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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF '21

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

KEEPING THE MAIN THING, THE MAIN THING

This is the speech Jackson Local Superintendent Chris DiLoreto delivered to the Class of 2021 at its May 25th commencement.

Good evening parents, Jackson Local Board of Education members, faculty, support staff, and our honored guests ... our graduates.



CHRIS DILORETO

To the Class of 2021, it is my great honor to be among the first to formally congratulate you this evening on the completion of your high school careers. This night is 13 years in the making.

Graduates please thank your parents for their support, encouragement, and unconditional love.

One year ago and throughout much of the last 14 months, we could barely gather at all. Look around Class of 2021 ... we are all gathered here today to celebrate

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Members of the Jackson High School Class of 2021 toss their caps in the air moments after Jackson High School Principal Jeff Kracker proclaimed them as graduates during the school's outdoor graduation held in May at Robert Fife Stadium

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More than 430 members of the Class of 2021 march into Robert Fife Stadium for the processional during the May 25 commencement.



Jackson High School Principal Jeff Kracker welcomes a graduate to the stage to receive her diploma.

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you and this rite of passage. The Class of 2021 is molded from many parts: resiliency, courage, innovation, and adaptability. You've learned the value of pressing on and getting the job done, regardless of the situation. You've overcome obstacles — including one not seen in more than 100 years —

and you're here tonight as Jackson High School graduates.

Already tested

You have proven these last 14 months that you can handle adversity. You've already been doing it. You have handled the uncertainty of this pandemic with class, dignity, and courage.

But make no mistake, the uncertainty is not over. This won't be the only uncertain time in your life.

In fact, I will tell you, there might be plenty of uncertain times in

the coming months as you leave for college, as you serve our country, or as you begin a new job. Today is closing just one chapter of your lives. You are in control of your destiny. However, when those uncertain times come, believe in yourself, make a decision, carve a path and go forward. When you're at a crossroads, lean on your family, and ask them for advice.

You will continue your journey in pursuing your dreams whether that is through higher education,



Jackson Local Board of Education President Scott Gindlesberger awards a diploma to a Jackson High School senior during commencement at Robert Fife Stadium.

enlistment, or employment.

Slow down

And it certainly won't be easy. There will be bumps in the road. And when those occur, remember back to the lessons learned over this past year: Just slow down. Gather all the information. See the big picture. Formulate a plan.

And if your bump in the road involves more than yourself, remember another lesson learned from this past year — take care of each other.

Our faculty and staff have modeled what taking care of each other truly means. I applaud them

for their commitment to our students this entire school year.

Class of 2021, today is your day. We all have heard the term super spreader. Be inspired to inspire! Be super-spreaders of inspiration.

Meet your uncertainties head-on, remain confident and courageous. Realize your potential. Achieve your dreams!

Class of 2021, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve you, and our educational community as your superintendent.

Thank you, good luck, and go Bears!

LOW-SPENDING HIGH-ACHIEVING A+

Jackson spends less per pupil than 80% of all Ohio schools, yet ranks in the top 10% academically.

JHS again named a top U.S. high school

Top 7% in National Rankings
40 in Ohio High Schools
1 in Canton Metro Area High Schools

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Jackson Local Schools Board of Education



Gindlesberger



Goff



Douglas



Winkhart



Wright

The 2020-2021 Jackson Local Board of Education members have met six times this school year. The members are: Board President Scott Gindlesberger, Vice President Christopher Goff, Tonya Wright,

Thomas Winkhart, Esq., and Ken Douglas.

The Board of Education meets monthly. Regularly scheduled meetings can be found on the district's website.



Save the date: Inaugural golf outing for JLSF at Glenmoor

The Jackson Local Schools Foundation will hold its inaugural golf outing Oct. 4 at Glenmoor Country Club. The event is a fundraiser for the foundation and the Jackson Alumni Association. The two organization recently completed a merger.

There are sponsor opportunities for businesses.

