

# Jaguar Jottings

Your Johnsburg Central School Newsletter



## Superintendent's Corner



### Spring into Action at Johnsburg Central School!

Spring is in full bloom, and with it comes a season full of energy and excitement at Johnsburg Central School! Our baseball, softball, and tennis teams are off to a fantastic start, and we're thrilled to see such strong student participation in all our spring sports programs.

Looking ahead, we're excited to celebrate the season with our always-popular spring concerts—a cherished highlight for students, families, and staff. And don't forget, the Memorial Day Parade is right around the corner!



Budget Vote Set for Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

The annual school budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. outside the gymnasium.

This year's proposed budget includes a 2.53% increase over last year's. For context, the six-year average increase, including this year, is 2.89%.

Throughout the budget process, our focus has remained steadfast: preserve and enhance educational opportunities for all students. The proposed budget continues all current programs and maintains full support for extracurricular activities which continue to thrive!

Programs like our elementary ski program have grown significantly, and with Gore Mountain right in our backyard, it just makes sense to get students skiing and snowboarding.



Public Budget Presentation  
Monday, May 12 at 5:00 p.m.

We welcome all community members to join us for a Public Budget Presentation on Monday, May 12 at 5:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn more and ask questions.

If you're unable to attend but still have questions, please feel free to reach out to us directly at (518) 251-2921, ext. 9.



Board of Education Elections



Alongside the budget vote, three Board of Education seats are up for election. The terms of Chris Jay and Melissa Freebern are ending, and Tom Ordway—after an incredible 34 years of dedicated service—has announced his retirement from the board. Tom's commitment and leadership will be deeply missed.

For more details about the proposed budget, please refer to the dedicated section later in this newsletter. We encourage all community members to review the information carefully and be informed ahead of the vote.

We hope to see you at the polls on May 20, 2025.





## Principal's Message



As I retire at the end of this school year, I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to all of my friends and colleagues at JCS and the surrounding community. Thank you for your support during my 32 years at JCS, 23 as a classroom teacher and 9 as principal. I was very fortunate to have been able to fulfill my career in my home town and at my home school. It has been a privilege. JCS will always be very close to my heart! Thank you for the opportunity.



## Johnsburg Jaguar Pride!



### NYS Grade 3-8 Testing Dates

Math grades 3-6 May 7 & 8

Science Grades 5 & 8 May 13

### Facebook

Check out our Johnsburg Central School page on Facebook.

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



Find us on  
**Facebook**

## West Side Story

I'd like to extend a HUGE thank you to Anne Buckwheat, Denise Conti, Max Garrett, Robin Jay, Sara Pierson and Linda Quintavalle for directing the production of West Side Story. It was a wonderful show. Thank you to all who were involved!



## Mrs. Flanagan Building Principal





## Prekindergarten's annual trip to Gore Mountain!

Each year, a special adventure awaits our Prekindergarten class just beyond our schoolyard: a field trip to majestic Gore Mountain! The highlight is always the breathtaking gondola ride to the summit, where little explorers get a fascinating glimpse into the important work of the ski patrol. Afterward, a relaxing scenic descent brings us back to the mountain's base, the perfect spot for a cozy lunch in the lodge.



## First Graders Have Pen Pals!



Mrs. Webb's first-grade class at Johnsbury has kicked off an exciting new friendship with another group of first

graders all the way in Jacksonville, North Carolina! The two classrooms are teaming up as pen pals to learn more about each other's daily routines and school life.

To help share their experiences, Flat Stanley — the beloved paper traveler from the popular children's book series — made a special trip from Meadow View Elementary in North Carolina to visit North Creek. He's spending the day with Mrs. Webb's class, tagging along to see what a day in the life of a New York first grader looks like.

The students are especially thrilled to show off one of the best parts of their school day — recess! With smiles all around, they brought Flat Stanley outside to join in on the fun. This exchange is not just a way to make new friends but also to learn about life in another state, all while practicing their writing skills.

