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District receives Energy Star Award

Jackson Local School District, serving more than 5,800 students under more than 1,032,000 square feet of roof, has been recognized by the EPA as a Top Performer, achieving an average Energy Star performance score of 97 district-wide (where a score of 75-100 is needed). Furthermore, each of our buildings has earned Energy Star Certification.



Jackson's Energy Education Specialist, Bill Hayden, oversees the work of Strausser Energy Star helpers Alexis Nichols, Sydney Hindman, and Maddie Schmid as they turn off lights, close doors and complete an energy checklist. "We're saving money for our economy," said Alexis.

To spearhead the program in 2011, Superintendent Chris DiLoreto challenged each building to achieve a 25% improvement in energy performance compared to a 2009 baseline. Staff and students rose to the challenge, and the district has experienced a cost savings of 27%, which equates to approximately \$418,000 per year, with a savings of \$626,272 to date.

The district will reinvest its savings by modifying lighting controls, sealing building envelopes, modifying ductwork, purchasing Energy Star-qualified office equipment, and improving its building management system by upgrading the interface. The district has prevented the emissions of more than 3,589 metric tons of carbon dioxide, which compares to 644 cars not driven for 1 year and the carbon sequestered by more than 91,800 tree seedlings planted and grown for over 10 years.

JHS AMONG TOP 100 HIGH SCHOOLS IN OH

Jackson was named among the top 100 public high schools in Ohio, according to the 2012 rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*. Hoover and Louisville were also named, although Jackson was ranked the top area school, coming in at number 24 in the state and 647 nationally.

To produce the 2012 rankings, U.S. News teamed up with the American Institutes for Research, one of the largest behavioral and social science research organizations in the world.

The methodology is based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college-bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.

U.S. News examines state proficiency standards, how well students are prepared for college and several other factors to compute its rankings.

The team analyzed more than 21,000 public high schools in 49 states and Washington, D.C. (Nebraska did not have enough data to be included.)

To see the complete list and methodology, go to: <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/national-rankings>.

HEAD OF THE CLASS



Jonas Jin
Valedictorian



Ke Yang (Karl) Xia
Valedictorian



Pooja Podugu
Valedictorian



Samuel Johnson
Valedictorian



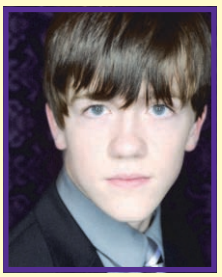
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Salutatorian



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Top Honors



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Top Honors



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Top Honors



Derrick James
Top Honors



Brandon Liebau
Top Honors



Karissa Schroeter
Top Honors



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

CHRIS DILORETO

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2012
 Graduation is our school system's pay off for the long hours of work by students, faculty, and parents. It is a student's victory, their moment to bask in the feeling of accomplishment that mastery brings. This amazing group of seniors earned over \$3.2 million in scholarships and volunteered more than 50,000 hours in the community. I was fortunate to have served the Class of 2012 as principal when they were at Jackson Memorial Middle School, and now, as their superintendent. I'm excited to see them off into their adult lives. They have the kind of dreams, goals, and work ethic that will make the world a better place.

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Field of Heroes

Jackson Local Schools was proud to help the Rotary Club of Jackson Township organize its inaugural Field of Heroes, the display of 911 flags visible at the corner of Fulton and Wales over the Memorial Day weekend. Each flag, individually purchased by local citizens, bore a hand-made tag containing the name of a hero and special comments. We look forward to being a permanent partner in this moving and memorable event.



Superintendent Chris DiLoreto watches as members of the JHS Choir sing a medley of patriotic songs during the Field of Heroes opening ceremony, held at the JHS.

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HIGH SCHOOL

JHS students compare the local to the national

A group of JHS seniors spoke with Food Service Director Marsha Escola. To complete their interactive presentation for English class, the students found the connections between the National Let's Move Program and its local level implementation. Mrs. Escola outlined the Let's Move nutritional standards that require our cafeterias to serve foods with lower fats and carbohydrates, all whole grains, no trans fat, and lower sodium. The new, healthier foods have been well-received by students who eat in the cafeterias. "I think it's because our students and their families are quite conscious of healthy eating and exercising," Mrs. Escola said.



Discussing the Jackson Local Food Service practices are: Kaitlyn Cherniuk, Marsha Escola, Caitlin Knox, Brandon Liebau, and Matt Glasgow.



A child's view of the Holocaust

Nelly Toll was six-years-old in Lwow, Poland when she and her mother spent two years hiding from the Nazis in a bedroom of a Christian family. The family had bricked over an outside window and placed a decorative rug over the interior opening. When anyone came to the apartment, Nelly and her mother hid on the window ledge behind the rug. Nelly created a diary of her fearful experiences and 64 watercolor paintings that surprisingly illustrate her fantasy world in which there is happiness and hope. Dr. Toll spoke with ISA students about her wartime experiences and showed her artwork. She asked students to "never persecute" (as a bully) and to take a stand against injustice. Students gave her a standing ovation.

Dr. Toll's paintings have been shown around the world, and eight are in the permanent collection of the Yad Vashem Museum in Israel. Her book, *Behind the Secret Window*, is available online.



Surgeon inspires students

Cardio Thoracic Surgeon Dr. Mark Tawil showed JHS biology students how to dissect a heart.

Dr. Tawil, a very busy surgeon, moved his surgeries to spend a day with our students. He described how he became a surgeon, what his schooling entailed, and what a day in his hospital life is like.

Following his visit, many students expressed interest in the field.

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WE'RE SAVING ENERGY

With over \$600,000 in cost savings, we are seeing the merit of the energy efficiency program that we started last year. Our success is due to the commitment and collaboration of the Board of Education, administration, staff, and students. Because our district receives little state funding, and most of our funding comes from the local level, it is imperative for us to use funds efficiently. We look to the energy program as a way to conserve taxpayer dollars as well as an opportunity to demonstrate environmental leadership to students and the community.

HONORING OUR FLAG AND OUR HEROES

JLSD was privileged to work with the Rotary Club of Jackson Township on the first annual Field of Heroes, flying 911 flags over the Memorial Day weekend, each one honoring an inspirational person. Our students in the Interact Club pre-sold some of the flags. Our choir sang at the opening ceremony. Our staff volunteered at the round-the-clock event, and part of our administrative team served on the planning committee. We look forward to working on this event each year as it continues to grow and make patriotic and positive connections in our community.

