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# Jaguar Jottings

#### Your Johnsburg Central School Newsletter



## Superintendent's Corner



Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible community for your positive vote on our Building Project. Thanks to your support, our students will soon have access to updated and safer science equipment that will foster hands-on learning and exploration in their studies.

Making decisions like this is not just about improving the learning environment today—it's about investing in the future for both our students and our community as a whole. These updated science rooms will serve as a foundation for future nurses, doctors, engineers, and countless other professionals shaping a safer, healthier, and more innovative world.

We are excited to share an important development in our ongoing project: the installation of a generator for the school. This generator is not only a valuable resource for the school itself but will also support our entire community during times of need.

As many of you know, we serve as the Red Cross emergency site in the event of local emergencies. With the new generator in our plans, we will be able to maintain electricity even during widespread power outages, ensuring that we can continue to serve as a reliable hub for assistance.

We've all witnessed how weather patterns have become more unpredictable and intense in recent years. While we hope these challenges never result in an emergency, it's essential to be prepared.

Previously, our site was not fully equipped to handle the demands of an emergency response. This new addition significantly strengthens our ability to provide support, making us better prepared for any situation. Together, we are creating opportunities that will last for generations to come and creating a stronger community. Your support makes all the difference.



#### **Grade 3-8 NYS Testing Dates**

ELA Grades 3-6 - April 8 & 9 ELA Grades 7-8 - April 22 & 23 Math Grades 7-8 - April 29 & 30 Math Grades 3-6 - May 7 & 8 Science Grades 5 & 8 - May 13

#### Johnsburg-Minerva Superstore!

Here is a link to the new Johnsburg-Minerva Athletic Superstore. Check it out!

https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/ne w\_york/olmstedville/johnsburg-minerva

#### Facebook

Check out our Johnsburg Central School page on Facebook.

https://www.facebook.com/JohnsburgCentralSchool/

Mrs. Flanagan



**Building Principal** 



PreK-3 Student of the Month - December (Listed Alphabetically)

Adalyn Waldron
Elliana Harris
Harper Ordway
Ryan McNally Jr.
Shelby Facey
Sophia Hungerford
Zaylea Denno

#### Specials:

Physical Education - Ruhi Thakor & Odin Moore

Art - Ariana McAlonen Music - Shelby Facey Library - Zaylea Denno

Students in grades PreK-3 are doing great! Keep up the hard work!!



## PRE K



## **KINDERGARTEN**



1ST GRADE



## 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE



## 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE





## QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

This month's question was asked to Mrs. McKenna's and Mrs. Varney's second grade class.

# "What is something you love about your school or community, and why?"

**Collin Gonyo**: I love my community because I feel safe there and it is small. It is part of our country. At school I really like to learn. Science is the best.

**Ian Ferguson**: I love my school because I go there and learn. In the gym it is so much fun to use the roller racers.

**Julia Webb**: What I love about my school is that we have fun activities that we get to do. In the community I love going to Tannery Pond.

**Zaylea Denno:** I love my community because we have Gore Mountain and I am learning to ski. My school is fun because we are allowed to go skiing and I get to play with my friends!

**Lincoln May**: At school I really like music class. We are learning new songs. In my community I love the restaurants!

**Carson Bradway**: In my school I love that we have assemblies and get to wear a theme t-shirt. My community is great because of the playgrounds that we have.

**Joclynn Prosser:** In my school I love that we are learning. I love to learn to read better and get really fast at math facts. In my community I love Gore Mountain. I love spending time with my family in my community.

**Hailey McComsey-** I love school because we get free lunches and I like skiing with my friends. I love our community because they fixed the roads.

**Shelby Facey-** I love skiing with my class and I love earning marbles for a movie and popcorn.I love our community because I like the stores.

Jaxon Beaudrot- I love skiing because it's fun and I will get to go on the lift and I got a bee toy. I love school because at recess we get to go to the playground. I love the community because our roads are fixed.

**Grayson VanAken-** I love Library at school. I get tips and tricks for my games and decoding on any computer. That's what I love about my school.

**Chloe Facey**- I love our community because kids get to play baseball. I love our school because Mrs. Parker helps me learn.

**Syruss Newton-** I love school because I like skiing, lunch, and recess. But Math is my favorite. I love my community because I have a playground at my apartments.

**Jace Thissell-** I love school because we go skiing every Wednesday and we have Gym. We have free lunch and math and recess too!

**Eamon Emlaw-** I love art at school because I am an artist. I love our community because we get to help each other.

**Fynnleigh Goodspeed-** I love my community because we have forests that we can go in for adventures. I love my school because we get to do cool things in Gym and I love Math because it's fun. I also love our field trips.