What a fun and creative way to connect across the miles!





## PreK-3 Student of the Month – April

(Listed Alphabetically)

Collin Gonyo  
Eamon Emlaw  
Henry Sargent  
Isabella Poirier  
Maddox Moos  
Odin Moore  
Sarrah Newton

Specials:  
Art: Hadley Heffernan  
Library: Lincoln May

Physical Education: Zaylea Denno, Eva Schwartz

Music: Sierra VanAken

Congratulations and keep up the hard work!



## PRE K



## KINDERGARTEN



## 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE

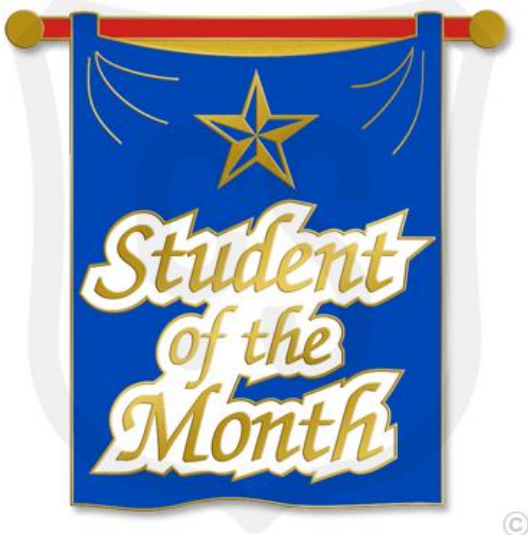




## 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE



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



QUESTION OF  
THE MONTH

This month's question was asked to Mrs. O'Hagan's Pre-Kindergarten class.

**"What Do You Want To Be When You Grow UP?"**

Ambrose Ashe- Police Officer

Christian Bradway- Chef

Hadley Heffernan- Veterinarian

Mabel Hier- Veterinarian

Adam Horton- Tow Truck Driver

Ariana McAlonen- Unicorn

Ryan McNally Jr.- Hunter

Ceallaigh Monahan- Ski Patrol at Gore Mountain

Isabella Poirier- Superhero

Colt Quinones- Police Officer

Henry Sargent- Tow Truck Driver

William Updike- Dog Trainer



When We  
Grow Up





*Information provided by Mrs. Bruce*



## JCS Class of 2025 Valedictorian & Salutarian



[Tristin Secor](#), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Secor of North Creek is Valedictorian.

[Lillian San Antonio](#), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph San Antonio of North River is Salutarian.

*Congratulations  
To you both*

## College Acceptances

[Brian Burkhardt](#) has been accepted at SUNY Adirondack.

[Vasanti Collins](#) has been accepted to College of Charleston.

[Mason Englert](#) has been accepted to Clarkson University and Saint Michael's College.

[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, North Country Community College, and Fulton Montgomery Community College.

[Kaylie O'Hara](#) has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack, Keuka College, Le Moyne College, Nazareth College, Saint Michael's College, Hartwick College, Charleston Southern University, College of Charleston, 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, College of Charleston, St. Lawrence University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Rochester, and SUNY Geneseo.

[Tristin Secor](#) has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack and Cornell University.



## Adirondack Area School Boards Association

Congratulations to [Lillian San Antonio](#) for being chosen to receive The Adirondack Area School Boards Association Community Service Award. This is a dinner recognition held at the Queensbury Hotel to honor one graduating senior from each member school district within our region who has demonstrated outstanding service within their community. Each senior, along with their parents, the Superintendent, and School Board

Members, will enjoy a delicious dinner while they watch a slide show presentation on each senior's accomplishments, awards, and service. A check for \$500.00 will be presented to each senior.



**1. 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

You can access the online application at [www.craryfoundation.org](http://www.craryfoundation.org)

**The deadline to submit your application is Tuesday, May 6, 2025.**

**2. The North Creek Rotary Club Scholarship**

– This is a \$1,000 scholarship for a senior who:

- displays the best combination with their dedication to school; involvement in school activities
- volunteers in the community
- will be attending college or vocational school after graduating in June.

Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**Applications are due to the Guidance Office by May 1, 2025**

**3. The North Creek Railway Depot Museum Scholarship**

– This is a \$1,000

scholarship awarded to a graduating senior continuing their education/technical training in a post-secondary program or institution.

The eligibility includes:

- involvement in school activities
- volunteering in the community and an interest in the history of their local community
- student must be accepted to a college or university; 2 or 4-year, or vocational school upon graduation in June 2025.

Paper applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**Applications are due back to the Guidance Office by May 8, 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.

**The online application opens in May 2025.**

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grants-scholarships>

- 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 State.

**The online application opens in May 2025.**

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grants-scholarships>

**6. 2025 Lloyd Mott Cycling**

**Scholarship** – A deserving senior who will attend a 2 or 4-year 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, 2025**



# JOHNSBURG

## Coaches Corner



Hello All!

Happy spring! All of our spring teams have started their league schedules. All teams are playing hard and showing great sportsmanship and progress. Our boy's varsity team had a great trip to Cooperstown, seeing the Hall of Fame and played a game at Doubleday Field against North Warren. The game ended in a 5-5 tie but our boys fought hard and played well until the end. Our girl's varsity softball team played a close game against Warrensburg at home coming close to completing a spectacular comeback but falling by one run. It was a great start to the season. They also had the opportunity to tour RPI's campus and watch an RPI softball game. All of our modified and varsity teams are entering the busy part of the season, please come out and support our teams! Remember to cheer in a positive way. Let the players play, coaches coach and officials officiate. The Athletic Department appreciates your support and understanding as we navigate the busy and ever changing schedule.

Congratulations to our tennis team who is undefeated and heading into the Adirondack League Tournament followed by Sectionals. We are looking forward to seeing what our athletes can achieve as the season comes to a close. Please come and support our athletes at the League Tournament at Glens Falls High School 4/28 & 4/29 at 12pm.

The PE department has been busy. Our elementary students partnered with the American Heart Association to teach students hands only CPR and to raise money and awareness to improve heart health. Spring has allowed us to get back outside and enjoy warmer weather and begin to play new games. We plan to take the students outside as often as we can. Please remember to send your student to school with the proper PE shoes to ensure all students can fully participate and do not miss out on some fun and exciting games. Our shoe tying challenge was a huge success. The kids were excited to show us their new skills! Please keep encouraging them to learn and practice how to tie. If anyone has shoes or cleats that they would like to donate to the PE department, please send

them in with your child or drop them off in the main office.

We are accepting applications for coaches and assistant coaches for our 2025-2026 sports seasons. We are a merged sports program with Minerva for all sports and merged with North Warren for golf, cross country, girls varsity soccer, nordic and tennis. We also provide an elementary soccer and basketball program.

Important dates:

**May 17th Diamond Fest.** Coed Alumni softball game 4pm Contact Allison Gonyo if you would like to play. [agonyo@johnsburgcsd.org](mailto:agonyo@johnsburgcsd.org)

**Sports Awards at Minerva Beach** June 10th 5pm







Thank you to everyone that Donated Blood at our Blood Drive on April 11th! A special thanks to the National Honor Society for helping me host it again this year! We collected 34 pints of blood! This earned \$340 to be donated to our Senior Class as well! THANK YOU!!



**Physicals/Vaccines:** Letters are being mailed this month to students who require a physical (entering grades PK/K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11) and/or vaccines that are needed for next school year. I highly recommend scheduling these appointments as soon as possible as offices book up quickly over the summer months! Please keep in mind that all athletes need a physical every year, regardless of what grade they are entering, please check in with me if you are unsure if your athlete is up-to-date for the next sports season.