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Distinguished students honor educators at the Top 25 Dinner

Perry Billett honored Jill Clapper
 Brian Coventry honored Bruce Lautzenheiser
 Katie Deagan honored Lee Ann Kalkhoff
 Matt Glasgow honored Michael Biros
 Elle Grubb honored Christine Adolph
 Derrick James honored Paul Dillick
 Jonas Jin honored Harold Fisher
 Sam Johnson honored Marian Beresh
 Nolan Jones honored Thomas Holliday
 Jenna Kelly honored Dan Taray
 Brandon Liebau honored Joe Garisto
 April McPherson honored Kevin Walsh
 Lisa Mickley honored Jackie Pitzo

Katie Mitchell honored Sarah Williams
 Saadia Pervaiz honored Russ Suh
 Pooja Podugu honored Matt Gillette
 Jayasai Rajagopal honored Mike Draime
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 Alex Wasdahl honored Carley Ann Barnes
 Shoshana Weiner honored Donna Jeffers
 Ke Yang (Karl) Xie honored Parthena Draggett



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Senior Seminar Day brings local professionals to JHS

For the 2nd consecutive year, Jackson High School collaborated with the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce to bring 50 professionals representing business and industry to JHS to provide breakout sessions and networking opportunities for 480 JHS seniors.

The day began with a dynamic keynote address by Walsh University biochemistry instructor, entrepreneur, and martial arts authority Michael J. Dunphy, Ph.D.

Students then attended three breakout sessions on topics of timely concern:

finance, social media and communication for college and career, campus safety, and what to do when your high school years are behind you, including a Jackson alumni panel presentation. Students and chamber members ended the day with a networking lunch.

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 Katherine Deagan, Erin Jones & Caitlin Knox

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 Caitlin Knox, Ashley Spangler, Erin Jones, Katelyn Warne & Katherine Deagan

JHS Alumni Scholarships
 Stephanie Julian, Jordyn Litman, Joseph Reiter & Shawn Romig

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 Quinn Gadow

Aultcare Team Spirit Award
 Perry Billett

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 Megan Angelo & Kaitlyn Porter

Unity in the Community Scholarships
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Quota Club of Canton Scholarship
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 J.M.E.A. Scholarships Carissa Deeds & Danielle Shatrach

Rev. Monsignor Joseph A. Krispinsky Memorial Scholarship
 April McPherson & Kristen Nelson

Band Boosters Scholarships
 Brian Fitch, Kristen Renicker, Carissa Deeds & Jordan Fitch

Dr. Gregg and Kristine Elefterin Scholarship
 Nikoleta Mutafova, Dana Ward & Nathan Gardner

Jackson School for the Arts Scholarships
 Jesse Clevenger, Sara Spizzichini & Shoshana Weiner

SAIL Scholarships (Students Assisting with Instruction in Life Skills)
 Madison Ross

National Honor Society Scholarships
 Katie Deagan, Matthew Glasgow & Michelle McCann

Speech and Debate Scholarship
 Monica Komer

The Young Artist Awards
 Lindsey Bryan, Jesse Clevenger, Natasha El-Badewi & Sabrina McLaughlin

National Art Honor Society Scholarships
 Natasha El-Badewi

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica Scholarships
 Lauren DeCoy, April McPherson, Lisa Mickley, Heath Reichenbach, Kelly Walter, Karl Xia & Mara Zonfa

Student Council Scholarships
 Katie Deagan, Carissa Deeds, Erin Jones, Kristen Nelson, Madison Ross & Karl Xia

Excellence in Career & Technical Education Scholarship
 Brian Atkinson

Tri County Aids Coalition Grant
 Meredith Anderson & Katherine Deagan

Stark County Educational Assistance Scholarship
 Carissa Deeds

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 Shoshana Weiner

William R. Thackwell, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
 Mariah Richards

Scott Santschi Memorial Scholarship
 Lisa Mickley

Akron Beacon Journal Gold Star Student
 Nolan Jones

Stephen Bowers Memorial Scholarship
 Alex Lowers

Larry Pritz Memorial
 Meredith Anderson

Freshman Mentor Scholarships
 Carissa Deeds & Lisa Mickley

Lois L. Baxter Scholarship
 Caitlin Knox

Andy Steve & Harold Montgomery Citizenship Awards
 Mariah Richards & Heath Reichenbach

Aultman Blood Center Scholarships
 Kristen Renicker, Alissa Gates & Savannah Clevenger

Air Force Academy Appointment
 Heath Reichenbach

NROTC Scholarship
 Ross Batchelder

West Point Assignment
 Nolan Jones

Jeff Bates Memorial
Karl Xia & Jonas Jin

Laura Byham Memorial
Ryan Prorise

OHSAA Courageous Student Award
Madison Haasz

Joseph B. Armogida Inspirational Scholarship
Mitch Griffiths

Jackson Polar Bear Women's Softball Scholarships
Kristen Bader, Katelyn Warne & Madison Jordan

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Awards
Nolan Jones & April McPherson

Jackson Boys' Soccer Booster Club Hat Trick Awards
Patrick Schauer, Matthew Glasgow & Perry Billett

Jackson Polar Bear Women's Soccer Scholarships
Kalynn Flanagan, Emily Paulhardt, Mariah Richards, Lindsey Smith, Taylor Stano & Dana Ward

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Nominees
Heath Reichenbach & April McPherson

Jackson Youth Basketball Association Scholarships and Awards
Sean Carlin, Derek Pugh, Nate Walker & Katie Kinmonth

Jackson Girls Softball League Awards
Kristen Renicker, Erin Jones, Rachel Barnes & Sarah Burkhart

Federal League Sam DiBlasi Commissioner's Nominees
Jonas Jin, Samuel Johnson, Karl Xia, Pooja Podugu, & Shoshana Weiner

Mike Bessler Memorial
Sean Carlin

Cheerleading Booster Club Scholarships
Hannah Mallarnee

Meritorious Service Awards
Patrick Sirpilla, Jean Furbay, Bryan Hartong, Greg Kauth & Mark Prorise

Joe Mandi Lisa Purtz Award
Nathan Seidell & April McPherson

Diamond Club Scholarships
Christopher Ifantiedes, Quinn Gadow, Eric Pickle, Austin Szink, Jordan Hunter & Mariah Richards

State Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity
JMMS Athletic Director, Mr. Kim Gardner

Jackson Sideliners Scholarships
Ryan Prorise, Michael Todich, & Eric Erickson

V. F.W. Post 3124 Athletes of the Year
Nolan Jones & Abby Snow

Heck Scholarship
James Dehnke

Mama Bears Scholarships
Jacob Vellucci, Michel Todich & Eric Erickson

Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Awards
Christiana Bagnola & Shawn Romig



Shoshana Weiner

Mr. & Miss Jacksonite



Nolan Jones

The Class of 2012 has earned over \$3.2 million in scholarships



Seniors earn ABC Scholarships

At its annual banquet, the JHS Academic Booster Club (ABC) presented three students with \$500 scholarships for academic achievement and exemplary community service. The recipients were, April McPherson, Jenna Kelly, and Jordyn Litman.