#### **SARA PIERSON**



Sara Pierson, a proud graduate of Johnsburg Central School, holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Industry. She has spent the last four years in Memphis, TN, working as a Pre-Production Lead at North America's largest vinyl record manufacturer. During her time there, she honed her skills in production and logistics while staying deeply connected to her passion for music.

Now back in North Creek, Sara is reconnecting with her roots and giving back to the community that shaped her. She aims to channel her love for music to engage students and foster creativity. When she's not in the classroom, Sara writes and performs her unique country singer/songwriter music at local venues, bringing people together through song.

Sara's dedication to music and community reflects her commitment to growth and unity in the North Creek area. Keep an eye out for her performances and her ongoing contributions to our community's bright future!



#### **TOSHA HALL**



What up Jaguars!!!
Happy to be part of the team!!
Thank you everyone for being so welcoming!!
Miss Hall



Reminders from the Health Office:

- SPRING SPORTS PHYSICALS will be held on February 6th. If your student-athlete does not have a current physical on file or it will expire before the start of the season, they are responsible for signing up for a school physical or handing in a physical before the season begins in order to participate.
- Many illnesses have and will continue to circulate; please keep your child(ren) home when not feeling well to help decrease the spread of all illnesses.
   \*Attached is a reminder for when your child(ren) should remain home
- SAVE THE DATE: JCS will hold a Blood Drive on April 11th. Be on the lookout for how to sign up!

As always, please contact me if you have any questions!

Be well,

Mrs. Amber Aurilio, RN JCS School Nurse aurilio@johnsburgcsd.org 518-251-2921 ext 5 Confidential Fax 518-251-2367







**Brian Burkhardt** has been accepted at SUNY Adirondack.

**Charity Lupo** has been accepted at SUNY Delhi, SUNY Morrisville, SUNY Cobleskill, and Paul Smith's College.

Eric Mason has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack, SUNY Plattsburgh, SUNY Oswego, SUNY Potsdam, and University at Albany. Elington Morin has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack.

**Eloise Noel** has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack and Fulton Montgomery Community College.

Kaylie O'Hara has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack, Keuka College, Le Moyne College, Nazareth College, Siena College, St. Lawrence University, Vermont State University, and Wilkes University.

**Arthur Perryman, III** has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack.

Lillian San Antonio has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack, Le Moyne College, Alfred University, and St. Lawrence University.

Tristin Secor has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack and Cornell University





#### 1. The Walter Grishkot Memorial Scholarship

This \$2,500 scholarship, renewable up to four years, is for high school seniors and college students residing in Warren, Washington, or Saratoga County and pursuing a major in aviation, aeronautics, or a related field. This scholarship is given in memory of Walter Grishkot of Glens Falls, a long-time photographer, promoter, and event planner with a lifelong passion for aviation. He was best known as co-founder and long-time organizer of the Adirondack Balloon Festival.

The application is available at https://grishkotfoundation.org

Deadline is March 1, 2025

#### 2. The Joan Grishkot Memorial Scholarship

This \$2,500 scholarship, renewable up to four years, is for residents of Warren, Washington, or Saratoga County pursuing a major in nursing. This scholarship is given in memory of Joan Grishkot of Glens Falls, a long-time nurse, public health executive and community leader, and co-organizer of the Adirondack Balloon Festival. The application is available at https://grishkotfoundation.org Deadline is March 1, 2025

#### 3. Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards

The Legacy Awards program begins on September 1, 2024. Legacy Awards provide \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elk members. The ENF offers a total of 350 national awards. Please visit enf.elks.org/Leg for more details and the application link.

The application deadline is February 3, 2025.

#### 4. Excelsior Scholarship

This scholarship covers tuition for students attending a SUNY or CUNY college. Families whose adjusted combined federal household income is \$125,000 or less in the 2023 tax year are eligible to apply. Other pertinent criteria are on the website. You can submit your email or cell phone number to be alerted when the online application opens for fall 2025 applications.

https://www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grantsscholarships

#### 5. Enhanced Tuition Award

Students from families earning \$125,000 or less can qualify for up to \$6,000 in tuition assistance at participating private colleges in New York

https://www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grantsscholarships

#### 6. Cameron Jace Quartiers Memorial **Scholarship**

This \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from Glens Falls High School and to 2 graduating seniors from any high school in New York State who plans to pursue a 2 or 4year degree in an area of the health care field.

The scholarship application is in the Guidance Office.