**FALL SPORTS PHYSICALS:** May 7th from 8am-12p \*\*Sign up with the nurse.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Be well,  
Mrs. Amber Aurilio, RN  
JCS School Nurse  
[aaurilio@johnsburgcsd.org](mailto:aaurilio@johnsburgcsd.org)

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## UPCOMING BOARD of EDUCATION DATES:

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Budget Presentation – 5 pm  
School Cafetorium Stage

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Budget Vote – 12-8 pm  
South Hallway



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS @ JCS FOR MAY

**MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**KINDERGARTEN LETTER PARADE**  
2:00 PM

**MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**JUNIOR CLASS PROM CORINATION**  
4 PM

**MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**GRANDPARENT'S BREAKFAST**  
8:20 AM

**MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**JR./SR. CONCERT 7 PM**



Johnsburg Central School District  
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North Creek, NY 12853  
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Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY Official Registration Form

*Privacy Statement: This information will not be used for any purpose other than those related to the Imagination Library. PLEASE PRINT*

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Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Sex: M F Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Preschool Child's FULL Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Sex: M F Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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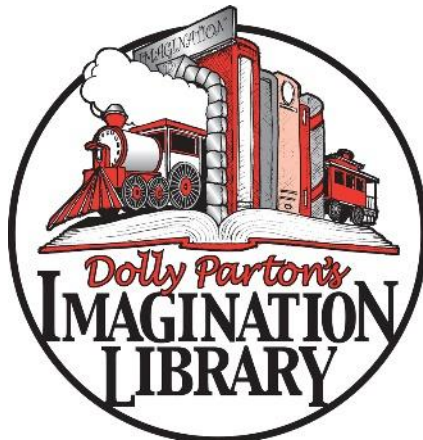
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# May

## JCS BREAKFAST








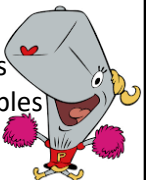

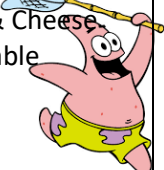


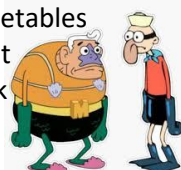


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fresh fruit and vegetables used 	Price: Students K-12 Free Adult: \$3.00		Fruit 1 Juice Yogurt Cereal Muffins Milk	Fruit 2 Juice Pancakes Syrup Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk
Fruit 5 Juice Breakfast Pizza Hash Brown Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit 6 Juice Bacon & cheese on a bagel Cereal English/ Jelly Milk	Fruit 7 Juice Waffles Syrup Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk 	Fruit 8 Juice 2 Cheese omelet Cereal Muffins Milk	Fruit 9 Juice Bk. Parfait Cereal Toast Jelly Milk 
Fruit 12 Juice Mini Cinnamon buns Cereal Toast Jelly Milk 	Fruit 13 Juice Bk .Egg Bowl Cereal English Jelly Milk	Fruit 14 Juice Fruit Smoothies Cereal Muffin Milk 	Fruit 15 Juice Mini Pancakes Syrup Cereal Toast Jelly Milk	Fruit/ Juice 16 Bagel w/ cream cheese or WOW butter Cereal English/ Jelly Milk
Fruit 19 Juice Yogurt Cereal Muffins Milk 	Fruit 20 Juice Pancakes Syrup Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit 21 Juice Bacon Breakfast Sandwich Cereal English/ Jelly Milk	Fruit/Juice 22 French toast Syrup Cereal Toast Jelly Milk 	Fruit 23 Juice Breakfast Pizza Hash Brown Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk
 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	Fruit 27 Juice Bacon & cheese on a bagel Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit 28 Juice Waffles Syrup Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit 29 Juice Bk. Parfait Cereal Muffin Milk	Fruit 30 Egg, bacon & Tater tot Bake Cereal English Jelly Milk 

