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Food Service Director Marsha Escala and student Sarah McCormick demonstrate how easy it is to use the key pad instead of cash at the lunch check-out.

## Jackson has a new lunch and school fee program

This year a new program called **PAY-FOR-IT** will allow parents to put money into an account to pay for their child's lunches and school fees. Using the Internet, parents can also:

1. Access their child's account.
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Money can be added to the account by credit card or electronic check for a small convenience fee which will be added to the transaction. The program is **not** mandatory. You may still choose to pay by cash or check for lunches or school fees.

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## It's great to be a girl

Imagine if beauty were defined, not as young, thin and blonde, but as the source of self-confidence and self-esteem that leads to personal excellence and kindness toward others.



Emma Irwin shows her new "It's Great to be a Girl" shirt.

Our culture bombards girls with false messages of beauty that are not only unattainable but also depthless, resulting in girls/women developing low self-esteem.

This school year, JMMS school counselors Melissa Miller and Karlyn Cunningham plan to redefine beauty and self esteem for a group of 8th graders in a pilot program called "It's Great to be a Girl."

The program, based on the Dove Campaign for Real Beauty, will begin with 14 girls and their mothers who will attend seven

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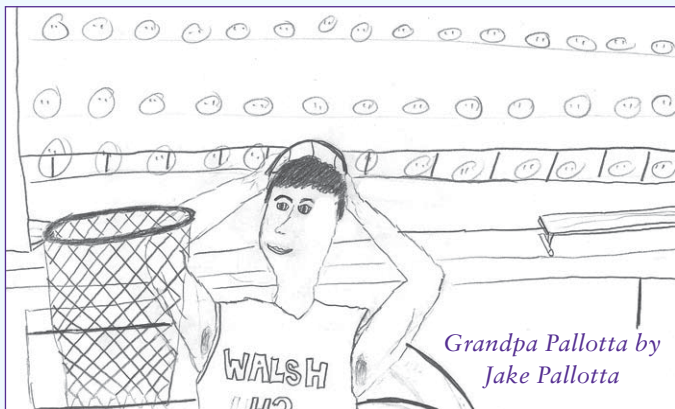


## Inspired by Heroes

At the end of each school year, Polar Bear Pride asks students to ponder a question. This year's question was, "Who is your hero?" As you read our students' responses you may laugh and you may cry, but you will see that heroes inspire and empower young people to be grateful, to achieve, to love, and to make a difference in the world. We hope you enjoy the wit and wisdom of your community's children.

"My mom is my hero. She helped me through everything in my life. I moved here in the middle of my freshman year, and she helped me through it. She gave me my outgoing personality, and that made freshman year easier."

Rissa Neuenschwander, grade 12



Grandpa Pallotta by Jake Pallotta

"Nick Pallotta is my hero. Thanks to him, I am alive today. My grandpa is amazing. When he was in college, he averaged over 34 points per game. He could have played in the NBA, but he decided not to. Because of this, he met my grandma. They had a son named Todd. Thanks to my grandpa, my dad made the All-County Team at GlenOak. But I've still beaten him one-on-one a few times. Thanks to my grandpa, I have all the skill that he passed down to my dad and now to me."

Jake Pallotta, grade 6

## Meet your new principals



Monica Myers  
High School

This school year, there have been two significant changes to the administrative lineup. Former JMMS principal Monica Myers will serve as the Jackson High School principal, and new hire Paul Salvino will serve as the JMMS principal.

For personal messages from your new principals, see page 9.



Paul Salvino  
Middle School

**Mark your calendar for the Community Health Fair and Pancake Breakfast**

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Saturday, October 23  
8 AM to noon, Jackson High School

**Senior Citizens, mark your calendar**

The annual Fall Fling for senior citizens will be held on November 11. The musical, *Brigadoon*, will be followed by dinner in the student commons. Hope to see you there.

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Come out and see our kids play.

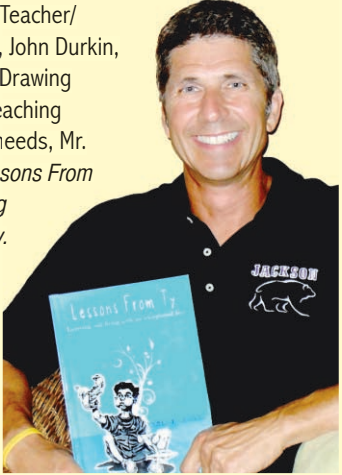
**Jackson grad wins National Forensics title**

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## Jackson teacher authors special children's book

JHS Special Education Teacher/ Intervention Specialist, John Durkin, is a published author. Drawing on his 30+ years of teaching students with special needs, Mr. Durkin has written *Lessons From Ty - Learning and living with an exceptional boy*.

The book is an inspirational journey of a boy and his mother as they navigate the educational system in search of the best education for Ty.



John Durkin  
JHS Intervention Specialist

It is written for children, but its profound message is sure to touch adults as they help the children in their lives to become enriched by all people.

See **JACKSON TEACHER IS AUTHOR, Back Page**





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The director, cast and crew of *Tom Sawyer* at Elementary Musical Theatre Summer Camp.

## Summer art camps bring skills and smiles

For the past four summers, Jackson School for the Arts (JSA), under the direction of Mrs. Susan Gardner, has provided week-long art camps for elementary through middle school aged students. Each morning, campers were greeted by friendly high school students from JSA who assisted adult camp leaders: Amherst music teacher Mrs. Cindy Grove, Jackson High School art teacher Mr. Joe Piotrowski, Jackson High School theater teacher Mrs. Stephanie Fatzinger, and choreographer Megan Gattz.

Mrs. Grove directed campers in the production of the play *Tom Sawyer*. Mr. Piotrowski helped campers create stunning pieces of visual art. Mrs. Fatzinger directed the campers in the full production of the variety show, *Imagination Through the Arts*. On the final day of each camp, parents were treated to an art gallery show and a musical production with our students as the stars.

### Older students teaching younger students

Jackson School for the Arts encourages students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to real life situations in the community by completing arts related internships. Each JSA student completes a 63-hour internship every nine weeks. These seniors are indispensable aids in the direction the middle school and elementary art camps. "Their hard work and dedication helps make these camps both feasible and successful," said Mrs. Gardner.

### About Jackson School for the Arts

The Jackson School for the Arts uses the arts as a keystone to reach and enrich its student body. The arts program, established in 2001, is designed for students who have interest in dance, drama, instrumental music, visual art, and vocal music. Since the start of the program, JSA has created many opportunities to educate the community about the arts, such as the Jackson School for the Arts Children's Show, JSA Showcase, and this year's fourth annual Arts Camps.



Art camper Alexandra Baxter shows one of her gallery pieces to her mother Victoria and her grandparents Roger and Judy Higgins.



The director, cast and crew of *Imagination Through the Arts*, at Middle School Musical Theatre Camp.

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# Inspired by Heroes

"My Grandma is my hero. I am named after her. If I could picture myself, I'd want to be just like her. She is smart and funny, and can make someone in the worst mood feel like they have so much value. No one makes me feel like she does. She is 75 and



skis, and travels the world. She's pretty hip and lives her life exactly like I want to live."

*Vivian Mazzocca, grade 12*

"My classmate Kayla Rose. She's always been there for me."

*Jeff Stoll, grade 12*

"My mom Jody. She is always there for me in Heaven. I am lucky to have her. I love you. I miss you. I think about you all the time. I love her and she loves me."

*Maddalena Rose Passerini, grade 1*

"My mom. She's always been there for me, and I know she would do anything for me. Any time I need a friend, I can turn to her. She always comforts me and puts me in a better mood."

*Matt Turner, grade 12*

"My brother is my hero. Two summers ago at Hilton

Head, we went too far out into the ocean and were pulled out by the current. Then a jelly fish stung me. My brother encouraged me to just keep going for the beach."

