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# **Updates from the Superintendent**



Chris DiLoreto

very parking lot in the industrial area near North Canton Racquet Club was packed on Sunday afternoon, March 12. One thought came to me heading into the annual St. Baldrick's event... We're back!

St. Baldrick's held its fundraiser in March to raise money for childhood cancer research. This event has taken

on a virtual or remote look for the last two years. In past years, however, North Canton Racquet Club's vast complex was jammed with people. So walking into this

year's event gave me a certain amount of pride in our Jackson Local community.

It started with parking. North Canton Racquet Club is located in an industrial area on Promway Avenue. On a Sunday afternoon, many of those parking lots in the surrounding businesses are empty. Not during St. Baldrick's. Nearly every parking lot around the club was full of cars, and many of them had kids of all ages from Jackson Local Schools.

Once inside and after the first couple rounds of shaves, it was great to see old friends, familiar faces, and even a couple of new ones. Jackson Local and North Canton City Schools have, for many years, partnered to raise money for St. Baldrick's. I am always appreciative of the collaboration with North Canton Assistant

Superintendent Dave Pilati as we helped each other raise money for this worthy cause.

The Canton St. Baldrick's event exceeded its fundraising goal of \$250,000 and has surpassed \$262,000. The two school districts combined to raise \$205,725 of the Canton region's total! I am particularly proud of the generosity of our students, families, staff, and community. Jackson Local raised nearly \$106,000 for this important cause. Our St. Baldrick's chapter was number 3 in the world and next

year Jackson Local will surpass \$1 million in donations to St. Baldrick's. Our total is currently \$981,450!

### **POLAR BEAR PLUNGE**

In February the Jackson Local Schools Foundation held its Polar Bear Plunge at Lake Cable. This event attracted a record number of jumpers this year. The clear blue, sunny skies likely had something to do with that. Rest assured, the water was Polar Bear-like. The Polar Bear Plunge is the Foundation's largest fundraising

> event of the year. The Foundation accepts applications for school and classroom grants to cover expenses for "Great Ideas" from our staff. In the past, some of the projects funded included virtual reality goggles, elementary art projects, STEAM bins, LEGO kits, an electric car kit, a hatchery kit, and water bottle stations among many others.

> We are grateful for our partners at the Foundation, a complete volunteer organization. The next event it will hold is the Polar Bear Chip-In at Glenmoor Country Club. Please visit the Foundation's website at (JacksonLocalSchoolsFoundation.org for more information.



We are already into the final nine weeks of the school year. We have had many great accomplishments this school year in the classroom, the stage, and athletic arenas. Members of our bands and choirs had outstanding performances at OMEA District 8 Large Group with these ensembles advancing to the state level: Freshman Chorus, Men's Chorus, Women's

Chorus, Chorale, Freshman Band, Gold Band, Purple Band, and Symphony Band.

Our winter sports season was a tremendous success with boys basketball and boys swimming winning league championships. Our boys and girls swimming and diving teams advanced to the state meet with great success and senior gymnast Kiara Hockman finished a tremendous career. She placed in three events at the state meet and was a four-time state qualifier. Our cheerleading team was nationally recognized and placed second in the state competition!

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# **Jumpers Brave Polar Bear Plunge Waters**

The Jackson Local Schools Foundation's annual Polar Bear Plunge event was held in February with a record number of jumpers. Student Council members, led by senior class president Greg Campbell, took the plunge. The event was kicked off by Superintendent Chris DiLoreto's team setting the stage for the event and many of our elementary students participated.





### Superintendent Update cont'd

### **ALL-SPORTS STANDINGS**

All of that athletic success means the Polar Bears are in great shape heading into the spring sports season in the All-Federal League Standings. We are in first place with 91.5 points, but our rivals at North Canton are right behind at 78.5 points and Green with 75.5. Let's Go Bears!

#### COMMENCEMENT

Commencement for the Class of 2023 will be held again at Robert Fife Stadium. This year, graduation will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 5 p.m. We hope this makes planning for out-of-town quests easier for our parents. Also, we are grateful to Progressive Auto Group for its generous sponsorship of our fireworks display at commencement.



Aubrey Mangun, a Sauder Elementary student, was one of the winners of the United Way Centennial Celebration art contest. She is pictured here with teacher Stella Gonzalez-Abreu and her winning artwork.

