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Polar Bears win first-ever State Baseball Championship

The Polar Bears have won the first baseball championship in school history. They finished the season with a 27-5 overall record, 10-2 in the Federal League, winning the Federal League Title. Senior outfielder Jake Miller, senior 2nd baseman Kyle Mottice, and senior pitcher Tim Turner were first-team All Federal League selections. Coach Bill Gamble was named the Federal League Coach of the Year.

Jackson holds its first Summa Celebration

This year, Michelle Tawil earned the class distinction of valedictorian, and Abishek Bhargava earned the rank of salutatorian.

At the close of the school year, JHS principal, Monica Myers, welcomed 110 students, their families, and special guests to the first annual Summa Celebration at Jackson High School. Students receive the title of Summa by earning a 3.9 or higher cumulative GPA throughout all four years of high school.

"This is not an easy feat given the rigorous course offerings these students have chosen," Mrs. Myers said. "They have taken advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, accelerated and college-level dual enrollment classes."

Prior to the Summa event, parents submitted a statement about their child, which was read as he or she accepted a certificate and gold honor cord from



Class of 2014
Valedictorian
Michelle Tawil

their principal and Superintendent Chris Dilorreto. The cord was worn as a mark of distinction at graduation.

Each student invited two honored guests and wrote gratitude statements about how these people had helped him



Class of 2014
Salutatorian
Abishek Bhargava

or her succeed. The parent and honored guest statements were bound in a Summa Celebration keepsake book as a gift to each Summa student.

The ceremony was followed by a reception in the high school commons.



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Keeping the Main Thing, the Main Thing

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Thank you for renewing the excellence in your school district through your support of the levy in May. It is a pleasure to serve a community that values education. Our successes belong to the whole community, and I thank each of you for your continued

contribution to the fine graduates of the Class of 2014 and the students who will follow in their footsteps.

Congratulations, Class of 2014. You have completed your high school

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CLASS OF 2014 SUMMA STUDENTS

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|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Radhika Adusumilli | Dante Davis | Ryan Gusbar | Krista Lutz | Jillian Paulhardt | Grant Slovan |
| Shaima Ahmed | Russell Dent | Elise Haines | Abigail Lyall | Cheyenne Payne | David G. Smith |
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| Evan Bailey | Emma Dillon | Patrick Handwork | Hannah Maringo | Kristin Petit | Ivan Stamboldziev |
| Cassandra Bennett | Brennan Dingler | Kyle Haynam | McKenzie Marsh | Emily Ribaud | Samuel Sutton |
| Laura Bergstrom | Madison Donnelly | Jeffrey Hooper II | Lindsey McDonough | Kayla Rohr | Devin Ta |
| Abhishek Bhargava | Jaelyn Duffy | Elizabeth Hyde | John Mickle | Taylor Rohrig | Michelle Tawil |
| Carter Billett | Daria El-Badawi | Amanda Ifantiede | Megan Morris | Hannah Royer | Jeffrey Turner |
| Jacob Bryan | Rachel Ellenberger | Micah Johnson | Kyle Mottice | Anthony Rozmajzl | Katherine Webb |
| Hannah Buell | Barbara Eruo | Emily Justus | Julia Namenek | Hannah Ruth | Elana Weiner |
| Jessica Cassidy | Brenda Eruo | Katelyn Kingsbury | Logan Neidert | Rachel Saadey | Courtney Werbeck |
| Emily Cheng | Sarah Etling | Alexis Konstantacos | Khoa Nguyen | Sarina Schroeter | Madison C Williams |
| Cassidy Clay | Fuad Farrah | Ann Therese Lambo | Priya Nidamanuri | Amanda Schuller | Rachel Williams |
| Robert Clifford | Elizabeth Galloway-Purcell | Gabriel Lane | Alexandria Pallotta | Rachel Seifert | Taylor Wiseman |
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| Derek Coventry | Graeff Elizabeth | Corey Liebau | Haley Parramore | Michelle Sire | Paige Young |
| Stevie Darling | Sean Griffiths | Meghan Linz | Sunny Patel | Madison Sirpilla | Olivia Zepp |
| Isha Das | Natalie Groff | Claire Lober | Caitlyn Patton | Jennifer Slogar | |

Principal partners with student leaders to improve JHS

For the past four years, JHS seniors Jeff Turner, Khoa Nguyen, Madison Williams and Fuad Farrah have served on the high school principal's Student Leadership Council. They met monthly

with principal Monica Myers to discuss ways to improve student life on campus.

The group is led by Mrs. Myers, assistant principal Dr. Rich Dinko, and

Student Council advisor Becky Arter. They used D. Michael Abrashoff's leadership book *It's Your Ship* as a springboard for discussion each month. The book tells how Captain Abrashoff

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From left are JHS principal Monica Myers with her leadership team of Jeff Turner, Khoa Nguyen, Madison Williams and Fuad Farrah. Next is JHS assistant principal Dr. Richard Dinko, JHS Student Council advisor Becky Arter.



Figure skater receives gold level award

Michelle Dilling has been skating since first grade. As a graduating senior, she received the Gold Level Achievement Award from the president of U.S. Figure Skating, Patricia St. Peter. The designation is awarded upon a skater's highest test achievement and competitive accomplishment. Michelle's competitive achievements include: freestyle skating, moves in the field, and placing second in a competition that qualified her for the National Showcase in theatrical skating. In addition to being an accomplished student at Jackson High School and skating competitively, Michelle also coaches eight young skaters at Center Ice Complex. She plans to continue skating as she attends the University of Akron to study nursing in the fall.



A dog and a vet need your help

The JHS FACES Club held a dinner to bring awareness to the Wags4Warriors program that pairs service dogs with US veterans who have been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and/or Traumatic Brain Injury. Our FACES Club and other students have raised \$2,400 towards \$3000 needed for the cost and training of a dog for a veteran. Many of the dogs are rescue dogs or dogs the veterans already own. If you wish to help our students reach their goal for this worthy cause, please contact the FACES advisor Mrs. Andrea Stefan ads2jc@jackson.sparcc.org, JHS teacher Christine McKay cam2jc@jackson.sparcc.org, or JHS principal Monica Myers mmm3jc@jackson.sparcc.org.



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education, and we wish you great success on the next leg of your journey. Whether you are continuing on to college, trade school, the military or the workforce—keep growing. In the words of Benjamin Franklin, "Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning."

Here are a few of this school year's achievements:

- Graduating seniors earned nearly \$2 million in scholarships
- Our sophomore class achieved at the highest levels on the Ohio Graduation Test, with more than 90 percent passing.
- U.S. News and World Report ranked Jackson High School 26th in the state and 632nd in the nation.
- JHS won the All-Sports Trophy for the third consecutive year with 124.3 points.
- The Jackson Baseball Team brought home the district's first-ever state basketball championship, Joining the ranks of our 2010 Basketball Team and our 2010 and 2012 Speech & Debate Teams.

Our resource management program continues to be a top priority.

We know it is imperative for us to stretch every taxpayer dollar, and we continue to closely monitor the energy use in each of our six buildings. Even though school is out, our buildings get almost daily use by students attending athletic and academic enrichment camps. Just as we did last year, we have centralized the camps into fewer buildings. In addition, our summer staff works four 10-hour days, enabling us to power down all buildings three days of each week. This results in substantial savings. We are proud of our energy program, not only because it saves tax dollars but also because it gives us an opportunity to demonstrate environmental leadership to students, staff, and the community.

