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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

CHRIS DILORETO

### Jackson is low-spending, high-achieving

#### Excellent schools are a great investment

Jackson Local will place a renewal levy on the May 6 ballot. The original five-year levy generated \$6,150,000 annually for the past five years. The renewed levy would generate the same dollars for the next five years. I want to thank Nate Bailey for organizing a Levy Committee that is working hard to educate our community on the value of renewing this levy. I felt privileged to report the following to Nate's team.

#### We are high-achieving

Our schools have been ranked excellent by the state of Ohio for 12 years. In addition, our district has two nationally recognized Blue Ribbon Schools and a high school ranked by U.S. News and World Report among America's top 1000. Our 2010 Basketball team brought home the district's first Athletic State Championship, and our Speech and Debate Team owns two Academic State Championships (2010 and 2012).

#### Students have choices

Our schools provide an outstanding K-12 curriculum with options at the high school such as Career Tech, a School for the Arts, an Academy of Global Studies, an International Baccalaureate program, and award-winning band and choir programs. There are also more than 20 varsity sports, dozens of student clubs, and hundreds of after-school events. Last year, there were nearly 1,500 events at our schools.

#### Our students are successful athletes

The Polar Bears own more than 175 Federal League titles and have won the Federal League All Sports Trophy 12 times, more times than any other Federal League school. Last year's calculations showed that of our 900 high school athletes, 250 earned a 4.0 GPA. Annually, they participate in 850

contests with 153 different schools. Of our 471 middle school athletes, 109 earned a 4.0 GPA. Annually, they participate in 244 contests with 20 different schools, and own 24 Federal League titles.

#### Our students earn scholarships

Our students' hard work in the classroom and on our playing fields, earns the senior class well over \$1 million in college scholarships each year.

#### We are low-spending

Our outstanding academic and athletic results are attained even though the district is consistently one of the lowest per-pupil spenders among the Ohio districts most similar to Jackson.

#### Resource management saves taxpayer dollars

Our district is one of only three in Ohio to earn the Energy Star Leader Award for instituting conservation practices that have allowed us to avoid more than one million dollars in energy costs over the past three years. Recently, we received the Pacesetter award for achieving better than predicted efficiency outcomes.

#### We are good stewards

We make every effort to be good stewards of the public dollar, and I congratulate our Treasurer's Department for its attention to detail. Please see the article at right. Did you know that annually, six state auditors spend 600 hours reviewing our books. That's six sets of eyes making sure your funds are properly handled.

#### Thanks for your support

We would not be the district we are without our parent support groups, community partnerships, and the consistent support of our residents. We are proud of our district successes and hope that you are as well.

## Bailey leads levy to renew the excellence

The original 5-year levy, passed in 2009, generated \$6,150,000 annually.

**Vote on May 6.**

A renewal would generate the same \$6,150,000 annually for tax years 2015-2019.



Nate and his wife, Linda, have four children in the Jackson Local Schools—Evan, a senior, Brooke a sophomore, Gabrielle in 7th grade, and Reed in 5th grade.

As chairman of the levy renewal campaign, Nate Bailey, managing attorney at The Timken Company, has formed a committee of 27 people to help educate the community about our district's need to renew its expiring levy.

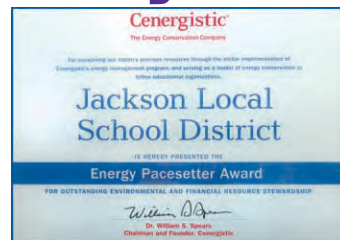
"Moving to Jackson Township 14-years-ago, I am impressed with our community's dedication to families, and its passion for education. After careful review of the district's finances and long list of successes, I feel privileged to help our community understand the importance of keeping its top-performing district strong, not only for students, but also as an economic driver for housing values and business," Mr. Bailey said.

## Jackson receives energy efficiency award

Jackson Local Schools has been working with Cenergistic, a national energy conservation company that helps school districts build customized and sustainable energy conservation programs to save tax dollars.

Recently, Michael Bitar, regional president of Cenergistic, presented the Jackson Local Board of Education with the Energy Pacesetter Award for achieving above average savings. Jackson has achieved a 32% cost savings totaling \$1,329,433 in the 36 months since forming its strategic alliance with Cenergistic.

"What you've accomplished at Jackson is quite significant. Not only did you start out very efficient (as measured by kBtu), but you reduced your consumption by a third," Mr. Bitar said.



## Treasurer again receives Auditor of State Award

For the third consecutive year, Jackson Local Schools earned the Auditor of State Award based on its recently completed, clean and accurate financial audit.

*"This award is equally about the districtwide commitment to good stewardship of our limited and valuable public resources."*

— Linda Paris, Treasurer JLS



A "clean" report means that the recent, annual financial audit did not contain findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings, or any questioned costs.

"Clean and accurate record-keeping are the foundation for good government, and the taxpayers can take pride in your commitment to accountability," Auditor of State Dave Yost wrote to Jackson Local Schools Treasurer Linda Paris in a letter.

Humbly receiving the honor, Mrs. Paris commented, "This award is equally about the districtwide commitment to good stewardship of our limited and valuable public resources."



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**Levy Committee meets to renew the excellence**

As chairman of the May 6 Levy Committee, Nate Bailey (standing center) has gathered a group of citizens to help educate the community about the value of renewing the district's expiring \$6,150,000 operating levy.

**Members of Mr. Bailey's Levy Renewal Committee**

- |                |                  |                 |                 |                   |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Jon Ash        | Chris DiLoreto   | Jennifer Herold | Dan Michel      | Walt Stanislawski |
| Paula Blangger | Ken Douglas      | Eric Johnson    | Durgesh Parbhoo | Tom Turner        |
| Chad Bailey    | Mark Fleiner     | Bob Kolberg     | Linda Paris     | George Woods      |
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**JBCC endorses school levy**

The Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors fully support Issue 3 for the Jackson Local Schools.

**This is a renewal only – no increase.**

The Jackson Local School system has done an outstanding job in preparing students for the future. Issue 3 will continue the excellence for tax years 2015-2019, as the levy will generate the \$6,150,000 needed for operating expenses.

