

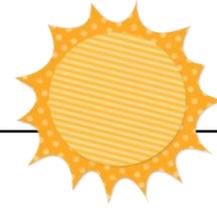


# Jeannette Junior High School's Patriot Press

May/June 2018

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Jeannette Junior High School  
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## From the Principal's Desk ....

Mrs. Hamilton and I have been mentioning to each other regularly how quickly this year is flying by. Can you believe it is May already? As you know, we are a couple weeks into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the school year with our last progress reporting window of the year quickly approaching. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter progress window ends Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Consistent with new practice, a robo-email will be sent out and you will receive progress reports electronically as we continue to find ways to be fiscally responsible. 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 quarter. Final exams will be upon us before you know it. Your student's teacher will be sharing test review guides with them, as well as, they will be available for you to download on our website. Let's make sure our Patriot students are in a great position to take on those exams!

I have said it before, and I'll continue to say it, I am so proud of our Patriot students! M'Step testing is well under way with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders wrapping up testing last week and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students scheduled to begin testing on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students lived up to my expectation and set a fantastic tone of commitment and perseverance with their completion of the PSAT test. I am proud of how our Patriots have prepared for and approached the annual state assessments. It is very evident that our students are working hard, and they are ready to continue to show what the Patriot Family is made of. I couldn't ask for anything more. I want to wish best of luck to our 9<sup>th</sup> graders who will be taking an Advanced Placement exam next week. You have worked so hard this year. Simply go out there and try your best!

As you know, the team here at Jeannette works hard to engage our students in their learning. Often times this is facilitated by the use of instructional technology and handheld devices. Our Patriot students do a wonderful job adhering to the policies and expectations of Jeannette and the Utica Community Schools. At times though, the appropriate use of Social Media becomes a challenge for our students both in and outside of school. Overall, our students do an excellent job with the responsibilities of appropriate use of electronic devices. I would like to ask for your continued assistance as we look to finish our standardized testing over the next few weeks. Students are aware that building policy, is that all cell phones be powered off and left in lockers. This is to ensure that there is no competition for wireless access with the laptops being used for testing.

This link has been shared with the Patriot community before, but I recommend you take a look for some additional information to assist you with your child's navigation of acceptable use of electronic devices.

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/snapchat-kik-and-6-more-iffy-messaging-apps-teens-love>

On Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> many of our Jeannette Patriot students met in the front of the building for phase I of our gardens, paths, and rejuvenation plan for the front of our building. The weather was great, the kids worked very hard for hours and we made great progress. Our goal is to improve the front of our building and add to our visitor experience to our building. Over the last few months our Environmental Club, a new club to Jeannette this year, fundraised over \$1400 for supplies, dirt, and flowers and trees for our garden. Over the next few weeks we will begin to collect plants, trees, and shrubs and begin planting. I hope you all enjoy our progress and look forward to your Ooohs and Aaaahs as you approach our front door.



Next year we look to expand our Environmental Club's impact at Jeannette as we seek to earn Green School Status. Green School Status is recognition that our building has developed systems to recycle, conserve energy, and reduce or reuse waste. We are excited to begin this journey and look forward to sharing our progress with you all.

With the end of the school year in sight, it is vitally important that our Patriot students stay committed to being engaged learners. Please remind your sons and daughters to finish strong! The after-school homework club continues to be available to support our students with their learning. The most important thing that you can do at home is continuing to impress upon your child the importance of good attendance. You simply cannot learn if you are not present. Being absent also poses additional challenges of needing to get caught up with missed work. I challenge you all to set a goal for 100% attendance to finish out the school year.

A few key dates for upcoming events:

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Freshman Formal Dance

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – **NO SCHOOL Monday Memorial Day.** School resumes on **Tuesday May 29, 2018**

**May 31st** – JJH Honors Day Celebration (by invitation)

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

Christian Mueller

## Jeannette Junior High School celebrates Earth Day with service project for school

After months of planning and fundraising, Jeanette Junior High School Builders Club and National Junior Honor Society students broke ground on two new flower gardens and paths to beautify the front of the school. With support from teachers and administration, students began the process several months ago. After brainstorming several ideas for service projects to give back to the community, students decided to beautify the front of the school building with a flower garden. The garden was also designed to help support honey bees and butterflies with their declining habitats in the area.