Change is an important part of a viable school district. Please extend a warm welcome to Lake Cable's former principal, J.R. Reindel, as he transitions into the role of Sauder principal at the start of the 2014-15 school year. Angela Leggett, a former teacher and Dean of Students at Strausser, will step in as the new Lake Cable principal. We have great confidence in these two leaders and look forward to their contributions in the fall. Until then, I hope you will enjoy a safe and restful summer while still learning new things each day.

JHS drivers play it safe



Late in May, the Highway Patrol, NCPD and JTPD checked JHS students for seat belts as they pulled into the school parking lot. Here are the results.

Vehicle/Drivers checked, 346 ..333 buckled up
 Front Seat Passengers, 8985 buckled up
 Back Seat Passengers, 15 10 buckled up
 Overall Students, 450428 buckled up



GO BEARS

STUDENT LEADERS Continued from page 1

created the most efficient ship in the US fleet (the USS Benfold) by following these rules: lead by example; listen aggressively; communicate purpose and meaning; create a climate of trust; look for results, not salutes; take calculated risks; go beyond standard procedure; build up your people's confidence; generate unity; and improve your people's quality of life as much as possible.

Mrs. Myers likened the high school to the Benfold and offered her council similar opportunities to lead the student body.

"These students had a true voice in making significant changes at JHS," said Mrs. Myers. She explained that they

broke new ground by changing the role of class officers from popularity contests to one of leadership. They weighed in on additions and changes being made to the student handbook. They instituted a program of beautifully framed student life photographs that enliven the hallways throughout the building. They also helped arrange a school assembly with Christopher Milo, a motivational speaker who helps students create a culture of positive inclusiveness.

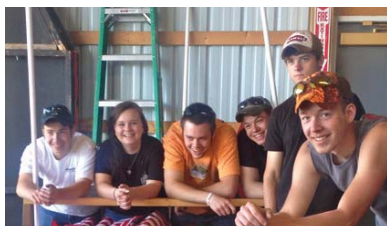
They learned that to effect change, one must first seek to understand. So, they listened aggressively to learn about such things as the district's energy conservation program, the role of a high school principal, and the legalities of

school safety drills. In seeking first to learn why such programs and rulings are in place, the team was able to deliver that understanding to their peers, expanding the network of students who became part of solutions at JHS.

Next year, stepping into the big shoes of these graduating seniors are: Austin Young, president; Mark Dickerhoof, vice president; Zach Zablo, secretary; and Matt Reed, treasurer. They served this role as juniors and were voted in to maintain their position as the senior officers. They will be joined by junior, sophomore and freshman class officers forming a team of 16 students representing the high school.

Seniors spend a day serving our community

Jackson Township's public buildings, parks, churches and 17 private residences of senior citizens are weeded and mulched, windows are washed, and odd jobs are done. That's what happens when over 300 JHS seniors give four hours of service to the community that gave them an education. For several decades, each last-day-of-school, Jackson seniors have spent a morning volunteering. After 53 job sites received services, students attended a picnic at Jackson North Park where parents served pizza and Kentucky Fried Chicken.



Public Servants

After weeding and mulching at the Jackson Fire Department on Senior Community Service Day, these hard workers took a rest atop the tower truck.



BAM Books for Bears

For the month of June, Books-a-Million (BAM) customers can choose to donate a book to our elementary schools, middle school or high school. This program is one way BAM gives back to the community. Jackson Local Schools is grateful to BAM for this opportunity and to YOU for the many ways you support your school district. Have a safe and happy summer.

Percussionists among the four top groups at OSU festival

Under the direction of Mr. Tyler Carpenter, 14 Jackson percussion students attended the Ohio State University Percussion Ensemble Festival. Our students performing "Night on Bald Mountain" were selected as one of four groups to perform in the evening concert alongside OSU students, faculty, and guest artists.



Participating students were: Nathan Webb, Austin Kauth, Alex Starkey, Lindsey McDonough, Justin Long, Logan Neidert, Anthony Vicini, Ethan Wahl, Ridge Krauss, Mary Manos, Jacob Gardner, Scott Jacobsen, Chris Smith, and Brandon Tyson.

Also, four Jackson students performed with the honors ensembles, coached by OSU faculty and the guest artists. The students attended excellent clinics and performances of very diverse music by OSU students, faculty, and guest artists.

"This festival is a truly top-notch event in which the students involved represented Jackson High School exceptionally well, both in musicianship and character," Mr. Carpenter said.

Become a host family for JHS exchange student next fall

The Jackson Township Rotary Club is seeking two or more families to share the hosting of its French exchange student, Estelle Piquard, age 16 in June, who will attend Jackson High School in the fall. The host family is expected to provide room and board and transportation to and from after-school activities that Estelle may be involved in during her stay. Estelle is expected to purchase her own clothing, toiletries, school supplies, school fees, etc. She will also have own medical coverage and will receive a \$100/month stipend from the Jackson Rotary Club. If you would like to consider this enriching cultural experience for your family, please contact Estelle's advisor Aletha Carver to learn more. 330-497-0700.



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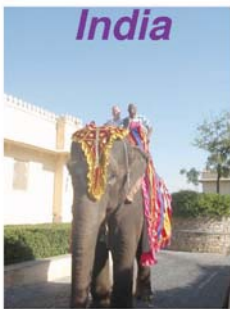
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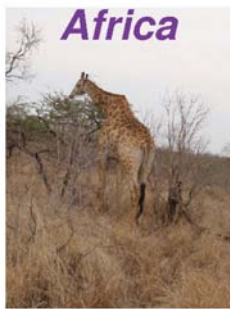
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High School

JAGS students spend time immersed in third world situations

This school year, 45 JHS freshmen participated in the second year of a new and innovative program of study. The Jackson Academy for Global Studies (JAGS) is a unique school within Jackson High School, dedicated to integrating a global perspective into core classes. Through personal leadership and service learning opportunities, JAGS students actively prepare to be global citizens. They complete seminar classes and challenging hands-on research projects throughout their high school experience, beginning freshman year.

In the spring, they traveled to the Heifer Global Village at Shepherd's Spring in Sharpsburg, Maryland. Students experienced 24 hours of living in the simulated third world countries of: Upper Appalachia, Guatemala, Thailand, Upper & Lower Mozambique, Kenya, and a typical refugee camp. Assigned in groups to different countries, students were given only the meagre supplies typical for their country as they explored the issues of global poverty and hunger.