*Ethan Brown, grade 9*

"My parents for their wisdom and support. They have a lot of courage."

*Anna DeGalan, grade 9*

"My mom. She's a great mom and a best friend, a very hard-working and successful person with a huge heart."

*Abby Todaro, grade 12*

"Jesus. He did something no one else would

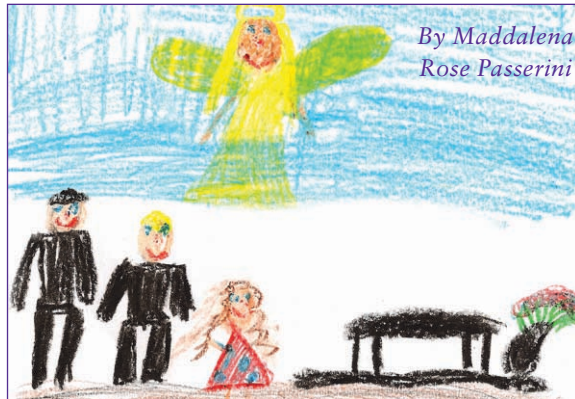
do - give their life up for everyone. When I have a hard time, I pray to him and feel stronger. He inspires me to be a good person and to welcome more people to know him."

*Kirsten Lombardi, grade 12*

"Each person in my family is my hero for different

reasons. They have affected me in different ways. Some have inspired me, others have taught me something, and some I just like to be with. I love each and every one of them."

*Emma Peel, grade 8*



*By Maddalena Rose Passerini*



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## 2010 grad places in National Forensics contest

Rohan Bhargava, member of Jackson's 2010 State Championship Debate Team, finished in third-place at the National Forensics League Championship. The national competition was held in Kansas City, Mo. in June.

Rohan was one of six finalists in the International Extemporaneous category. He also holds two state 1st place titles and had competed nationally last year, finishing 12th.

"It was a gratifying culmination of my four years in debate. A perfect end," Rohan said.

Crediting his debate coaches, he said, "It is as much their victory as mine. I think we are the luckiest team in Ohio to have our coaches. They worked so hard for us, and they're really cool people, too. They were always there to help us

in ways beyond coaching."

Rohan's extemporaneous coach, Carley-Anne Barnes, praised his character, saying, "It was an honor to work with him because even though he had success after success, he was always humble and generous to his teammates. He took criticism very well, and was never content, constantly setting new goals for himself."

Ms. Barnes, a second-year teacher, said, "I could not be more proud of Rohan, but his victory sets the bar very high for my extemporaneous coaching career."



Rohan Bhargava

State and national victories require a lot of practice. This year, the Jackson Speech and Debate Team won its first-ever state title with 3 freshmen, 11 sophomores, 4 juniors, and 10 seniors, under the leadership of Director of Forensics, Leslie Mann.

The team practiced for at least 3.5 hours (and occasionally for 6.5 hours) Mondays through Thursdays.

"I spent more time with my team than I did my family," Rohan said, adding that the hard work created close bonds of friendship among team mates. "We always pushed each other to get better, and we always celebrated each other's victories."

The 2010 class valedictorian, Rohan will attend Princeton University in September to study biochemistry and economics.



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"Jordan Andrews is my hero. He is a good friend. I know he can keep a secret, and he tells me everything. He is a kindly, selfless person that cares more about friends than himself."  
*Jacob Hatfield, grade 6*

"My grandpa. He has been there for me since the day I was born. When I was little, he played checkers and other games with me. He has never said to me,



*Grandpa by Nathan Webb*

"You can't do it." He taught me that no matter how many times I fail, I'll always succeed if I try hard enough. I'm glad he's here to help me with whatever."  
*Nathan Webb, grade 6*

My mom is the best, In my book she's #1. She helps me pass the test, And get the job done.

My mom is not just any mom, Cause she knows a lot. She doesn't have a friend named Tom, But she can cook a good meal in a giant pot.  
*Rebecca Locke, grade 6*

"My grandmother is my hero. She has survived cancer twice in her life and has never wanted anyone to feel sorry for her. She never complained, or anything. I felt bad for my grandmother when she was in the hospital, and I'm really glad she is okay."  
*Lexi Thompson, grade 6*



*Grandmother by Lexi Thompson*

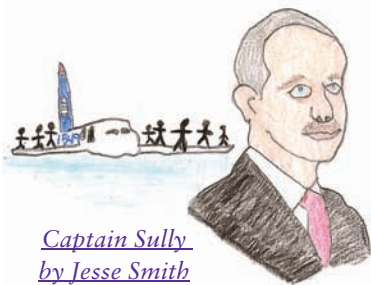
"Joe and Mary Stotler, my parents. When I was eight-years-old, they saved me from a miserable life and gave me the wonderful life that I now have. They are always there for me, and I know that if my friends forsake me, I will forever have my parents to lean on."  
*Heather Stotler, grade 10*

"My great grandmother Irene Mondok. She is 94-years-old and still manages to appreciate her life despite her aches and pains. She finds humor in everyday situations, and I'm always laughing around her. She is a strong and successful woman who has lived life to the fullest. I love her for being the beautiful person she is, an inspiring hero.  
*Marisa Sloan, grade 12*

"The Smurfs. They each stand for their own thing and are acknowledged for their skills such as leadership, intelligence, bravery, etc."  
*Chase Demetro, grade 10*



"Chesley Sullenberger. He saved the lives of all 155 people on his airplane when he landed it in the Hudson River. A double bird strike shut down both engines, leaving Captain Sully to rely on his 40+ years of flying experience to save everyone onboard. He is a true American hero."  
*Jesse Smith, grade 4*



*Captain Sully by Jesse Smith*

"President Obama. He helps the planet and our state. He helps people by making rules."  
*Isabella Gagliardi, kindergarten*



# Elementary students perform in OCDA Honor Choir

Lake Cable and Strausser Elementary students participated in the Sixth Annual Ohio Choral Directors Association (OCDA) Children's Honor Choir, comprised of Ohio's most talented singers who were in grades 4-8 last year. Students Nathan Geisberger, Luke Kilchenman, Chloe Downer, Alanna Self, Hannah Burgess, Mikayla Martin, Trevor Miller, and Arizona Starcher were chosen by Lake Cable music teacher Nathalina Schloneger and Strausser music teacher Suzanne Walters.

To prepare for the event, students joined others across the state in two Saturday morning rehearsals (each three-hours-long) at Medina High School before meeting at Otterbein College to begin working with guest conductor, Dr. Robert J. Ward, associate director of choral studies at The Ohio State University.

The Children's Honor Choir performed at the OCDA Summer Conference, June 23 at Otterbein College, where choirs have the opportunity to sing for music educators, families, and friends through the state and to inspire them with their artistry.

"Our kids did a super job. It was a truly



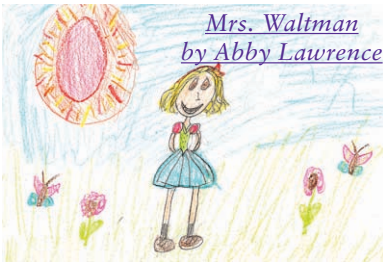
**Honors Choir: Strausser students Hannah Burgess, Mikayla Martin, Arizona Starcher, and Trevor Miller. Lake Cable students: Alanna Self, Chloe Downer, Nathan Geisberger, and Luke Kilchenmann.**

wonderful experience for them to sing some beautiful choral music, learn from outstanding directors, and work with kids from other schools who also love to sing," said Mrs. Walters, adding, "All of our students reported that they can't wait to do it again next year."

The program included the following six pieces, which the students performed

from memory: *Exultate Justi In Domino* by Brant Adams, *Two Poems of Emily Dickinson (There Is No Frigate Like a Book and I Never Saw a Moor)* by Neil Ginsberg, *Music On the Waters* by Brad Printz, *Michael Row the Boat Ashore* arranged by Neil Ginsberg and *Torah Orach* (Yisrael V'oraita) a Hebrew folk song arranged by Brant Adams.