The event begins at 8 a.m. with registration. A shotgun start is set for 9:30 a.m.

"The Jackson Local Schools Foundation is appreciative of the great support we receive from the community throughout the year," foundation president Justin Hardesty said. "This golf outing is the perfect event to get those in the community who are passionate about supporting the Polar Bears together again. We look forward to seeing all Jackson supporters at one of Ohio's premier golf courses."

JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOLS Student Calendar 2021 - 2022

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August

- 11 Gr 6/New Student Orientation, 6-8:00 pm
- 11 Gr 9/New Student Orientation A-L, 7-8:00 pm
- 12 Gr 9/New Student Orientation M-Z, 7-8:00 pm
- 12 Teacher In-Service
- 12 Open House - All Elementaries, 4:30-6:30 pm
- 16 1st Day for Students (K-12)
- 17 Open House - JMMS, Last Name A-M, 6:00-7:00 pm
Last Name N-Z, 7:00-8:00 pm
- 25 Open House - High School, 5:30-7:30 pm

September

- 3 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
- 6 Labor Day - No School (K-12)

October

- 5 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
- 5 Parent Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
- 7 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
- 8 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
- 11 Columbus Day - No School (K-12)
- 13 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
- 13 Parent Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
- 15 End of 1st Marking Period - 41 Days

November

- 24 Thanksgiving Break Begins
- 30 Classes Resume

December

- 20 Winter Break Begins

January

- 3 Classes Resume
- 7 End of 2nd Marking Period - 46 Days
- 14 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School (K-12)

February

- 10 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
- 16 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
- 18 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
- 21 Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)

March

- 18 End of 3rd Marking Period - 46 Days
- 21 Spring Break Begins
- 28 Classes Resume

April

- 15 K-12 Conference Exchange - No School (K-12)

May

- 25 Last Day for Students & Staff
- 25 End of 4th Marking Period - 42 Days
- 30 Memorial Day

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- Yellow: First and Last Student Day
- Pink: Professional Development Day
- Blue: No School (K-12)
- Green: K-12 Conference Exchange - No School (K-12)

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Ideas to help reduce the learning gap this summer

Tips for helping students make up for learning loss from this past year due to distance learning

By Joe French

When students return to school this fall, educators anticipate larger-than-normal gaps in learning because of remote instruction last spring. While teachers, administrators, and parents worked tirelessly to keep students learning, most agree distance learning was not an equal substitute for being in the classroom. How can we get our students back on track?



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Use Positive Discipline

What you can do: Praise your child when he or she is behaving well. Do not just say “No!” Help your child to understand why you want him or her to behave differently. Say THREE positive statements for every one negative or correcting statement.

Provide Language-rich Experiences

What you can do: Talk to your child as you do everyday tasks. Name the steps in the activities, and the objects you are using to complete them. Add new words and concepts as your child grows. Introduce your child to different skills and activities. Give your child opportunities to try something that he or she has never done before! Rich and diverse experiences expand children’s understanding of the world around them. Talking to children as they experience the world teaches children vocabulary and shows them how to share thoughts and ideas.

Establish Family Routines

What you can do: Eat meals together EVERY night. If your entire family cannot be together, sit down with your child when he or she eats, so you can talk and visit. Put your child to bed by 8 p.m. EVERY night before he or she comes to Early Head Start. Keeping to a nighttime schedule is good for you, and good for your child! Consistent family routines strengthen relationships and help children learn to regulate their behavior. This self-regulation is critical for school success.

Read with your child!

What you can do: Read a book for at least 20 minutes every night with your child before bed, or at another time that works for you. Limit your child’s “screen” time to no more than an hour a day - too much television and computer time does not give children time to develop their imaginations or engage in self-directed play. Cultivate a love of reading and literacy. Reading with your child can develop a connection to learning that will last throughout his or her education.

There are incredible resources in the community as well:

Local Libraries. Visit the local library and participate in the summer reading program, story hour and library events.