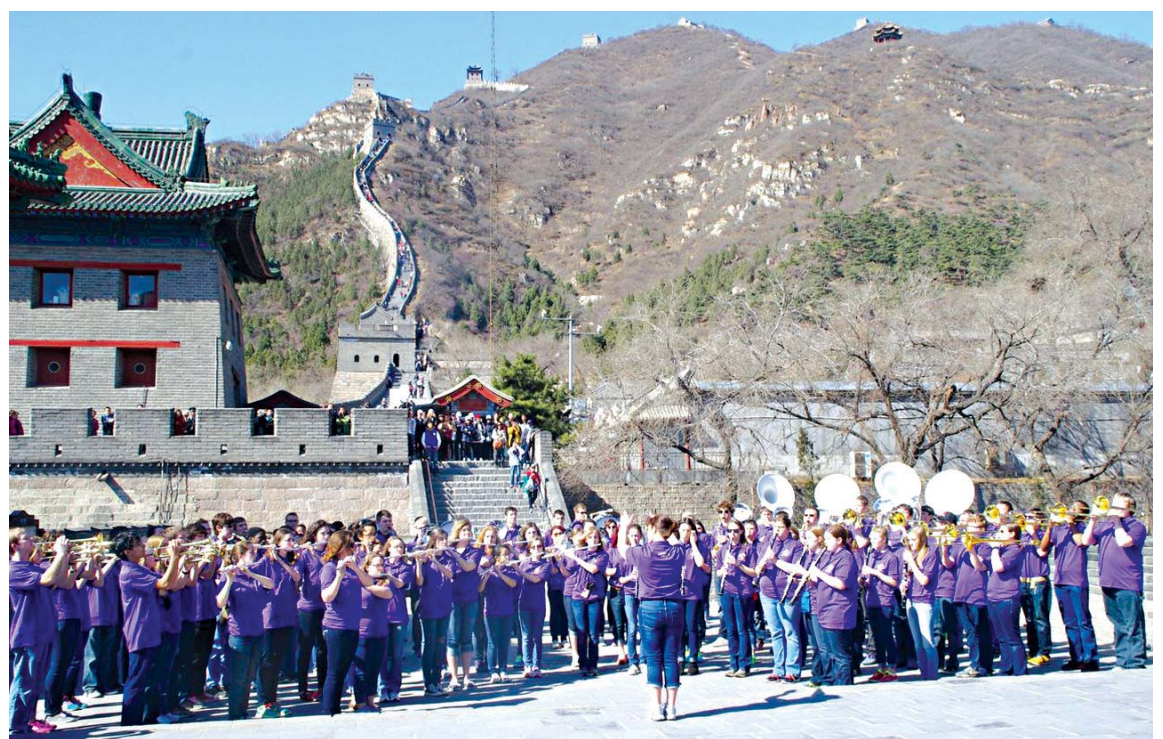
They were challenged to examine their own habits, consumption patterns and beliefs and were encouraged to share resources with the goal of becoming more responsible global citizens. As they shared resources, the students found there was enough for everyone. They later pondered the question, "If there is enough for everyone, why doesn't everyone have enough?"

The JAGS program is coordinated by JHS assistant principal Jeff Kracker and social studies teacher Kacy Carter.

"Students that come out of this program will have a well-developed sense of empathy for people worldwide and a knowledge that extends past the traditional classroom experience," said Mr. Carter.

"We're preparing students for careers that do not yet exist, but we do know that these students will have to work with people from a variety of backgrounds. Having these kinds of experiences creates an awareness of the world and develops skills that our students can be apply in any career," said Mr. Kracker.

The JAGS model for learning is: investigate the world, recognize perspective, communicate ideas and take action.



Polar Bears on the Great Wall of China

While in China over spring break, the Jackson High School marching band gave a public performance atop a section of the Great Wall. Students remarked that the trip was an opportunity of a lifetime.

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Big kids help little kids learn to speak Spanish

Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica students shared their love of Spanish with 75 Jackson elementary students over the school year. The children were taught by 15 JHS students while another dozen JHS students prepared weekly materials for the lessons. The younger students reveled in their newfound language skills and excitedly looked forward to their visits with their high-school-aged teachers, whom they seem to revere as celebrities.

JHS seniors Jessica Cassidy and Shaima Ahmed were awarded the Principal's Outstanding Volunteer Award for their exceptional work with an Amherst kindergartener from Puerto Rico and a Strausser first grader from México. Neither child spoke English, and the girls worked regularly with these students to help acclimate them to America, help them become successful students, and occasionally translate for the parents.

"Students like these are gems for our school community and their work is greatly appreciated," said Spanish teacher Parthena Draggett.



Jessica Cassidy, JHS principal Monica Myers and Shaima Ahmed.



Seniors surprised with Timken scholarships

One morning in May, Jackson seniors were called into an assembly to learn about Advanced Placement exam procedures. Little did they know that they would also see five of their classmates surprised with scholarships from the Timken Company. Donald Walker, Timken's senior vice president of human resources made the presentations.

JHS senior **Madison Williams** watched four of her classmates earn \$5,000 and \$10,000 awards and figured she wasn't receiving a scholarship. "I felt very happy for my friends," she said. Then Mr. Walker asked the students, "Where is Madison Williams? She has won a \$30,000 scholarship, renewable for up to three additional years for a total of \$120,000."

With misty eyes and a wide smile on her face, Madison walked to the stage amid cheers and applause from her classmates.

"My parents (David and Betsy) were the first people I thought of when I heard my name called. They have taught me all my life to work hard and put my faith in God and I would reap benefits. This will really help our family. It feels very good to be recognized for hard work. (Madison is on the Speech & Debate Team, plays two sports and is a member of several academic honor societies). "I don't do those things for recognition but rather to learn and to serve my community. I want to thank the Timken Company immensely for giving me this opportunity, and with all these Jackson recipients, it shows what



Donald Walker, Madison Williams, Katherine Webb, Evan Bailey, Isha Das and Natalie Groff.

a good school Jackson is. We are really blessed." Madison will study pre-medicine/nursing at Belmont University.

Receiving one of five \$10,000 scholarships, renewable for three additional years was **Natalie Groff**. "My morning started out badly, with a broken contact, and now look what happened," Natalie said. "I am so grateful. I want to thank not only the Timken Company but also Mrs. Germano in the writing Center and my parents (Michael and Myra). They have helped me so much." Natalie will study political science at the University of Mount Union.

The following three students received one of 30 renewable \$5,000 scholarships: **Evan Bailey** said, "I want to thank the Timken Company for all they do, and I am very grateful for what they have just done for me and my family." After speaking with his father on the phone, Evan added, "I think I made him really happy. Without

my parents' (Nathan and Linda) help and support, I would not be standing here today." Evan will study chemistry or bio chemistry at the College of Charleston.

Isha Das said, "I feel unbelievable happy and grateful to the Timken Company for this award, and I want to thank my parents (Ajay and Ruby) and teachers because without them, I would be nowhere." Isha has not yet chosen her college but will study mechanical engineering and business and finance.

Katherine Webb said, "It is unbelievable that I am one of the recipients. I am grateful to the Timken Company and my parents (Thomas and Jennifer) who have been so supportive of me, especially over the past year with all the decisions I've had to make about college. I could not have done this without them." Kathryn will study math education at Grove City College.

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Athletes place at Ohio Middle School State Championships

Joe Stambolziowski - Finished 2nd in the high jump. He tied a state meet record but finished 2nd on a tie breaker.

Garret Sin - Finished 5th in pole vault.

Lexi Washburne, Jessie McMurtry, Anjali Ta, and Katie Taray - Finished 8th in the Girls 4x800 Relay.

Joe Stambolziowski, Chad Umlauf, Bailey Kalb, & Nick Dye - Finished 6th in the Boys 4x400 Relay.



JMMS Record-Breakers

JMMS athletes, Joe Stambolziowski and Rachel Daiger, broke school track records at the May 10 Federal League Meet. Joe High Jumped 6'0" and Rachel Pole Vaulted 8'3".



Fiona Szeles Alaina Carpenter Katyah Nabours

Three at JMMS advance to state Power of the Pen competition

JMMS 8th graders Fiona Szeles, Alaina Carpenter, and Katyah Nabours wrote their way to the Power of the Pen State Tournament held at Wooster College. The girls competed in three rounds of writing against students from 86 counties in Ohio. Fiona Szeles qualified for the final Power Round of writing, which featured the top 54 eighth grade writers.