### **Jackson Local Schools Student Calendar** 2023-2024

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- 9 Gr 6/New Student Orientation, 6-8:00 pm 9 Gr 9/New Student Orientation A-L, 7-8:00 pm
- 10 Gr 9/New Student Orientation M-Z, 7-8:00 pm
- 10 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
- 23 Open House High School, 5:00-7:00 pm

#### SEPTEMBER

1 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12) 4 Labor Day - No School (K-12)

### OCTOBER

- 3 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
- 3 Parent Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:00-7:00 pm 5 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
- 6 Professional Development Day No School (K-12)
- 9 Columbus Day No School (K-12)
- 11 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
- 11 Parent Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:00-7:00 pm
- 20 End of 1st Marking Period 44 Days

### NOVEMBER

- 22 Thanksgiving Break Begins 28 Classes Resume

#### DECEMBER 21 Winter Break Begins

- 4 Classes Resume 11 End of 2nd Marking Period - 45 Days
- 12 Professional Development Day No School (K-12) 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School (K-12)

#### FEBRUARY

- 15 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:00-7:00 pm
- 16 Professional Development Day No School (K-12) 19 Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)
- 21 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:00-7:00 pm

#### MARCH

- 15 End of 3rd Marking Period 42 Days
- 25 Spring Break Begins

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### **Jackson Local Board of Education**

The 2022-2023 Jackson Local Board of Education members have met four times this school year. The members are: Board President Christopher Goff, Esq., Vice President Tonya Wright, Lia Jones, Esq., Thomas Winkhart, Esq., and Scott Gindlesberger.



**CHRISTOPHER GOFF** began his first term in January 2008 and has been re-elected three times. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration, with a major in finance from Ohio Northern University, a master's degree in political science from The University of Akron, and a juris doctor from The University of Akron School of Law. He is CEO and General Counsel at Employers Health and is an Adjunct Professor of Law at The University of Akron School of Law. Mr. Goff and his wife have three adult children who have graduated from Jackson Local Schools.



**TONYA WRIGHT** was appointed to the Board of Education in June 2020 and was elected to the Board in November 2021. She has a track record dedicated to servant leadership in Jackson and Stark County. Tonya graduated cum laude from the University of Akron with a bachelor of arts degree in business and organizational communications in 1992. She earned her master's degree in business administration from Kent State University in 2000, while working full-time. She has served in various corporate leadership roles, most recently product marketing manager at Diebold-Nixdorf. She also was an adjunct instructor at Stark State College in the business department. Mrs. Wright and her husband, Mark, have two daughters, Anna and Ava, both Jackson Local students.



LIA JONES was elected to the board in 2021. She graduated from Denison University with a bachelor of arts degree in communication. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Akron School of Law. Jones is senior vice president and senior fiduciary strategist for the Akron, Canton, and Mahoning Valley region at KeyBank. In addition to her work on the JLSD Board of Education, Jones is a member of the Akron Symphony Board of Directors. She was the 2018 recipient of the 30 for the Future Award, presented by the Greater Akron Chamber. Jones lives in Jackson Township with her husband, Caleb, and their young daughters, Elle and Olivia.



**TOM WINKHART** began his first term on the board in 2002 and has been re-elected to the board five times. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Toledo and a juris doctor degree from the University of Akron School of Law. He is president of the law firm of Winkhart & Minor and also of Cornerstone Real Estate Title Company. Tom and his wife, Janelle, have five children, who have graduated from Jackson High School.



**SCOTT GINDLESBERGER** was elected to the board in 2004 and has been re-elected four times. Mr. Gindlesberger holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Mount Union and a master's degree in finance from the University of Akron. He is a Senior Vice President with Stifel Nicolaus. Mr. Gindlesberger and his wife Susie have four children.