**BREAKFAST MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**





# JCS LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Sandwiches &amp; Salads are made daily as part of the lunch options</b></p> 	<p>Juice is offered daily along with fruit for grades 9-12 All bread products are whole grain enriched</p> 	<p><b>Nondairy and Gluten Free options available</b></p> 	<p>Mr. Krab's Kraby Patty Mrs. Puff's-Puffs Squidward's-Cole slaw Patrick's Pickles Sponge Bob's Pineapples /Milk <u>Dino-mite day</u></p>	<p>Hot dog on a Bun Macaroni salad Vegetables Fruit Milk</p> 
<p>Baked Chicken 5 Potatoes Vegetables Fruit Milk</p> 	<p>Hamburger 6 Gravy over biscuits Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Cheese or 7 Pepperoni pizza Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk</p> 	<p>Garden salad 8 W/ Grilled chicken Bread sticks Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Chicken 9 Nuggets Wedges Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk</p> 
<p>Ham and 12 Cheddar sub Baked chips Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Tacos 13 L,T Rice Wedges Vegetables Fruit Milk</p> 	<p>Popcorn 14 Chicken Rice Vegetables Fruit Milk</p> 	<p>Pulled pork 15 Sandwich Mac. &amp; Cheese Vegetable Fruit Milk</p> 	<p>French toast 16 Eggs Bacon Vegetable Fruit Juice Milk</p>
<p>Tomato Soup 19 Toast cheese Sandwich Vegetables Fruit Milk</p> 	<p>Hamburger 20 On a bun Am. Cheese Wedges Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Buffalo chicken 21 Ranch or Cheese pizza Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk</p> 	<p>Chicken patty 22 On a bun Rice Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Italian dunkers 23 Pasta Vegetables Fruit Milk</p> 
<p>26</p> 	<p>Sampler platter 27 Mozz. Sticks Chicken nuggets Smiles Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Meatball Sub 28 Baked chips Vegetables Fruit Milk</p> 	<p>Hot dog on a 29 Bun Wedges Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Popcorn 30 Chicken Bowl w/Gravy Gold Fish crackers Fruit Milk</p>

**Lunch menu subject to change without notice**







## Budget Presentation

5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 12, 2025

## Voting

12:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Johnsburg Central School

Hallway Outside Gym Area

# 2025 - 2026

The Board of Education submits:

### **Budget**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Johnsbury Central School District, Towns of Johnsbury, Chester and Thurman, in the County of Warren, New York, be and hereby is authorized to expend the sum of \$13,219,898 and to levy the necessary tax therefor during the 2025-2026 school year.

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### **Board Members**

Election of three (3) Board Members. Two (2) for a three (3) year term and One (1) for a one (1) year term.



**Peter Olesheski:** Hello, my name is Peter Olesheski and I am a 2000 graduate of Johnsbury Central School. After high school, I attended Clarkson University before beginning a career in outdoor education and recreation. I currently serve as the Director of Public Property & Programs for the Town of Johnsbury. In addition to overseeing our youth and senior programming, my department is also responsible for the maintenance of our Town buildings, parks, cemeteries, sidewalks and Transfer Station. In addition to my full-time job, I previously served the community as a member of the Johnsbury Town Board for 9 years and have spent nearly 20 years volunteering, officiating and coaching high school sports at JCS. I currently lead several local non-profit groups including the Johnsbury Youth Committee, Johnsbury Youth Athletics and the Johnsbury Jr Outdoor Club. As the proud father of 4 children who are currently enrolled at JCS, I am very concerned about the future of our district. I believe that my professional experience and civic background make me an ideal candidate for the Johnsbury school board.





**Christopher Jay:** My name is Chris Jay and I'm running for a seat on the Johnsbury Central School board. I've had the privilege of serving on the board for over 20 years. I hope to continue to help provide the children in our school district with the best educational opportunities available. I am a graduate of Fordham University and am retired from 39 years of state service. I've lived in North River for the past 53 years with my wife Robin and raised both my daughters Cassidy and Hannah here in the Town of Johnsbury. Thank you for your consideration.



**Kimberly Burgess:** My name is Kimberly Burgess, and I am running for a seat on the School Board. I reside in Riparius with my husband and two children, ages three and two, with another on the way.