Both clubs began fundraising for the needed supplies by holding a bake sale during our Parent Teacher Conferences, holding a bottle drive in the surrounding communities, and garnering donations from several local businesses. Students raised a grand total of almost \$1500.

April 21<sup>st</sup>, the day before Earth Day, students put all their planning to work and broke ground. Several yards of dirt and mulch were delivered. Smiling students showed up and put several hours of elbow grease to make an idea become a reality. In addition to the flower gardens, two small footpaths around the gardens were planned. Students learned to mix concrete and use paver molds to create a solid footpath to enhance the beauty of the gardens and prevent foot traffic issues in the grass.





## FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is the expectation of Utica Community Schools that all seventh-grade students are enrolled in PE/HEALTH. A portion of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students were not or are currently not enrolled in PE/HEALTH. This may apply to your student. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are expected to participate in the AIDS/HIV unit which is part of the health curriculum.

If your child has not taken or are not currently taking PE/HEALTH and you do not want them to participate in the HIV/AIDS unit, please send in a written notification to the Jeannette Jr. High School counseling office no later than Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to review the AIDS/HIV curriculum, please contact your child's counselor prior to Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

This instruction will take place Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> hours. Impacted students will miss their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> hour classes on that day.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Ms. K. Tsatsanis-Counselor for last names: A-K

Mrs. N. Jenkins-Counselor for last names: L-Z

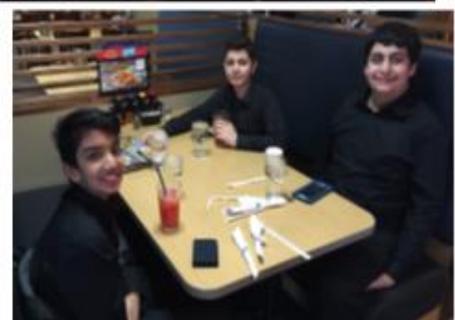
## Choir Concerts and Festivals in May

In three weeks, students from the Heritage and Jeannette Junior High School choirs will participate in Stevenson High School's annual **Spring Concert ( May 16th, 7:00 – 8:30 pm )** and the *Festival of Music* at Cedar Point (May 18th in Sandusky, Ohio from 8:15am -11:00pm). **The Spring Concert at Stevenson High School will begin at 7:00pm, with a student report time of 6:15pm.**

**We would love to see you there.**



*Jeannette  
Junior  
High  
School  
2018  
Choir  
at  
MSVMA  
Festival  
&  
Reception*



# Coming Soon!

## 2018 Summer Camp



# It's Showtime!

**Come have some "reel" fun  
with us this Summer!**



June 20, 2018 - August 16, 2018  
Monday - Friday  
7 am - 6 pm



**4 Convenient Locations**  
Beck  
Morgan  
Rose Kidd  
Schuchard



**Registration Fee:** \$45 Child/\$60 Family  
Weekly tuition rates are based on a half/full day attendance.  
Weekly Field trips are an additional fee.  
Summer Camp is a prepay program.

**Call 586-797-6980 to register.**  
Registration begins April 16



## WHAT DOES WORK ETHICS HAVE TO DO WITH SCHOOL?

During a recent plane ride, I did something I seldom do; I held a conversation with the stranger seated next to me from the beginning to the end of the 2-hour flight. The down-to-earth gentleman sitting next to me happened to be a farmer. In this day and age, how many real farmers do you know?

This gentleman owns an apple orchard and hires high school students during the harvesting season. He was puzzled about the lack of work ethic he has noticed in some of his young employees. He was wondering how the schools could help prepare students for the world of work. His bewilderment had nothing to do with their inability to read or write. Nor was he concerned about their lack of awareness regarding different varieties of apples, strawberries or blackberries.

His bewilderment centered around why students did not show up for work on time; did not know how to sweep a floor properly; did not know how to fill out a job application; lacked social skills; did not know how to follow simple directions; did not follow through consistently.