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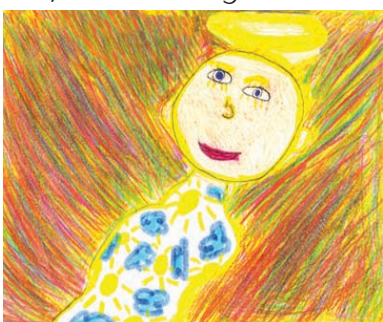


"My principal Mrs. Waltman is my hero. She followed her dreams, and uses the FISH Philosophy. She always chooses her attitude, and she puts a smile on someone's face every day. Mrs. Waltman makes sure that everyone is safe. She is also very nice."  
Abby Lawrence, grade 2

"My dad. He is a very strong person. He has had some very rough times in his life. The week after he got married, his mom died of breast cancer. He spent many months away from his family in the Middle East as an Air Force doctor for the people who got hurt. Right now, his dad has Alzheimer's and can't remember his name, yet my dad stays strong and is always there for our family. I admire him."  
Hannah Kelly, grade 6

"Mr. Huthmacher, my teacher, is my hero. He showed me that humor can brighten anyone's day. He also showed me how to be creative and accept the world around me even when it gives me twists and turns."  
Jeff Turner, grade 6

"Jayden, my brother. He has been through so much in his short life. He was not supposed to live as long as he did. He was an angel and made everyone smile. Even though he only lived for two days, they were the best two days of my life. I know he fought to be with us. When I have a tough time along the way, I wish I will be as tough as Jayden."  
Madyson Bostic, grade 3



*Baby Jayden by Madyson Bostic*

"Firefighters. They saved my house when it was on fire. I want to say thank you to firefighters."  
Steve Pi, kindergarten



"Daddy. Because he works hard. He picks me up. He's strong. I love him."  
Maeling Gorin, kindergarten

Jesus. He did many miracles.  
Ian Nonnamaker, kindergarten

"My dog Cookie. I am afraid of spiders. Whenever Cookie sees a spider, she catches it. Cookie is my hero because she saves me from spiders."  
Riley Williams, kindergarten

"My sister Greta. She always cares for everyone, works very hard in her school work and in the sports she plays. Greta never gives up for anything. I love my sister for who she is and I would never ask for anything more."  
Grace Taylor, grade 8

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"Our school nurse, Mrs. Fisher. She takes care of people who aren't feeling good and she wants us to feel good and stay healthy, which I like. It's kind of her."

*Alan Walker, grade 1*



*Mrs. Fisher by Alan Walker*

"The entire staff of Jackson Local Schools. For 29 years, I have worked with the secretaries, teachers, aids, administrators, cooks, custodians, and all of the people that make Jackson happen. It is true that students are their number one priority. They give extra time, extra knowledge, and extra care to every child. It has been a true honor for me to work with such role models. Keep striving for excellence Polar Bears."

*Nancy Montgomery, retired Jackson elementary teacher*

The U.S. Armed Forces. They serve our country and they risk their lives to protect our freedom and rights.

*Sam Craig, grade 5*



*The Armed Forces by Sam Craig*

"Max Hartong. He is a natural-born leader and cares for others. He is an incredible athlete with great grades."

*Tim Turner, grade 8*

"Timothy Arnold. He saves people's lives by risking his own. He is my brother and a Marine."

*Stevie Arnold, grade 12*

"Oprah Winfrey. She suffered so many hardships in her life, yet she still persevered. She worked extremely hard to bring herself from the bottom to the top. Now that she is at the top, she is constantly giving back wherever and however she can."

*Melany Bagnola, grade 12*

"My Uncle Mike. He served our country. He helped America win. He kept us safe."

*Bryce Layman, grade 1*

*America vs Germany*



*Uncle Mike at War, by Bruce Layman*

"My brother, Luke. When I was three, four, or two, I had a float and I tried to swim with it and my brother saved me before I could drown. I never ever forgot that day."

*Stephanie Remlinger, grade 1*

"Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He helped our country during The Great Depression. I did a report on him in third grade and I learned a lot about him. He struggled with polio, but still became president of the United States. Also, I liked his quote, 'We have nothing to fear but fear itself.'"

*Ian Gelal, grade 5*

"Nancy Elliott. She is my grandma, and she has inspired me in many ways. My grandma has inspired me by food and knowledge. In food, she has shown me many of her secrets and recipes. She has also taught me many knowledgeable things like reading and spelling. My grandma means the world to me."

*Kaitlyn Boder, grade 5*



*Grandma Elliott by Kaitlyn Boder*

"The Earth. My hero is the Earth because it keeps us healthy. We have to take care of it. That is why we celebrate Earth Day. I love the Earth. You should love the Earth."

*Shaylyn Stonkus, grade 1*

Mrs. Disman. She is an incredible teacher, and she is so much fun. I would love to hang out with her. I would love to be held back because she is so sweet and nice.

*Olivia Kroah, grade 4*

## LUNCH & FEES Continued from page 1.

In the cafeterias, students need to key in their four or five digit ID number at the check out. The number assigned is the one they will use for the remainder of their years at Jackson.

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(free and reduced lunches/ and or breakfast at Amherst) during the 2009-2010 school year, he/she will remain on that program for the first 30 school days. Parents need to complete a "Free and Reduced" application as soon as possible. Your family will receive a letter of acceptance or denial. If

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"My parents. My mom is always there whenever I need her. She does a terrific job of taking care of my brothers and me. I can learn a lot from my dad, including things from sports to making the best of things. I have moved a lot, and my friends change, but I know that I will always have my parents."

*Madison Dockery, grade 6*



*My Parents by Madison Dockery*

"My grandma Aining Ruan. She was living in China and moved to America with some of her family. They had no money. She worked for years and years. She never complained. She is grateful for everything. She takes care of me and my family. That's why my grandma is my hero."

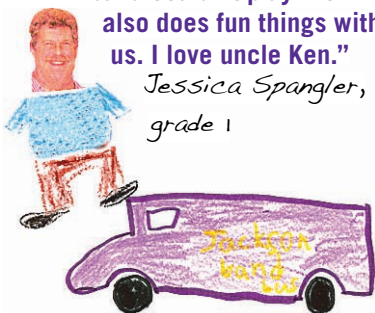
*Khaiching Neoh, grade 6*

"Rod Stalnaker. He helps me with sports and lots of other stuff. He cares for me and sometimes needs help from me. He is my best bud all the time. He helps, cares, and loves the same as I do. He is my protector and keeps me safe. He's my #1 friend forever and my one and only dad."

*Alec Stalnaker, grade 3*

"Uncle Ken. He drives the purple band bus with Jackson's band instruments. Without him, the band couldn't play. He also does fun things with us. I love uncle Ken."

*Jessica Spangler, grade 1*



"Steve Hindman. He taught me respect and is nice to me. He is one of the best people I know. He is funny and nice. He helps

me through everything. He taught Karate at East Coast Karate, also known as MMA Fit. My dad is a good Karate teacher and helps me focus on getting good scores on Mad Minute."

*Sydney Hindman, Grade 3*

"Dr. Masden. She's the reason I want to be a pediatrician. She is thoughtful and explains everything she is going to do before she does it. She helps her patients feel safe and relaxed. When she gives a shot, she has her nurse sit next to me and give me a hug while she makes the injection."

*Emily Kopicki, grade 4*

"Mrs. Ritchey. She has helped me learn so much through the school year. Mrs. Ritchey also helped me grow so much in second grade. When I would need help with something, she was always there. I love my hero!"

