Employment

The Department of Environmental Conservation is accepting applications to fill positions at DEC campgrounds and day-use areas in the Adirondacks that include lifeguard, maintenance, security, supervisor, and more. For a complete list of positions, requirements, and the application visit

[www.dec.ny.gov/about/726.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/726.html)

Paper applications are available in the Guidance Office.

## Employment and Career Websites

1. 2024 NY State Jobs in Demand  
<https://dol.ny.gov/jobs-demand-today>
2. NY State Employment Projections for 2020-2030  
<https://dol.ny.gov/long-term-occupational-projections>
3. [www.learnhowtobecome.org](http://www.learnhowtobecome.org)
4. [www.sciencebuddies.org](http://www.sciencebuddies.org) – science careers
5. [www.nursingexplorer.com](http://www.nursingexplorer.com) – nursing careers
6. <http://explorehealthcareers.org>
7. <https://www.talentdesk.com/career-finder> - what jobs can I get with my degree?
8. [www.glassdoor.com](http://www.glassdoor.com)
9. [www.jobzone.ny.gov](http://www.jobzone.ny.gov)
10. [www.AdirondackHelpWanted.com](http://www.AdirondackHelpWanted.com)
11. [www.snagajob.com](http://www.snagajob.com)
12. [warrencountyny.gov/civilservice](http://warrencountyny.gov/civilservice)







First, congratulations to Johnsburg MVAC Fall Scholar-Athletes, seniors Caroline Williams and Angelo Galle.

January has been busy in our athletic department. Despite the weather and lack of snow in the beginning of the month, our Nordic team has been busy on the slopes. Some races are still left if you want to get out and support our athletes! Check the school's website for an updated race schedule.

Thank you to everyone supporting our modified and varsity basketball teams. Our first annual Ring In The New Year tournament was a lot of fun, and we look forward to hosting it again next January. Wells came out on top in first place, followed by Kings School, Indian Lake/Long Lake, and Johnsburg in 4th. Congratulations to Johnsburg's Nick Sauer-Jones for earning a spot on the tournament's All-Star team. Our Boys and Girls Varsity team hosted a Coaches vs Cancer night, and between the Johnsburg and Minerva communities, they raised \$1,400 for the American Cancer Society. Thanks to all who supported this event.

Elementary basketball has also started. The 5th and 6th-grade athletes are eager and excited to compete and build their basketball skills.

Spring sports are quickly approaching. Please ensure your child(ren) has an up-to-date physical before the start of the season. Reach out to Nurse Aurilio if you have any questions. All paperwork must be completed to start practicing. Spring sports start March

11th. Please encourage your child(ren) to sign up for softball, baseball, or tennis.

As our winter season begins to slow down and spring sports begin, we would like to remind all spectators that sportsmanship is expected at all times whether it is a JCS/MCS event or you are traveling to another school. Players', coaches', and spectators' behavior is a reflection of our school and our community. Please keep the cheering positive at all times.

JOHNSBURG YOUTH COMMITTEE IS REVAMPING OUR SUPPLIES

## WINTER SPORTS EQUIPMENT NEEDED

WE'RE COLLECTING THROUGH FEBRUARY!

- POLES
- GOGGLES
- SNOWBOARDS
- ICE SKATES
- SKIS (ALPINE & NORDIC)
- HELMETS
- WINTER GEAR
- BOOTS

Bring gently used equipment to the Johnsburg Town Hall





# 2024 Garnet Yearbook

165 Main St., North Creek, NY 12853

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, I would like to purchase the PreK-12 Yearbook for \$50.00 a copy or \$57.50 with name engraved.