Throughout the school year, ABC honors students who display exceptional volunteer service and strong academics. Every nine weeks, students submit applications after they have completed 8 hours of community service and achieved a 3.0 GPA or improved their GPA by 0.50. The applicants are rewarded with small items such as restaurant gift certificates, pens, printed school supplies, and candy.



The recipients were, April McPherson, Jenna Kelly, and Jordyn Litman.

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Winners of the 2012 Competition for National Merit Scholarship Program

Derrick James
Alexander Wasdahl

Finalists in the 2012 Competition for National Merit Scholarship Program

Derrick James
Jonas Jin
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Karissa Schroeter
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Perry Billett	April McPherson
Samuel Johnson	Jayasai Rajagopal
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Brandon Liebau	Ke Yang (Karl) Xia
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Finalist and Recipient of the National Achievement Scholarship

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Class trip to D. C. brings history to life

JMMS 7th graders traveled to Washington D.C. and Gettysburg for three days in May to tour Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian Air & Space and Natural History Museums, the National Archives, the White House, the United States Capitol Building, Ford's Theater, and many monuments and memorials (Lincoln, Jefferson, MLK, FDR, Marines, Vietman, Korean War, Washington, and WWII). On the way home, they toured the Gettysburg battlefields.





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Superior Singers

The JMMS 8th grade choir received unanimous superior ratings at the Junior High/Middle School Large Group Adjudicated Event held recently at Hoover High School.

Essay Winners

The JMMS student motto is *Our Choices Today Affect Tomorrow*. Sixth graders were given the opportunity to write an essay on what the motto means to them. The school's principal, Paul Salvino read the essays and selected four winners. Brandon Valentine, Brittany Schroeder, Emmalee Gabriele, and Hanna Rennick.

"You usually get rewarded for good choices," said Emmalee. "And the people around you usually get rewarded, too," added Brandon.

The winners were rewarded with a lunch at Friendly's with their principal.



From left: Brittany Schroeder, Principal Salvino, Emmalee Gabriele, Brandon Valentine, and Hanna Rennick.

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Stamping out suffering, one shoe at a time

While watching a Soles4Souls video with her family, JMMS 8th grader Sarah Wright saw children attending school barefooted and was inspired to offer others the health benefits and simple joy a pair of shoes can bring.

Soles4Souls collects new and gently worn shoes to give to victims of abject suffering.

"We all have so many shoes, and some people have none," Sarah said.

In 2011, US citizens threw away over 300 million pairs of shoes while 300 million children live their lives without ever owning a single pair.

Sarah spread the word of her two-week shoe campaign through morning announcements, posters and a contest to see which homeroom could collect the most shoes. The response was so great that Sarah quickly needed to recruit fellow students to help her collect the donated shoes. She and her committee counted, rubber banded, and boxed over 600 pairs of shoes. It took both of her parents' SUVs to deliver the shoes to a warehouse in Medina, Ohio where they would be shipped to Soles4Souls along with thousands of other shoes, collected by the National Association of Professional Organizers.

Through this experience, Sarah became sharply aware of the poverty in various geographical areas; learned leadership, marketing and recruiting skills; and most importantly, she said, "I learned that one person can make a difference in the world, one pair at a time."



Two Tall Crazy Ladies encourage JMMS test takers

JMMS was all-abuzz when the two tall crazy ladies from Cincinnati showed up to sign autographs and wish students well on the Ohio Achievement Test. You'd have thought Justin Bieber had hit the scene. These women are absolutely famous in our district because their test-taking strategy has increased our students' skill and confidence and the stories about their basketball skills and Guinness World Record have thrilled the young learners. Pat and Pam Terry of Twin Towers Training became legend at JMMS five years ago, after Jackson's Director of Special Programs, Kathy Brand, introduced one of their test-taking techniques to JMMS students and lovingly christened it the Two Tall Crazy Ladies Strategy for multiple-choice questions. Such questions are not as easy to answer as they were in the past. JMMS students have learned that when taking a multiple-choice test, two of the four or five options are always clearly wrong. Of the remaining answers, one or two are almost right and one is perfectly right. As a result of our students' success with the strategy, the two, tall, crazy ladies have become heroes in our district. Posters of the tall twins, with tiny Mrs. Brand between them, grace many of the classrooms to remind students of the technique and to make them smile.



Pat and Pam Terry of Twin Towers Training

When the Guinness record-holding worlds tallest twins arrived at JMMS, they signed autographs for nearly two hours as approximately 500 students presented past test papers to be signed. The excited students made comments such as, "I'm so going to frame this," and "This is the best day of my life." Teachers were just as excited, asking the twins to step into class photos and making comments such as, "I feel like a groupie," and "They rock."

The twins had business in the Akron area and took time to visit with our students at no charge to the district. "It is an honor and a privilege to be here," said Pam. "We are very humbled," added Pat. Both women wore the badge of "crazy" proudly, "Because we ARE crazy," they said nearly in unison. They are crazy for student success, presenting educators with instructional strategies to improve students' language arts skills.

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Jackson Alumni Assoc. hosts annual dinner

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The Alumni Association welcomes new members. You need not be a JHS graduate to join the fun. The association gives thousands in scholarships, annually, to JHS graduating seniors and maintains a current database of graduates. For more information, please contact Kelly Gentry Hansen at shansen@sssnet.com.

If you would like to be included in the alumni listing on the school's Web page, or post class reunion information, please email the Jackson Web Page Design Class at webdesign@jackson.sparcc.org. Just let them know your complete name, year of graduation, email address and what you are doing now.



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Jackson grad knows you can grow what you eat

Brad Halm, a 1998 JHS grad, a Denison University grad, and current resident of Seattle, Washington, has co-authored a book (with business partner Colin McCrate), **Food Grown Right, In Your Backyard**, a guide to growing edible crops at home. Brad believes anyone can grow food. It doesn't matter whether you have a lot of land or a few containers.