Visit a park. Many times, parks have learning opportunities designed specific to children and youth. They often have printed materials which lead to a research

project. For example, Sippo Lake Park has an animal rescue exhibit. You can encourage your child to select their favorite animal and research its natural habitat and food preference. Perhaps even ask them to write a report. Children love to learn more about things that are interesting to them.

Visit your local grocery store. A grocery store is rich with learning opportunities. Have your child bring a pad of paper and a pencil and add the cost of the items as you add them to your cart. Ask your child to read the label or find an item that starts with a specific letter.

Visit a museum. Museums are perfect places to learn more about history, science and art. You can turn the visit in a science experiment, an art project or a history assignment. Go with your child’s interest.

Activity for home:

This is an assignment to do at home for elementary students. You may adjust the level of expectation depending on the skill level of your child.

Purpose: student will write to describe something or someone after reading a nonfiction magazine or book about their favorite animal or pet. It is a good idea to pick up books from the library if you can.

Materials: pencil, paper, picture of animals or pets, a book on the subject.

Directions: Pick a picture of your pet or any animal you chose. Write a letter or a paragraph to a friend or relative about your pet. Tell about the pet (use descriptive adjectives). Tell the pet’s name.

Tell as many things as you can about your pet.

Helpful hint: You may want to make some notes or lists about the animal before you begin writing.

Reflection: Read the letter aloud to someone in the family. Enjoy!

When we make learning fun and not a chore, children will flourish. You turn any situation or activity into a learning experience. Ask open-ended questions, encourage your child to dig deeper, and have fun. It will take time to close the learning gap, but it can be closed, and children will excel.

Cirque de Lumiere, Partie Deux C&A’s Let Your Light Shine

Cirque de Lumiere – Partie Deux will take place Aug. 14 at the Great Court for the Cultural Center for the Arts. This is C&A’s biggest fundraiser of the year. This in-person event will feature a trapeze artist, man walking on stilts and a cyr wheel. Come one, come all, and enjoy an evening of inspiring hope, health and happiness. The event will also feature an inspiring message from the youth of our community. Tickets to the event are \$85, which includes dinner and auction. To purchase a ticket, a \$25 raffle ticket, participate in the online auction or become a sponsor, visit https://www.childandadolescent.org/let-your-light-shine-cirque-de-lumiere-partie-deux/?fl_builder.

Joe French is chief executive officer of Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health

Jackson's Jalli makes U.S. Women's team

Sophomore hopes to earn spot on the Olympic Table Tennis Team; No. 1-ranked player in age group

Jackson High School sophomore Sarah Jalli recently returned home from the U.S. National Table Tennis Team Trials with a new title: National Team Member.

For the first time in her career, she is on the U.S. National Women's Team and will be representing the United States at upcoming international competitions including the Pan Am Games.

Jalli is the No. 1-ranked girl aged 15-and-under in the U.S. and she has moved up to the women's division for even more of a challenge, according to her coach, Samson Dubina. Her goal is to make the 2024 Olympics and she is continuing to work hard at the Samson Dubina Table Tennis Academy in Akron.

Her daily training includes jogging and stretching, Power Pong robot training, getting

About Sarah Jalli
 U.S. National Women's Team Member
 U.S. National Junior Team Member
 Ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for u15
 Ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for u17
 Ranked No. 2 in the U.S. for u19
 Ranked No. 6 in the U.S. for women



Jackson High School sophomore Sarah Jalli poses with her coach, Samson Dubina, at the U.S. Table Tennis National Team Trials.

lessons from Coach Dubina and Coach Chance Friend, participating in group sessions and



Jackson High School student Sarah Jalli has earned a spot on the U.S. National Women's Table Tennis Team. She will compete in the Pan Am Games, and international competition. Jalli has hopes of making the U.S. Olympic team. She is ranked No. 1 in the United States in under 17.

leagues, and going to the gym for speed and strength training.