I'm a graduate of Paul Smith's College, with a degree in Culinary Arts and Service Management. After working in the Hospitality Industry for ten years, I pride myself on being a stay-at-home mom.

As a member of the community and the mother of three future Johnsbury School District students, I strongly believe in

being an advocate for our children as oftentimes their voices and concerns go unheard. They are the future of our community, and deserve to be given the opportunity to excel in education, expand upon extracurricular activities and programs offered, and access to athletic programs, should they so choose to participate. Being a small district, it is imperative to provide our children with the tools now, so they have a greater chance of succeeding in their future.

Districts large and small will always face challenges. Problem solving begins with listening. I am an advocate for open communication among the board and community.

I am confident I can bring fresh ideas and perspectives to the School Board, while also listening to the comments and concerns of our students, parents, educators, and community at large. I am committed to putting in the work because our community deserves it, but more importantly, our children deserve the best we can give them.



**Melissa Freebern:** My name is Melissa Freebern, for those who are not familiar with myself or my family, we have lived in Johnsbury for 11 years. I have been serving on the Board of Education for the past 3 years and dedicate myself to continuing to serve. In that time, we have faced many challenges that have required a calm, respectful mindset and I feel as though I have approached every situation as such. I have always prided myself with the ability to truly listen to people and apply compassion and common sense to every scenario.

I have three children, two of which are JCS graduates and one remaining student set to graduate in 2026.

I have an associates in Criminal Justice from Suny Adirondack and a Bachelor degree in Psychology from Suny Plattsburgh. In 2011, I started my business and have employed and trained many local artists making me no stranger to conflict and resolution.

Between my education, my work experience, being a parent and my current experience being on the board, I am an excellent candidate to continue serving the students, teachers, staff and community.



**Carrie Mason:** My name is Carrie A. Mason, and I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for the Johnsbury Central School Board. With nearly thirty years in our school district, my family proudly boasts over three generations of Adirondack roots. My husband and I raised three kids in this wonderful community—two of whom graduated from Johnsbury Central, and our son will be graduating this June.

I proudly graduated from Empire State College with a Bachelor of Science in Business in 2024 and am now serving as the Town of Johnsbury Library Director. I have actively participated in our school and community through the Johnsbury Central School PTSA Board (2012–2017), the Johnsbury Youth Committee, and Cub Scouts.

I'm excited to run for school board to enhance district-public relations. I believe that improved communication can enhance understanding and foster trust. I love volunteering in our community and hope to bring a sense of positivity and friendliness to the board. I am committed to leading by example, fostering collaboration, and encouraging respectful conversations where every resident's voice is valued, even in times of disagreement. I embrace making tough decisions, and I truly value teamwork and respect as essential elements in reaching our goals for students, faculty, and the community.

I am thrilled to serve and support our schools' vibrant, harmonious, and prosperous future.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT

### Board of Education:

Expenses include legal memberships, legal notices, subscriptions, and workshop expenses. Also included are those supplies necessary to carry out the Board of Education's business such as district meeting supplies, and associated office expenses.

	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>
Board of Education	\$26,000	\$26,215
<b>Total Board of Education</b>	<b>\$26,000</b>	<b>\$26,215</b>

### Central Administration:

Salaries include the Superintendent of Schools and office personnel. Other expenses include dues, workshops and conference expenses, office supplies, and subscriptions.

	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>
Central Administration	\$209,200	\$196,640
<b>Total Central Administration</b>	<b>\$209,200</b>	<b>\$196,640</b>

### Finance:

Salaries for the treasurer, tax collector, and business staff are included. Other expenses include district-wide postage, copier costs, paper products, annual license fees, BOCES services, materials and supplies

	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>
Finance	\$260,150	\$223,230
<b>Total Finance</b>	<b>\$260,150</b>	<b>\$223,230</b>



### Legal, Publication and Central Services:

This category includes the cost of legal services, building security, NYS testing & Data Warehouse costs, student based software support, printing costs, and Data Processing from BOCES.