Student Name:

Parent Name:

Address:

Phone:

Grade:

Home Room:

Name Engraving:

(Print Exactly as you wish the name to be printed on the book)

\_\_\_\_\_ # of books x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Due**

*Please make checks payable to:*

JCS Yearbook

*Return this form to either*

*Rebecca Morris or Rachel Pietryka,*

*or order online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)*

## **COFFEE WITH MIKE**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

**8:00 Am**



## **Feasibility Study Meeting**

**February 15, 2024**

**at**

**Minerva Central School**



## **MARKERSPACE**

**NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS**

**If you have any of the following items please bring them to school.**

**Please label them Markerspace.**

**Puzzles**

**Board Games**











# February



2024

## JCS BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fresh fruit and vegetables used  Price: Students K-12 Free Adult: \$2.80			Fruit Juice 1 Yogurt Cereal Muffin Milk	Fruit Juice 2 Fruit bowl Cereal Toast Jelly Milk 
Fruit Juice 5 Mini Cinnamon rolls Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit Juice 6 Bagel with Cr. cheese or P. B. Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit Juice 7 3 Meat Bk. Wrap Cereal Toast Jelly Milk	Fruit Juice 8 Mini Waffles Syrup Cereal English / Jelly Milk	Fruit Juice 9 Choice of cereal Toast Jelly Milk
Fruit Juice 12 Bacon & cheese on a bagel Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit Juice 13 Bk. Parfait Cereal Muffins Milk	Fruit Juice 14 Pancakes Syrup Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit Juice 15 Egg & cheese on an English Cereal English/ Jelly Milk	Fruit Juice 16 Breakfast pizza Hash brown Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk
				
Fruit Juice 26 Scrambled eggs Cereal Muffins Milk	Fruit Juice 27 Waffles Syrup Cereal Toast/ jelly Milk	Fruit Juice 28 Fruit Smoothies Cereal Toast Jelly Milk	Fruit Juice 29 Egg & cheese on an Bagel Cereal English/ Jelly Milk	

**BREAKFAST MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**









  
**FEBRUARY**  




2024  
JCS LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
All bread products are whole grain enriched <b>Nondairy and Gluten Free options available</b>	Juice is offered daily along with fruit for grades 9-12 	<b>Sandwiches &amp; Salads are made daily as part of the lunch options</b>	Dorito Nachos 1 Cheddar cheese Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets 2 Rice Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk 
Shepherd's pie 5 Biscuits Fruit Milk	Chicken chili 6 Corn muffins Fruit Milk	Cheese or Pepperoni pizza 7 Muffins Fruit Milk	Chicken Caesar Salad 8 Muffins Fruit Milk	Ziti 9 Vegetables Bread sticks Fruit Milk
Chicken 12 Patty on a bun Rice Vegetables Fruit Milk	Tomato soup 13 Toasted cheese Sandwich Vegetables Fruit Milk	Meatball sub 14 Baked chips Vegetables Fruit Milk 	Hot dog 15 On a bun French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk	Hamburger 16 On a bun Am. Cheese Macaroni Salad Vegetables Fruit Milk
	19 20 21 22 23 <i>Have a great winter break!</i> 			
Cheese or Buffalo chicken 26 Pizza Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	Italian Dunkers 27 Pasta Vegetables Fruit Milk	Popcorn Chicken 28 Rice Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk	Hot Ham and Cheddar cheese 29 Sub French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk	



**LUNCH MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**



# LEAP

## Into Reading

When: Thursday, February 29th (Leap Day!)

Where: JCS Cafetorium

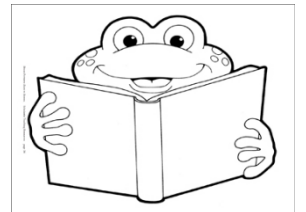
Time: 4:00-6:00 pm

Who: JCS Students and their families (PK-6)

What: Join us for a fun filled afternoon of reading activities to kick off PARP.



\*Free Book Swap\*Games  
\*Story Walk\*Snacks\*Ice Cream\*  
\*Crafts\*Activities\*Prizes\*





Johnsburg Central School District  
 165 Main Street  
 North Creek, NY 12853  
 (51 251-2921)

Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY Official Registration Form

*Privacy Statement: This information will not be used for any purpose other than those related to the Imagination Library. PLEASE PRINT*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

*(If different)*

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

"This child is a resident of *Johnsburg Central School District*" \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_