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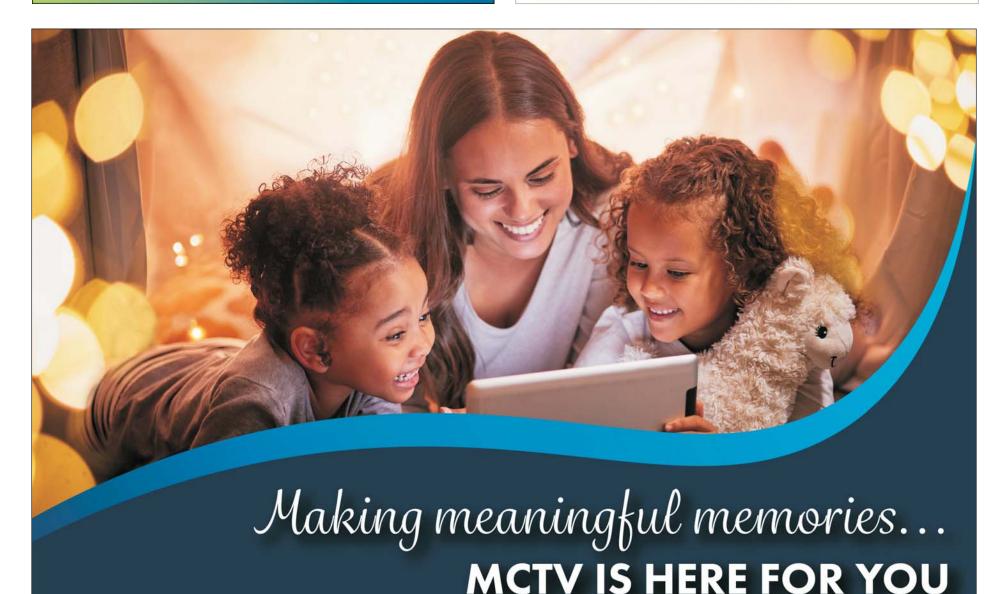
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### A special thanks to our Plunge sponsors















# Congratulations to our Spring Grant Recipients

The Jackson Local Schools Foundation would like to congratulate our Spring Classroom Grant Recipients. The Foundation awarded \$7,700 in classroom grants to the Automotive Technology Program, the Marine Biology Program and to new Imagination Stations for kindergarteners at Sauder Elementary. Thanks to all of the support of the Polar Bear Plunge we have been able to fund over \$141,000 in classroom grants since 2017.



### **Academic Challenge Team**

The Jackson High School Academic Challenge team had a terrific season, under the leadership of advisor Stephen Robison. Saturday the team was featured on the television program of WEWS News Channel 5.

The Polar Bears won their televised match and finished fifth overall for the season out of 60 schools from Northeast Ohio. The Polar Bears won \$2,000 for their team.

The team was represented by Evelyn Johnson, Tanishq Pauskar, and Mithil Pauskar; alternates were Ryan Williams, Mary Anne Johnson, Jacob Palumbo. **Congratulations Polar Bears!** 



### **Math Champions at Amherst**

Congratulations to a team of Amherst Elementary students who performed like champions in a local Math Tournament. The team of Oliver, Anderson, Bruno, and Harrison represented Amherst Elementary at the Stark County Math Tournament in March. The boys stayed after school to learn new math concepts and to prepare for the competition. Congratulations on a job well done!

### Kindergarten Registration is Open for 2023-24 School Year

Online registration for kindergarten and new students for the 2023-2024 school year is open. Please scan the accompanying QR code to be taken to the registration page.

To be eligible for kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year, your child MUST TURN 5 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2023.



If you already have a student attending one of our Jackson schools, please use your username and password you created to fill out the *First Day Forms*.

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- Custody papers (if applicable)
- Parent/Guardian Photo ID

Please bring the documents to your child's school Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Please bring your child to registration so the office can take a photo for the school ID badge.

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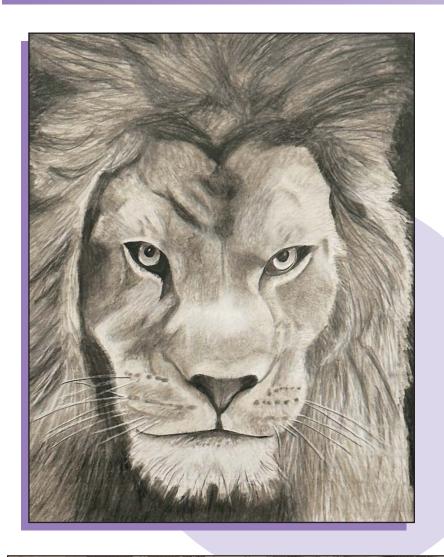
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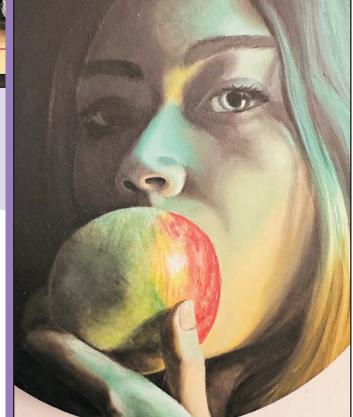