Deadline is April 28, 2025

#### 7. GERARD J. BUCKENMEYER FASNY **VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP**

The Firemen's Association of the State of New

| York will award 25 \$1,500 scholarships to high          |
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| school seniors entering college.                         |
| Applicant Criteria:                                      |
| ☐ Be a member in good standing with FASNY                |
| or have a parent/legal guardian who is a                 |
| member.  |
| $\square$ Attend high school as a senior who is enrolled |
| in the fall 2021 school year at an                       |
| accredited two- or four-year institution of higher       |
| learning or an accredited technical                      |
| post-secondary school.                                   |
| ☐ Serve as a current Junior firefighter, Explorer        |
| Scout or RAM in a group affiliated with                  |
| a volunteer department; a volunteer firefighter;         |
| or a volunteer with an EMS unit.                         |
| ☐ Be postmarked or electronically submitted by           |
| 3/15/2025.   |
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| ☐ Application can be located here:                |
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| https://fasny.com/awards/scholarship/application/ |
| ☐ Demonstrate a commitment to both volunteer      |
| emergency service and the                         |
| community.  |

8. 2025 Lloyd Mott Cycling Scholarship – A deserving senior who will attend a 2 or 4year college or trade school can win this \$2,500 scholarship based on their essay on the dangers of cycling in an unsafe space and what can be done to ensure the safety of cyclists.

Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

The deadline is May 1, 2024

9. Crary Education Fund Scholarship – This renewable scholarship valued up to \$1,300 is for a high school senior living in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, or Warren County who will be enrolling in a vocational program or college. The adjusted gross family income cannot exceed \$90,000. Exceptions to surpassing this limit will be considered but must be justified in writing by providing specific information on the number of children in the household, the number attending college, or any unusual financial circumstances.

The application will be available on February 15, 2025. You can access the online application at www.craryfoundation.org The deadline to submit your application is Friday, May 2, 2025.

10. Cameron Jace Quartiers Memorial Scholarship – This is a scholarship worth \$1,000 to a graduating senior entering the health care field.

Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

The deadline to apply is April 28, 2025



#### **Hugh O'Brian Youth Program**



HOBY is a leadership program that teaches and engages over 230 sophomores from Eastern New York State on how to become effective leaders in their school and community. At least one sophomore from each NY State high school is chosen to attend the event. Johnsburg Central School has been sending students to HOBY for the last 30+ years. Students participate in unique leadership training, servicelearning, and motivation-building experiences. HOBY's vision is to motivate and empower individuals to make a positive difference within our global society, through understanding and action, based on effective and compassionate leadership.

Congratulations to Reagan Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris of Wevertown, for being chosen to attend the seminar which takes place during the weekend of June 6-8, 2025 at the University at Albany!



National Scholarship Websites

Raise.me
Goingmerry.com
Fastweb.com
salliemae.com
https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/fi
nd-scholarships.aspx
studentscholarships.org
collegexpress.com
collegeboard.org/scholarships



#### **Adirondack Help Wanted**

https://regionalhelpwanted.com/adirondack-jobs

#### Glassdoor

www.glassdoor.com

#### Monster

www.monster.com

#### Indeed

www.indeed.com

#### Snag a job

Snagajob.com

#### **New York State Job Bank**

Myjobsny.usnlx.com

#### Warren County Civil Service and Non-Civil

**Service Positions and Exam** 

#### **Announcements**

www.warrencountyny.gov/jobs

#### **Town of Johnsburg**

https://www.johnsburgny.gov/employment.html

#### **Glens Falls Police Department**

https://www.glensfallspd.com/employment

### New York State Department of

**Transportation** 

https://www.ny.gov/programs/nysdot-



#### **New York State Police**

Joinstatepolice.ny.gov

## **New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision**

doccs.ny.gov/employment-opportunities

#### **United States Post Office**

https://about.usps.com/careers/how-to-apply

#### **UPS**

https://www.jobs-ups-com

#### **Federal Express**

https://careers.fedex.com



Happy New Year! A lot of great things are happening in the PE and Athletics departments. Many of the Elementary classes are beginning Jump Roping to prepare for a Virtual and Worldwide Jump Rope Challenge. The students will be tested on their speed and ability to master multiple tricks and be able to see where they rank amongst students their age around the world! Our middle and high school students will start the Archery unit in PE. The students will get a chance to learn how to handle and use a bow while learning the importance of focus and safety. We hope to help the students aim for and hit their targets in hopes of helping them use their focus and planning skills in other areas outside of PE.