"Our goal with the book is to clearly guide a newcomer to organic food gardening through every step of the process, from choosing the best site and design for the garden to building and watering it, to the cultural care of individual crops," Brad said.

Inspired by many of the farming guides they'd read, Brad and Colin wanted to add to the body of knowledge for people growing food in urban areas and suburban yards. The book is straightforward enough for a beginning gardener and a valuable resource for the experienced gardener. It relies heavily on photos to illustrate the principles.

Brad and Colin own and operate the Seattle Urban Farm Company. They specialize in edible garden design, installation, and maintenance for residents, schools, restaurants, and other businesses in the Puget Sound area. Early on, the majority of their work was building gardens for individuals and families. Recently, they've expanded into production farming on restaurant rooftops and setting up educational gardens for local schools.

"Our work has been very rewarding, as we get to see people making a tangible connection to the food they eat on a daily basis. I think there's a lot of joy involved in eating food that you've grown yourself, and it really gives you an appreciation and awareness of everything else that you eat," Brad said.



New author, Brad Halm.

Jackson grads receive OSU honors

Ohio State's Fisher College of Business held its Pace Setters awards ceremony, May 10. Selected on the basis of academic performance and demonstrated leadership ability, less than 2% of Fisher's students are recognized.

Three of the sixty undergraduate students inducted at the ceremony are graduates of Jackson High School.

They are Samantha Haft, Stephen Winick, and Emily Winkhart. Inducted last year, Rachel Rutledge received the Robert E. Georges Outstanding Senior Award this year.

Samantha and Stephen are juniors at The Ohio State University. Following graduation in June, Emily has accepted a position with PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York City. Rachel will be employed by the same company in Boston.



Samantha Haft, Emily Winkhart, and Rachel Rutledge.

Jackson Farmers Market Returns

Jackson Township North Park will be the place to get fresh and healthy foods from farmers market vendors again this summer, Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. beginning June 14 through September 27.

Jackson Branch Library Summer Programs

Check out the possibilities at:
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Law Week Awards presented

The Stark County Bar Association presented its annual Law Week awards at its Law Day luncheon held recently at the McKinley Grand. Jackson Local Schools had many winners.

Division I Poster Contest winners were Lake Cable kindergarteners Audrey Gabriele, 2nd place; and Camille Layman and Gavin Layman who received honorable mention.

Division II Poster Contest winners were 6th graders T.J. Ricker, 1st Place; Emmalee Gabriele, 2nd Place; and Lauren White, 3rd.



Division III Poster Contest winners were 8th graders Kajal Parbhoo, 1st place and Madyson Gabriele, 3rd place.

Moot Court Competition winners were JHS senior Brianna Campbell, Appellee 3rd Place, and JHS junior Lauren Cutler, Appellant 3rd.

JHS is proud of its Eagles

Eric Brown, a sophomore at Jackson High School and member of Troop 927, received his Eagle Scout Award in March. For his project, Eric solved an environmental issue at Jackson's North Park by creating a rock retaining wall under the pier around the pond. He also landscaped the area with fresh top soil, flowers, grasses, and mulch. His project was completed in loving memory of his grandfather, Frank L. Baxa, who passed away during the project. Eric earned 31 merit badges, fourth year Pipestone, three-year Polar Bear, and two religious awards. Along with many camping adventures, Eric traveled to Sea Base in March 2011, a Florida Boy Scout camp, where he engaged in ocean activities including fishing, snorkeling, boating, and kayaking. Eric also participates in Venture Crew, Explorers, JHS Marching Band and JHS Concert band. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown.



Trevor E. Wendt, a JHS junior, has earned the highest advancement award the Boy Scouts of America offers to Scouts, the Eagle Scout Award. A member of Troop 935 at the McDonaldsville St. Paul United Methodist Church, Trevor is one of approximately 4 percent of all Boy Scouts who attain the Eagle rank.



According to Scoutmaster Kevin Irwin, Trevor is the 55th scout from Troop 935 to earn the Eagle rank since the troop was founded in 1967. Each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully complete a community, church, or synagogue-related service project to earn his Eagle.

For his Eagle project, Trevor constructed a wash station with a drainage system used for cleaning animal cages at the Sanders Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at Sippo Lake Park. Trevor has served as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Chaplain's Aid in his troop, holds a fifth-year Pipestone, and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He is a member of St. Michael the Archangel Church and is active in National Honor Society, Jacks N' Jills, Symphony Band, Chorale, Men's Chorus, and Jazz Ensemble at JHS. Trevor is the son of Rick and Deanna Wendt.

Jack M. Luginbuhl, a JHS sophomore, has earned the Boy Scouts of America's highest advancement rank of Eagle Scout. A member of Troop 927, chartered with Lake Cable Recreation Association, Jack is the 88th scout to earn the Eagle rank since the troop was founded in 1952. A Scout must earn 21 merit badges, serve his troop in leadership roles, and successfully plan and complete a community service leadership project to be considered for the Eagle Scout rank award.



In addition, he recently received the Akron Area YMCA "2011 Youth Volunteer of the Year" award for his dedication to the camp and his outstanding Eagle Project.

Jack attained Eagle rank in November 2011 after earning 32 merit badges and constructing handicap accessible paving stone walkways and landscape beds at Camp Y-Noah's health lodge. He has provided leadership as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Patrol Leader, Den Chief, and currently as Jr. Assistant Scout Master in his troop. Jack holds a fifth-year Pipestone Honor, a fifth-year Polar Bear Camping Award, and is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow. He has served as a member of the AOL Ceremonial Team for Troop

ON THE COVER

P Lexi Slutz
O Kaylie Irwin
L Kaylah Simmons
A Amanda Ashton
R Kayla Worrell

B Jonathan Beels
E Simran Vaidya
A Anna Kondev
R Maria Jenkins

P Erica Fowler
R Jasreen Goraya
I Rilee Peebles
D Camryn Shott
E Mitchell Quartz

Front, on Floor
Tyler Danner



Jack Luginbuhl's stone walkways at Camp Y-Noah.

927, and the OA Ceremonial Team at Seven Ranges Scout Camp.

Jack is a member of St. Michael Archangel Parish and has participated in Cross Country, Track, Soccer, Spanish Club and Academic Booster Club at JHS. He is also active in Venture Crew 927, a co-ed high adventure program, and he plays soccer with the Canton United Soccer Club. Jack is the son of Gary and Kathy Luginbuhl of Jackson Township.