Thomas W. Schmidt  
Chairman, Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

**The ballot you will see at the polls**

**OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT  
PRIMARY ELECTION – MAY 6, 2014  
STARK COUNTY**

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)  
JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(STARK AND SUMMIT COUNTIES)**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**  
Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Jackson Local School District for the purpose of PROVIDING FOR THE EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT in the sum of \$6,150,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 5.3 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 53 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2014, first due in calendar year 2015?

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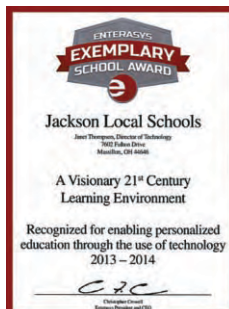


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**District receives top technology award**

Jackson Local is the 11th district, nationwide, to earn the *Exemplary School Award* from Enterasys Extreme Networks for visionary K-12 schools that have implemented a personalized 21st Century learning environment through the use of technology. Districts are selected based on how well they institute a one-on-one or mobile learning environment, facilitate individual instruction and encourage curricular growth. Jackson is preparing students to be lifelong

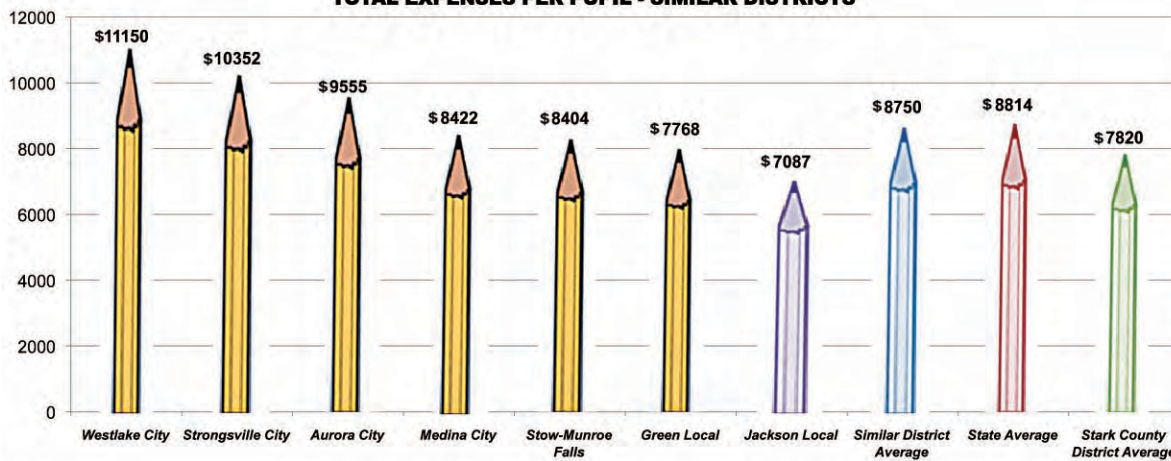
learners by having implemented a *Bring Your Own Device* initiative at the middle school and high school. This change necessitated complex security and usability adjustments to our technology infrastructure while paying strict attention to cost effectiveness. The Jackson tech team, under the direction of technology director Janet Thompson, has provided a secure per-user, per-device system that enables each student to individually learn and excel.





# Jackson is a low-spending district

**FISCAL YEAR 2013  
TOTAL EXPENSES PER PUPIL - SIMILAR DISTRICTS**



DISTRICT	WEIGHTED ENROLLMENT	INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENSES	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENSES	TOTAL EXPENSES PER PUPIL
Westlake City	4600	\$ 7875	\$ 3275	\$11150
Strongsville City	6680	\$ 6404	\$ 3948	\$10352
Aurora City	3158	\$ 6650	\$ 2905	\$ 9555
Medina City	8035	\$ 5947	\$ 2475	\$ 8422
Stow-Munroe Falls	5817	\$ 5763	\$ 2641	\$ 8404
Green Local	4633	\$ 5552	\$ 2216	\$ 7768
Jackson Local	6537	\$ 4898	\$ 2189	\$ 7087
Similar District Average	5568	\$ 6027	\$ 2723	\$ 8750
State Average		\$ 5953	\$ 2861	\$ 8814
Stark County District Average	3893	\$ 5250	\$ 2570	\$ 7820

## JHS Speech and Debate coach elected to Hall of Fame

JHS head forensics coach, Leslie Muhlbach, has been elected by her peers to the Ohio High School Speech League's Coaches' Hall of Fame. This is an honor that is bestowed upon only two coaches per year at the State Tournament. The award was presented to Leslie by her mother, Bobbie Muhlbach, a 27-year Speech & Debate coach at Massillon.

In 2004, Leslie began teaching and coaching at Jackson High School where she served as an assistant under Nancy Marcus and Stefanie Fatzinger. As head coach for the past six years, Leslie recently earned her second Diamond Coaching

Award from the National Forensic League, based on outstanding team and student' individual performance.

Under Leslie's leadership, the team has nearly tripled, serving more than 100 students per season. She and her staff have coached many students to both the state and national tournaments in all events, and Jackson has captured two state titles (2010 and 2012).

"I believe the power of teamwork is the only way to discover individual success

all the way through without forgetting or stumbling over words. We view ourselves as coaches of confidence. Helping young people craft voices that will serve them as compassionate parents, committed citizens, and inspiring leaders is a truly rewarding experience, and we are so very grateful that Jackson supports our mission," Miss Muhlbach said.

The team's recent successes include a 2014 Canton District Team Championship, a 2nd place at the NE Ohio National

Forensic League District Tournament, qualifying five students to the National finals in Kansas City, MO. The team also finished 4th at the OHSSL State Finals in Wooster. Jackson was the only Stark County school to finish in the top 10. Student, Abhishek Bhargava, is now a two-time State Finalist, Jad Hamdan is a two-time State Runner-

Up, and Dominic Martello placed third in his first state final round appearance.

Of the 30 state qualifiers who competed this year, the team will bid farewell to only eight graduating seniors. "We have a very promising future with a team full of bright young stars who are ready to carry on and speak well," Miss Muhlbach said.

in this program. My coaching staff and I work towards bringing the students on the team together to demonstrate that effective holistic communication is going to take them much further in life than a trophy at a local tournament. Some students win trophies every week, some students find themselves less and less anxious getting up to speak, some students finally learn to give a speech



Leslie Muhlbach  
JHS Head Speech & Debate Coach

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## JHS student collects athletic shoes for kids

JHS sophomore soccer and softball player, Miah Wilson, collected over 160 pairs of athletic shoes for *Project Retread* through the non profit *Hands on Sports Foundation* founded by Otto Orf, former Cleveland Crunch and Cleveland Force goal keeper. Project Retread distributes recycled athletic shoes and equipment to inner city youth and will also provide youth opportunities in Costa Rica.