*Lauren Scibetta, grade 2*



*Lauren and Mrs. Ritchey*

"Mahatma Gandhi. He was an advocate of always speaking the truth. He lived modestly and simply and fought for non-violence. He supported equality for all and influenced many prominent people."

*Kareesma Parbhoo, grade 8*

"Jesus. He sometimes sends angels to help you. I also think because without him nobody would be here. He tries to help everyone there is. He is the greatest person I know of. Some people don't believe he's real. But most people believe he's real."

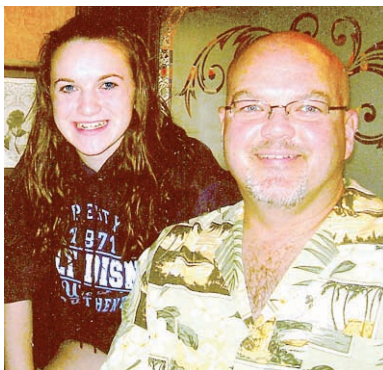
*Tommy Davies, grade 2*

"Curt Walker, my dad. He has always been there for me and is very supportive of me. Also,

he gives me something fun to do when I am bored. He helps me with my homework a lot, too.

Since he is an estimator at work, he knows a lot about math. In my opinion, he's a good cook, too, and when I grow up I want to be a cook."

*Mitchell Walker, grade 6*



*Maggie Steadham and her dad*

"My dad. He always believes in me and inspires me to reach my biggest goals. He gives me the strength I need to make it through the day. I also admire him because of how hard-working he is and for his wonderful ability to understand and give everyone what they need."

*Maggie Steadham, grade 8*



*Mom and Me by Naomi Torgler*

"My mom. She is special. She is thankful for me. She cleans my clothes. She makes my bed for me. She loves me. She hugs me every day."

*Naomi Torgler, kindergarten*

"Emily Spieth. She is my best friend. She plays with me at recess and when I am in fights with another friend, she helps me out."

*Mikayla Gardner, grade 3*



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| <b>August</b>    | 26    | Open House - All Elementaries - 4:30 PM        |
|                  | 30    | 1st day Students (K-9)                         |
|                  | 31    | 1st day Students (10-12)                       |
| <b>September</b> | 3     | Teacher In-service No School - (K-12)          |
|                  | 6     | Labor Day - No School (K-12)                   |
|                  | 7     | Open House JMMS (Gr 7 & 8)                     |
|                  |       | Last Name A-M 6:30-7:30 PM                     |
|                  |       | Last Name N-Z 7:30-8:30 PM                     |
|                  | 15    | Open House High School 6:30-8:30 PM            |
| <b>October</b>   | 11    | Columbus Day - No School (K-12)                |
|                  | 19    | Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM        |
|                  | 21    | Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM        |
|                  | 21    | Parent/Teacher Conferences (6-12) 4:30-7:30 PM |
|                  | 27    | Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM        |
|                  | 27    | Parent/Teacher Conferences (6-12) 4:30-7:30 PM |
|                  | 29    | Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 1/2 day       |
|                  | 29    | Waiver Day--No School (K-5 ONLY) 1/2 day       |
| <b>November</b>  | 1     | No School - (K-12)                             |
|                  | 24-29 | Thanksgiving Break                             |
|                  | 30    | Classes Resume                                 |
| <b>December</b>  | 23    | 1st Day Christmas Break                        |
| <b>January</b>   | 4     | Classes Resume                                 |
|                  | 17    | Martin Luther King Day - No School (K-12)      |
| <b>February</b>  | 3     | Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 PM |
|                  | 9     | Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 PM |
|                  | 18    | Waiver Day - No School (K-12)                  |
|                  | 21    | Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)             |
| <b>March</b>     | 28    | 1st Day of Spring Break                        |
| <b>April</b>     | 4     | Classes Resume                                 |
|                  | 22    | No School (K-12)                               |
| <b>May</b>       | 13    | No School (K-12)                               |
|                  | 30    | Memorial Day - No School (K-12)                |
| <b>June</b>      | 8     | Last Day for Students & Staff                  |



# Welcome the district's new teachers

Jackson Local begins the 2010-11 school year with 19 new members of its teaching family. They are: Tiffany Adkins, Sara Brown, Ashley Bullach, Megan Deering, Olaya Gonzalez, Bethany Grubb, Katie Harris, Elizabeth Heben, Colleen Hudec, Steven Hyatt, Ann Kellar, Joe Knopick, Mary Mazzocca, Stella Munoz-Rodriguez, Elizabeth Rasnick, Kara Robertson, Kellie Shaffer, Noelle Waltenbaugh, and Jessica Young.



## Did You Know?

*Jackson buses annually travel 677,880 miles getting our community's children to and from their schools and special events.*



This year's class of mentors will help the JHS freshman class adjust to high school life.

## Upperclassmen train to welcome freshmen to Jackson High

Each year, JHS students volunteer to spend part of their summer learning how to be mentors to the new freshman class. The training, led by Ted Wiese, a motivational speaker from Wiese Training and Development, teaches the mentors how to make the upcoming freshman feel comfortable during their transition from middle school to high school. The mentors learn methods of positive talk, how to play ice-breaker games, and the importance of compassion.

a freshmen dance routine, and writing letters to their assigned freshmen.

The training is held to prepare the mentors for the freshmen first day of school, which takes place one day before sophomore, junior, and senior classes begin. The teachers, mentors and freshmen have the entire day and school to themselves. Mentors lead freshmen through specially designed ice-breaker activities, walk with them throughout the building as they follow their schedules to locate their classrooms, and eat lunch with their freshmen class.

year. They eagerly jumped in and learned the importance of their position and the responsibility it carries," said guidance counselor Monica Sorriento.

The year-long mission of this group is to help upcoming freshmen in various aspects of personal growth and well-being as they navigate their first year of high school.

"I think the freshmen first day puts the freshmen at ease without the older students present. Mr. Wiese provides a wonderful service that teaches our mentors how to help the younger students and have fun at the same time," Mrs. Sorriento concluded.

"I am very impressed with our mentors this

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### Board Meeting Schedule

|                 |                   |                |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>Sept. 21</b> | <b>JHS</b>        | <b>6:30 PM</b> |
| <b>Oct. 19</b>  | <b>Sauder</b>     | <b>6:30 PM</b> |
| <b>Nov. 16</b>  | <b>Lake Cable</b> | <b>6:30 PM</b> |
| <b>Dec. 21</b>  | <b>Amherst</b>    | <b>6:30 PM</b> |

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



# A message from Principal Salvino



My name is Paul J. Salvino and I am extremely honored to serve as middle school principal of such a fantastic building in the tradition-rich district of Jackson Local Schools. I am very blessed to be a part of the Jackson team. All could not be possible without the support of my loving wife Abigail of eight years and children Dominic (6), Angelo (5), Francesco (3), and Carmela (2).

My family is very excited to be moving into the district and truly emerging ourselves into this outstanding community. I am also proud to have my children entering the school system because of the dedicated and passionate staff at Jackson.

I have served as high school principal at Claymont High School for the past two years, and prior to that was the high school assistant principal for several years. I began my teaching career in the Massillon City Schools teaching 7th grade science and social studies. I truly enjoy working with middle school students and wish everyone a safe, happy, and successful school year.

# A message from Principal Myers



As a 20-year resident of the Jackson Community, I am very proud to be the new high school principal. My husband Jim and I have two children who have benefited from our wonderful school system. Thomas graduated in 2005, is 23 and currently serving in the National Guard at Ft. Eustis, VA. Anna graduated in 2009, is 19 and beginning her sophomore year at KSU majoring in Human Development and Family Studies.

For the past two years, I have had the pleasure of working with our highly dedicated middle school staff as principal. Prior to that, I served as an assistant principal at the high school for five years. Before stepping into administration at JHS, I was very fortunate to have been a business/technology teacher at our high school for two years. I have been afforded many opportunities here within the Jackson Local School District that have helped me to grow personally and professionally. My desires are nothing more than to serve the children of our remarkable community and to help ready them socially and academically for their future.