Working on his Eagle

Working on his Eagle award, JHS freshman, Justin Long, built six wood benches for parents and grandparents to sit on at the Paul and Carol David YMCA while watching the children participate in YMCA programs. He also build a compost bin for the YMCA garden. Justin hopes to earn his eagle by the start of the next school year. He is a member of Troop 921 at Church of the Lakes, under scoutmaster Brian Paisley.

2012-13 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug.	14	Gr.6 New Student Orientation/Open House 6:00-8:30 PM
	14	Gr 9 / New Student Orientation A-M - 7PM
	15	Gr 9 / New Student Orientation N-Z - 7PM
	16	Open House - All Elementaries - 4:30 PM
	21	1st day Students (K-12)
	31	Waiver Day - No School (K-12)
Sept.	3	Labor Day - No School (K-12)
	4	Open House JMMS Last Name A-M 6:30-7:30 PM Last Name N-Z 7:30-8:30 PM
	12	Open House High School 6:30-8:30 PM
Oct.	8	Columbus Day - No School (K-12)
	9	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM
	11	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM
	11	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 PM
	17	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM
	17	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 PM
	26	End 1st 9 weeks - 46 days
Nov.	21	No School - Waiver Exchange Day (K-12)
	21	Thanksgiving Break Begins
	27	Classes Resume
Dec.	24	Winter Break Begins
Jan.	2	No School
	3	Classes Resume
	11	End 2nd 9 weeks - 43 days
	21	Martin Luther King Day - No School (K-12)
Feb.	5	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30
	13	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30
	15	Waiver Day - No School (K-12)
	18	Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)
Mar.	22	End 3rd 9 weeks - 47 days
	25	Spring Break Begins
April	1	Classes Resume
May	23	Last Day for Students & Staff

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Justin Long with the benches and compost bin that he built for the Paul & Carol David YMCA.

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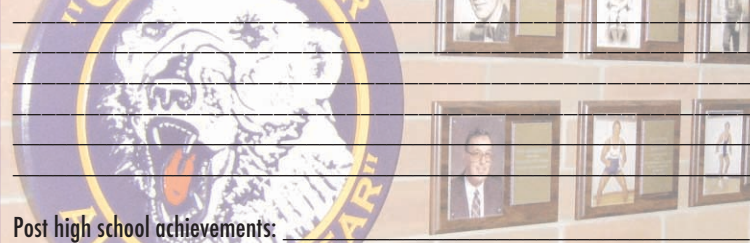
Preschool (age 3) to Grade 8

Nominate a grad for the JHS Alumni Wall of Fame

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High school achievements:



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AMHERST ELEMENTARY

Silliness leads to learning

Mrs. Lab's reading students had fun using FUNdations (phonics skills) and other reading strategies to experience nonsense and nonfiction Dr. Seuss books. Some of the activities were sorting real and nonsense words and creating a time-line to mark the important events in Dr. Seuss's life.

All students voted for their favorite Dr. Seuss book and enjoyed a green (jello jiggler) egg to culminate the learning experience.



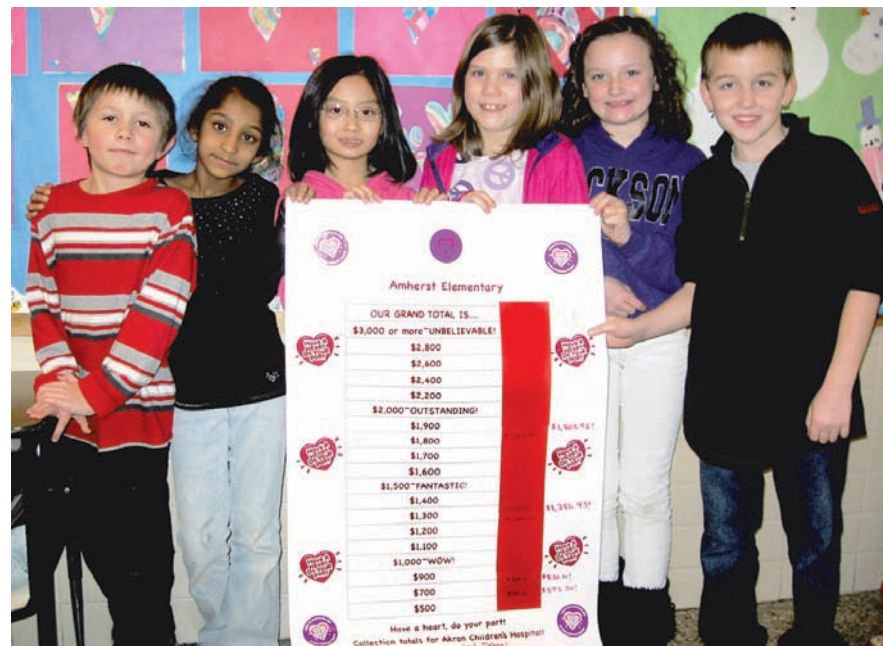
Amherst Elementary walking track open to the public

The Amherst PTO has raised the funds and installed a small walking track on the Amherst Elementary School playground. Parent and PTO member, Angie Walsh, organized three separate walk-a-thons to promote student fitness and to raise the funds. Every student participated in the walks. The 215 meter, or one-eighth mile track is now open to the public for use.



Kids with heart do their part

Amherst 3rd graders became Change Bandits in the annual fundraiser for the *Have a Heart- Do Your Part* campaign to raise money for Akron Children's Hospital. This year, through 3rd grade T.V. commercials, live morning news show reporting on MBBC, and peer-to-peer encouragement, the students took in an amazing \$3,232.50 for these causes. Some of the funds were also donated to the Debra Foundation for the research of Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), a rare genetic disorder with no cure or treatment today. EB makes the skin so fragile that the slightest friction causes blisters and skin tears. The eyes, mouth, throat and other internal organs are also affected.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY GEORGE



George, the beloved Labradoodle who regularly listens to our students read, celebrated his birthday at Lake Cable on Tuesday, April 10. The students presented George with birthday cards that they hand-made for him. The news of George's birthday excited elementary students district-wide, and George ended up with sacks of cards equal to his celebrity status.