The Hands on Sports Foundation built an inner city Futsal/Streetball court in Akron last fall. Miah attended the grand opening and participated in exhibition games and friendly games with the children.

"I play for Jackson and HOS Futsal wearing great shoes in great stadiums while these kids play in bare feet on concrete," Miah said. "When I took the collected shoes to the event, I saw first-hand how much they were appreciated. The kids did not care if they were boy or girl shoes or what brand they were. Some were playing in flip flops."

Miah is still collecting soccer cleats and flats, soccer balls, baseball cleats, baseball mitts, baseballs and softballs to recycle. Donations can be dropped off at JHS.

On Saturday February 22, at Mahoning Career Center, JHS Career & Technical students participated in the regional SkillsUSA competition. The following students placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in their individual competitions and will advance to the state competition held in Columbus in April.

**Garrett Morgner**—Senior—2nd place in Computer Maintenance Technology. Contestants identified and repaired computer hardware malfunctions, solved configuration problems, and installed common components. Their score on this exam was used as the basis for the written portion of the contest.

**Anna Marie Weber**—Senior—1st place in Medical Math. Contestants demonstrated their knowledge of general math concepts used in the healthcare fields. They completed a written test that included the use of ratio/proportion, dosage calculation, metric and household equivalents, Roman numerals, abbreviations, and general math including percentages, among other medical math-related problems.

**Lisa Nunes**—Junior—2nd place in Basic



From left are: Garrett Morgner, Alexis Hrabovsky, Anna Marie Weber, Lisa Nunes, and Andrew Loveless.

### Health Care Skills.

Contestants demonstrated their ability to perform entry-level procedures or skills based on these core standards: Academic Foundations, Communication Skills, Career Opportunity Concepts and Systems, Employability and Teamwork, Ethical and Legal Issues, Safety Practices. Performance is evaluated through various stations involving written, verbal and skills testing.

**Alexis Hrabovsky**—Junior—3rd place in Medical Terminology.

Contestants evaluated the knowledge of

medical terminology and abbreviations of an individual preparing for employment in the health occupations fields.

**Andrew Loveless**—Senior—2nd place in Carpentry.

Contestants framed walls using wood and metal steel studs, cut and installed rafters, installed sheathing, and demonstrate knowledge of stair construction. Contestants were judged on accuracy, ability to read and interpret blueprints, workmanship, safety and the proper use of tools, equipment and materials.

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## Horticulture qualifies to compete at state

The Jackson FFA Chapter/Horticulture class participated in the Nursery and Landscaping Contest in Columbus OH, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Our school ranked 7th overall, qualifying them to compete in the state finals. The top 10 teams advance to the finals. About 469 students and 38 school competed from across Ohio, answering questions dealing with safety, plant identification, grasses, weeds, insects, landscape plan reading, irrigation installation and operation, and reading and interpreting a grass seed label. At the state competition in March, the team of Alix Kosmala, Chazz Speicher, Triston Falcone, and Billy Gotschall earned 7th place overall against over 490 other contestants.



Alix Kosmala, Chazz Speicher, Triston Falcone, and Billy Gotschall placed 7th at state.

## Students Skype with economist in Spain



Señora Draggett's AP Spanish classes experienced a lesson on economy with consultant Beatriz de Palacios from Madrid, Spain. Students interacted live via Skype with Beatriz, discussing issues of economy that were based on authentic resources and comparing the economies of Spain, México, Chile, and the U.S.

"This great experience added a new international authentic learning dimension to our AP Spanish global classroom," said Mrs. Draggett

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## JHS Student Culture Club introduces its mentor to student body

The newly-formed Jackson Student Culture Council presented an all-school assembly featuring Christopher Milo, a Uniontown based motivational speaker and pianist who is working with our students to create a culture so positive at JHS that there will be no room for bullying to exist.

Prior to the assembly, this student-led organization, advised by teacher, Chris Amedeo, gathered opinions on bullying and real stories of hurt from nearly half of the 2000 students at JHS. A few of the stories were read from the stage

during the assembly, giving Mr. Milo opportunities to speak to the students on compassion for their peers.

Mr. Milo pointed out that each JHS student was blessed with a talent. He encouraged them to hone and use their talent for good, to inspire others, to make a better world, or simply make someone's day.

"You have gifts and talents that you can share. You have the power to shine the light of positivity and encouragement on everyone around you," he said.

The Student Culture Club will continue

working with Mr. Milo to forge a positive path to permanent change at JHS.

These students take notice of their suffering peers and simply invite them to their lunch table, or speak up on behalf of someone who is being poorly treated. They also alert counselors and teachers as they become aware of situations beyond their abilities. At the end of the school year, this charter group of students will pass the torch of compassion to underclassmen whom they hope will continue and enhance the progress made this year.



## Tri-M Music Honor Society inducts new members

Jackson High School held its annual Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony in February. The 2014 officers are Jordon Garofalo (president), Kareesma Parbhoo (vice-president), Lindsey McDonough (secretary), McKenzie Marsh (treasurer), and Karris McCollum (historian).

Continuing members are: Jennifer Hake,

Gabriel Lane, Ashley Palmer, Liam Pinegar, and Emily Yoder.

New members are: Christina Bogner, Zayna Dayeh, Jillian Eckroate, Elizabeth Galloway-Purcell, Elise Haines, Kristina Jackson, Tyrus Jones, Kaitlin Kulich, Mary Manos, Adrian Muica, Casey Murray, Julia Namenek, Sarah Petit, Hannah Royer,

Stephanie Schnabel, Michelle Sire, Alex Starkey, Dustin Stoll, Melanie Stoll, Kevin Walters, Katie Webb, Mitchell Wendt, Courtney Werbeck, and Wan Xing.

The Tri-M Music Honor Society recognizes the efforts and achievements of music students who volunteer their time and share their musical talent with others.