## Community Calendar



### Pancake Breakfast and Health Fair

The 3rd annual Health Fair and Pancake Breakfast will be held at JHS on Saturday, October 23 from 8

AM to noon. If you would like to rent a space, contact Anna Minor at amm3jc@mail.jackson.sparcc.org or Jeff Moore at jam4jc@mail.jackson.sparcc.org. If you would like to help out with the Pancake Breakfast, call Janelle Winkhart at 330-832-3955.

High School Little Theatre on September 14, 16, 21, and 23 at 7 PM. This will be the first production to take place in our newly outfitted Little Theatre. Spend the evening at Truvy's Beauty Spot with six close knit friends as they navigate the hurdles of life with humor and grace. Be prepared to laugh and cry. (Kleenex will be provided.) All tickets are \$5 and may be ordered by contacting Mrs. Stefanie Fatzinger, Director of Theatre at 330-837-3501 or saf2jc@jackson.sparcc.org. Advanced tickets are encouraged as there is very limited seating.

### Help Mock Trial Team

Monday, September 13, the Chik-fil-a at 5411 Dressler Road will give our team 15% of the profits made from 5-8 p.m. Last year, this fundraiser brought in \$250, enough to support the team's travel expenses to two Mock Trial competitions and partially defray the cost of the year-end awards banquet. Direct donations to the Mock Trial Program are welcomed at any time via checks made out to Jackson Local Schools with "For Mock Trial Team" noted in the memo section of the check. The Jackson Mock Trial Team is recognized as one of the elite teams in Ohio, finishing 10th in Ohio in 2005-06, and having two teams finishing 4th and 10th in Ohio in 2006-07.

### Historical Society invites public to share memories

The Jackson Township Historical Society located in the one-Room School at 7756 Fulton Road, will be open September 14 and October 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The public is invited to stop in and informally share memories and memorabilia of the township, or just sit and listen to others who have come to share.

### Steel Magnolias at JHS

The Jackson Theatre Program will present the play *Steel Magnolias* in the Jackson

### Car Show

Friends of the Jackson Parks will hold a car show Sunday September 5 at the Marketplace at Nobles Pond (Buehlers Parking Lot at 241 and Fulton Rd.). Registration from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Show from 1 to 4 PM. Food, music, raffles, and door prizes. Dash plaques to the first 100 cars. Entry fee \$8.00 pre registration, \$10.00 day of show. For more information call: 330-844-1212



### Jackson teachers perform National Anthem at Hall of Fame enshrinee dinner

After auditioning and winning the honor, four Jackson teachers opened the Pro Football Hall of Fame enshrinee program with a rendition of *The Star Spangled Banner*. The performers were: Scott Eversdyke, Bruce Lautzenheiser, Steve Dye, and Fred Locker.

## On The Banner

**P** Kevin Ruppert  
**O** Franco Carmona  
**L** Maja Rodzevski  
**A** Aaron Wells  
**R** Grant Barron

**B** Alyssa Marion  
**E** Sarah Snyder  
**A** Landon Cubilla  
**R** Vianna Falcone

**P** George Tully  
**R** Gavin Lenkey  
**I** Adam Parramore  
**D** Spencer Rabbitt  
**E** Lilly Dear

## Nominate a grad for the JHS Alumni Wall of

The JHS Alumni Association is asking for nominees who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following areas: athletics, community contributions, professional accomplishments, political leadership, humanitarian contributions, or education. Nominee must be a five-year graduate.

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation year \_\_\_\_\_

High school achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

Post high school achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Jackson Memorial Middle School, Alumni Wall of Fame Committee, 7355 Mudbrook Street, Massillon, OH 44646

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**Key Communicators commit to five evening meetings with the superintendent** and various school officials. As a graduate of the Key Communicators program, Superintendent Haschak will consult with you periodically via e-mail for your input on various topics, and will want to hear community concerns and ideas from you indefinitely.

**This year's five meetings will be held** the 2nd Wednesday of the month, January through May, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Bear's Den student-run restaurant at Jackson High School. **If you are interested, please contact Paula Blangger – pblangger@neo.rr.com or 330-497-0883.**

**The following individuals have participated in the program. We are grateful for their ongoing, valuable input and the time they dedicate to truly understanding and communicating accurate district information.**

Mary Aaby  
Lisa Arnold  
Maureen Ater  
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Victoria Baxter  
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Char Graham  
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Mary Ann Sheets  
Missy Sirpilla  
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Linda Smith  
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Rosemary Snow  
Tanya Sours  
Barry Stayer  
Jonathan Stump  
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Lisa Tucker  
Sandy Turner  
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Jim Wake  
Kathy Washington  
Rose Marie Westover  
Ruthanne Wilkof  
Mark Williams  
Penny Young  
Bonnie Zepp  
Glenda Zink  
Jane Zito



# Inspired by Heroes

"Joan d'Arc is my hero because she fought for God even though her gender and age forbade her to do so. Even facing death, she believed what God had told her and that the voices she heard were angels. It's amazing that she was chosen; a 14-year-old girl with no money or strengths, just faith. She was the first model for women, a girl fighting men

and leading them to victory."  
*Rose Milnes, grade 9*



*My Super Mom by Peyton Fettman*

"My mom, Jodi Fettman is my hero because she's always kind. She doesn't have a hate in her heart. She always cares about me and loves me for who I am. I love her so much. She is my #1 mom."  
*Peyton Fettman, grade 3*





# Inspired by Heroes

"Lucy Geiser is my hero. When she was nine-months-old, she got diagnosed with brain tumor cancer. She was a very smart baby. She learned the whole alphabet at the age of two-years-old. At that age, she also knew how to count up to 20. Now she's seven-years-old. She went through all those years with that stuff, and she still has cancer. I'll love her forever and always."

*Olivia Geiser, grade 4*



*Lucy by Olivia Geiser*

"LeBron James. He doesn't do drugs. He is a great basketball player. He also passes the ball to his teammates. He has become MVP two times. Only a few people have ever done that. LeBron James has gotten a tripple-double a few times. That is why I admire him."

*Alexander Degenhard, grade 3*



"My teacher, Miss Theodore. She inspires me to do big things. Her influence on me has been phenomenal because she has shown me the path to success. I both admire and respect her, and only hope to amount to half of her accomplishments. Miss T is my hero, and I 100% appreciate her."

*Jake Ross, grade 10*



*Miss Marie*

"Miss Marie. Her personality and everlasting love for me shaped who I am today. Miss Marie was my childhood day care nanny, and was far from the average worker. She went out of her way to involve my brother and me in her life and never ceased to take an interest in ours. Miss Marie cared for us and gave me the courage to act as an individual. As another motherly figure in our lives, she treated us with love and kindness, but never let us get out of line. She shaped my personality completely. Miss Marie is my hero."

*Karlle DiRuzza, grade 9*

"Dave Zito, my dad. He inspires me through my sports, school, and what I think about my future. When he was in high school, he played many sports and was good. He would push me to do better even when I was little. I loved playing sports, and he knew it, so we had a deal that if I got all good grades I could keep playing. My father is a very successful man. He taught me that hard work and persistence really does get you somewhere. Also, everybody, including my dad, had hard times, but he also told me you can push through those hard times. My dad's success, from his younger years through now, have

inspire me. I hope I can become someone like him when I'm older."

*Katie Zito, grade 10*

"Abbie Washburne is my hero. She helps me when I am sad. She's just an awesome student and makes people's day a lot."

*Riley Anthony, grade 1*



"Cpl. Shafer A.K.A. Uncle Todd. I admire him because he is in



the U.S. Marines and he protects our country. He took the time to write letters to me when I was born, but I would have been too young to remember. I can't

wait to see him this summer."