"The 2024 Olympics is a tough goal, but she is prepared and ready and making daily progress," Dubina said.

Jalli would like to thank her parents, Sudhakar and Vimala for their support and to her sponsors Paddle Palace and Nittaku for their awesome equipment.

REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

For School Year 2021 - 2022

To be eligible for kindergarten in the Fall of 2021, your child must be 5 on or before September 30, 2021.

Online registration will open February 16, 2021

Our kindergarten information and registration forms are available on our website. Please go to <http://jackson.stark.k12.oh.us>. You can find "New Student Registration SY 21-22" under "Quick Links". If you have another student in grades 1 - 12, you may register them at this time as well using this same link.

After completing the registration forms online and scheduling an appointment, please note the following support documents listed below are needed to finalize your registration.



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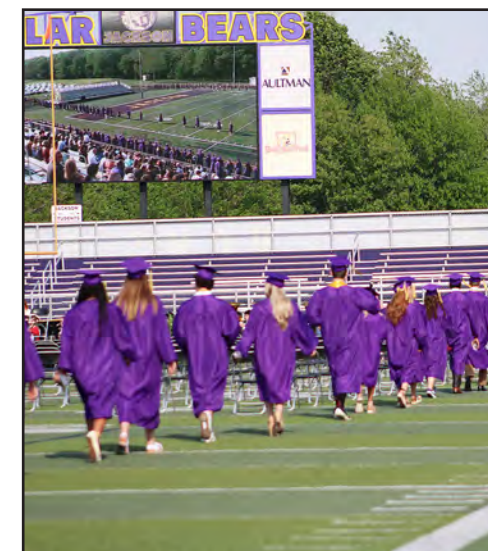
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CONGRATULATIONS: CLASS OF 2021 COMMENCEMENT



Sauder fourth-graders raise money for cancer



Aiden Betz and Alex Sayner, two fourth-graders at Sauder Elementary School, hosted their fifth lemonade stand to benefit childhood cancer research. Their June lemonade stand at South Park raised nearly \$900. They have raised almost \$3,000 for childhood cancer research. At left, Aiden and Alex are shown with Sauder Principal J.R. Reindel. At right, is Jackson Township Police Officer Mike Cvangros, who stopped to encourage the boys.

In a continuing effort to raise funds and awareness for the fight against childhood cancer, Alex Sayner and Aiden Betz, fourth-graders at Sauder Elementary, along with their mothers Sara and Megan, hosted a lemonade stand on June 5th in the parking

lot of the Jackson South Park. The lemonade stand benefited childhood cancer research through Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF).

Alex Sayner and Aiden Betz have held five lemonade stands over the years and have

raised nearly \$3,000. The boys' motivation is not only to honor their loved ones who have lost their battles with cancer, but because they want to support "a good cause and they like lemonade."

For more information or to

donate to Alex and Aiden's stand, visit their fundraising page at alexslimonade.org.

"The ALSF grant program is helping researchers throughout the country move closer to the day when a cure is a reality," Dr. David Polack said.

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Jackson High School Classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021 combined to earn nearly \$20 million in college scholarships.

Morosko earns Eagle rank with heartfelt project

Sam Morosko, a member of Troop 265 in Jackson Township, earned the rank of Eagle. Sam's Eagle Court of Honor was held March 20.

Sam began Scouting in May of 2018. He initially had no desire to pursue Eagle. After a few months in scouting, he set a goal to achieve Eagle before he turned 18 in 2020. The timeline was tight, but, Sam held leadership positions as patrol leader and scribe on his journey to Eagle.

Sam earned a few awards, including the 50-Miler, National Outdoor award, First Class First

Year, and a bronze palm. Sam has attended high adventure camps in Philmont, New Mexico and Boundary Waters, Minnesota. This summer he will travel to Florida for Sea Base.

