



Jeannette Junior High School's  
**Patriot Press**

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Jeannette Junior High School  
40400 Gulliver Drive  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310



### From the Principal's Desk ....

Patriot families, I hope this edition of our newsletter find you and your family healthy and happy!

Well, if you didn't get a chance to see, Friday, Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog emerged from his den to inform us that we will have 6 more weeks of winter. I don't know about you, but I am definitely ready for spring.

While we are waiting for spring and some warmer weather, please take some time to check out these great events to learn more about UCS programs. Are you ready for the BLITZ? The UCS annual Academic Blitz is being hosted on February 8th at Henry Ford the II high school starting at 6:00 pm. Be sure to visit the Utica website for more information about the great event!

As you all know, the first semester has come to a close and students are already attending their second semester classes and the new semester has gotten off to a great start. As I had a chance to visit classrooms and observe our students during testing, it was clear that our students worked hard in preparation and were very ready for exam time this year. Because of their hard work, I am proud to announce that Jeannette will celebrate with upwards of 250 students for earning a 3.5 – 4.0 or above for their cumulative grade point average for semester 1. On Friday, February 9, students on the honor roll will receive pizza coupons and a dry erase board as a token of their hard work. I would like to thank our Parent Sounding Board for their work in providing these wonderful gifts for our honor roll students.

As we shift gears and get further into the second semester, we find ourselves starting to focus more on assessment preparation. The state WIDA and M'Step assessments will take place in the spring again this school year. Our students have done increasingly well over the last couple of years making Jeannette one of the top Junior Highs / Middle Schools in the District and COUNTY according to Percentile Ranking which factors in both Achievement and Growth. I am proud of our students and their dedication to academic achievement. I have no doubt our students will continue to grow!

The WIDA assessment will begin the week of February 5<sup>th</sup>, and is taken by a select group of students. 9th grade students will again be taking the Spring PSAT and students in 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take the M'Step assessment.

If you happen to be interested in exploring our state assessments some more? Here is a link to the Michigan Department of Education's Assessment page.

[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709\\_70117---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_70117---,00.html)

It seems hard to believe but the Jeannette Counseling staff will be meeting soon with students to begin the scheduling process for the 2018-2019 school year. In the not too distant future, you can expect your child to bring home with them some paperwork for selecting their courses for next year. I encourage you look over the scheduling information that is brought home and to have a conversation. Parental involvement is very important in the process of selecting courses for next year. There is much research that shows that the more

rigorous a workload a student takes in high school, the more prepared that student will be for college. So let's make sure your child is ready for that workload in high school. I encourage you explore the advanced courses offered here at Jeannette. It is never too early to start a plan for education! I want to send another reminder out that the deadline for current 8<sup>th</sup> graders to apply for the UCS specialty programs (CSI, MST, IB) is 3pm on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Visit <http://uticak12.org/academics/specialtyprograms> for more information about the application process. Again, feel free to contact your child's counselor if you have any questions about the scheduling process.

A few key dates for upcoming events:

**February 8<sup>th</sup>** - Academic Blitz - Henry Ford II High School

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**- Deadline for UCS Specialty Program Applications

**February 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>** – NO SCHOOL Winter Break

Thank you so much and GO PATRIOTS!

Christian Mueller  
Principal

**SAVE THE DATE: February 8, 2018**

**Utica Community Schools 11th annual ACADEMIC BLITZ**

**Thursday, FEB. 8, 2018 at Henry Ford II High School**  
Information booths open at 6 p.m., BLITZ runs from 7-9 p.m.  
All UCS students & their parents are invited. Visit [uticak12.org/academicblitz](http://uticak12.org/academicblitz)

**Start your Game Plan NOW for success in high school and beyond!**

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### Homework Club

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:10 pm – 4:00 p.m.