## JHS student wins national artistic award

Amanda Conkle earned a Silver Key Award, for her ceramic works, at the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2014, presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. This year, more than 255,000 works were submitted nationwide and only the top 40% receive some level of recognition (Gold Key, Silver Key or Honorable Mention). The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers has a noteworthy roster of past winners including Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, and Joyce Carol Oates.



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## Careers Day at JMMS

Jackson Memorial Middle School held its Annual Career Day for all 8th grade students. Fifty representatives from area businesses shared information about their career fields with interested students. Over 450 eighth grade students rotated through the exhibits and interacted with presenters. Prior to Career Day, school counselors had students rank their level of interest in 80 activities via an online program (Ohio Career Information System Jr.). Students then received an individualized printout of careers that matched their interests.



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A student asks Holocaust speaker, Irene Adler a question.



Rose Schwartz, Holocaust Survivor

## JMMS 7th graders hear Holocaust speaker

Irene Adler is the daughter of Rose Schwartz, age 92, is Akron's oldest living Holocaust survivor and the first Ohioan to have spoken publicly of the horrors of the German concentration camps. Her daughter, Irene Adler, spoke in her stead to JMMS students who spent the previous weeks learning about World War II. Students were captivated by Mrs. Adler's direct and vivid description of the atrocities her mother endured personally or saw others endure, including being

stripped naked, shaved, starved, beaten raw, electrocuted, burned with cigarettes, and having teeth and fingernails pulled out with pliers.

Her mother was the only member of her family to have survived, she believes, because she had skills. Mrs. Schwartz spoke seven languages and knew how to sew.

"Sewing saved her life," Mrs. Adler said

of her mother who used that skill to survive during the war and make a living afterward.

She implored the students to do two things: learn everything they can, and use their minds to stop the repetition of today's similar atrocities against people.

"Education can save you from a lot of plight," she said. And perhaps you can use your great minds to save others."

## JMMS brings the house down with Little Mermaid

Disney's *The Little Mermaid Jr.* played to 1,850 cheering audience members. JMMS teachers Jennifer Vaughn and Holly Bantum directed the cast of 48 students (17 sixth graders, 14 seventh graders, 17 eighth graders). An additional 14 students worked on the stage crew under the direction of teacher Kaylee Jones while 36 students worked on the publicity crew under the direction of Lyndsay Dimengo.

"Our outstanding students dedicated many hours and lots of hard work to the production, and it really showed. We are very, very proud of our cast and crew," said Mrs. Vaughn.

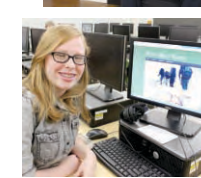
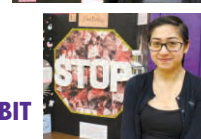


## JMMS History students qualify for state

JMMS eighth grade students spent months examining the past like historians in preparation for the Ohio History Day competition. The annual contest invigorates learning by having students conduct historical research that leads to imaginative exhibits, documentaries, original performances, Web sites and scholarly papers. This is the first year JMMS was represented. After a district competition, the following students have qualified to compete in the state competition in Columbus, April 26. Award-winning entries at Ohio History Day are eligible to participate in the National History Day event held in June in Washington, D.C.

### GROUP EXHIBIT

Emmalee Gabriele  
Jessica McMurtrey  
Emerson Hoover  
Brianna Mertes  
Megan Hammonds  
Zara Siddiquee  
Laurel Albertson  
Rachel Daiger  
Anna Winesdoerffer  
Lydia Kushner  
Naudier Becton  
Faith Knauss  
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Anna Woodhams



### INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

Gabriela Quintano  
Paige Youngdahl

### GROUP DOCUMENTARY

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### INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

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### GROUP PERFORMANCE

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# Jackson Alumni Association inducts new class to Wall of Fame

## Marlene Bolea - Education class of 1971

Marlene dedicated 31 years of her life to teaching at Jackson Local Schools (Lake Cable, Amherst and Jackson Memorial Middle School). Marlene is the first Jackson alumna to have attained National Board Certification. She is a Martha Holding Jennings Scholar, was selected for Who's Who in Science and Math in Stark County, selected into the Manchester Who's Who among Executive and Professional Women Honor Edition, and Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Marlene was recognized as a Star Teacher in the Stark County GLOBE Program. Although she is retired, Marlene still sends Stark County weather data to GLOBE scientists from her home in Jackson Township.

A life long resident of Jackson Township, Marlene believes in community service. She is president of Lake Cable Garden Club, served as president, secretary and treasurer of the Woodcarvers Club at the Wilderness Center, was an Alpha Delta State Legislative Advocate (an honorary teachers' society), and remains a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International.

She served on the steering

"I am very proud to receive this award for teaching. Anyone who wants to teach should try it. Everywhere I go, I see former students who are now lawyers, doctors and such. It is so rewarding to know that every professional has had teachers who showed them the way."

— Marlene Bolea

committee for gifted/talented education in Jackson Local Schools, and was a chairperson for the St. Peters's School committee to improve instruction where she facilitated workshops on teaching science to gifted students.

**Marlene's Wall of Fame plaque was presented by Jackson Alumni Association President, Mrs. Jennifer Jones.**

## Jay Rohr - Football class of 2002

Jay was a four year letterman in football. He registered 441 tackles, 80 of those tackles were for lost yardage. He rushed for 3,226 yards, and scored 56 touchdowns during his football career at Jackson. He was a 1st team All-Federal League selection in 1999, 2000 and 2001 and Defensive Player of the Year in 2001. Jay was a 1st team All-Stark County member in 1999, 2000 and 2001 and received the prestigious Stark County Player of the Year award in 2001. He was a 1st team All-NE District player his junior and senior seasons and won the Defensive Player of the Year Award his senior year. Jay was selected 1st team All-Ohio in 2000 and 2001. During his high school career, the Bears qualified for the playoffs three

"I want to thank the Alumni Association, my coach (Phil Mauro) and especially my family. They never missed a game throughout my entire career. They traveled through snow, rain and heat to support me."

— Jay Rohr

times and won the Federal League Championship twice.

Jay continued his football career at The University of Akron where he played linebacker for and received 1st team All-Mac, played in the Motor City Bowl and won the Fred Sefton Award as Zips top defensive player his senior year. Jay never missed a football game at Jackson or Akron during his career. He is the only Jackson football player to have his #32 jersey retired. Jay was voted to the Stark County All-Decade team of the 2000's by the Canton Repository and last summer was elected to the Stark County Football Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2013.