Power of the Pen is a writing club that participates in District, Regional and State competitions that consist of three rounds of writing to a prompt.

This year there were 17 writers in the club, 12 of which wrote at Districts. They were: 7th graders: MaryAnn Meniru, Shelby Marotto, Alyssa Baker, Seana Byard, Bayan Kataf, Sylvia Johnson. 8th graders: Jeremiah Kincaid, Fiona Szeles, Kat Nabours, Alaina Carpenter, Chloe Downer, Faheem Ali. Regional qualifiers were: Mary Ann Meniru, Shelby Marotto, Seana Byard, Fiona Szeles, Kat Nabours, Alaina Carpenter, and Faheem Ali.

Students and friends shave in support of fighter, Luke Ritchey

In February, one of our own JMMS Polar Bears, 13-year-old Luke Ritchey, son of Jackson teacher Sharon Ritchey and her husband Peter, was diagnosed with Burkitt's Leukemia. The out-pouring of support for Luke and his family was spectacular. It seemed that everywhere you went in Jackson, someone was wearing a Team Luke shirt or wristband. Then, in March, bald heads began appearing. In fact, many individuals gathered for Team Luke at the St. Baldrick's Foundation head-shaving event held at Quaker Steak & Lube. Team LUKE's youngest warriors were just six-years-old.



One team member said, "Donating the money to the research teams that will cure Luke and other children was satisfying, but nothing beat having Luke in the front row of the crowd. Everyone knew he was in the hospital that weekend and we did not expect to see him. Luke's surprise presence provided a sense of common reason, purpose, and pride, not only for our team, but for the whole crowd."

The team motto is. "This is not leukemia...This is LUKemia...and he's a fighter!"



Courageous People

JMMS students in Mrs. Haas and Mrs. Fultz's language arts students read biographies on courageous people. They then gave presentations by dressing up and acting as though they were the characters in the biographies.

Students' artwork selected for walls at Children's Hospital

Seventh grade students Andrew Dearth, Leah Elliott and Jacob Walton, and eighth grade students Gabby Bachtel, Joana Kyle and Olivia Valentine had work



selected to be included in the Akron Children's Hospital permanent art collection. Students are part of Mrs. Paulette Simons and Mrs. Lisa Ayres Surber's visual arts classes. The hospital is presently constructing a seven-floor critical care tower on their main campus in Akron. The tower will house an expanded Emergency Department, an Outpatient Surgery Center, a High-risk Delivery Area and a 100-bed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The building will utilize children's artwork as part of its interior design scheme.

Published Authors

JMMS students in Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Mastroine's classed wrote books that were published into hard-back editions. An authors' reception for the parents and friends in the school library where the books were on display and public readings were offered.



Serving Special Needs



School friend hosts event for our special needs students

Local resident Barb Huff recently hosted Jane Slife and Sherri Reynold's kindergarten through fifth grade students with multiple handicaps for a picnic at her home. Mrs. Huff also organizes the Polar Pups program that brings her dog, George, and 10 other dogs to our schools to encourage reading with these and other students. While at Mrs. Huff's beautifully landscaped property, the students took a nature hike with George and his brother Midnight in tow. As they hiked, they learned the names of plants. Each student also decorated a pot and planted a flower to take home. As they planted, they learned about caring for flowers. They fed the Koi fish and visited a kid-size cottage on the property before the day ended with a hotdog and lemonade lunch. The district thanks Mrs. Huff for her hospitality and dedication to students throughout the school year.


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2014-15 School Calendar

AUG 12 Gr 6/New Student Orientation, 6-8:00 pm
 12 Gr 9/New Student Orientation A-L, 7-8:00 pm
 13 Gr 9/New Student Orientation M-Z, 7-8:00 pm
 14 Open House - All Elementaries, 4:30-6:30 pm
 18 1st Day for Students (K-12)
 27 Open House - High School, 6:30-8:30 pm
 29 Teacher Inservice - No School for Students (K-12)

SEPT 1 Labor Day - No School (K-12)
 2 Open House - JMMS, Last Name A-M, 6:00-7:00 pm
 Last Name N-Z, 7:00-8:00 pm

OCT 10 Teacher Inservice - No School for Students (K-12)
 13 Columbus Day Holiday - No School (K-12)
 14 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
 14 Parent Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
 16 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
 17 End of 1st 9 Weeks - 41 Days
 22 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
 22 Parent Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 pm

NOV 26 Thanksgiving Break Begins

DEC 2 Classes Resume
 19 End of 2nd 9 Weeks - 41 Days
 22 Winter Break Begins

JAN 5 Classes Resume
 16 Teacher Inservice - No School for Students (K-12)
 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School (K-12)

FEB 11 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
 13 Teacher Inservice - No School for Students (K-12)
 16 Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)
 19 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 pm

MAR 13 End of 3rd 9 weeks - 46 Days
 30 Spring Break Begins

APR 6 Classes Resume

MAY 25 Memorial Day - No School (K-12)
 27 Last Day for Students & Staff
 27 End of 4th 9 Weeks - 47 Days

Academic Awards and Scholarships

Stephen Fenstermaker II Memorial Scholarship
 Kyle Haynam

Benson Family Memorial Scholarship
 Morgan Geis & Edward Murray

Evelyn Stark Scholarship
 Alexis Pittinger

SAIL Scholarships
(Students Assisting with Instruction in Life Skills)
 Noelle Fuzer, Mary Manos & Katharine Regas

J.M.E.A. Scholarships
 Jessica Griffiths & Amanda Ifantiedes

Speech and Debate Scholarship
 Shaima Ahmed

Anne Gleason Barbin Scholarship
 Patrick Handwork

Alan McDorman Memorial Scholarship
 Katelyn Weber

Anthony Sandy Memorial Scholarship
 Emily Cheng

Stephanie Beoglos Bartuseck Memorial Scholarships
 Matthew Margaritakis & Allison Rath

Jackson Township Lions Club Scholarships
 Kyle Haynam, Kareesma Parbhoo & Michelle Sire

Jackson Township Rotary Club Rick Rodak Scholarships
 Sarina Schroeter, Elise Haines, Katherine Webb & Hannah Ruth

Jackson High School Alumni Scholarships
 Sydney Hansen, Madeline Jellison & Jayci Kuhn

Michael Jay Danner Memorial Scholarships
 Myrissa Irwin, Jillian Paulhardt, Mackenzie Reese, Abigail Sheeler, Nathan White, Paige Young, Matthew Lowry & Abby McLaughlin

Aultcare Team Spirit Award
 Maggie Steadham

Lloyd Seifer Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #206 Scholarships
 Hannah Ruth & Abigail Sheeler

Unity in the Community Scholarships
 Ian Namiotka & Hannah Ruth

Dr. Gregg and Kristine Elefterin Scholarship
 Elizabeth Woodard

Danner Dental Scholarship
 Julia Namenek



John E. Harris III Architectural Scholarship
 Olivia Zepp

Jackson School for the Arts Scholarships
 Elizabeth Woodard & Elise Haines

The Young Artist Awards
 Heidi Clifford, Kristin Petit, Stephanie Spyker & Emily Yoder

National Art Honor Society Scholarships
 Haley Parramore

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica Scholarships
 Shaima Ahmed, Carter Billett, Abigail Lyall, Kareesma Parbhoo & Sarina Schroeter

