



# 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 ....

Greetings Patriot Families,

Wow! Can you believe September is in the books and we are into October? We have been lucky to enjoy more beautiful summer weather heading into fall and as we await our leaves changing, I can't help but get excited for our dance in a few weeks with a Halloween theme, the upcoming Utica Homecoming, and other great events for our Patriot Students.

Since the start of the new school year our Patriot family has hit the ground running. As a staff, we have worked hard to welcome our students, work with them to set expectations, meet with them to share with them what it takes to be successful, and ensure that students of all grades develop an understanding of what they are working for. 9<sup>th</sup> graders especially have been shared the requirements for graduation and how starting strong now in 9<sup>th</sup> grade will help to keep their GPA's high and colleges interested.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all the families who attended our Open House. Our Patriot staff was happy to be able to make connections with their students' parents and start to form those strong family – school relationships that will be a foundation for student achievement. There are many ways to partner with Jeannette Junior High School to benefit your student. One important way is through your participation in our Parent Sounding Board. October's Sounding Board meetings are on October 4 at 7 pm and October 5 at 9:30 am. Another way to follow the great things happening at Jeannette is to follow me on Twitter @Jeannettejhs Name: Patriot Principal. One other way to support Jeannette comes on Monday October 16 from 5-9 pm. Take the family to Buffalo Wild Wings for dinner and let them know you are there for Jeannette and a portion of your bill will come back to our school sports teams.

We are at our halfway point and our progress report window will close early next week. Now is the time to take a careful look at your student's grades and ensure that they are where you and your student want them to be. There is still time to work hard to get them up. I encourage you to email your student's teachers, keep the conversations about school going with your students, and have conversations based on their current PowerSchool grades. If you haven't set up a PowerSchool login, please stop by the front office and our staff will help you. Mrs. Hamilton and I are also more than happy to help and give you a quick tutorial.

Another great opportunity for you to partner with our teachers to help your student will be next week as we welcome you to join us for our Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be Wednesday October 11 from 4:30 to 8:30 and Thursday October 12 from 12pm to 3pm. Our teachers are already preparing for conferences next week to ensure that you have important information about how your students are progressing in class and recommendations for how to support your student if needed.

Furthermore, in our effort to support our students' academic progress, we are once again running our after-school homework club. Students may come to the media center after school on Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm to study, do homework, or work on projects. There are always teachers and at times high school student tutors available at homework club to provide assistance answering any questions our Jeannette students may have. Parents, please make sure if you choose to have your student attend tutoring, that you fill out the permission slip/agreement. These forms can be picked up in the main office.

As the weather begins to turn, please take the time to enjoy this beautiful fall season. I look forward to seeing you at a Jeannette Patriots football or volleyball games this fall.

Mark your calendars:

**Quarter 1 Progress Reports** - End of First Quarter Marking is October 6<sup>th</sup>. Progress report grade will be available via PowerSchool. Since grades are so readily accessible via technology, hard copies of progress reports will not be sent home unless requested by a parent.

**JJH Book Fair**- The week of October 9<sup>th</sup> in the Patriot Media Center. The book fair is an important opportunity for your student to choose a book they are interested in reading. All books are welcome to be read during our SURF reading time every 4<sup>th</sup> hour.

Thank you for your continued involvement in your child's education and helping to make Jeannette such a great place for our students!

GO PATRIOTS!

Sincerely,

Christian Mueller, Principal

## From the Jeannette Junior High School Counseling Department:

All students are assigned to their counselor based on their last name. See below for the alpha breakdown of each counselor's caseload.

Mrs. Tsatsanis: A-K

Mrs. Jenkins: L- Z

We were excited to visit our 9<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms at the beginning of this year to see the new and returning smiling faces! It's so important for our freshmen to realize that even though they are still at Jeannette Junior High, they are officially high school students now! This is obviously very exciting, but with that excitement comes a new level of responsibility. **We want to be sure to drive home the fact that 9<sup>th</sup> graders are now earning high school credits that will eventually accumulate toward graduation and a High School Diploma.** They have also begun the work that will dictate their GPA and ideally work in their favor when they apply to colleges at the beginning of their senior year; just three short years away! Counselors reviewed graduation requirements, the financial benefits of earning a college degree and what students can do to increase their chances of being accepted to a university. Additional information was given to students as a reminder of the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements for high school graduation. In addition, a Michigan Colleges and Universities average GPA and SAT reference guide was provided for our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students as they plan beyond their high school years.

### Northwest University's Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS)

NUMATS is a research-validated, above grade-level testing program that offers students the opportunity to take the ACT and SAT grades 7-9. These tests are internationally recognized measures of academic ability designed for older students.