Jay is a special education teacher at Tuslaw Local Schools and is also the defensive coordinator for the Mustang Football Team. He and his wife Mandy reside in Jackson Township with their twin boys JJ and Jordy.

**Jay's plaque was presented by his high school football coach, Mr. Phil Mauro**



From left: Alumni Association president Jennifer Jones, Marlene Bolea, Jim Kish, Nate Strong, Jay Rohr, Phil Mauro, Josh Yanke, and Larry Taylor.

## Nate Strong - Golf class of 2002

Nate lettered in golf all four years of his high school career. He received 2nd team All Federal League honors in 1998 and 1999 and was a 1st team All League golfer in 2000 and 2001 including Federal League Player of the year in 2001. Nate was a 2nd team All Stark County selection in 1999 and was a 1st team All Stark County team member in 1998, 2000 and 2001. He was voted Stark County Player of the Year in both his junior and senior seasons. Nate also received 1st team all NE District honors in 2000 and 2001. He was a 2nd team All-Ohio selection in 1998 and 2001. In 2000, Nate was the Division 1 individual State Champion and was awarded 1st team All-Ohio. In addition to his golf accolades, Nate was a 1st team All-Ohio Academic member.

"I am honored to be here, reunited with my coach (Jim Kish). I would not be here receiving this award without his support and the support of my family, especially my dad who taught me so much about the game."

— Nate Strong

After high school, Nate furthered his education and golf career at The Ohio State University where he received an athletic scholarship. He was a member of Ohio State's last Big 10 Championship Golf Team during the 2004 season.

Nate resides in Wadsworth with his wife Erin. He is a manager at Ernst & Young in the supply chain group.

**Nate's Wall of Fame plaque was presented by his high school golf coach, Mr. Jim Kish**



The Jackson Wall of Fame is located inside Jackson High School.

It is a wall of plaques bearing the outstanding achievements of JHS alumni.

## Josh Yanke - Basketball class of 2004

Josh was a three-year letter winner in basketball for the Polar Bears. During the 2002, 2003 and 2004 seasons, Josh was selected as a 1st team All-Federal League, 1st team All-Stark County and 1st team All NE-Inland District player. Josh received Special Mention All-Ohio in his junior season and was voted 3rd team All-Ohio during his senior season. Josh finished his high school career with 1060 points and 561 rebounds.

"I am thankful and honored to be here to receive this award. I love Jackson. It's like being part of a family. Teachers and coaches treat you like you are one of their own sons or daughters."

— Josh Yanke

After high school, Josh accepted an athletic scholarship to Gannon University. He transferred to Clarion University to finish out his college career. During his senior year, Josh was selected as a 1st team All-Conference player. He finished his college career scoring 1051 points and grabbing 540 rebounds.

Josh resides in Jackson Township. He is a substitute teacher with Jackson Local Schools and an assistant basketball coach at the middle school.

**Josh's plaque was presented by his high school basketball coach, Mr. Larry Taylor**

## Nominate a distinguished alum to the Wall of Fame

The JHS Alumni Association holds an annual celebration for alumni who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following areas: athletics, community contributions, professional accomplishments, political leadership, humanitarian contributions, or education.

Nominee must be a five-year graduate.

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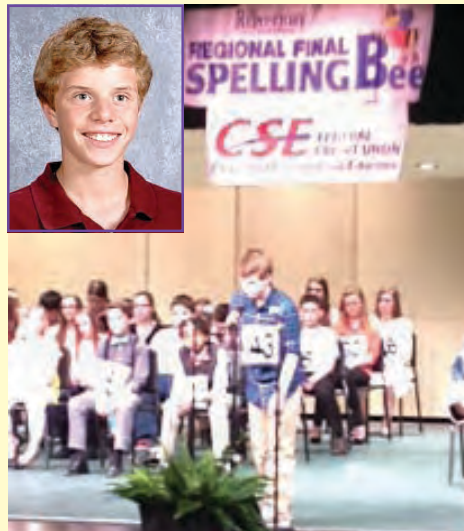
JHS senior, Olivia Zepp, has earned the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, the Girl Scout's Gold Award. This prestigious award challenges girls to change the world (or a small part of it) by solving a community problem. For her Gold Project, Olivia organized a storage room containing over 100 storage bins filled with the props and equipment used in the Student Ministries program at RiverTree Christian Church. She cataloged the items and created a checkout system for their use. Her Gold Award encompassed over 80 hours of planning and execution.



**Olivia Zepp**  
Girl Scout Gold Award

Olivia has been in Girl Scouts since 1st grade in Troop 54, led by Sandi Werbeck and Bonnie Zepp. Olivia has also earned the Bronze and Silver awards. Before starting the Gold Award, she completed the Dream Maker Journey, a leadership award that has the scout take action to help a woman, girl, or group of women and girls realize a dream.

Girl Scout Gold Award recipients are part of an elite group of women who embody community leadership leaving behind a sustainable legacy.



## Spelling Bee

Clayton Washington won the honor of representing Jackson Memorial Middle School as one of the 53 spellers from four area counties who competed in the Repository's Regional Grand Final Spelling Bee in March at GlenOak High School.

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## Board Meeting Schedule

April 22.....Jackson High School .....6:00 p.m.  
May 20.....Jackson High School .....6:00 p.m.  
June 24.....Jackson High School .....6:00 p.m.  
July 22.....Jackson High School .....6:00 p.m.  
August 26.....Jackson High School .....6:00 p.m.  
September 23.....Jackson High School .....6:00 p.m.  
October 28.....Sauder Elementary .....6:00 p.m.  
November 18.....Lake Cable Elementary.....6:00 p.m.  
December 16.....Amherst Elementary .....6:00 p.m.

Meeting dates and times can change. Call 330-830-8000 to confirm.

## Taray receives Excellence in Teaching Award

JHS Social Studies teacher, Dan Taray, has received the College of Wooster's **Excellence in Teaching Award**. Each fall, college officials ask first-year students to write a statement on behalf of a teacher who made a significant contribution in preparing them for college. Mr. Taray's former student, Bethany Smith, nominated him by writing a heartfelt essay on the many ways Mr. Taray raised her confidence and ultimately inspired her to become a teacher.