*Jeffrey Shafer, grade 4*

"Mike Fuline is my hero because he is an inspirational person who has achieved many things in his life. Coach Fuline is a family man and is also respected greatly in the community."

*Jimmy Dehnke, grade 10*



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## GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL - JV / VARSITY

| DATE     | OPPONENT             | LOCATION | TIME       |
|----------|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Aug. 28  | Hudson/Highland      | Away     | 10/11am    |
| Aug. 30  | McKinley             | Home     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Sept. 2  | Boardman             | Away     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Sept. 7  | Hoover               | Home     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Sept. 9  | Lake                 | Home     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Sept. 11 | West Holmes          | Home     | 1/2:30pm   |
| Sept. 14 | GlenOak              | Home     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Sept. 16 | Fitch                | Away     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Sept. 21 | Perry                | Away     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Sept. 23 | McKinley             | Away     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Sept. 25 | Jackson Invitational | Home     | 10am       |
| Sept. 28 | Boardman             | Home     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Sept. 30 | Hoover               | Away     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Oct. 5   | Lake                 | Away     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Oct. 7   | GlenOak              | Away     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Oct. 9   | Walsh Jesuit         | Away     | 10/11:30am |
| Oct. 12  | Fitch                | Home     | 5:30/7pm   |
| Oct. 14  | Perry                | Home     | 5:30/7pm   |

## BOYS' SOCCER - VARSITY/JV-GOLD

| DATE     | OPPONENT            | LOCATION         | TIME     |
|----------|---------------------|------------------|----------|
| Aug. 26  | Mooney              | Away             | 5/7pm    |
| Aug. 31  | Stow                | Home             | 5:15/7pm |
| Sept. 2  | Hudson              | Away             | 5/7pm    |
| Sept. 4  | Wadsworth (Varsity) | Away             | 7:15pm   |
| Sept. 4  | Wadsworth (JV)      | Home (Pr Fld #3) | 2pm      |
| Sept. 7  | *GlenOak            | Away             | 5:15/7pm |
| Sept. 11 | Avon Lake           | Home             | 5/7pm    |
| Sept. 14 | *Fitch              | Home             | 5:15/7pm |
| Sept. 18 | Walsh Jesuit        | Home             | 5/7pm    |
| Sept. 21 | *Perry              | Home             | 5:15/7pm |
| Sept. 25 | St. Ignatius        | Home             | 5/7pm    |
| Sept. 28 | *McKinley           | Away             | 5:15/7pm |
| Sept. 30 | Copley              | Home             | 5:15/7pm |
| Oct. 2   | Gahanna Lincoln     | Home             | 11/1pm   |
| Oct. 5   | *Boardman           | Away             | 5:15/7pm |
| Oct. 12  | *Lake               | Away             | 5:15/7pm |
| Oct. 16  | *Hoover             | Away             | 5/7pm    |

## GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS

| DATE        | OPPONENT                  | LOCATION        | TIME   |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Aug. 19     | Brecksville               | Home            | 4:30pm |
| Aug. 23     | Lexington                 | Home            | 4:30pm |
| Aug. 24     | *Boardman                 | Home            | 4:30pm |
| Aug. 26     | *Hoover                   | Away            | 4:30pm |
| Aug. 31     | Green                     | Home            | 4:30pm |
| Sept. 1     | *Lake                     | Home            | 4:30pm |
| Sept. 2     | *GlenOak                  | Home            | 4:30pm |
| Sept. 3     | Canfield                  | Home            | 3pm    |
| Sept. 7     | *Fitch                    | Away            | 4:30pm |
| Sept. 14    | *Perry                    | Away            | 4:30pm |
| Sept. 16    | Shaker                    | Home            | 4:30pm |
| Sept. 17    | Upper Arlington B         | Away            | 4pm    |
| Sept. 18    | Upper Arlington A         | Away            | 9am    |
| Sept. 18    | Dublin                    | Away            | 1pm    |
| Sept. 20    | Copley                    | Home            | 4:30pm |
| Sept. 21    | *McKinley                 | Away            | 4:30pm |
| Sept. 23    | Central                   | Home            | 4:30pm |
| Sept. 25    | Lexington Invitational    | Away            | 9am    |
| Sept. 29    | FL Tourney                | Harvard/Stadium | 9am    |
| Sept. 30    | FL Tourney raindate       | Harvard/Stadium | 9am    |
| Oct. 1      | FL Tourney (2nd raindate) | HOF/NC Racquet  | 9am    |
| Oct. 7 & 9  | Sectionals                | Harvard/Stadium | 9am    |
| Oct. 14 /16 | District                  | Oberlin College | 9am    |
| Oct. 22-23  | States                    | OSU             | 9am    |

## GIRLS' SOCCER - JV / VARSITY

| DATE     | OPPONENT       | LOCATION | TIME      |
|----------|----------------|----------|-----------|
| Aug. 23  | Westlake       | Away     | 3/5pm     |
| Aug. 25  | Green          | Away     | 5/7pm     |
| Aug. 28  | North Royalton | Away     | 5/7pm     |
| Sept. 4  | Hudson         | Home     | 5:15/7pm  |
| Sept. 8  | GlenOak        | Home     | 5:15/7pm  |
| Sept. 11 | Revere         | Home     | 1/3pm     |
| Sept. 15 | Fitch          | Away     | 5:15/7pm  |
| Sept. 18 | Copley         | Away     | 1/3pm     |
| Sept. 22 | Perry          | Away     | 5:15/7pm  |
| Sept. 25 | Cloverleaf     | Away     | 4/6pm     |
| Sept. 29 | McKinley       | Away     | 5:15/7pm  |
| Sept. 2  | Walsh          | Away     | 10/12noon |
| Oct. 6   | Boardman       | Home     | 5:15/7pm  |
| Oct. 9   | Hoover         | Home     | 1/3pm     |
| Oct. 13  | Lake           | Home     | 5:15/7pm  |
| Oct. 16  | Medina         | Home     | 5/7pm     |

## BOYS' GOLF - VARSITY and JV

| DATE     | OPPONENT                | LOCATION        | TIME    |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Aug. 9   | CVCA Invitational       | CVCA            | 8am     |
| Aug. 12  | Revere Invitational     | Medina CC       | 9am     |
| Aug. 16  | Big Cat Invitational    | The Legends     | 9am     |
| Aug. 17  | Pre-Season FL Tourney   | Tannenhau       | 8:30am  |
| Aug. 19  | Blue Streak JV Inv.     | Sable Creek     | 7:30am  |
| Aug. 20  | Gran Invitational       | Seven Hills CC  | 8am     |
| Aug. 20  | Pines Golf Club JV Inv. | Pines Golf Club | 8am     |
| Aug. 23  | Grizzly Golf Classic    | Rawiga CC       | 2pm     |
| Aug. 24  | McKinley                | The Sanctuary   | 4:15pm  |
| Aug. 26  | Boardman                | Mill Creek      | 4:15pm  |
| Sept. 1  | Central                 | The Sanctuary   | TBA     |
| Sept. 2  | Hoover                  | The Fairways    | 4:15pm  |
| Sept. 9  | Lake                    | Seven Hills     | 4:15pm  |
| Sept. 11 | Walsh Tradition         | Good Park       | 11:30am |
| Sept. 13 | St. Thomas              | Skyland         | 3:30pm  |
| Sept. 14 | GlenOak                 | The Sanctuary   | 4:15pm  |
| Sept. 21 | Fitch                   | Shady Hollow    | 4:15pm  |
| Sept. 23 | Perry                   | The Sanctuary   | 4:15pm  |
| Sept. 25 | Stark Cty. Championship | Elms            | 8:30am  |
| Oct. 1   | Post-Season-FL Tourney  | Tannenhau       | 9am     |
| Oct. 2   | Black Tiger JV Inv.     | Brookledge      | 9am     |