Earth Day celebrated with trees from the Lions Club

The Jackson Township Lions Club distributed evergreen tree saplings to all Jackson 4th graders in honor of Earth Day and as part to the Lion's Club's intention to plant a million trees worldwide. Delivering the trees to the Lake Cable 4th graders were Lions Zone Chairman Bill Duell, former JMMS Assistant Principal Gary Wenning, and Lions District Governor John Woodside. They shared stories of their own children planting such trees when they were elementary students, noting that the trees are now mature and contributing to the air quality of the community. Every Jackson 4th grader received a tree to plant. To date, the Lions have planted 8,262,335 worldwide. Their mission is to develop in children, citizenship values and respect for the environment while increasing the size of the urban forest, thus benefiting everyone.



Cooper Downerd and Brodey Gandee.
If you give a kid a pancake...

First grade students at Lake Cable read and enjoyed several books by author Laura Numeroff. One of their favorites was, *If You Give A Pig A Pancake*. They celebrated their reading experiences by having a pancake breakfast, where all of the students were happy and content with their flapjacks, unlike the busy little pig in their favorite book.



Gabriela Gostlin, Lauren Tomak and Hope Bragg.



Kinder Zoo

Lake Cable kindergartners visited the Akron Zoo to learn about animals and their habitats. With help from their 3rd grade reading buddies, the kindergartners choose an animal to write a report on and to create a habitat. Their projects were then lined up for review by older students, parents, and grandparents who visited the Kinder Zoo.



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Clay Shirey and his Sauder classmates visit with Clay's father via Skype. The students spent time asking Sergeant Shirey about the culture and showed their pride in America by waving the flags they painted for the visit.

Hi dad. How are things in Afghanistan?

Sauder 3rd grader, Clay Shirey, and his classmates went to Afghanistan via Skype. They visited Clay's father, Staff Sergeant James Shirey, who deployed at the beginning of the school year. Clay's teacher, Tiffany Adkins, a former soldier who spent a year in Iraq, knows what it's like to be separated from family during wartime. She and her students have an ongoing relationship with Sgt. Shirey and the soldiers of the 238th. During the visit, they waved paper flags which they had painted for the Skype visit, and they asked questions about the Afghanistan culture. Sgt. Shirey asked the students to mail the flags to him because they would be a terrific morale booster for the troops. That's not all they sent. Students school-wide had been donating snack items to include for the soldiers. Clay said it was "pretty cool" to see his father along with his school friends. "I miss my dad a lot, but I try not to think about it," he added.

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**CLAY SHIREY
SAUDER 3RD GRADER**



Each of Sauder's 100 kindergarten students made and ate a pizza to celebrate the 100th day of the year. All of our elementaries conduct 100-day celebrations for our kindergartners.



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Young Cartographers

Lori Bly's second grade students at Sauder learned to read maps and studied Ohio geography. To prove their knowledge, they made salt dough maps of the state. They marked the capital, urban areas, rural areas, suburbs, rivers, lakes and mountains, and then labeled it for directions (north, east, south, west). We thank the parents who made the dough at home and sent it school for this hands-on project.



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THE SCIENCE OF SOUND WAVES

Mrs. Colleen Scolaro's 5th grade science class at Strausser Elementary conducted sound wave experiments. They moved salt with tuning forks to show that sound is caused by vibrations. They made musical instruments with rulers, rubber bands, and spoons to learn about pitch changes. In addition, they made and tested tin-can telephones to learn that sound travels better through a solid string than through air.



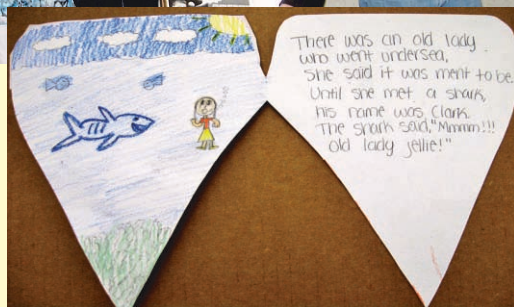
Cameron Ternent, Diana Lober, Jill Petit, McKenna King, Spencer Withnell, and Madyson Bostic experimenting with sound waves.

Poetry Pizza...Yum!

Students in Mr. Bukosky's Strausser 5th grade accelerated language arts class completed a tasty project called "Poetry Pizzas." Students learned about the various forms of poetry and produced poems for each on paper shaped as slices of pizza. The pizza poems were placed in authentic pizza boxes which were decorated as each student's own pizzeria. The poems were then devoured through sharing with one another.

"Students don't typically think of themselves as creative writers," remarked Mr. Bukosky. "This was a way to combine one of their favorite treats with one of their least favorite learning activities. The results were incredible."

Plans are already underway for an even bigger and tastier poetry project next year.



Second graders sing and act their Fish Philosophy

All 125 Strausser 2nd graders performed a program called, *Go Fish*, in keeping with the Fish Philosophy theme that Strausser students and staff live, work and play by. The four planks of the Fish Philosophy are *Be There*, *Choose Your Attitude*, *Play*, and *Make Their Day*. The first segment of the program included four songs with messages to reflect the Fish Philosophy. They sang *Best Friends for Be There*; *Happiness Runs for Choose Your Attitude*; *American Game Song Medley for Play*; and *I Love Chocolate for Make Their Day*. The students made audience members' day by giving each person a piece of chocolate during that final song.

Next, the students performed a skit to explain the philosophy. Three students played the parts of Principal Susanne Waltman, Dean of Students Mr. J.R. Reindel, and Guidance Counselor Mrs. Tami Neff.

Finally, the musical *Go Fish!* was performed, complete with exciting technology and a balloon drop at the end.

"It was really fun, and the students did an outstanding job," said Mrs. Waltman.



Mrs. Susanne Waltman and Isabella Findley

Mrs. Tami Neff and Ava Kleve

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Cooper Merrill

signed a Letter of Intent to play football at Hobart College.

Cooper was a team captain, 1st Team All Federal League, Repository All County Team, Jim Johnson Sportsmanship Award, and 1st Team All In-Land

District Team. Offensive stats: 60/108 completions/attempts (55%), 821 yards, Threw for 7TD's, 6 interceptions. Rushing: 237 rushes, 1383 yards, 5.8 average, 8TD's, 48 points. Punting: 4 punts, 154 yards, 38.5 average.

Cooper is pictured with his parents, Dee and George and Head Coach Beau Balderson.



Jimmy Dehnke

signed a Letter of Intent to play football at Wittenberg. This team captain and MVP is the 2nd leading rusher in Stark County - 203 carries, 1400 yards, 20 TD's, 6.9 yard average, 126 total points. Punter: 34.8 yards per punt. SS: 36 tackles, 3 TFL, 1 sack.

He was named 1st Team All Federal League, 1st Team All In-land District, 1st Team All Stark County, and 1st Team WHBC All County.