"I was surprised and honored to receive this award. Bethany was one of my favorite students. She is not only a big history fan but also a fantastic writer," Mr. Taray said.

A six-member faculty committee reviewed the nominees and chose seven nationally to receive the award. Mr. Taray received the award at an honorary dinner in February.

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## Amherst students have a lot of heart

Continuing a long-standing February tradition at Amherst, the third graders ran their usual spare change “Have a Heart and Do Your Part” campaign to raise funds for the Akron Children’s Hospital. This year, even with the ice and snow days we had off, our generous students and staff raised \$1,793.09.

“That’s a lot of pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. Amherst students and staff have a heart for others,” said librarian, Mrs. Marciniak.



## Learning while licking chocolate



Jenna Tornabene and Kerri Benson’s third grade students at Amherst worked on nonfiction strategies by studying how chocolate is made. Students taste tested chocolate, sequenced events and, as a culminating activity, used their fraction skills to make chocolate lava cake in a crock-pot.

## Amherst third grade presents its annual President & First Lady Museum



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### Pajama Girls win Battle of the Books

Lake Cable held its second Battle of the Books with fifty-three 5th graders participating. Students read *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis, *A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck and *Behind Rebel Lines* by Seymour Reit. In a question/answer competition, two teams scored perfect scores. The Nerd Herd (Sam Degenhard, Will Hoover, Johnathan Kulich and Michael Skeriotis) and Pajama Girls (Ryan Farneth, Mabel Jesse, Chloe Metzger and Paige Schory). After an exciting tie-breaker round, the Pajamas Girls were declared winners.



### Future authors tell tales at Lake Cable

Lake Cable 5th graders presented stories which they created in Jordan Parks' technology class. The students used the Web site [www.storybird.com](http://www.storybird.com) to create the stories with a partner. Pictured are Nolan Robeson and Kaden Harris-LeMon presenting their story about Santa Claus.



### Fabulous choir performance

Lake Cable 2nd graders performed for parents and the public at the Jackson Center for Performing Arts on March 4



under the direction of their choir teacher, Mrs. Nathalina Schloneger. The following day at school, they performed for the student body, then enjoyed cookies and milk in the cafeteria.

## Lake Cable third grade presents its President & First Lady Museum



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## Sauder thanks the Repository for supporting its newspaper project

We hope you have been enjoying the Sauder Scoop that has appeared twice in the Jackson Suburbanite and will appear twice again before the end of the school year. The newspaper is written entirely by Sauder second graders with guidance from their teacher, Thomas Lawver, and design help from parent volunteer, Sarah Porter. The project would not be possible without the support of the Canton Repository publisher, Jim Porter, and the Massillon Independent managing editor, Maureen Ater.

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## Sauder girls dance the night away

Sauder girls attended a Me and My Guy Masquerade Ball held in their school gymnasium. Guests enjoyed a night of "masked mystery" with plenty of dancing, laughing, and treats. The event was sponsored by the Lake Cable PTG.

Upcoming PTG events include: the Art Extravaganza on April 11 and the Staff Variety Show on April 16 and 17.



## Happy birthday Dr. Seuss

Sauder first graders celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 2) by reading Dr. Seuss books and completing related activities such as making a Cat in the Hat cookie to eat and hat to wear, putting their hands in oobleck like the kind that fell from the sky in *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*, sorting and counting colored goldfish as in *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*.



Lannis Wilk, dressed as a bee, demonstrating how pollen is transferred from plant to plant.

## Exploring Ecology

COSI came to Sauder Elementary with an ecology theme. The children attended a 45-minute assembly followed by hands-on activities about the science of prairies, forests, rivers, and wetlands. The students were asked to become ecologists as they traveled through the 10 learning stations where they investigated animal adaptations, life cycles, and learned how parts of an ecosystem are connected.





## Chinese New Year

Miss Reber's 4th grade class at Strausser Elementary celebrated Chinese New Year. A student, Mae Ling Gorin, is from China. She and her mother, Jennifer, explained the celebration and traditions that are celebrated in China in January. The class ate Chinese food (Asian pears, dried rice and dried peas). Students also learned to eat with chopsticks.

*Best of Luck to the Class of 2014!*

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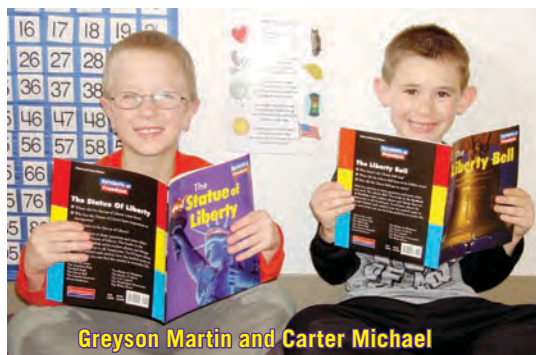
Students participated in a dental health program sponsored by Mellion Orthodontics. Students volunteered to perform parts in a small play, *Bad Tooth Bart* where characters learn a lesson about dental care. Dr. Mellion concluded the program by encouraging good dental health and taking questions.