Sam's Eagle project came from his own life experiences. Sam was in the foster care system prior to adoption by his parents. His project was "Comfort Kits for Foster Kids." He created tie blankets so that foster kids wouldn't be cold, and toiletry kits, so they would have their own personal hygiene items. The kits were donated to The Village Network, in Canton.



Sam Morosko completed his Eagle project, which was "Comfort Kits for Foster Kids." He created tie blankets with toiletry kits for foster kids to have in order to stay warm and to have their own toiletry kits.



Weaver's Stark Parks project earns Eagle Scout Award



Benjamin Weaver, a rising sophomore at Jackson High School, earned his Eagle Scout Award as a member of Troop 927.

Benjamin Weaver from Troop 927 located in Jackson Township, earned the rank of Eagle Scout in January.

For his Eagle project Ben collaborated with Stark Parks to design, build and place 13 signs to complete a scavenger hunt across multiple locations within Stark Parks. The hunt named "Find Me Feleap" has brought more families out to enjoy all that Stark Parks has to offer. "Feleap" is the Stark Parks mascot.

He has been active in scouting since 2013 crossing over to the Troop in 2017 and has earned

35 merit badges. Ben has served in several leadership positions and is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Ben is the son of Eric and Jodee Weaver and

will be a sophomore at Jackson High School.

He is a member of the Jackson High School Purple Army Marching Band and Jazz Band.

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Jackson Local serves children with disabilities

Within the intent of the federal statutes (Rehabilitation Act of 1973-section 504 and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act IDEA-public law 105-17), the Jackson Local School District continues its effort to locate and identify children with disabilities from birth through age 21.

Children with disabilities have physical, emotional, and/or mental impairments that may require special education. Public schools provide free and appropriate education regardless of a child's disability. However, before these children can be served, they must be found.

Many of these children are not visible because they may not function in the community's

mainstream, and many are preschoolers. Parents may not realize that programs and services are available through their school district or from agencies in their community. If you are aware of a child who may need a special education program or services, contact Kathy Brand, Jackson Local School District's Special Programs Director with any question you may have regarding the above notice.

The district is open to provide services (if your child is found eligible under IDEA) if you are interested in your child attending a public school setting.

Contact Information:
Kathy Brand, Special Programs Director
 7602 Fulton Drive NW
 Massillon, Ohio 44646
 Office: 330.830.8006



Jackson High School again has been selected as one of the top high schools in the country, according to U.S. News & World Report. The national magazine's annual rankings were released in April and it ranked JHS No. 1,241 out of 17,857 high schools in the United States. That puts Jackson in the top 6.9% of all U.S. high schools.

Jackson is ranked No. 40 in Ohio and No. 1 in Stark County.

"There is no one factor that goes into educating our students; it is, in fact, a combined effort among parents, teachers, students, and stakeholders collaborating and communicating to maintain the standard of education our community has come to expect," Jackson High School principal Jeff Kracker said.

U.S. News ranks JHS among country's best

National publication moves Jackson up to No. 40 in Ohio, top 7% nationally



"We are proud of the job our staff does every year, but this past school year in particular was special to see they way they worked to meet our families where they were."

Other Stark County high schools appearing among the top 100 in Ohio are Hoover, Lake, and Louisville.

The U.S. News Best High Schools ranking include data on nearly 24,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nearly 18,000 of those schools were ranked on six factors based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college. The six factors are: college readiness, math and reading proficiency, math and reading performance, under-served student performance, college curriculum breadth, and graduation rate.

Football season tickets on sale to the public for 2021 schedule

Season tickets for the 2021 football schedule will be on sale to the general public on Aug. 1. Renewal information for pre-vious season ticket holders has been sent to those fans.

This season we will have six home games. For the 2021 football season, your seats for home varsity football games can only be purchased by going to: www.jackson.stark.k12.

oh.us/domain/1751

After purchasing your tickets online, your season tickets will be sent to you electronically. One individual ticket per seat will be provided per game. The sale of season tickets will end August 19, 2021. If you have questions or need help, please call the athletic office at 330-837-3501.



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