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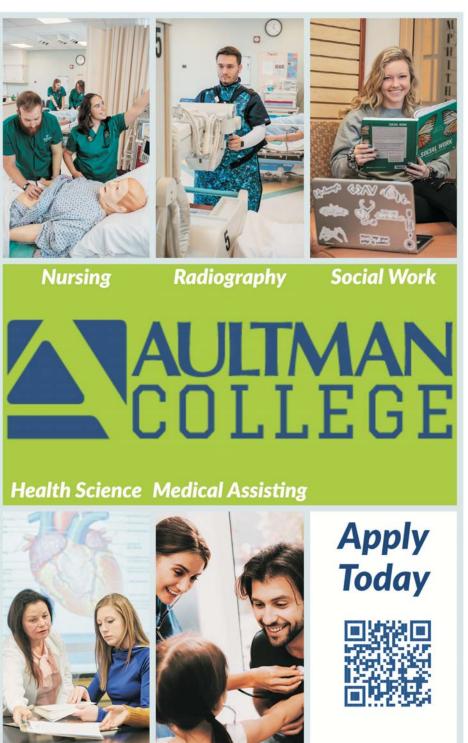


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visible because they may not function in the community's mainstream, and many are preschoolers. Parents may not realize that programs and services are available through their school district or from agencies in their community.

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 questions you may have regarding this notice at 330-830-8006

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# **Spring Sports**



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If you would like to take in a spring contest, please scan the QR code to see our spring sports schedules.



# Five questions with JMMS Band Director Mr. David Gleason

The following interview was conducted by Jackson Memorial Middle School students and Cub's Column members Isabella Jones, Audrey Fischer, and Hailey Fischer.

### Audrey: What do you do in your free time?

Mr. Gleason: What do I do in my free time? Well, when I have free time, (all laugh) first and foremost, I spend it with my wife and my three daughters. That's really important. Family time is important because as band directors, we spend a lot of time teaching and long hours in preparation to make this program continue to run the way it does. Other than that I love to golf. I'm a huge golf nut. Guess that answers that... my family and golf.

### Hailey: What's your favorite instrument?

Mr. Gleason: My favorite instrument is the trumpet, it's what I started on a few years ago, just a few, I've been playing trumpet for probably over 40 years now. Oh yeah, at least 43 years. It's great, it's my favorite.

### Bella: What's your favorite instrument that's not a trumpet?

Mr. Gleason: I've said often, if I didn't play the trumpet I probably would have played french horn because I love the color of the instrument, and I love that it's the middle, it's not the high stuff it's not the low stuff but it's kind of like the middle workings within. Kind of like the alto saxophone, just that middle voice inside the ensemble that usually has some pretty nice parts.

### Audrey: Do you enjoy teaching?

Mr. Gleason: NO! No, I love it!. I love that I get here in the morning and I always seem to have a positive demeanor. I'm always up. I'm always excited to get started and help kids get better at what they do.

### Hailey: What's your favorite movie?

Mr. Gleason: WOW! I have several favorite movies. I love the *Harry Potter*, *Star Wars* movies, the *Indiana Jones*. *Shawshank Redemption* is also an awesome movie. Most movies with Adam Shandler are on my list as well because I think he's funny and it's mindless humor that I enjoy. Sometimes I need to escape and not focus. Is that a good answer?



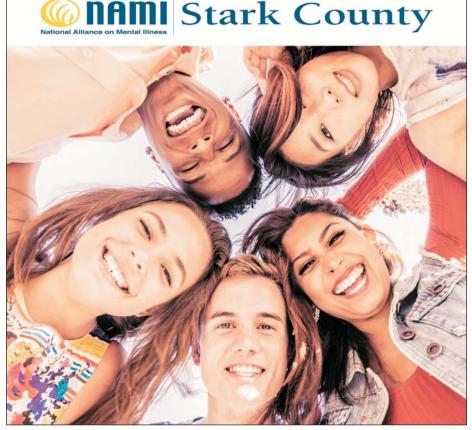
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