



Jeannette Junior High School's Patriot Press

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From the Principal's Desk

As I begin writing this April Newsletter greeting I am optimistic that sunny warm weather is on the way. Crocuses are blooming in my yard at home, the snow is finally melting away, and the afternoon light is allowing for more enjoyment of our evenings outside. I hope that you all are enjoying our change to spring. As always, as months move closer to April, things start to speed up quickly toward the end of the year.

With the coming of April, we also welcome in the 4th and final marking period of the 2017-2018 school year. The end of our school year is quickly approaching. That being said, it is important as ever that our Patriot students stay focused on their learning. Grades for the 3rd Quarter are being finalized soon and like 1st Semester, 3rd Quarter report cards will be sent home electronically. As always, our hope is that you will take some time to sit down with your son or daughter and discuss the academic progress made so far this semester. Remember, final semester grades are based on a combination of Quarter 3, Quarter 4 and the final exam. Therefore, getting a strong start in 3rd quarter will only help with final semester grades.

I want to thank all of you who attended our spring Parent-Teacher Conference. We had a great turnout, and I enjoyed visiting and conferencing with many of our parents. Conferences were well attended, and many wonderful conversations were able to be had focusing on the teaching and learning of your children. The Patriot staff appreciates you taking the time to stop in. Together, as a team, we can ensure that every Jeannette students achieves at their maximum potential.

Can you believe it is time for Spring Break? The break will begin with the conclusion of the school day this Thursday March 29, 2018. Students will return to school on Monday, April 9th. When we return we will be beginning a whirlwind of activity around state testing and preparing our students for important end of year assessments as well. April 10th will be our day to give our 9th grade students the PSAT. For most of our students, this will be the first opportunity to take a version of the SAT and receive a score that will help our students gauge their proficiency on this college exam. All 9th grade students have access and a log in for Khan Academy, a free online practice program with tutorials and personalized learning work to help prepare them for the exam. Encourage your students to log in over break and practice. After receiving their scores from the PSAT, we will help students to link their College Board accounts with Khan Academy for an even more personalized learning experience.

As you know, Jeannette's students will also be embarking on starting the M'Step State Assessment when we return from Spring Vacation. 8th grade Patriots will be testing from April 12th – May 4th with 7th graders testing from May 7th through May 25th. It is important to note however that students will not be testing every hour each day. Students will be testing in 1 class, and for the most part 2-3 days per week. The amount of testing for our students has been reduced significantly since the first year of testing, however the testing is still demanding. I would encourage you to look at the Jeannette website for updated resources provided by the Michigan Department of Education. Students have been well prepared, and I just know they will continue to demonstrate what it means to be a Jeannette Patriot. All we can ask is that each Patriot student does their personal best!

As our Patriot students return from break I have a few reminders, requests and updates. First, please continue to emphasize the importance of being in school every day and on time with your sons and daughters. Attendance is crucial as learning cannot take place if you aren't in school! If you find that your student is ill please be sure to call them in to the attendance hotline, ensure they get lots of rest, and return to school as soon as possible. We would ask that Early Dismissals be kept to a minimum if at all possible. M'Step testing will take place nearly every day. We need our students to be at school on time after a night of good sleep!

I would also like to share our school policy on cell phones and devices once again. Because M'Step testing will be completed online via the UCS wireless network we will need to ensure appropriate access for testing. As a result, students will be expected to have their ***cell phones turned OFF*** and kept in their lockers during testing. Also, all smartwatches, fitbits, and ***any other electronic wearable will also need to be left off and in lockers.*** Please help us support and spread the message to our students. As always, if you find that you need to contact your son or daughter you may do so by reaching out to our main office staff.

Lastly, our school has started an Environmental Club that is working on a garden out in front of the school. We are looking for:

- Donations
- Newspapers
- Any hearty perennials that you have or are splitting

A few key dates for upcoming events:

March 30th - April 6th NO SCHOOL Spring Break

April 9 - School resumes

April 10th - 9th Grade PSAT testing

April 12th – 8th grade M'Step testing begins

Thank you so much for all you do for your Jeannette student and the JJH community.
GO PATRIOTS!

Christian Mueller
Principal





***Congratulations* to our JEANNETTE 9th Grade Band Students For their participation in the Saturday, March 17th State MSBOA “High School Solo & Ensemble Competition!”**

Two of our JJHS 9th Grade Band students qualified to perform at the State High School level Solo and Ensemble Competition. They were judged and rated on how well they played in the musical categories: “Tone,” “Intonation,” “Rhythm,” “Technique,” and “Interpretation.”

Students earned a letter grade for each category, which is averaged for a final performance grade. A “Division I” rating is an “A” average performance.

The following students received a “Division I” rating:

- Christian Brown- Trumpet Solo
- Christian Swiatek- Alto Sax Solo

Once again, Congratulations to our 9th Grade Band Students!



National Junior Honors Society

The leaders of National Junior Honors Society and Builders Club are teaming up to beautify the front of our school with an eco-friendly garden. To make this garden possible the students need your help.

If anyone is willing to split and donate any plants that you currently own contact any of the students organizing this. All donations are welcome and appreciated. If you have any gardening tools or supplies that you would like to donate that would be appreciated as well. If you would like to donate your time and love gardening, we are starting over Spring break - April 6th around 9 am join us if you'd like to lend a hand!!