## Strausser kindergarteners studied American symbols



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<b>Football</b>	Jake Costin (12) Nick Gabel (12) Tyler Langenfeld (12) Jonah Hostetler (12) Jake Kempt (11)	Hunter Reichenbach(12) Jake White (12) Shane Ridgway (11) Mike Ross (11)	Thane Anderson (12) Corey Arnaut (12) Tyler Furbay (12) Isaiah Weaver (11)
<b>Boys' CC</b>	Ben Hyde (12)		Paul Clifford (12) Tyler Berg (12) A.J Brokaw (11)
<b>Girls' CC</b>	Grace Taylor (12) Greta Taylor (10)		Emma Dillon (12)
<b>Boys' Soccer</b>	Carter Billett (12) Michael Metzger (12) Edin Sabljakovic (12) Grant Slovan (12)	Patrick Zonfa (12) Ross Klauer (11)	Micah Johnson (12) Qynton Peterson (11)
<b>Girls' Soccer</b>	Mackenzie Cherniuk (12) Caitlyn Patton (12) Maddy Tletski (12)	Katie Kingsbury (12) Rachel Bender (11)	Hannah Angelo (11) Mariel Augustine (11) Brooke Schmidt (11)
<b>Boys' Golf</b>	Nick Colangelo (12)	Rainey Chase (12) Neil Augustine (9)	Corey Liebau (12) Anthony Lombardi(12) Anthony Berbari (11) Austin Rohrer (11)
<b>Girls' Golf</b>	Cassie Pantelas (12) Landrie Grace (11) Gabby Minior (11) Hannah Lemons (9)	Jessica Cassidy (12) Louisa Engelhardt (12)	
<b>Volleyball</b>	Stephanie Spencer (11) Brooke Bailey (10)	Jen Slogar (12) Kelly Klimo (10)	Kate Regas (12) Rachel Seifert (12)
<b>Girls' Tennis</b>	Maria Thomas (12) Tessa Hill (11) Emma Schoeppner (12)	Michelle Dilling (12) Rachel Todd (12) Sarah Brown (10)	Casidy Clay (12)
<b>Boys' Basketball</b>	Evan Bailey (12) Kyle Mottice (12)	Mitch Pugh (12)	David Smith (12) Tyler Dunn (11)
<b>Girls' Basketball</b>		Abby Duffy (11)	
<b>Wrestling</b>	Justyn Bostic (11)	Josh Bostic (12) Brandon O'Neil (11) Seth Whitehead (10)	Chris Head (11) Will Kanters (11) Garrett Poling (11) Evan Snow (11) Devin Flagg (9)
<b>Boys' Swimming</b>	Dylan Gulli (12) Michael Mueller (12) Jeff Turner (12) Sam Kinney (11) Michael Biclowski (10)	Matt Pech (12) Johnny Heropoulos (11) Matt Pech (11) Jon Markle (11) Oren Barat (10) Ian Harty (10) Nick Snyder (10) Joshua Weinland (10) Zach Werstler (9)	Evan Dillon (12) Vincent Forchione (11) Drake Dennis (10) Jacob Gardner (10) Michael McCarren (10)
<b>Girls' Swimming</b>	Biz Graeff (12) Alex Pallotta (12) Victoria Addis (10) Kaitlyn Daiger (10) Michaela Ruddock (10)	Taylor Thomas (12) Abbey Dial (10) Madison Ridgway (10) Ana Kyle (10)	Jayci Kuhn (12) Abby Lyall (12) Taylor Wiseman (12) Gigi Kinney (9) Olivia Love (9)
<b>Boys' Bowling</b>	Corey Liebau (12)	Andrew Smith (12)	Vinnie Yacono (11) Shelton Hunter (10)
<b>Girls' Bowling</b>	Autumn Heaton (12) Taylor Sturm (12)		



## Hockey Team brings home State Championship

The Jackson Polar Bear Hockey Club won the 2014 State Championship Buckeye Cup, besting North Royalton 1-0.

The Polar Bears (Cleveland Suburban Hockey League) were tournament 2nd seed. Their path to victory cut through Northern Kentucky (Cincinnati League) 7-2 on Friday before they tied

Westerville (Columbus League) 2-2 and finally iced Hilliard (Columbus League) 5-1 on Saturday to make it to the semi finals on Sunday when they defeated Northeast Storm (Columbus League) 5-3 to make it to the championship game.

The team then competed in the USA National Championship Tournament in Omaha, Nebraska over spring

break and came in 10th in the nation after playing teams from Iowa, New York and Arizona.

Team members from JHS are: Garret Bilinovich, Zachary Blumer, Logan Clendenin, Robert Dysart, Evan Fenstemaker, Hunter Manhart , Matt Mayle, Colin McDevitt, Mathew Pollock, Andrew Saltarelli, Conner Schneider and Caleb Sjovold.



## Bowling places at state

The Girls' Bowling Team finished 10th in the state at the Girls' Division 1 Tournament in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Team members were: Autumn Heaton, Taylor Sturm, Chandra Letcavits, Hannah Suter, Ashley Mast, Jenna Fries, Melanie Snier, Elizabeth Loan, and Shannon Costin.

### JHS Fall/Winter Athletes of the Year

<b>Girls' Golf:</b>	<b>Landrie Grace (11)</b>
<b>Girls' Tennis:</b>	<b>Tessa Hill (11)</b>
<b>Girls' Soccer:</b>	<b>Caitlyn Patton (12)</b>
<b>Girls' Swimming:</b>	<b>Biz Graeff (12)</b>
<b>Girls' Bowling:</b>	<b>Taylor Sturm (12)</b>

### JHS Fall/Winter Coaches of the Year

<b>Girls' Golf:</b>	<b>Teal Harvey</b>
<b>Boys' Soccer:</b>	<b>Mike Biros</b>
<b>Girls' Bowling:</b>	<b>Jon Mazur</b>



## JHS Fall/Winter Athletic Accomplishments

### 7 Federal League Championships (out of 16)

Boys' Soccer, Girls' Golf, Volleyball, Girls' Swimming, Boys' Swimming, Girls' Bowling, Boys' Bowling

### 4 Second Place Finishes in the Federal League

Football, Girls' Soccer, Girls' Tennis, Boys' Basketball

### 1 Team - Second Place Finish in the State

Girls' Golf

### 1 Team – Tenth Place Finish in the State

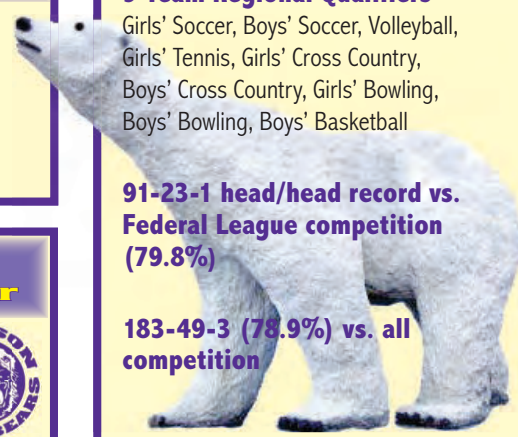
Girls' Bowling

### 9 Team Regional Qualifiers

Girls' Soccer, Boys' Soccer, Volleyball, Girls' Tennis, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Bowling, Boys' Bowling, Boys' Basketball

**91-23-1 head/head record vs. Federal League competition (79.8%)**

**183-49-3 (78.9%) vs. all competition**







**SOCCKER**

JHS Senior, **Mackenzie Cherniuk**, will continue her soccer career at Wingate University which competes in the South Athletic Conference (Division 2). Mackenzie was a four-year starter for the Polar Bears. She played central defender and captained the 2013 team. Mackenzie also received First Team All Federal League and First Team All District honors last year.