Benefits to taking these tests at this age level include:

- Experience and practice taking the ACT and/or the SAT which are used to measure college and career readiness.
- Information about their academic ability
- Academic planning and resource options based on test scores
- Information about education programs for gifted students
- Opportunities to participate online in discussion groups with other gifted students throughout the Midwest and beyond

Please have your child see their counselor for the registration information.



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Parent Notification & Opt-Out

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Michigan Attorney General’s office will be conducting presentations on student safety featuring the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI) and the student safety hotline, OK2SAY. The presentation will be given for **Jeannette Junior High School** students in grades **7-9** during the week of **November 6th, 2017**.

6th – 8th grade students see a video featuring peers who promote OK2SAY. Students learn what the OK2SAY program is, how it works, what types of incidents they can report, how to submit a tip, and what will happen with the tip. Students then get detailed explanations about bullying, cyberbullying, suicide, sexting, sexual abuse, the predator threat, and how to protect themselves online. Students see a video about the power of words, the deceptive ways Internet predators target teens, along with a video featuring students from Michigan that have tragically died by suicide due in part to bullying. Students also see a video showing the negative impacts of sexting and they’ll watch a video provided by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

The 9th – 12th grade presentation focuses on student safety and OK2SAY. We teach students how OK2SAY works, what can be reported and how, and what will happen with the tips. Students get in-depth explanations of bullying, cyberbullying, suicide, self-injury, sexting, threats, dating violence, sexual abuse, and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. They watch a video featuring students from Michigan that have tragically died by suicide due in part to bullying and a video showing the negative impacts of sexting. They also view a clip about OK2SAY and a video that emphasizes the importance of empathy, perspective, leadership, and compassion. Students are challenged to pay attention to what is going on around them. If they see something that doesn’t seem right, students are encouraged to step up and speak out.

You are encouraged to preview the videos your child will see at the [Attorney General's website](http://mi.gov/csi) (mi.gov/csi). More information on OK2SAY, as well as resources, is available on the [OK2SAY website](http://ok2say.com) (ok2say.com).

If you do **NOT** want your child to participate, return the bottom of this sheet to your student’s counselor by **Tuesday, October 31st, 2017**.

Sincerely,

Mr. C. Mueller

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do **NOT** want my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Michigan CSI / OK2SAY Student Safety Presentation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

[OK2SAY](http://ok2say.com) (ok2say.com)  
[MICHIGAN CSI](http://mi.gov/csi) (mi.gov/csi)  
877-765-8388

## Welcome Back School Dance



The school dance will be on October 27<sup>h</sup> from 3pm-5pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets will be on sale during all lunch hours the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> for \$5. Pizza and pop will be available



**Picture Retake day is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>.** *School Pictures* will photograph students who wish to retake their pictures or have not had them taken yet. *School Pictures* order forms are available in the front office.

In order to have your picture retaken you must return your first picture packet.

## Deliveries and Messages

**Messages cannot be delivered to students during school hours.**

We ask that students check the office to pick up messages or items brought in. Students will not be released in the middle of classes for items that may have been brought in for them. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Check out:

[www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net)

For all Jeannette Jr. High  
Sporting schedules



**Important**

## Dates to remember:

**October 4 Official State Count Day**

(Please have your students to school on time and, if possible, **keep early dismissals to a minimum.**)

**October 12<sup>th</sup> Jet's Pizza Fund Raiser**



**October 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair**



**October 20 Picture Retake Day & For students who have not had their picture taken**



**October 27 School Dance 3pm - 5pm**

**November 7<sup>th</sup> No school**

## Dates and times for Parent Teacher Conferences

**October 11<sup>th</sup> 4:00 - 8:00 pm**

**October 12<sup>th</sup> 12 - 3 pm**



It is that time year again - the annual **Eat Wings, Raise Funds** night at **Buffalo Wild Wings** is right around the corner. This year's date is Monday, **October 16th** from **5-9pm** at the Mound and M59 location



**EAT WINGS RAISE FUNDS**  
AN APPETIZING WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

**EAT WINGS. RAISE FUNDS. IT PAYS.**

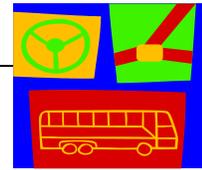
On the day of your event, Buffalo Wild Wings® will donate 15% of all pre-taxed food sales (less alcohol and promotional discounts) from any guest that presents this fundraising ticket.

We look forward to helping your organization meet its financial goals. Together, we can make a positive impact and help keep our community working and playing together.

(Present this ticket to your server on the date & time listed below)

**ADMIT 1**

**BUFFALO WILD WINGS**  
THE ORIGINAL WING HOUSE  
YOU HAVE TO BE HERE!



### **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, exiting through the north drive. Your cooperation in helping us provide a safe environment for students is appreciated.

#### **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.