Here is a list of suggested plants:

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| Hydrangeas | Foxglove | Catmint | Coneflowers | Day Lillies |
| Black-eyed Susans | Blanket Flowers | Snap Dragon | Milkweed | Beebalm |
| Tickseed | Creeping Phlox | Hyacinth | | |

Science Olympiad

The Jeannette Science Olympiad team competed at the regional tournament at Macomb Community College. Although we had a small team this year, we medaled in 2 events, Road Scholar and Solar System! It's pretty cool to see a group of kids who want to spend a Saturday competing in science events!

Congratulations to our Science Olympiad team!

Jordan Aranki
Phillip Chan
Sandra Attisha
Victoria Aliko
Alex Buzdugan
Gurnoor Kaur
Sukanya Jain
Shayan Matin
Graham Barash



Dates to Remember

March 30th

April 2nd - 8th

April 9th

April 10th

April 9th - May 4th

April 18th

No School Good Friday

Spring Break

Students return

PSAT Testing

MStep Testing Window

Utica Community Schools College Fair Henry Ford II High School 6:00pm-7:30pm



Join Texas Roadhouse on
April 18th, 2018 in support of the
JEANNETTE JUNIOR HIGH
Fundraiser Night
From 4-10pm

10% Donation Night

Every guest who arrives at the restaurant on the
Fundraiser Night with an invitation will be
supporting Jeannette Junior High! Texas
Roadhouse will donate 10% of your entire check to
the fundraiser upon presentation of this invitation.

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A Lesson in Intervention

How can I help my child? Is it too late to help my teen? Parents are sometimes ready to throw their hands up in anguish when they have a child who seems not to listen to the parent's advice.

"There is always something left to love." A line from the play, "A Raisin in the Sun," You may have to use tough love and tell them no sometimes when they want to get involved in harmful activities. You may have to take away their cell phone or computer for a week if they are not abiding by the rules of your house. The cell phone, their link to their friends, may end up in your purse for a few days when you go to work if they continue to abuse privileges in your home.

If your child has turned things around and his/her behavior has improved and they are following the rules of your house, their attitudes have improved, they deserve some positive reinforcement, family dinner out, extra money for a week or even a few minutes added to their curfew. The hardest thing to realize is that you cannot do it all by yourself. Talk to someone before it gets out of control. There are resources to help you whether it's the law, a therapist or drug rehabilitation. Don't give up on your child. Don't be afraid to ask for help. But most of all, be strong enough to follow through with the advice a professional person gives to you.

Here at Jeannette, we keep hope alive...we may not see the results of our interventions right away. However when the students return to visit with us a year or two later, they tell us how their lives have changed and that they are moving in a positive direction, we know we have done our job.

Keeping Classroom Distractions at a Minimum

One of the biggest challenges for many schools is to keep our classrooms a distraction free zone. We know that the more we keep students focused on instruction the better they will do in school. We need your help to prepare your student for all activities before leaving home. Make sure rides are set up early, and dismissal notes, lunches/school supplies/sports apparel are organized before coming to school. **If you must drop off items, please remind your student to stop in at the office to pick them up. This will help to minimize classroom disruptions.**

Good school attendance is important for academic success. It is equally important the students report to class on time.

- Parents are asked to call the school in the morning of the day your child will arrive late or be absent. **Our attendance phone number is (586) 797-3399.**
- If a telephone call is not possible, the student should bring a note to the office upon their return to school.
- If a telephone call or note is not received, the absence is considered unexcused.
- All students arriving to school after 8:10 a.m. must report to the main office to receive a tardy pass to class.

Students are expected to be in their first hour class at 8:10 a.m. Excessive tardiness/absences will result in disciplinary action and possible referral to the districts Attendance Office.

STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL TITAN VOLLEYBALL - 2018

With a new coaching staff in place, Titan Volleyball would like to invite all **Junior Varsity** and **Varsity hopefuls** for this fall to attend 2 Open Gym activities on Tuesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 12 from 3:00-4:30pm each day at Stevenson HS. The coaches want to get a look at the caliber of athletes who'll be trying out this fall, and to give players an opportunity to knock the rust off their game in preparation for 4-Player workouts which will occur throughout April and May.

This activity is for **ALL** JV and Varsity hopefuls who plan on attending tryouts this fall - *you do not need to have played in 2017 to attend, but prior volleyball experience is necessary*. All participants must have a current physical on file with Mr. Emanuele.

We will offer one court for varsity hopefuls and one court for JV hopefuls.

VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM
Tuesday, April 10 3:00-4:30pm
Thursday, April 12 3:00-4:30pm

****If you're currently participating in a spring sport, your school sport takes priority – you may not attend these events without express permission from your spring coach.**

Contact Coach Wachterhauser "Coach W" @ wachterh@wskids.net with any questions.

Are you looking for a part-time job? Are you retired but restless? Come drive for our valued team!

Utica Community Schools is seeking Bus Driver candidates. We will provide the necessary skills and training to earn a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

- Part-time routes available with opportunity to expand hours
- Must have a safe driving record and a professional, student-first demeanor
- This is a great job for retired military, auto industry and others

Find out more about our CDL assistance program by calling 586-797-7100.

If your credentials are currently in order, apply directly to employment opportunities at www.uticak12.org or call HR at 586-797-1130.