Applications are available in the front office

## Congratulations to our 2016-2017 Semester 1 Honor Roll Students!

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Abasso, Ashley  
Abro, Kristen  
Afroz, Arooj  
Alhakim, Mason  
Aliko, Victoria Ilda  
Aranki, Jordan Rod  
Araujo-Pedroza, Nikolai X  
Attisha, Sandra Namir  
Bajoka, Catalina G  
Barash, Graham  
Barrak, Charbel  
Barrons, Skylar Marie  
Benson, Saniah Shanita  
Betto, Kevin Anthony  
Binishi, Marena  
Book, Ryan N  
Bulgarelli, Sarah Paige  
Buzdugan, Alex V  
Cambare, Elijah N  
Carpenter, Lilly  
Chan, Phillip Gene-Yuen  
Chaudhry, Daniyal  
Chen, Phoebe  
Dado, Celina  
Disho, Minerva  
Duncan, Janay Simone  
Elzhenni, Aya Ibrahim  
Esho, Jimmy  
Eskew, Brooke  
Fagan, Rylie  
Francis, Isabelle  
Goriel, Alexander  
Haisha, Jewels  
Hana, Giorgio Nicholas  
Handry, Marem  
Hannish, Maria R  
Harrison, Connor  
Haweel, Noor  
Ibrahim, Sarah  
Jergess, Alexa  
Jilani, Ayesha  
Jobraeel, Jacob  
Jones, Londyn S  
Jouja, Olivia Amila  
Kabir, Idris Zakariya  
Kabir, Zaid Musawir  
Kanna, Toma T

Kanouna, Emanuel Anthony  
Kappouta, Mariah Faith  
Kasperek, Michael Lawrence  
Kattoula, Karmon Jalal  
Keller, Matthew A  
Khan, Haadi Ahmed  
Khemmoro, Anthony  
Kimmel, Joshua  
Kobane, Catarina  
Korber, Jadya Kailey  
Krikor, Kyle  
Kulkarni, Satchit Prasad  
Lee, Deon  
Love, Caynon Alexander  
Mangenje, Lauryn Elisabeth  
Marceau, Abigail Josephine  
Matin, Shayan Mohammed  
Matthews, Angela Rain  
Matti, Meron Milad  
McGann, Lindsey Rae  
Meadows, Destin Wesley  
Missouri, Sydnei Charisse  
Molnar, Caleb  
Molnar, Joshua  
Naimou, Basim Hermiz  
Namrood, Maryam Nadheer  
Padilla, Vanessa  
Parikh, Saavin Minesh  
Polus, Irkia  
Renteria, Angelo Ismael  
Rivera Ramirez, Carlos Rogelio  
Romaya, Dani  
Rujan, Milena  
Salera, Janna Louise  
Sapiano, Lila Kay  
Savu, Isabella  
Saynganthone, Brandon H  
Shaya, Ameer  
Shoush, Rhonda Randy  
Siadi, Marisa Kris  
Tamou, Gabriella  
Toma, Helen Giovanna  
Vugdalic, Nela  
Wroblewski, William Connor  
Yaldo, Losian S  
Yonan, Jaylon  
Younan, Remon R

Yousif, Magdalena N  
Yousif, Yousif Najji  
Zaitouna, Kathrin Jalal  
Zaitouna, Maryann M  
Zetuna, Toby Y

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Abraham, Sophia Elise  
Abro, Miri Najman  
Alsafar, Shana  
Ayoub, Anthony Joseph  
Bahri, Joseph  
Ballentine, Eric Jacob  
Bazydlo, Natalie  
Bedawid, Sarina M  
Bryant, Saniyyah Nikayla  
Cascianelli, Michael Anthony  
Cavallaro, Ella  
Chen, Fiona  
Cottone, Mary Verona  
Dimaculangan, Chloe Misty-Jeune  
Esho, Marlina  
Esho, Martina T  
Evans, Halie Ruth  
Faraj, Samantha Ayad  
Feil, Marissa Charlotte  
Ford, Denise Jonelle  
Gabrail, Anthony Rafid  
Gjonaj, Linda  
Goriel, Anthony  
Goulding, Benjamin Derek  
Graddy, Jazmin Jolee  
Gutierrez, Emilio  
Habba, Allison A  
Hanna, Janelle Theresa  
Hannosh, Nicholas  
Higgins, Ciera  
Higgins, Summer  
Hudson, Madisyn Kay  
Ibrahim, Fahad Louai  
Jabow, Gabriella  
Jarbo, Stella  
Jarbo, Yorgo Thamir