In the Athletics Department, many of our studentathletes have experienced success in their respective arenas. With the seasons winding down, we look forward to seeing if our teams can continue to build and finish their seasons on a high note. Additionally, please be on the lookout for the announcement of Senior Nights for our student-athletes, and show up to celebrate their contributions to our Irish-Jag teams.

As a reminder, our Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball teams will be competing in a Coaches vs. Cancer game at Indian Lake on February 6th; the Athletic Department is selling Pin-up Cards that will be hung around the Indian Lake gym for the game, and the proceeds will go to Cancer research. If you are interested in purchasing a card, please let any coach, teacher, or myself know; the cards are \$3 apiece.

Lastly, with the winter athletics season coming to a close, spring sports will be right around the corner as will the need for some students to have to have physicals done before participating in any Spring sports or activities. Please reach out to the school nurse if you have any questions about your studentathlete's need to have a physical completed at the school.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

GO IRISH-JAGS!

Coach Gonyo and Coach Chambers



At the foot of old Gore Mountain, Johnsburg Central High Stands upon its pine-clad hilltop reaching toward the sky. White and blue we'll always honor as the years go by We'll be true to alma mater Johnsburg Central High In the years that are to follow treading paths anew We'll remember alma mater, loyal, proud and true!



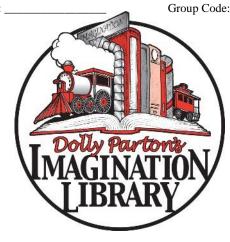


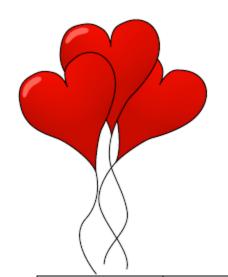
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| Fruit 3          | Fruit 4           | Fruit 5               | Fruit 6         | Fruit/ Juice 7     |
| Juice            | Juice             | Juice                 | Juice           | Bagel w/ cream     |
| Mini Cinnamon    | Waffles           | Yogurt                | Cheddar omelet  | cheese or          |
| buns             | Syrup             | Cereal                | Cereal          | WOW butter         |
| Cereal           | Cereal            | Toast                 | Muffins         | Cereal             |
| Toast            | Toast             | Jelly                 | Milk            | English            |
| Jelly            | Jelly             | Milk                  |                 | Jelly              |
| Milk             | Milk              |                       |                 | Milk               |
| Fruit 10         | Fruit 11          | Fruit 12              | Fruit 13        | Fruit 14           |
| Juice            | Juice             | Juice                 | Juice           | Juice              |
| Breakfast Pizza  | Bacon & cheese on | Ham Bk. Sandwich      | Bk. Parfait     | Chef's choice      |
| Hash Brown       | a bagel           | Cereal                | Cereal          | Cereal             |
| Cereal           | Cereal            | English               | Muffin          | Toast or English   |
| Toast            | Toast             | Jelly                 | Milk            | Jelly              |
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| Fruit 24         | Fruit 25          | Fruit 26              | Fruit/ Juice 27 | Fruit 28           |
| Juice 24         | Juice 23          | Juice 20              | Bagel w/ cream  | Juice 28           |
| Sausage & Egg    | Fruit Smoothies   | French Toast          | cheese or       | Bk. Wrap           |
| Pancake sandwich | Cereal            | Syrup                 | WOW butter      | Cereal             |
| Cereal           | Muffin            | Cereal                | Cereal          | Toast              |
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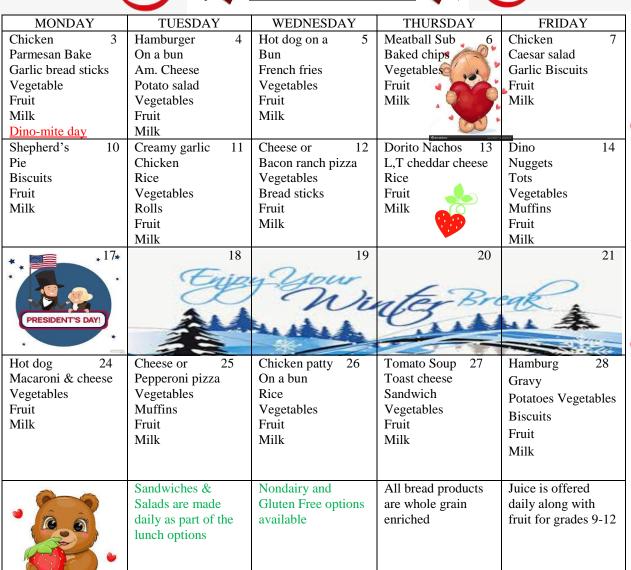






**JCS LUNCH** 







Lunch menu subject to change without notice