He is pictured from left with his sister Annie, father Jim, Coach Beau Balderson, his mother Leisa, and brother Noah.

Aaron Hoffman

will continue his baseball career at Lourdes University in Toledo, Ohio. He was a 1st Team All Federal League selection in 2012 for the Polar Bears and a three-year

starter at third base. Offensively, Aaron hit .362 with 7 2Bs, 2 3Bs, 3 HRs and 19 RBIs. Pictured with Aaron are Joel and Sandi Beard, Head Coach Bill Gamble, Dave Hoffman, and Lourdes Head Coach Andy Ham.



Austin Szink

signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Walsh University. Austin is a two-year starting catcher and was co-leader with 4HRs for the Polar Bears in 2011. He also helped the team to a Federal League Championship in 2010. Walsh University will compete in NCAA DII and in the GLIAC in the 2013 season.

Austin is pictured with Head Coach Bill Gamble, his parents Jackie and Kevin, and his brother Brandon.



2011-2012 FEDERAL LEAGUE SPORTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

132-43-1 head-to-head record versus Federal League competition (75.4%)
243-67-7 (78.4%) versus all competition

11 Federal League Championships (out of 21)

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

4 Second Place Finishes in the Federal League

Girls' Cross Country, Girls' Swimming, Boys' Swimming, Baseball

1 Team - Second Place Finish in the State

Girls' Golf

1 Team - 8th Place Finish in the State

Girls' Bowling

1 Team - 13th Place Finish in the State

Girls' Swimming

1 Team - 14th Place Finish in the State

Boys' Cross Country

2 Regional Runners Up (Top 8 in the State)

Girls' Soccer, Volleyball

8 Regional Qualifiers

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

1 Individual State Champion and 2nd place State finish

Chase McKinney - junior girls' swimmer

Spring Sports Standings

Boys' Track

Federal League champions. "This is the first time in 28 years that the Boys' Track Team has won the championship," said Athletic Director Terry Peterson, adding his praise for the team and noting, "Two years ago, the team did not win a meet."

Baseball

Tied for 2nd place in the Federal League with a record of 8-4, and 20-6 overall.

Softball

5-7 in the Federal League
13-11 overall

Girls' Track

5-1 in the Federal League.
4th in the Federal League Meet
Tied for 3rd place overall.

Boys' Tennis

Placed 3rd in the Federal League with a record of 9-3, and 13-4 overall.

Jackson wins Federal League All Sports Trophy

"This is the first time since 2007-08 that the Polar Bears have won the Federal League All Sports Trophy," said a pleased Terry Peterson, Jackson's athletic director. But it did not come as a surprise to him as this was one of the most successful athletic season in the school's history, with 11 of the 21 teams winning Federal League championships.

The title was nearly cinched in the fall with seven of the nine teams winning Federal League titles and a 2nd place finish for girls cross country. This gave the Bears 63 All Sports Trophy points, an 18.5 lead over their closest competitor, Hoover who came in at 44.5. The two schools have dominated the trophy since its inception in the 1980s. Hoover held the title for the past three years, although Jackson was on top for much of the 90s through 2006-07.

As winter sports ended, the Bears were still ahead, logging three more championships, then finishing the job this spring with a boys track championship, a 2nd place finish in baseball and a fine showing by the remaining teams.

SCHOOL	FALL SPORTS	WINTER SPORTS	SPRING SPORTS	POINTS TO DATE	CURRENT STANDING
JACKSON	63.0	41.3	26.0	130.3	1
HOOVER	44.5	40.0	27.0	111.5	2
PERRY	26.0	32.8	22.5	81.3	3
BOARDMAN	38.3	16.0	25.0	79.3	4
LAKE	32.5	25.0	20.5	78.0	5
GLENOAK	35.8	22.0	13.5	71.3	6
MCKINLEY	13.8	25.8	10.5	50.1	7

Federal League Athletes of the Year

Girls' Golf: Landrie Grace (9)
Boys' Golf: John Tidenberg (12)
Volleyball: Katie Zito (12)
Girls' Swimming: Chase Kinney (11)

Federal League Coaches of the Year

Girls' Golf: Teal Harvey
Boys' Golf: Jim Kish
Volleyball: Jeff Walck
Girls' Bowling: Jon Mazur
Boys' Bowling: Allan McQuaid
Boys' Track: Jon Mazur



Katie Zito signed a National Letter of Intent to play Volleyball at Wittenberg University, the Division 3 National Champions. Katie has guided the Polar Bears to new horizons, sending the team to the rounds of sweet sixteen and elite eight consecutively in the State tournament. Katie has been recognized by coaches all over the state receiving awards such as 1st team Federal League, 1st team District 4, and 1st team All-Ohio.

"Katie Zito sets the example of a great student athlete; she excels in the classroom and is a fierce competitor on the court," said Coach Jeff Walck, adding, "When I came to Jackson, it was Katie's sophomore year; immediately I saw leadership and the desire to be a winner. Katie wanted to learn as much as she could and as fast as she could, which has propelled her to be a championship athlete and team captain."

Katie is pictured with her father David, Coach Jeff Walck, and her mother Jane.



Ryan Jackson signed a Letter of Intent to play volleyball at Lasell College in Newton, MA, an NCAA Division III school.

A four-year varsity letter winner, Ryan starred at Setter and Outside Hitter for the Polar Bears. He also received 1st Team honors for the OHSBVBA North Region and 2nd Team honors for the OHSBVBA All-State Team this season. Ryan led the Bears to reach the Division I regional finals this season.

Pictured are Head Coach Julie Kovick, Ryan and his parents, Nancy and Richard Jackson.

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Alexis Kroah

signed a National Letter of Intent on April 16, to play Division I Girls Lacrosse for Winthrop University where head coach John Sung is starting a new program this fall.

Alexis said, "Coach Sung believed in my strong work ethic and willingness to succeed." Alexis is a 2nd year varsity letterman, having picked up the sport as a sophomore. She credits her success on the field to "dedicating myself to the sport year round." Her skill level increased due to joining a traveling lacrosse team, Midwestern Force Club Lacrosse, which enabled her to play in approximately 15 tournaments, many on the east coast. There, she played against some of the top players in the sport. To increase her speed and agility, she trained with Chad Short at 4.40 Performance and also trained in the off season with some of the top college coaches.

Pictured with Alexis are her parents, John and Victoria, and Jackson Assistant Coach Jean Furbay.