Student Council Scholarships
 Fuad Farah, Taylor Hallworth, Michelle Tawil & Madison Williams

Band Booster Scholarships
 Russell Dent & Lindsey McDonough

Tom Holliday Scholarship
 McKenzie Marsh

Bruce Shelley Scholarship
 Gabriel Lane

Lifeshare Scholarships
 Ashley Palmer & Jude Meniru

Math Club Scholarships
 Kyle Haynam, John Mickley & Michelle Tawil

W. Dale Haverstock Memorial Scholarship
 Matthew Pech

William R. Thackwell, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
 John Mickley

Scott Santschi Memorial Scholarship
 Julia Namenek

Aultman Blood Center Scholarships
 Courtney Bradley, John Butine, Marissa Hoover & Danielle Todd

Stephen Bowers Memorial Scholarship
 Brennan Dingler

Larry Pritz Memorial Scholarship
 Rachel Ellenberger

National Honor Society Scholarships
 Daria El-Badewi & Radhika Adusumilli

Freshman Mentor Scholarships
 Taylor Hallworth, Jillian Paulhardt & Katharine Regas

Lois L. Baxter Scholarship
 Hannah Ruth

Andy Steve & Harold Montgomery Citizenship Awards
 Taylor Hallworth & Evan Bailey

Ohio National Guard Scholarship
 Tia Krosnick & Nomar Rivera

Naval Academy Appointment
 Elizabeth Graeff

The Academic Booster Club Scholarships
 Rachel Williams – Overall Outstanding Academics and Community Service
 Olivia Zepp – Outstanding Community Service
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Board Meeting Schedule

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.

MEETING DATES AND TIMES CAN CHANGE. CALL 330-830-8000 TO CONFIRM.

Access school bus stop info online

The Jackson Local School District Transportation Department will now communicate school bus stop information online, beginning in August. **Letters will no longer be sent through the mail.** In an effort to be more efficient and to increase the security of student information, the district will give parents and guardians access to a computer program called E-Link. Individuals will have a secure login and password to access the most current information available directly from our routing software. Final bus routing information for 2014-2015 should be available around August 11. Additional information through our Web site, Facebook and newsletters will be forthcoming.



Academic Booster Club scholarship winners: Olivia Zepp, Jack Luginbuhl and Rachel Williams.

Athletic Awards and Scholarships

Jackson High School Cross Country Scholarships

Mary Manos, Emma Dillon, Madison C. Williams, Grace Taylor, Madeline Jellison, Noelle Fuzer, Alexandria Pallotta & Benjamin Hyde

Jackson Girls Soccer Booster Club Scholarships

Katelyn Kingsbury, Kinsey Hartline, Emily Justice, Mackenzie Cherniuk & Jillian Paulhardt

Jackson Cheerleading Booster Club Scholarships

Alyson Tbomas, Ashley Thomas, Kylie Brzycki, Hannah Ruth, Anastasia Palmer & Sarah Parish

Joseph B. Armogida Inspirational Scholarship

Grant Slovan

Hat Trick Awards

Jack Luginbuhl, Carlos Deligianides & Patrick Zonfa

Laura Byham Memorial Scholarship

Zachary Kauth

Jackson Youth Basketball Association Scholarships and Awards

Evan Bailey, Bradley Engler, Kyle Mottice, Mitchell Pugh & David Smith

Mike Bessler Memorial Scholarship

Mitchell Pugh

Jackson Sideliners Scholarships

Tyler Noebe, Edward Murray, Kelsey Milano & Alexandria Pallotta

Phil Byham Scholarship

Hunter Reichenbach

National Federation of High School's Award of Excellence

Noelle Fuser & Joshua Bostic

Heck Scholarship

Zakary Kauth

Jeff Bates Memorial Scholarship

Carter Billett

OHSAA Courageous Student Award

Alexis Pittinger

Mama Bears Scholarships

Edward Murray, Tyler Langenfeld, Tyler Noebe Hunter Reichenbach

Jackson Girls Softball League Awards

Emily Ribauda, Alexis Pittinger, Megan McDonald & Paige Young

V. F.W. Post 3124 Athletes of the Year

Evan Bailey & Elizabeth Graeff

Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Awards

Laura Bergstrom & Timothy Turner

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award

Evan Bailey & Abigail Lyall

Akron Beacon Journal Scholar Athlete Nominees

Evan Bailey & Elizabeth Graeff

Akron Beacon Journal Scholar Athletes Honorable Mention Nominees

Laura Bergstrom, Emma Dillon, Evan Dillon, Jayci Kuhn, Tyler Langenfeld, Corey Liebau, Krista Lutz, Abigail Lyall, Kyle Mottice, Alexandria Pallotta, Samuel Sutton, Grace Taylor, Jeffrey Turner & Seth Vellucci

Federal League Leadership Student Athletes

Evan Bailey, Katharine Regas, Maria Thomas & Timothy Turner

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Nominees

Abhishek Bhargava, Carter Billett & Abigail Lyall

Federal League Sam DiBlasi Commissioner's Award Nominees

Abhishek Bhargava, Fuad Farah, Alexis Konstantacos & Abigail Lyall

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Hannah Ruth



Evan Bailey

The Class of 2014 has earned scholarships exceeding \$1,815,633

This figure reflects a total that was voluntarily reported by students.

Winners of the 2014 National Merit Scholarship

Abhishek Bhargava
Abigail Lyall

Finalists in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program

Abhishek Bhargava
Abigail Lyall
Samuel Sutton

Commended Students in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program

Robert Clifford
Julia Namenek
Logan Neidert
Priya Nidamanuri

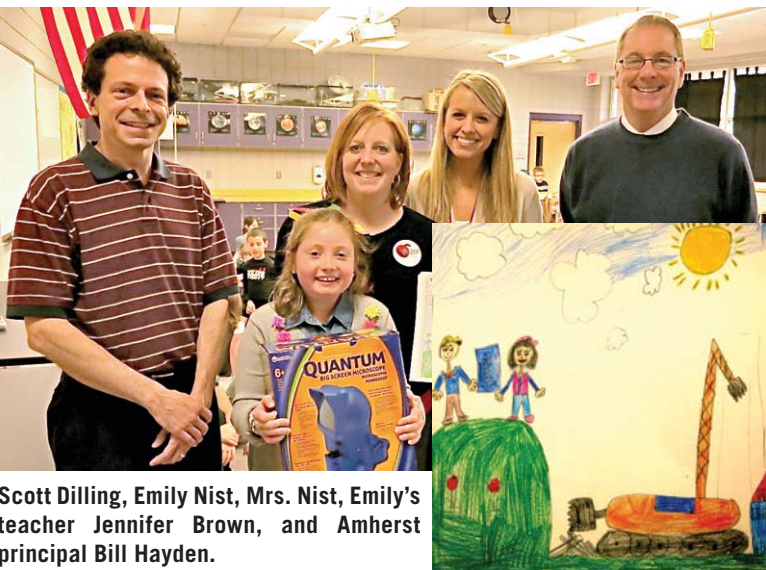
National Achievement Scholarship Program Finalist

Kara Brathwaite



Fuad Farah and Shaima Ahmed give the student addresses at graduation.





Scott Dilling, Emily Nist, Mrs. Nist, Emily's teacher Jennifer Brown, and Amherst principal Bill Hayden.