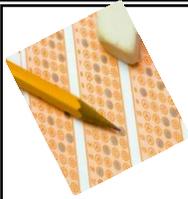
As parents, grandparents, guardians, teachers and school staff, it is imperative that we all work together to help prepare our teens for the world of work. When they come to school every day on time and are prepared for class, they are practicing what it will be like to get and keep a job. When they are given an assignment and they are required to complete it in a timely manner and turn it in on time, they are practicing doing a job well and to the best of their ability.

At home, when they are given a list of chores and they do them without complaining or swearing, they are not only learning to follow directions, they are learning to listen to authority figures. When a teenager receives consequences for not doing what their teachers, parents or other adults ask of them, hopefully, they will understand they will eventually pay for what they do as well as when they fail to do something. It is imperative that we continue to consistently use tough love with our students. Otherwise, many of them will learn the hard way when they are unable to get a job or even worse maintain a job because they lack work ethics we did not instill in them when we had the opportunity.



### MEDIA CENTER NEWS

The last day to check out books will be May 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Please return all books before May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Media Center will be closed for the school year starting May 31<sup>st</sup>.



## Exam Schedule

### June 13

1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Exams  
Dismissal 11:12 a.m.

### June 14

3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Hour Exams  
Dismissal 11:12 a.m.

### June 15

5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Hour Exams  
Dismissal 11:12 a.m.



## Exam Tips

- Study a little bit each day for several weeks prior to the exam.
- Take notes and write down questions to ask in class during the days before the exam.
- Get plenty of sleep the night before exams and drink plenty of water.
- Eat breakfast on exam days. It is very difficult to concentrate when your stomach is “growling”.
- For each exam, read through once, answering all questions when you positively know the answer.
- Then, answer the next easiest question and continue until all work is finished.
- Lastly, if any testing time remains, review your answers thoroughly.



## Pick up Student Medication

Please remember to pick up any medication your child may have in the office by the end of the year. Since we do not keep medication in the office over the summer months, any medication not picked up by June 25<sup>th</sup> will be discarded. When your child returns in the fall, you will have to complete a new form before any medication is dispensed from the office.

## Lost and Found

We have again accumulated many items in the lost and found such as glasses, jewelry, and clothing. If your student is missing any such items, please have them check the lost and found located in the front of the school office.

**Items not claimed by June 15 will be donated to charity.**



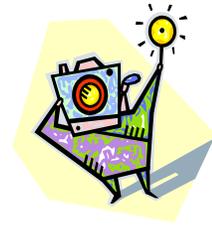
## Textbook Fines

Students and parents are reminded that textbooks are the responsibility of the student to whom they are assigned. As the end of the school year approaches, teachers will be collecting textbooks and reviewing their condition for damage.

**Students who do not return their assigned book or return a book showing excessive wear, will be assessed a fee based on the original cost of the book.**

**Students are expected to return their own books to their teachers by the last day of school.** All fines are to be paid to their teacher prior to final exams. If you find an extra book at home, please return it to the main office. Your cooperation is appreciated.

***Please Mark Your Calendar  
in August  
for Patriot Day!***



Be ready to smile and look your best on Patriot Day! **Kaiser Studio** will be at Jeannette to take your school photo. ***We will also hand out your schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.*** Please check the schedule below to see when you should come.

**August 20<sup>th</sup>**

All incoming **8<sup>th</sup> graders**  
**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**August 20<sup>th</sup>**

All incoming **9<sup>th</sup> graders**  
**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**August 21<sup>st</sup>**

All incoming **7<sup>th</sup> graders**  
**8:00 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.**

**\*Profits from photo sales go to benefit our students at Jeannette\***

**Dates to remember:**

May 28	No School Monday Memorial Day
May 29	Students return to classes Tuesday
June 13	Secondary Exams - half day
June 14	Secondary Exams - half day
June 15	Secondary Exams - half day
June 16	<b>SUMMER VACATION BEGINS</b>



**Nondiscrimination in Education**

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, it is the policy of Utica Community Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact the Executive Director of Human Resources at Utica Community Schools, 11303 Greendale, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 or call (586) 797-1000.