	2024-25	2025-26
Legal, Publication & Central Services	\$118,700	\$120,175
<b>Total Legal, Publication &amp; Central Services</b>	<b>\$118,700</b>	<b>\$120,175</b>

### Contractual Expense:

Liability and fire insurance costs and BOCES administrative costs are included here. Each of the districts in the BOCES pays a proportionate share of all the costs of operation: salaries, rent, building construction and maintenance, supplies, etc.

	2024-25	2025-26
Contractual Expense	\$123,357	\$127,200
<b>Total Contractual Expense</b>	<b>\$123,357</b>	<b>\$127,200</b>

### Instructional Administration and Improvement:

The salary for the building principal and office personnel are budgeted in this category along with contracted salaries for BOCES personnel, in-service training costs, supplies, and testing materials.

	2024-25	2025-26
Instructional, Administration and Improvement	\$215,000	\$194,225
<b>Total Instructional Administration and improvement</b>	<b>\$215,000</b>	<b>\$194,225</b>

### Employee Benefits:

The expenditure items here are employee benefits, including costs in the areas of NYS Employees' Retirement, Teachers' Retirement, Workers' Compensation & Social Security

	2024-25	2025-26
Employee Benefits	\$756,836	\$863,072
<b>Total Employment Benefits</b>	<b>\$756,836</b>	<b>\$863,072</b>

## PROGRAM COMPONENT

### Teaching (Regular School):

Regular school teaching salaries are included here for Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Salaries for teacher aides and teaching assistants are shown here. Instructional supplies and materials, equipment, and textbooks are included along with conferences and travel expenses. BOCES services include Distance Learning Lab, occupational education, speech improvement, research planning, and in service costs.

	2024-25	2025-26
Teaching Regular School	\$2,901,048	\$2,797,548
<b>Total Teaching Regular Schools</b>	<b>\$2,901,048</b>	<b>\$2,797,548</b>

### Special Apportionment Programs:

Salaries devoted to the function of the Committee on Special Education are listed here including physical, occupational, and speech therapy. Tuition and other BOCES services to cover costs of educating pupils with handicapping conditions and occupational education students make up the bulk of this category including costs for students in Academic Intervention Services, Pupils with Compensating Educational Needs, and out of district placement.

	2024-25	2025-26
Special Apportionment Programs	\$1,487,390	\$1,452,825
<b>Total Special Apportionment</b>	<b>\$1,487,390</b>	<b>\$1,452,825</b>

### Teaching (Special Schools):

This category covers the cost of continuing education, after school program and BOCES expenses for special schools.

	2024-25	2025-26
Teaching Special Schools	\$19,050	\$19,450
<b>Total Teaching Special Schools</b>	<b>\$19,050</b>	<b>\$19,450</b>

### Instructional Media:

Salaries for a librarian, teaching assistant, library books, supplies, equipment, purchasing & repairs, library automation, conference and travel expenses are included. BOCES Media Services are also shown here, including Internet Services along with LAN and WAN Technicians.

	2024-25	2025-26
Teaching Special Schools	\$430,565	\$449,155
<b>Total Teaching Special Schools</b>	<b>\$430,565</b>	<b>\$449,155</b>

### **Pupil-Personnel Services:**

The salaries of a guidance counselor, psychologist, nurse, and office personnel are included here along with fees for the school doctor, related supplies, co-curricular activities including the stipends of athletic and extra-curricular personnel.

	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>
Pupil-Personnel Services	\$466,700	\$478,713
<b>Total Pupil-Personnel Services</b>	<b>\$466,700</b>	<b>\$478,713</b>

### **Transportation:**

Included are salaries of bus drivers, head mechanic, diesel fuel, heating oil, tools and supplies necessary to maintain our garage and fleet of buses. The purchase of a 60 passenger school bus is included.

	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>
District Transportation Services	\$727,272	\$790,172
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>\$727,272</b>	<b>\$790,172</b>

### **Community Services:**

The charges here are for custodial services provided by the district for community activities and the updating of census information.