Imagine a girl as a construction engineer

Amherst 2nd grader, Emily Nist, won second place in the Imagine Engineering Coloring Contest, sponsored by the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE). Local engineer, Scott Dilling, introduced our second graders to the world of engineering, helping them understand what engineers do and exciting them about the field. Emily's mother, Stacy, said her daughter came home from school very motivated about drawing and coloring an engineer holding blueprints. She asked her mother if it was okay to draw a girl engineer. Mrs. Nist assured her daughter that it was quite okay. To make sure everyone knew, Emily drew her female engineer wearing a pink hard hat on the construction site.

For her winning effort, Mr. Dilling, on behalf of the OSPE, awarded Emily a microscope.

"Emily amazes her father and me every day," said Mrs. Nist, adding that Emily is excited about all learning and reads a lot of non-fiction to satisfy her need to know how things work.



We have shoes and toys; lets make sure other kids do, too

Alycia Kakos' Amherst first graders learned about the Ecuadorian culture and collected 59 pairs of shoes and 50 pairs of socks that will be taken to Quito, Ecuador this summer by Miss Kakos and her mother, Pam, who is a secretary in the district's Food Service Department. With a team from Zion United Church of Christ, they will wash the feet of the Ecuadorian children and fit them with a new pair of socks and shoes. They will offer hair cuts and paint fingernails just to bring a smile. Miss Kakos' students used their math skills to sort the shoes by size and gender. They were "shocked" to learn that so many Ecuadorian children do not have shoes, clothes or the kind of homes that U.S. children enjoy and even more shocked to learn that they have no toys.

"We are truly blessed with everything we have, and even though the children we will visit have so little, they are happy," said Miss Kakos.

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Amherst students go international

Amherst 3rd graders had a visit from Walsh University international students who spoke about their native country, customs, and cultures. Our students took notes and asked questions to further their knowledge about the countries of Iraq, Bolivia, Saudi Arabia, then created PowerPoint slide presentations in their technology class.

Spelling gets messy at Amherst Elementary

Jenna Tornabene's Amherst 3rd graders spread shaving cream on their desks to practice writing and learning their spelling words. That day, spelling was full of ENJOYMENT.



Mrs. Snee's students build bridges of knowledge

Lake Cable 2nd graders in Mr. Snee's class became construction engineers in conjunction with their reading theme, *Building Bridges with Unlikely Friends*. Students read about bridges in both fiction and nonfiction genres and learned about forces and motion as they constructed bridges of their own.

Big learning from small businesses

Lake Cable 4th graders created small businesses and gave presentations in front of the class. Each student came up with his or her own individual business idea. They had to consider what supplies would be needed, who they would need to hire, and what products or services they would provide. They then presented their businesses idea to the class and brought in samples of their products.

"The students did a fantastic job, really enjoyed working on this project, and learned a great deal about economics," said teacher Tim Raddish.



Electrified Learning

Lake Cable 5th grade science students conducted tests to determine if insulators or conductors completed electric circuits. Pictured are Kyle Evans, Sebastian Scott, Lilu Adusumilli, and Broke Bajornas.



Student Council

Lake Cable 5th grade Student Council members sold Easter basket raffle tickets to raise money for events at their school. Front row 1: Grace Salvatore, Jacob Chapman, Nolan Robeson, Will Hoover, Sam Degenhard. Middle row: Lydia Humbert, Ryan Farneth, Kate Morena, Carly Jokovich, Peyton Neimi. Back row: school principal JR Reindel, advisor Jaime Shively, and advisor Jordan Parks.

Mrs. Evanchan's 2nd graders produce an Earth Day play



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Last 26 days of school enlivened by alphabet countdown

Strausser 1st grade students used the alphabet to count down the last 26 days of school. On Thursday, April 24, they celebrated the letter "B" using a beach theme. The students got to wear their sunglasses to school and spread their beach towels over the school playground to do their work under the sun. Each day had a theme that related to the corresponding letter of the alphabet.



Local judge visits Sauder classroom

Sauder students in the Project-Based Learning classroom studied the branches of government. Students wrote biographies on the government official of their choice, such as President Obama, U.S. Senator Sharrod Brown, Speaker of the House John Boehner, etc. They then created a dimensional representation of their person, using a Pringles can as a base. To close the unit, Stark County Common Pleas Court Judge Kristin G. Farmer visited the students as part of the district effort to connect classroom learning to the real world. The students asked questions, became familiar with her responsibilities and learned about the process of how she became a judge.



Project Based Learning is an instructional approach built upon authentic learning activities that engage student interest and motivation. The hands-on activities are designed to answer a question or solve a problem and generally reflect the types of learning and work people do in the world. The community connection aspect is key to the program's goal of demonstrating the link between the classroom and the real world. Project Based Learning teaches students' 21st century skills as well as content. These skills include communication and presentation, organization and time management, research and inquiry, self-assessment and reflection, and group participation and leadership.



Thank you, Repository

We hope you enjoyed the issues of the Sauder Scoop that appeared throughout the school year in the Jackson Suburbanite. The newspaper was 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 have been possible without the support of the Canton Repository publisher, Jim Porter, and the Massillon Independent managing editor, Maureen Ater. Jackson Local Schools thanks GateHouse Media for making this real-world opportunity available to our young learners.



Alphabet themes mark last days of school for Strausser third graders

Third graders at Strausser Elementary participated in an end of year ABC countdown using the alphabet to mark the last 26 days of school. Here is a look at B-Bubble day and C- Chalk the walk day. When Ohio weather did not cooperate, teachers lined the floors with swaths of paper to simulate a sidewalk indoors.



Jackson seeks to serve 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 the principal of the school the child attends or would likely attend upon reaching school age.

Jackson seeks federal grants for special education

The Jackson Local School District is eligible to submit two applications to the Ohio Department of Education for federal grants to maintain and improve special education programs and services in the Jackson Local Schools: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (Public Law 105-17) and Education of the Handicapped Act, Preschool Grant Program (Public Law 99-457). Residents within the Jackson Local School District may inquire and make program and service recommendations regarding the grant applications. For information, contact Kathy Brand, Director of Special Programs at 830-8006.



Students receive live trees from Jackson Lions Club

The Jackson Township Lion's Club delivered Douglas fir saplings to each of our 492 fourth graders. Lions Club representatives Gary Wenning, Rita Burchett and president Dick Dramis arrived at Starusser Elementary on a day when students were celebrating Arbor Day by wearing green clothing and hair ornaments inspired by nature. The students gratefully accepted the trees and, in turn, gave the Lion's Club members a large, hand-made thank you card signed by all of the school's 4th graders.

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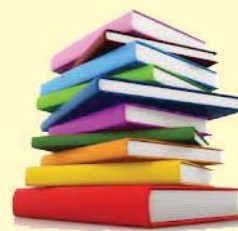
Math Madness

Strausser 4th graders in Mrs. Agona's and Mrs. Mashchak's classes competed in a Math Madness Tournament to prepare for the 4th grade Math OAA test. The 58 "mathletes" were broken into 16 teams that competed in 16 games. The games included problem solving, vocabulary, fact challenge, and a shaving cream geometric challenge. The tournament, spread over four days, was officiated by 35 parent volunteers. Superintendent Diloreto served as Tournament Commissioner, announcing the teams and presenting the awards to the sweet sixteen, elite eight, and final four. All teams competed hard, but the Pretty Pink Mathacisors were the grand champions.