## BOYS'/GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

| DATE     | OPPONENT               | LOCATION         | TIME   |
|----------|------------------------|------------------|--------|
| Aug. 6   | Alumni Race            | Fisher Park      | 6:30pm |
| Aug. 23  | Green Bulldog Inv.     | Boettler Park    | 4:30pm |
| Aug. 28  | Willoughby South       | Willoughby South | 9am    |
| Sept. 4  | Malone Invitational    | Malone           | TBA    |
| Sept. 11 | Walsh Univ. Alumni Run | Walsh            | TBA    |
| Sept. 18 | Boardman Spartan Inv.  | Boardman         | 12noon |
| Sept. 25 | Strongsville Inv.      | Strongsville     | 10am   |
| Oct. 2   | Stark County Meet      | GlenOak          | TBA    |
| Oct. 7   | Green Dual Meet        | Jackson          | 4:30pm |
| Oct. 16  | FL Championship        | TBA              | TBA    |
| Oct. 23  | District Meet          | Malone           | TBA    |
| Oct. 30  | Regional Meet          | Boardman         | TBA    |
| Nov. 6   | State Meet             | Scioto Downs     | TBA    |



## GIRLS' GOLF

| DATE     | OPPONENT                   | LOCATION       | TIME   |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Aug. 9   | Tam O'Shanter Inv.         | Tammy          | 9:30am |
| Aug. 13  | Pickerington Invitational  | Turnberry CC   | 1:30pm |
| Aug. 17  | Pre-Season FL Tourney      | Tannenhaufl    | 8:30am |
| Aug. 18  | Legends Invitational       | Legends        | 9am    |
| Aug. 20  | Fitch                      | Deer Creek     | 11am   |
| Aug. 21  | Midwest Classic            | Skyland Pines  | 1:30pm |
| Aug. 24  | McKinley                   | Edgewood       | 4:15pm |
| Aug. 26  | Walsh Invitational         | Silver Lake CC | 2pm    |
| Sept. 2  | Hoover                     | Shady Hollow   | 3:45pm |
| Sept. 7  | Lake                       | Shady Hollow   | 3:45pm |
| Sept. 11 | Lady Explorer Invitational | Lake Forest CC | 2pm    |
| Sept. 14 | GlenOak                    | Lyons Den      | 3:45pm |
| Sept. 18 | Canfield/Highland/Perry    | Elms           | 12noon |
| Sept. 22 | Perry                      | Tam O'Shanter  | 3:30pm |
| Sept. 23 | Marlington/Canfield/Green  | Tannenhaufl    | 4pm    |
| Sept. 25 | Stark County Championship  | Elms           | 8:30am |
| Sept. 27 | Green (scrimmage)          | Turkeyfoot     | 3:30pm |
| Oct. 1   | Post-Season FL Tourney     | Tannenhaufl    | 9am    |

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

| DATE     | OPPONENT  | LOCATION | TIME   |
|----------|---|----------|--------|
| Aug. 27  | Copley  | Home     | 7:30pm |
| Sept. 3  | Akron East (Youth Night)                        | Home     | 7:30pm |
| Sept. 10 | Hudson  | Away     | 7:00pm |
| Sept. 17 | *GlenOak  | Home     | 7:30pm |
| Sept. 24 | *McKinley                                       | Away     | 7:30pm |
| Oct. 1   | *Fitch (Homecoming)                             | Home     | 7:30pm |
| Oct. 8   | *Boardman                                       | Away     | 7:30pm |
| Oct. 15  | *Lake   | Home     | 7:30pm |
|          | (Band/Fall Sr. Recognition and Blacklight Show) |          |        |
| Oct. 22  | *Perry  | Away     | 7:30pm |
| Oct. 29  | *Hoover   | Home     | 7:30pm |
|          | (Football/Cheer Sr. Recognition)                |          |        |

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*Sarah Wessel, grade 6*

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## Fall athletes spend a summer day giving back



It was NFL day at Giant Eagle on the Strip, as the store celebrated its Regional Bagging Contest. Football players, cheerleaders, and band members from Jackson High School, were on hand to help.

NFL and collegiate team flags lined the register lanes. Jackson's inflatable Polar Bear Head was placed at the front entrance of the store for customers to pass through just as the football team does on Friday nights before the games. Jackson football players lined up on both sides of the bear head in full dress while the band and cheerleaders made some noise.

"Our customers loved it," said store manager Nancy Beddell.

The bagging contest is held across the region in the spirit of



fun. Jackson student joined the fun, learning that bagging groceries is a skill. Points were awarded as baggers raced to properly bag items in the least amount of time without exceeding a bag-weight limit.

"Thank you," said Mrs. Beddell, "to all the JHS students who participated. You made it a tail-gate party to remember."

She also thanked Diane Burton, president of the Mama Bears Football Mothers Group "for her help in making our celebration a great success."

Mrs. Biddell concluded, "We can all be very proud of the students and school district leaders here in Jackson. It was a pleasure to see our students giving back to the community."

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Moms, daughters and school counselors in the "It's Great to be a Girl" pilot program proudly show their new t-shirts.

**IT'S GREAT TO BE A GIRL** Continued from page 1.

meetings/events together with the two counselors.

"We wanted the moms to be a part of it because mom is the number one predictor of a girl's self-esteem, Mrs. Cunningham said.

The program is designed to raise awareness to the negative messages that girls absorb from the media, peers, and celebrities, and to counter them with

ideas and facts that widen the definition of beauty so that everyone can fit. The program will march toward the goal of inner beauty and outer confidence through a variety of activities that promote team-building, charity, discovery of unique talents, appreciation of family, development of a respectable fashion/make-up sense, career exploration, and financial savvy.

Last school year the girls were chosen

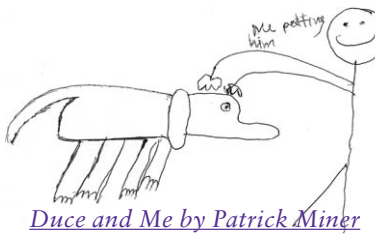
based on their differences and the unique and personal qualities they had to offer. They have varying levels of social confidence, emotional and physical development, different roles in the community and school system, and a variety of grade point averages.

"We want the girls to gain a better understanding of themselves and to feel empowered by their differences," Mrs. Cunningham said.

**Inspired by Heroes**

"My dog Duce. He is loyal and fun to play ball with. His dog food smells really bad. He is a very good swimmer, and sometimes he licks my face. We play hide and seek, and on occasion, he sits on my lap."

*Jake Patrick Miner, grade 8*



"Rachel Roudebush is my hero. We were at Lake Erie and I couldn't swim at the time. I was walking into the water. All of a sudden there was a drop-off and there was a girl next to me, but I didn't know her name. I was yelling, "Help, help," but she was laughing at me. Then I looked at my mom, named Rachel. It took a second till she realized,

"Where's Alex?" Then she saw me drowning, so she ran in her shoes and clothes and came to save me."

*Alex Roudebush, grade 3*

"My grandpa, Chuck Popa is my hero. He was a firefighter and a Korean War veteran.

As a firefighter, he saved many people from fires. He is a very great man, and is very brave. Now that he is not a firefighter anymore, he plays golf. Also, he loves watching my siblings and me play sports. He takes me and my brother golfing sometimes. He is my hero."

*Matthew Hallworth, grade 4*



The world would be so much more peaceful if people would listen to her ideas."

*Kylin Coptorne, grade 7*

"Charlie. He is always helping people if they can't do something, or if they need a ride somewhere. He also does the thing that is most important first, then does the other stuff later.

*Deja Burgess, grade 4*



"All of the brave soldiers of America, including my brother. They are risking their lives to serve America in upcoming wars, battles, etc. They are fighting for our freedom.