	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>
Civic Activities & Census	\$1,650	\$1,650
<b>Total Community Services</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>

### **Employee Benefits**

Included here is the cost of the Health Insurance, Workers' Compensation coverage, and portions of the mandatory contribution to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System and the NYS Employees Retirement System.

	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>
Employee Benefits	\$3,866,410	\$4,156,828
<b>Total Employee Benefits</b>	<b>\$3,866,410</b>	<b>\$4,156,828</b>



## CAPITAL COMPONENT

### Central Services:

Included are salaries for building custodians (full and part-time), equipment, materials, and supplies for the care and maintenance of the building and grounds, telephone, LP gas, electricity, and fuel oil. Maintenance supplies listed here include items necessary to maintain and repair the building and property.

	2024-25	2025-26
Central Services	\$769,200	\$806,800
<b>Total Central Services</b>	<b>\$769,200</b>	<b>\$806,800</b>

### Undistributed

The expenditures in this category are for the district's contribution to food service for the school lunch and breakfast programs, transfers to special aid funds, and debt service for all bonds related to building projects.

	2024-25	2025-26
Undistributed	\$515,000	\$515,000
<b>Total Undistributed</b>	<b>\$515,000</b>	<b>\$515,000</b>

	2024-25	2025-26
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$12,893,528</b>	<b>\$13,219,898</b>

## 2025-2026 Budget Summary Revenues

<b>Sources</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>
<b>LOCAL (non-Tax)</b>		
Balance on hand, June 30 (Including prior year turn back)	\$2,339,258	\$2,454,434
Less allowed for retention	(\$515,741)	(\$528,796)
Amount applied in Budget Proposal	\$1,823,517	\$1,925,638
Miscellaneous (interest, admissions, tuition, etc.)	\$230,000	\$250,000
<b>Total Local</b>	<b>\$2,053,517</b>	<b>\$2,175,638</b>
<b>STATE</b>		
Gross State Aid	\$3,877,074	\$3,894,692
BOCES Aid	\$227,173	\$202,311
Textbook/Software/Library Loan Aid	\$20,307	\$19,112
<b>Total State</b>	<b>\$4,124,554</b>	<b>\$4,116,115</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE AND LOCAL</b>	<b>\$6,178,071</b>	<b>\$6,291,753</b>
<b>TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$6,715,457</b>	<b>\$6,928,145</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENES and APPROPRATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$12,893,528</b>	<b>\$13,219,898</b>

## 2025-2026 Budget Summary Expenditures

The budget is presented in three components. Totals for each component are shown with 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 comparisons. The budget reflects the District's commitment to provide strong academic programs, alternative pathways for students with needs, and a broad range of extracurricular programs. In addition, computer access with Internet capabilities for all students is provided.

Component	2024-2025	2025-2026
Administrative	\$1,709,243	\$1,751,757
Program	\$9,900,085	\$10,146,341
Capital	\$1,284,200	\$1,321,800
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$12,893,528</b>	<b>\$13,219,898</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE INCREASE</b>	<b>\$ 326,370</b>
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As required by law: Property Tax Report Card

	Budgeted 2024-2025	Budgeted 2025-2026	Percentage
Total Spending	\$12,893,528	\$13,219,898	Increase - 2.53%
Total estimated School Tax Levy	<i>actual</i> \$6,715,457	<i>estimated</i> \$6,928,145	Increase 3.17%
Public School Enrollment	267	265	(.75%)



**REQUIRED COMPENSATION INFORMATION**  
**CHAPTER 474, LAWS OF 1997**

Johnsburg Central School  
Beds Code 63-06-01-04-0000

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Name	<u>Michael Markwica</u>
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Salary	<u>\$153,300</u>
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Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 32,797</u>
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\*Includes mandatory employee social security and retirement system contributions and optional employee health/life insurance

Other compensation	<u>-0-</u>
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Total	<u>\$186,097</u>
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