# Congratulations to our 2016-2017 Semester 1 Honor Roll Students!

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Kadrich, Maycie G  
Kajy, Molly Grace  
Kakos, Liana  
Kalla, Jaylon  
Kalosky, Gabrielle Rose  
Kamposh, Darin  
Kashat, Stefan Razak  
Khan, Sameh Ali  
Lademann, Shylin Kay  
Lansang, Luke  
LaPrise, Aidan C  
Lei, Thomas  
Ly, Cam Giang Alexander  
Malysa, Dominik  
Mangalathet, Christeen Joby  
Markos, Brenda Khalid  
Mearim, Matthew Sarmed  
Milovski, Michael  
Naim, Adi E  
Nasir, Martin  
Nguyen, Kayli A  
Nguyen, Tyler Nam  
Olar, Alexander  
Olszewski, Dean  
Orow, Ashley Grace  
Osborne, Jane  
Palmer, Casey Danielle  
Penalosa, Courtney  
Polath, Martina  
Polis, Stella  
Qadir, Aaliyah  
Rafoo, Danee Rafed  
Rao, Huda  
Rassam, Sandra  
Robinson, Kira Marie  
Romaya, Mirna  
Saleem, Yasir  
Saroki, Marisa Maryella  
Sesi, Madalyn Grace  
Shaya, Miranda  
Shmaon, Phillip  
Tattitali, Diya  
Taza, Karam Louie  
Thakur, Avinash K  
Toby, Lara  
Tokovic, Azra  
Tran, Jessica Kim

Vugdalic, Nina  
Wafford, Jasmine Renee  
Watkins, Sarah Elizabeth  
Wegrzyn, Maria E  
Williams, Nala J  
Yaldo, Crystal  
Zelda, Kayla

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Abro, Austin Amar  
Ayoub, Jacob Joseph  
Babbie, Nicholas  
Baran, Hannah  
Barsoum, Clara  
Beckman, Olivia K  
Book, Reeghan Alexa  
Bowen, Emma E  
Brown, Christian Jules Solomo  
Chaudhry, Omar Rafique  
Cholagh, Sabrina S  
Chowdhury, Amani  
Dedi, Emanuel  
Dedi, Lizmari  
Desai, Rohan  
Guardia, Mauricio Garcia  
Hallak, Lucas  
Harrow, Lyle  
Ibrahim, Noor Maher  
Jain, Sukanya  
Janish, Olivia R  
Kamil, Mohammed Mustafa  
Kattoula, Merna  
Kaufman, Aeriana Lynn  
Kaur, Gurnoor  
Khamo, Ryden P  
King, Carly Marie

Koenders, Alexandra Lynne  
Kondracki, Emily  
Lansang, Noah  
Lockard, Brandon Michael  
Lusky, Sara Emma  
Mione, Exavior Joseph Reno  
Moorefield, Skylar Abigail  
Murrani, Mena Hazel  
Namou, Cassandra  
Pattah, Collin Ghanim  
Pielack, Joseph David  
Pillivant, Dylan Matthew  
Saffo, Selena  
Savage, Joshua A  
Shaukat, Areebah  
Sheen, Nicole Renae  
Suhan, Clare Marie  
Tattitali, Rohit S  
Yabut, Sophia B  
Yaqa, Wisam Waleed  
Yen, Jack  
Yonan, Kathreen Z  
Zografis, Vasiliki-Kleio





***Congratulations*** to our JEANNETTE 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band  
Student participants in the District 16 MSBOA “Solo & Ensemble  
Competition!”

As an extra band opportunity, some of our students prepared a solo, duet or trio for competition on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> (Junior High weekend) or Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> (High School weekend). 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. A “Division II” rating is an “B” average performance.