All Federal League Academic Team

To qualify, these students needed a 3.8 or higher GPA after the 7th semester of school and had to have lettered in a varsity sport during their senior year.

Nahal Aghababa	Track	Vincent Martello	Track
Taylor Anderson	Cross Country/ Track	April Mcpherson	Cross Country/ Track
Kristen Bader	Softball	Lisa Mickley	Swimming
Ross Batchelder	Track	Nikoleta Mutafova	Cross Country
Bradley Barbari	Golf	Khailing Neoh	Track
Perry Billett	Football/Soccer	Matthew Olinger	Cross Country/ Track
Ashleigh Carney	Track	Nikhil Parekh	Tennis
Kaitlyn Cherniuk	Golf	Vedant Patel	Tennis
Brendan Connors	Tennis	Ian Patterson	Golf/Baseball
Brian Coventry	Track	Emily Paulhardt	Soccer
Katherine Deagan	Cross Country	Eric Pickle	Baseball
Lauren Decoy	Cross Country	Pooja Podugu	Tennis
Erin Fitch	Cross Country	Ryan Prosis	Football
Jordan Fitch	Swimming	Heath Reichenbach	Soccer/Track
Alexandra Furbay	Volleyball	Mariah Richards	Soccer/Track
Quinn Gadow	Cross Country/ Baseball	Ryan Shahan	Cross Country/ Track
Matthew Glasgow	Soccer	Abigail Snow	Cross Country/ Basketball/Track
Chris Ifantiedes	Baseball	Ashley Spangler	Volleyball
Derrick James	Soccer	Tyler Stayer	Cross Country
Jonas Jin	Soccer	Keith Sweitzer	Cross Country
Sam Johnson	Cross Country	Bobby Vo	Cross Country
Nolan Jones	Football/Baseball	Dana Ward	Soccer/Track
Stephanie Julian	Swimming	Katelyn Warne	Cross Country/ Softball
Jane Knauss	Swimming	Shoshana Weiner	Cross Country/ Track
Caitlin Knox	Golf	Eric Westerbeck	Golf
Paige Kohmann	Track	Karl Xia	Soccer
Kathryn Kron	Tennis		
Christopher Lach	Golf		
Brandon Liebau	Soccer		
Benjamin Marconi	Track		



Will Cutler signed a Letter of Intent to continue his running career at Ashland University. Will is a six-time varsity award winner for cross-country and track at Jackson. This past season, he led the Jackson boys' Cross Country Team to its first Federal League title since 1983. In addition, he helped the team capture titles at Stark County, Malone, North Canton, and the Division I District Championship Meet. Will placed 21st at the Regional Meet to help Jackson advance to the 2011 State Meet where he ran a personal best time of 16:40. His cross-country performances earned him selections to the First Team All Federal League and Stark County squads.

Will is pictured with his parents, Carol and Mark, Head Coach Kevin Walsh and Head Boys' Track Coach Jon Mazur.



Michael Cooperider signed a National Letter of Intent to continue his baseball career at Tiffin University, which competes in the GLIAC. The 6'3" right-handed pitcher is a two-year letterman for the Polar Bears. He went 2-1 last season with one save while holding opponents to a .173 batting average. Mike finished the current season 4-2 in the Federal League and 6-2 overall.

He is pictured with Head Coach Bill Gamble and his parents Jill and Jim Cooperider.

Jackson Culinary competes at state

The State FCCLA Culinary Competition was recently held at Hocking College, April 19 with 28 teams from across Ohio. Jackson Students placed 9th overall.

The menu was: roasted pear and pine nut salad with bleu cheese, seared duck breast with a demi reduction, swiss chard with raisins, traditional rice pilaf, and flourless chocolate cake with crème anglaise

“Our students performed well, showing excellent technical and teamwork skills,” said their culinary teacher, Stephanie Kunkel.

Team members are front from left: Hannah Secrest, Jodi Noland, and team captain Taylor May. Back: Josh Hodson.



With a song in their hearts, Tri-M gives back

The JHS Tri-M Music Honor Society donated \$1300 to Akron Children’s Hospital after holding two pancake breakfasts at Chili’s Restaurant. The Tri-M Music Honor Society is an international society designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and inspire other students to excel at music and leadership.

JHS students travel to Spain & France over spring break

Twenty-five JHS students traveled to Spain and France over spring break with their teachers: Las señoras Parthena Draggett, Stella Munoz-Rodriguez, and Sr. Humphrey Fradl. The students experienced medieval to modern architecture, took a bike ride

to the the Mediterranean Sea, toured art museums, rode horses in France, experienced local cuisine (cooked and then ate the very typical Spanish dish of Paella), visited a bull fighting ring, danced the Flamenco, and used the foreign languages they have been studying. To see student comments about their trip, please visit: http://www.acis.com/tripstream/default/views_id/OA1009E6EF



Caitlin Knox, a JHS senior, received the Presidents Volunteer Service Award for volunteering over 120 hours at Aultman Hospital in addition to being recognized by the hospital for her extensive hours of volunteer service. Caitlin has been volunteering since her freshman year and has found it to be truly a rewarding experience. She attributes her volunteering at Aultman Hospital as a prerequisite to her lifelong dream of working in the medical field. She has been accepted into the International Affairs Scholar Program and will be attending The Ohio State University in Columbus. She will be studying Biochemistry this fall and plans to further her volunteering efforts at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.



Math Men

The JHS Mathematics Team won the top spot at the Stark County High School Math Challenge held at Kent State University, Stark Campus, with eight area schools in competition. The top four scores from each team were used to determine the winner. Jackson’s winning team members were Sam Johnson, Derrick James, Jonas Jin, and Jonathan Li. Jonathan placed first in the competition with a perfect score. Jonas placed 3rd overall. The team advisor is Mrs. Kathy Cochran.

Unstoppable Student

Laura Peshek, a JHS junior, has earned the R.A. Horn Outstanding Achievement Award for a high-achieving student with a disability. Laura was selected from students in the Holmes, Stark and Wayne County region. She received the regional recognition at an awards ceremony held recently at R.G. Drage Career Center and will also travel to Columbus to be recognized, by the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities, alongside winners from the 15 other regions across the state.



“Laura is very deserving of this award, as she is profoundly deaf without the use of her cochlear implants and she has worked very hard to maintain straight A’s since entering high school. She also takes AP classes, water skis, and recently traveled to the Bahamas to take Jackson’s Marine Biology course,” said her speech therapist Kristen Dempsey.

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