Four-year letter winner and two-time All-Ohio selection, **Caitlyn Patton**, will continue her soccer career at The Ohio State University. Caitlyn was both the Federal League Player of the Year and Stark County Player of the Year.

Four-year varsity letter winner **Emily Justus** will continue her soccer career at Division 2 Ursuline University. Last year Emily

was pivotal in creating assists and leading the Jackson girls Soccer Team to a 15-4-1 record. Emily received honors on both the All Federal League and All Stark County teams.

JHS Senior, **Katie Kingsbury**, will continue her soccer career at Kent State University. Katie has been the Polar Bear's starting goalkeeper for the past two seasons. She was a captain and received All Federal League and All Stark County First Team honors her senior year.

Senior, **Maddie Tletski**, will continue her soccer career at Slippery Rock University. Maddie is a four-year letter winner who played as an outside defender for the Polar Bears. She is a First Team All Federal League selection.



**FOOTBALL**

JHS seniors **Nick Gabel** (left) and **Hunter Reichenbach** signed to continue their football careers at Walsh University.

Nick played on the offensive and defensive lines for Jackson where he earned three varsity letters, was named to the 1st Team All Federal League, was awarded the WHBC All County Team MVP award, was a 2013 captain, and helped Jackson's offense set numerous records.

Hunter also played on the offensive and defensive lines and occasionally played at fullback. He earned two varsity letters and was named to the 2nd Team All Federal League both his junior and senior years. Hunter was awarded 1st Team WHBC All County, was named captain his senior year, and led Jackson's defensive line in tackles the past two seasons.

Nick is the son of Joseph Gabel. Hunter is the son of Glen and Joni Reichenbach.



**LACROSSE**

**Steven Coss** has signed his national Letter of Intent to play lacrosse for Canisius college. He played on the Burning River travel teams for the past five years. In 2012, he was a part of the Burning River elite team which won the MVP recruiting tournament. This was the first time a team from Northern Ohio had won a national recruiting tournament. In 2013, he was on an elite team which repeated at MVP and went undefeated at the Syracuse Shootout. The team also had a 15 game winning streak against national competition. "Steven is one of the smartest players we have had the pleasure to coach. I expect Steven to have a great career at Canisius College (division 1) and to have a positive impact on their program," said Burning River coach, Woody Calleri.

Steven is pictured with Coach Calleri and his parents, Susan and Steven Coss.



**GOLF**

**Cassie Pantelas** signed her National Letter of Intent to play golf at Seton Hall University next fall on a full ride scholarship. She was a member of the varsity team that finished State Runner-up three times during her high school career. Cassie is a four-year letter winner who received numerous awards: 1st team Federal League 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 1st team Stark County 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 1st team Northeast District 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2nd team State 2011, 2012, 1st team State 2013, Academic All-Ohio 2013.

She is pictured with her parents Carmen and Gus Pantelas, and Coach Teal Harvey.



**LACROSSE**

JHS senior, **Anna Weber**, signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her lacrosse career at Lourdes University. A midfielder who also plays on the traveling team, Ohio Premier, during the summer. Anna's strength lies in her ability to control the draw.

Anna is pictured with her mother Barb Weber and Coach Elizabeth McCormick.



The first Polar Bear Mascot bounded onto the Fife Stadium field in 1960, wearing a suit of authentic polar bear fur, head and all. It was worn by then senior, Lawrence Coltrin. Students, teachers and booster clubs purchased a bear rug at a cost of \$225 from the H.O Hoffman Company in Brooklyn, New York, and it was fashioned into a one-piece, wearable mascot suit by local seamstress, Mrs. Esther

Hodgson who lined it with soft fabric and installed a zipper in the front. The mascot was called Jack until a contest was held and the name Jay-Bee was selected. The original bear skin was worn until the 1970s. The current mascot suit is made of synthetic fur.

**AT RIGHT • The original Jackson Polar Bear costume.**





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## The Marching Polar Bears are back from a successful trip to China where they performed on the Great Wall

Members of the Jackson High School Band visited China from March 19-26 as part of an international exchange program with Jackson's sister school, Jiaozhou No.1 High School.

The students toured Beijing's historical spots featuring the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Bird's Nest Olympic Stadium and Water

Cube, Ancient Hutongs, Summer Palace, Giant Panda Zoo, and toured a silk factory.

Our students gave a performance atop the Great Wall of China. They traveled by bullet train to Jiaozhou No.1 High School and were honored guests of the Global Education Exchange (AGEE), Jiaozhou.

They were given a welcome ceremony and speech by the major of Jiaozhou, and they engaged in student exchange while visiting No. 1 High School classrooms. The exchange culminated in an evening concert featuring the Jackson Band and students from Jiaozhou area schools.



## JHS Annual Plant Sale starts May 1

Horticulture students pose with their plant babies, which they are carefully tending for the huge annual plant sale, beginning May 1 when the greenhouse will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday until the plants are sold. Patrons will find a wide variety of annual plants, vegetables, and hanging baskets. The greenhouse is located at the rear (south side) of the high school. Parking is available right next to the greenhouse for easy pick up. All proceeds benefit the Jackson FFA Chapter, an organization dedicated to service learning and community service.

# REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

**To be eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2014, your child must be 5 on or before Sept. 30.**

For details, click the blue button on the home page of the school Web site at [jackson.stark.k12.oh.us](http://jackson.stark.k12.oh.us)

**Where to register:**  
You can register at your school building NOW. Please call for an appointment.

<b>Amherst</b> 330-830-8024	<b>Lake Cable</b> 330-834-4673	<b>Sauder</b> 330-830-8028	<b>Strausser</b> 330-830-8056
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June 18 - Aug. 1, register at the Superintendent's Office. Call 330-830-8000.  
Aug. 4 - Aug. 15, register at your school building.

**What to bring:**

- birth certificate
- proof of residence
- custody papers (if applicable)
- child's social security number
- immunization record

**Your child does not have to be present for registration.**

*First Day of School August 18*

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