*Alyssa Freda, grade 3*





# Inspired by Heroes

"My father is my hero. He always encourages me to reach my goals and dreams. A periodontist and a pianist, my dad introduced me to blues music, which inspired me to play guitar. It became my passion. Whether it is a question on my math homework or a question about life, my father will always have the correct answer."  
Fuad Farah, grade 8



Constantin Farah

"Miss Anne is my hero. She took me home when I fell on the concrete. I was flying a kite and I fell on her driveway."  
Jasmine Maas, Kindergarten



Miss Anne by Jasmine Maas

"My dad Steve is my hero. He loves me so much that he can't be replaced. He teaches me things like how to be polite and always show a smile and to never give up. He will do anything for me. I am his little girl to hold forever. I love telling Dad what happened today at school. He always makes a great dad."  
Tessa Riley, grade 3



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## Some Things You Should Know

### Jackson Local 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 Local 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 fiscal year 2011 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 Fiscal Year 2010 grant applications. For more information, contact Kathy Brand, Director of Special Programs at 330-830-8006.

### Buildings continually inspected for asbestos

The district's Asbestos Management Plan is kept current through general inspection of all buildings every six months. A major reevaluation is done every three years in compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act of 1986. Anyone interested in viewing the plan can make an appointment with buildings and grounds supervisor, Ricky White, at the Administration Office, 7602 Fulton Drive (at the high school), 330-830-8044. Copies of the plan may also be purchased for 25 cents per page, payable in advance, with a maximum of five work days required for preparation.



Asbestos-containing floor was properly removed from a JHS classroom as part of the renovation plan.

### Basic student information is made publicly available

As per Jackson Local Board of Education policy, our schools make available, upon request, directory information which includes student names, addresses, telephone numbers, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height, weight if student is a member of an athletic team, date of graduation and awards received.

**Parents and adult students may refuse to allow disclosure of any or all such directory information** upon written notice to the building principal within 10 days of receipt of this notice. It is also your right to:

- Inspect and review your student's educational records
- Request amendments if the record is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in

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- Disallow disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except in the cases of disclosures allowed by law
- File a complaint of district noncompliance with the Department of Education
- Obtain a copy of the district's policy and administrative guidelines on student records.

### JHS required to provide student information to military recruiters

Each high school receiving federal funding is REQUIRED to turn over student information (name, address, phone number) to local military recruiters unless parents opt out in writing. You can visit [www.leavemychildalone.org](http://www.leavemychildalone.org) to remove your child's name.

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## JACKSON TEACHER IS AUTHOR

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The narrative speaks to why students with special needs are here, why they should not be excluded from the regular classroom, how they are like and unlike their typical peers, and how teachers can help typical and non-typical students develop friendships.

Ty is a composite of the myriad of students Mr. Durkin has taught, including students with autism. Many students and their families will relate to Ty, and perhaps one Jackson teacher will see herself clearly defined in the book. The teacher character in the book is based on Mr. Durkin's experiences with Amherst teacher Jenna Mysza who eagerly found opportunities to integrate Mr. Durkin's students into her typical classroom. Both teachers understand that when students with special needs and typical students share a learning space, everyone, including the teacher, has opportunities for social, emotional, and academic growth.

Mr. Durkin's passion for his students began as he graduated high school and his father volunteered him to serve at a summer camp for students with special needs. Reluctantly, Mr. Durkin obliged his father, but found the campers to be "odd." As a teenaged boy, he was not as interested in the campers as he was in the pretty, female camp counselors that were his own age.

"By the next year, the good-looking girls were gone, but I would ride my bike in the rain to get there and be with the campers," Mr. Durkin said.

It was the beginning of his career-long appreciation of his students' depth. "There is an innate grace that emanates from people with special needs. They retain an innocence and purity that is endearing. We teach them and learn from them," he said.

Mr. Durkin mentioned his gratitude for Principal Elaine Ferguson who encourages inclusion. "She made sure our kids were included in the main classroom to foster relationships and learning," he said.

Mr. Durkin now teaches students with special needs at the high school.

### Meet the Author

There will be a book signing, Thursday, Sept. 9, in the JHS student commons from 3:00 to 6:00. The public is invited.

The book was published in August by Two Harbors Press and is available at Amazon.com. You can also visit [www.lessonsfromty.com](http://www.lessonsfromty.com) to read excerpts and learn more.

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Jackson's motto, *Striving for Excellence*, is driven by a community that demands the best from its school district and provides for it by supporting levy/bond issues, thus enabling the district to deliver

cutting-edge programs for students. The district strives to create a world class, high-performing, fiscally sound educational system for its 5,677 students and its community.

## Students Are Our First Priority

Jackson prepares its students to excel in a global economy by providing a rigorous core curriculum at all levels of the academic spectrum. The district has a full-service special education program, including an outstanding autistic unit. There is also a gifted program and 16 advanced placement classes in which 40% of high school students participate.

Jackson has collaborated with North Canton and Perry to develop a two-year International Baccalaureate program set to begin this fall. The district also collaborates with North Canton, Lake, Canton, and Plain to provide career/technical course offerings. Collaborations reduce the duplication of services, allowing districts to provide excellence in programming to a wide body of students while creatively using limited resources.

Because everything is not learned inside the classroom, the district's fourth graders participate in a swim program at the YMCA. Sixth graders are offered an outdoor learning experience at Camp Muskingam. Seventh graders have the opportunity to visit to Washington D.C., and eighth graders experience a learning day at Cedar Point. High School students are offered expeditions to China, Paris, Spain, and the Bahamas. With the exception of fourth grade swimming, off-campus opportunities require students to pay part or all of their travel, food, and lodging expenses.

## Accomplishments

Academically, Jackson is consistently ranked among the top 25 of Ohio's 613 districts. Test results from the 2009-10 school year marks the district's 10th consecutive "Excellent" rating from the Ohio Department of Education.

Jackson has two nationally recognized Blue Ribbon schools. Jackson High School and Lake Cable Elementary are among 314 of the nation's 120,000 public and private schools to achieve this status. Blue Ribbon schools are either academically superior or demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to levels in the top 10% of the nation.

JHS has been ranked among the top 1500 high schools in America by *Newsweek* magazine for the past five years. US News and World Report awarded JHS a Silver Medal, ranking it in the top 3% of U.S. high schools.

The graduation rate is 99.8% with approximately 87% seeking higher education. The 2010 senior class collectively earned more than \$1.5 million in college scholarships.

Athletically, Jackson High offers 21 varsity sports, 5 club sports, and cheerleading. Nearly 50% of JHS student body participates in one or more sport. JHS is a perennial top contender for the Federal League All-Sports Trophy and proudly produces teams that compete at the state tournament level every year.

## Fiscal Facts

Jackson's results are attained even though the district is consistently one of the lowest per-pupil



spenders among the 20 Ohio districts most similar to Jackson.

A township tax base valued at \$1.3 billion (approximately 60% residential and 40% commercial properties) provides 73.2% of the Jackson Local budget. The remaining 20% is provided by the state, and 3.8% by the Federal Government.

## Community Collaboration

The district enjoys consistent community participation through a wealth of parent support groups and classroom volunteers. Hundreds of parents and community friends volunteer thousands of hours reading with children, reviewing math, and raising funds for classroom extras.

A program called Key Communicators, annually takes 30+ community leaders behind the scenes for a five-month, in-depth look at the district, from buses to balance sheets.

A team of 34 community members, administrators, and students have recently developed a strategic plan for 2010-2015 to meet the district's current and anticipated challenges as they pertain to emerging educational, economic, social, demographic, and technological trends.

## Conclusion

Schools and communities are people, not bricks and mortar. Jackson Local is made of people who truly care for students, from teachers and administrators to custodians and cooks. All are dedicated to continuous improvement. Jackson Township is made predominately of professional, well-educated people who understand the shrinking globe and want to prepare their children to thrive locally and internationally.



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