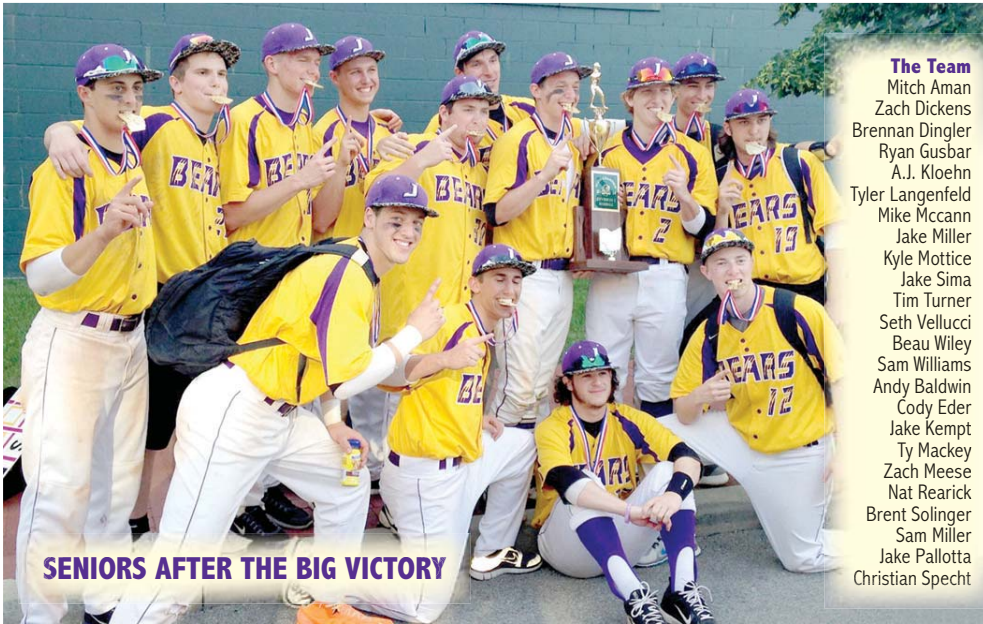
The Pink Mathacisors:
 Maraja Moss, Ben Sullivan and Adam Boogaard.

Jackson Branch Library Programs

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SENIORS AFTER THE BIG VICTORY

The Team
 Mitch Aman
 Zach Dickens
 Brennan Dingler
 Ryan Gusbar
 A.J. Kloehn
 Tyler Langenfeld
 Mike McCann
 Jake Miller
 Kyle Mottice
 Jake Sima
 Tim Turner
 Seth Vellucci
 Beau Wiley
 Sam Williams
 Andy Baldwin
 Cody Eder
 Jake Kempt
 Ty Mackey
 Zach Meese
 Nat Rearick
 Brent Solinger
 Sam Miller
 Jake Pallotta
 Christian Specht

Captains' Awards – Maddy Williams, Anna Alkire, Laura Bergstrom, Alex Pallotta
 Alan Mcdorman Memorial Award – Alex Pallotta
 Sportsmanship Award – Laura Bergstrom

Medina, Strongsville and Lakewood St. Ed's.
 Coaches' Award – Steven Coss, Jake White
 Sportsmanship Award – Michael Winkhart

BASEBALL

Coach Bill Gamble's Baseball Team finished the season as STATE CHAMPIONS, the first in school history and only the second athletic state championship of any kind. The Bears won the Federal League title and finished the season with a 27-5 record and 10-2 in the Federal League. Senior outfielder Jake Miller, senior 2nd baseman Kyle Mottice, and senior pitcher Tim Turner were first-team All Federal League selections. Coach Bill Gamble was named the Federal League Coach of the Year.

Clutch Hitter Award – Kyle Mottice
 Gold Glove Award – Jake Sima
 Most Improved – A.J. Kloehn
 Hershberger Award – Jake Miller
 Joe Herman Coaches Award – Seth Vellucci
 Academic Excellence – Brennan Dingler
 Sportsmanship Award – Tim Turner

GIRLS LACROSSE

The Girls' Lacrosse Team, coached by Elizabeth McCormick, had another fantastic season, advancing to the Regional finals. The Lady Bears finished with a 15-3 overall record, which included wins over Hudson, Hoover, Hathaway Brown, and Magnificat.
 Coaches' Award – Mary Manos
 Defensive Player of the Year – Mary Davide
 Offensive Player of the Year – Sarah McCormick
 Top Newcomer Award – Elizabeth Davide
 Mvp – Anna Seanor
 Sportsmanship Award – Mackenzie Floyd

SOFTBALL

The Softball Team, under second-year coach Jackie Pitzo, finished with an impressive 18-8 record and 7-5 in the Federal League, finishing third in the League. Junior catcher Annie Dehnke, junior outfielder Kesley Putman, and sophomore pitcher Kayla Marburger were named to the First team All-League.
 Offensive MVP – Annie Dehnke
 Defensive MVP – Autumn Heaton
 Polar Bear Award – Kesley Putman
 ESPN Highlight Award – Miah Wilson
 Sportsmanship Award – Abbey Dulik

Distance MVP – Ben Hyde
 Distance Most Improved – Paul Clifford
 Distance Rookie of the Year – Sam Sutton
 Field Events MVP – Jeff Turner
 Field Events Most Improved – Mike Ross
 Field Events Rookie of the Year – Zach Arelt
 Runner of the Year – Ben Hyde
 Coaches' Award – Tyler Berg
 Alan Mcdorman Memorial Award – Will Kanters
 Sportsmanship Award – Nate Mallue

TENNIS

The Boys' Tennis Team, coached by Lee Fortner, finished the season with a 15-2 overall record and a perfect 6-0 in the Federal League. They captured the Federal League Tournament title, giving the Bears the overall Federal League title. The Bears were Regional champions and advanced to the State Final-Four. Sophomore sensations Joey Thomas, Jake Zalenski, and Anthony Kanam were named to the All-League first team in singles and senior, Mark Spencer paired with junior Mark Dickerhoof to grab All-League first-team honors in doubles. Thomas was the Federal League and Stark County Player of the Year for the second consecutive year and qualified to the Division I State singles tournament. Zalenski and Kanam qualified in the State doubles tournament. Coach Fortner was named the League and County Coach of the Year.
 MVP – Joey Thomas
 Coaches' Award – Mark Spencer
 Most Improved – Michael Metzger
 Anchor Award – Anthony Kanam, Mark Dickerhoof, Wesley Piekarski
 Sportsmanship Award – Jake Zalenski

GIRLS TRACK

The Girls' Track Team, coached by Rick Neitzelt, finished their season with a 3-3 overall and Federal League record. The Lady Bears finished 4th in the Federal League. Senior, Grace Taylor, was first-team all Federal League in the 1600m event.
 Distance MVP – Grace Taylor
 Sprint/Hurdle MVP – Rachel Bender
 Field MVP – Anna Alkire, Abby Duffy
 Rookie/Most Improved Distance – Bailey Junker
 Rookie/Most Improved Field – Kaitlyn Daiger
 Rookie/Most Improved Sprints/Hurdles – Kim Kotitschke
 Coaches' Award – Courtney Nunley, Emma Dillon, Aly Wickemeyer

2013-1014 Jackson High School Sports Accomplishments

The head-to-head record of all sports combined was 250 wins, 69 losses and 3 ties for a winning percentage of 78%. The overall Federal League head-to-head record was 121-36-1 for a 77% winning percentage. The Bears won 9 Federal League championships, had 12 teams reach Regional play, and had 8 teams place at the state level competition, including 1 state championship, 1 second-place finish and 1 fourth place finish. The Polar Bears won the Federal League All-Sports Trophy for the third consecutive year, accumulating 124 1/3 points to outscore second place Hoover by 18 1/3 points.



