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JTHS GOOD NEWS October 2024

September Students of the Month –

Art –	Carlton Tukov
Business –	Sam Orlando
English –	Nicholas DiLizia
	Sam Orlando
Health/PE –	Brandyn Gall
Mathematics –	Frank Figel
Music –	Makenzie Straway
Science –	Ashlynn Janicki
Social Studies –	Robert Nardone
Technology –	Sonia Ramirez
Video Production –	Kalli Grlca
	Madison Mathews
World Language –	Scott Jiang

Student Activities Fair –



Our annual Student Activities Fair was held on September 19 in the Freedom Gym Lobby during Lunch/Academic. Students were encouraged to visit the fair during their lunch periods to learn about the co-curricular offerings at the high school.

FALCON PRIDE Student Recognition Award for September –
Recipients: *Nicholas Crispino and Amira Rachidi*



Both Amira and Nicholas were recognized by teachers around the building for their positive contributions to our school and community.

Nominated by Mrs. Vislosky, Nicholas has grown to be a leader in the media center, helping his peers by showing them how to use equipment in the library and maker space. According to Mrs. Vislosky, "He is so helpful to other students. He came in to use the 3D printer on the first day of school and has now recruited three other kids to use the area. He teaches them all how to use the software, save files, etc. without any complaints!"

Nominated by Mrs. Vesia, Amira has shown a dedication to her studies at the start of the school year, and has gone above and beyond in helping her classmates around the building. According to Mrs. Vesia, "Amira has dedicated herself to her academic studies. In addition, she has gone above and beyond to include new students to help them feel welcomed at JTHS."

Both Amira and Nicholas will receive custom t-shirts, certificates, and a gift card to a local business in the community.

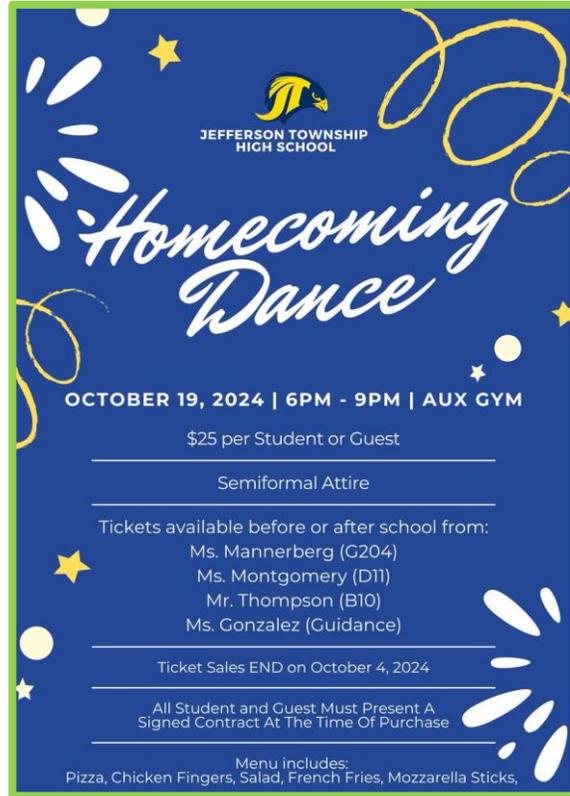
Please congratulate both students when you see them. Thank you for your continued support of this program!

~ Mr. Lonie ~

Homecoming –

**The Homecoming Dance
will be held October 19**

Tickets are \$25.00



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL

Homecoming Dance

OCTOBER 19, 2024 | 6PM - 9PM | AUX GYM

\$25 per Student or Guest

Semiformal Attire

Tickets available before or after school from:
Ms. Mannerberg (G204)
Ms. Montgomery (D11)
Mr. Thompson (B10)
Ms. Gonzalez (Guidance)

Ticket Sales END on October 4, 2024

All Student and Guest Must Present A
Signed Contract At The Time Of Purchase

Menu includes:
Pizza, Chicken Fingers, Salad, French Fries, Mozzarella Sticks,

Picture Days at JTHS – Everyone Smile!



2024 UNDERCLASS PICTURE DAYS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 & FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 11 DURING PE CLASSES



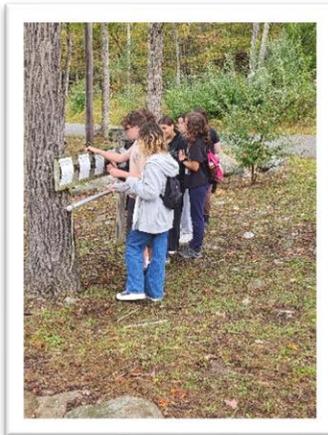
Photos will be taken during PE classes on 10/10. Classes that
don't meet on 10/10 will have their picture taken on 10/11!

The Academy for Environmental Science –

The Academy for Environmental Science visited Hopatcong State Park earlier in September to work with the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, as the first high school group to attend a field trip. Students collected macroinvertebrate samples from the Musconetcong River and conducted water tests on their floating classroom.



The Academy for Environmental Science welcomed our new Freshman cohort on our annual Orientation Trip to Stokes State Forest with the New Jersey School of Conservation. During their two-day camping trip, students participated in numerous activities including a guided hike using field guides, tracking animals with telemetry, fish ecology where students aided in data collection of the lake on property, and learning important survival skills. Any current 8th grade student who is interested in the academy is encouraged to attend our annual information session at JTHS on Wednesday October 23rd at 6:30pm.



~ Mrs. Varner ~

Week of Respect – Week of October 7

Students and staff participated in Week of Respect. Activities included spirit days, writing appreciation cards to faculty members, and requesting favorite songs that show respect for morning motivation. On October 24, 2024 High School students will see an assembly titled "Johnny's Ambassadors". This will be a presentation about who Johnny was, "then" vs. "now" marijuana, why youth use, adolescent brain development, impacts of THC on adolescents, risks of mental illness, psychosis, and suicide, and learning refusal skills. The research shows that the more youth learn about the potential risks, coupled with refusal skills, the less likely our teens will use.

~ Mrs. Vesia ~

Good to Know –

- ❖ The National Honor Society had a food drive the week of September 30. The items collected will be donated to the New Hope Food Pantry.
- ❖ Annual Bonfire – October 16
- ❖ The National Honor Society is planning a blood drive for the end of October.
- ❖ The Student Council is selling "be kind" shirts in an effort to promote the message of kindness throughout the school.
- ❖ Senior Class Tricky Tray – December 6

Step Program –



On October 3 our Step-Up program hosted our first open house to parents at Milton United Methodist Church. It was a great turnout and parents got to take home some goodies (customized mug and chocolate chip cookies) made by our students!

~ Mrs. Jahn ~

Digital Visual Media –

This summer Mr. DeVries and his students were featured in [Lake Hopatcong News](#) (midsummer 2024, vol 16 no 4.)

Several students and Mr. DeVries were interviewed. The article focused on the Digital Visual Media 1 Monster Engine assignment. This cross-district project starts in the elementary school, where the students draw monsters, and ends in the high school, where the older students paint the monsters to create a 3D version of them.

This assignment was also featured in a presentation to the district on the opening day of the school year, 24-25. A highlight of the article was talking to students who had been part of the first iteration of this assignment when they were in elementary school and who are now in high school, creating the transformative version of the kids' monsters. One student, Grace Mackey, even worked on her sister's drawing. Her sister is now a student at White Rock Elementary school. The project has come full circle."