**The following students received a “Division I” rating:**

- Peter Alshammas – Snare Drum Solo
- Christian Brown – Trumpet Solo (High School Weekend)
- Christian Swiatek – Alto Sax Solo (High School Weekend)
- Thomas Lei – Piano Solo
- Emma Bowen & Sukanya Jain- Woodwind Duet
- Lilly Carpenter, Lindsay McGann, Lila Sapiano- Woodwind Trio

**The following students received a “Division II” rating:**

- Katie Cavanaugh – Flute Solo (High School Weekend)
- Lilia Sapiano – Clarinet Solo
- Brendan O’Hara – Snare Solo
- Piper Bradford & Mohammed Sarmad – Woodwind Duet
- Mary Cottone & Solomon Davis – Woodwind Duet
- Hannah Baran & Katie Cavanaugh– Woodwind Duet

***Once again, Congratulations to our Band Students  
for their talent and hard work!***



# MYPLATE GUIDE TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST

*for Families*

Fruits

## FRUITS

A full cup of fruit is available every day, providing nutrients that are important for kids' health, such as potassium, dietary fiber, vitamin C, and folate (folic acid).

MILK

Dairy

Kids and teens need the calcium, protein, and vitamin D found in milk for strong bones, teeth, and muscles.

Vegetables

## VEGETABLES

Every breakfast does not include vegetables, but schools may offer them in place of fruits.

Protein

## PROTEIN FOODS

Some breakfast menus may offer items such as eggs, nuts, or meats to pair with whole-grain options.

GRAINS

Grains

Starting every day the whole grains way gives kids and teens B vitamins, minerals, and fiber to feel fuller longer so they stay alert to concentrate at school.



## NEW DAY

A brand-New Year, new semester, and maybe a new you! How did 1<sup>st</sup> semester end for your child? Were the midterms a challenge? Did he/she study the night before a test or a week before? Did they spend more time in front of the television, on the phone, or texting than they did doing homework and reviewing notes?

These are questions you as a parent may want to consider as we begin a new semester. Reviewing what worked and what didn't work with your student last semester, will guarantee they will at least better understand why they earned the grades on their current report card.

After reviewing last semester's pluses and minuses, have your student write what they could change or do better in school for the remainder of the year. If they did as little homework as possible, perhaps a goal for them could be to do at least an hour of homework per night. Even if they don't have any assignments from the teacher, they can always review what they learned in school that day.

In addition to writing what could help them improve their grades, have them write down the grade they would like to earn in each class. Putting these goals and desires in writing is the first step in improving their attitude and their work habits. Use PowerSchool often so that you are aware of what assignments are due, as well as which assignments have not been turned in to the teacher.

Winston Churchill once said, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

Let's continue to encourage our successful students because they need it too. However, let's help encourage our students who feel like failures because they didn't earn all "A"s last semester. This is a new day, a new semester! Let's reach for the stars and get those "A"s!

### Scheduling Information

**Scheduling for the 2018-2019 school year is already upon us! Counselors will be visiting Social Studies classes the week of February 6th to speak with your child about course offerings and planning their schedule for next school year.**

**Please be advised scheduling forms will be coming home with your student for you to review. They do require your signature prior to turning them into the counseling office.**

**We look forward to working with our 7th and 8th grade students as they plan next year's class schedule.**

#### **Counselor caseloads by student last name:**

**A-K Ms. Tsatsanis**

**L-Z: Mrs. Jenkins**



**Safe Traffic Pattern Established for  
Jeannette Junior High Students**

Because of our **concern for student safety**, we ask that parents **drop off and pick up students in the parking lot behind the school**. Only students who walk or ride a bus will enter the front of the school. Parents are asked to **enter using the south parking driveway, turn right and proceed around the school, drop their students off and continue around the school, exiting through the north drive**. Your cooperation in helping us provide a safe environment for our students is appreciated.



**Tardiness limits a student's learning time and is disruptive to others in the class** whether it occurs at the start of the day or during the school day. Please have your students to school on time and encourage them not to be late to class. Thank you for your support.

**Attention 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents**

**Curriculum Night  
for  
Stevenson and Utica  
will be announced at a later date**

**Jeannette Parent Teacher  
Conferences**



**Date: March 15th  
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**



**Dates to Remember**

**February 8<sup>th</sup> - Academic Blitz -  
Henry Ford II High School**

**February 14  
Count Day**

**February 19 – 23  
Mid-Winter Break - No School**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>- Deadline for UCS  
Specialty Program Applications**

**February 26  
Students return to school**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
4:30pm-7:30pm**