Ray Jeske of ESPN interviews track coach Kevin Walsh, Nate Mallue, Ben Hyde, Paul Clifford, Tyler Berg and Sam Sutton.

BOYS TRACK

The Boys' Track Team, coached by Jon Mazur, finished the season with a 4-2 overall and Federal League record, finishing 4th in the Federal League. The Bears also finished 4th in the District meet. All League performers were the 4 x 400 relay team of Sam Hyde, Sam Sutton, Tyler Berg and Ben Hyde. The 4 x 800 team of Berg, Sutton, Paul Clifford and Ben Hyde advanced to the State meet.
 Sprint MVP – Brandon O'neil
 Sprint Most Improved – Nick Christensen
 Sprint Rookie of the Year – Kyle Erickson

Jackson Wins All Sports Trophy!!!		ALL SPORTS TROPHY FEDERAL LEAGUE TOTAL POINTS			Go Bears!!!	
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JACKSON	52.5	42.8	29.0	124.3	# 1	
HOOVER	45.0	32.5	28.5	106.0	2	
GLENOAK	42.0	26.0	24.0	92.0	3	
LAKE	40.5	34.3	15.5	90.3	4	
BOARDMAN	37.5	24.3	19.5	81.3	5	
PERRY	20.5	27.5	18.0	66.0	6	
MCKINLEY	16.0	17.5	11.5	45.0	7	



FINAL FOUR

The Team
 Joey Thomas
 Jake Zalenski
 Anthony Kanam
 Michael Metzger
 Mark Spencer
 Mark Dickerhoof
 Wesley Piekarski
 Robert Dysart
 Mitch Sloan



Assistant coach Mary Kate Agona, Demi, head coach Jeff Walck, and Demi's mom Barbara.

Demi Edwards will continue her academic and volleyball career at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike. Demi helped guide the Polar Bears to their Division 1 Elite 8 and 24-4 record. Before last season, Demi's entire volleyball career took place at DePere High School in Wisconsin, playing for the Redbirds.

"We were excited to have Demi join our program. I believe with moving to a new state and starting at a new school, it would have been easy not to play as a senior. Demi came in the first day and her work ethic showed right away. She became the team's right front attacker," said head coach Jeff Walck.



Madsen is pictured with her mother Beth Clark-Thomas and head coach Elizabeth McCormick.

Madsen Thomas, senior and second year Varsity goalie, will continue her lacrosse goal-tending career at Shenandoah University (VA) in the fall. Jackson had a 6-0 start to its season with Madsen posting a 3.67 goals against average and earning a .651 save percentage. Madsen is credited with the game-winning save against Dublin Coffman at the Hannigan-Galipault Tournament.



Pictured with Taylor are her parents, Jeannine and Sam Thomas, brothers Trace and Trent, and coach Elizabeth McCormick.

Taylor Thomas, third year varsity letterman, will continue her lacrosse career at Capital University. As an attacker, Taylor earned the least amount of fouls while finding the back of the cage on the Jackson High School Girls Lacrosse Team.



Jonah Hostetler, coach Beau Balderson and Tyler Noebe.

Jonah Hostetler will continue his football and academic career at Heidelberg University. Jonah was a three year letter winner playing both offensive and defensive line. In 2013, Jonah earned the following post season honors: 1st team All Federal League, WHBC All County Team, 1st team All NE Inland District selection, and 2nd team All State. He will represent the Polar Bears in the Stark County East West All Star game this summer.

Tyler Noebe will continue his academic and athletic career at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania. Tyler was the starting tight end and a key contributor on special forces. He finished the season as top receiving TE with 11 receptions for 171 total yards. "Tyler was a leader on and off the field over the past few years and his dedication to the weight program played a key role in his never missing an offensive snap this season," said head coach Beau Balderson.



Coach Matt Ziders, Alexandria, her dad Todd, her mom Allison, sister Lauren and brother Jake.

Alexandria Pallotta signed a national letter of intent to continue her swimming career at the University of Cincinnati. She was a team captain and state qualifier her senior year, and is ranked 3rd in school history in the 50 and 100 backstroke. Alexandria was a part of two Federal League Championship teams and two Sectional Championship teams during her time at Jackson.



Pictured with Mary are her parents, Eleni and George Manos, sister Anna and coach Elizabeth McCormick.

Mary Manos, second year varsity letterman, will continue her lacrosse career at Capital University. As a captain and low post defender on the Jackson High School Girls Lacrosse team, Mary earned the Coaches Award this year.



Independence

"I thought I might never get on my feet again after the accident. I couldn't walk or stand. I was afraid I would lose my independence, my confidence. I am stronger every day thanks to therapists at Chapel Hill. They never let me give up." —Betty

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From left to right are Jessica Gallina (JHS), Kristen Dempsey (JHS, JMMS), Lauren Moesle (Strausser grade 5), and Crystal Moniot (Strausser).

Jackson teachers and student lauded

At its April conference, *Families and Educators of Students with Diverse Needs*, Regional State Support Team 9 recognized three Jackson teachers and a Jackson student.

Crystal Moniot, a teacher at Strausser Elementary, received the Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Award for implementing a Special Education Respite Night at Strausser Elementary. The Respite Night is held annually in December and encourages parents of special needs children to drop their child (and the child's siblings) off at school for an evening of fun and learning with their caring teachers while parents enjoy some respite time. This award is presented to educators who have made extraordinary contributions to the education of students with disabilities.

Receiving honorable mention were **Jessica Gallina** (Intervention Specialist at JHS) and **Kristen Dempsey** (speech and language pathologist at JHS and JMMS), who were recognized as a team for developing two programs: the Autism and Exceptionalities Awareness Walk and FUSE, a student group that promotes acceptance and friendship among all students through social-based activities.

Strausser 5th grader, **Lauren Moesle**, received honorable mention for the R.A. Horn Outstanding Achievement Award, presented to exemplary special education students. Lauren's diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome did not stop her from making great strides in education—so much so that she now serves as a teacher's aid and assists younger students in understanding ways that she manages the syndrome. She also organized a group of students to make the popular rubber band bracelets for donation to Children's Hospital.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

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

Where to register:

You can register at your school building NOW. Please call for an appointment.

Amherst	Lake Cable	Sauder	Strausser
330-830-8024	330-834-4673	330-830-8028	330-830-8056

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



Students study marine biology in the Bahamas

Jackson students have the opportunity to visit Forfar Field Station on Andros Island in the Bahamas after attending 18 three-hour night classes that precede the week-long field experience in April. In the classes leading up to the trip, students learn about how coral reef ecosystems form and learn to identify all the different species living there. They learn the geology of the Bahamas, chemistry of seawater, the island culture, plants and animals. Students report that it is the trip of a lifetime, offering a unique opportunity to apply what they've learned while snorkeling. The program has been offered for the past 25 years in partnership with Hoover High School and is open to juniors and seniors with a 3.0 GPA or better. Students must complete an application, have two teacher recommendations, and one guidance recommendation to be considered. See JHS science teacher Mrs. Kalkhoff to participate in the future.



Emma Lee Jarvis' Second Grade Class at Sauder



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