

# Jaguar Jottings

Your Johnsburg Central School Newsletter



## Superintendent's Corner



### Happy Holidays:

As we approach the holiday season, I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. May your holidays and New Year be filled with peace, love, and family.

### New Science Rooms and Generator

#### Proposal for Renovating Science Rooms – Public Vote on January 16, 2025

I am writing to inform you about a proposed building project to renovate our science classrooms, which were originally constructed in 1965—nearly 60 years ago. These classrooms are long overdue for an update. The renovation will provide a more modern, academically conducive environment for our students and enhance the space's safety and functionality.

In addition to the classroom renovations, we propose installing an emergency generator for the school. As a designated Red Cross emergency location, we must be able to generate emergency power in the event of a local outage. Over the last several years, we have seen the increasing importance of facilities like ours in supporting the community during emergencies. The Red Cross has identified our building as an ideal site due to our amenities, including an industrial kitchen and dining area, large spaces for emergency housing, and smaller areas suitable for emergency operations.

The estimated cost of this renovation/emergency generator project is **\$3 million**.

This project will not increase our local tax burden. We have strategically aligned the renovation with the expiration of an existing debt service, ensuring no additional financial impact on taxpayers.

Attached are photos that show the current state of the science rooms, which reflects their outdated condition. In addition to cosmetic concerns, some water and gas lines are aging and require updating.

The public vote on this proposal will take place on **January 16, 2025**, from **12:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. We encourage you to participate in this important decision and thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.





## Principal's Message

Good luck to all of our winter basketball and nordic athletes! Go "Irish Jags!"



### Scholar Fall Athletes

Cole Millington  
Eli Morin  
Colin Morris  
Nick Sauer-Jones  
Kayden Smith  
Vasanti Collins  
Michelle Ordway - Minerva  
Lily SanAntonio  
Jacqueline SanAntonio  
Alissa Bennett  
Lexi Sharp  
Hannah Sharp  
Ryan Fink  
Elijah Bonanno  
Reagan Morris  
Keegan Mottram  
Chet Perryman  
Congratulations and great job!

### Area All State

Congratulations to Tristin Secor and Hudson Dunkley. Tristin and Hudson attended Area All State at Proctor's Theatre on November 8th & 9th.



### Jaguar Walking Path

**Come on in from the cold and use our nice, warm school to exercise!**

The ¼ mile Jaguar Walking Path is open for use. Walkers may enter through the main entrance (Door A) from 3-7 P.M. on Monday through Friday, excluding holidays/vacations. Sign in/out on the clipboard near the main entrance and follow the paw prints on the walls. Maps are available.

### Stuffed Jiggy Jaguar

Stuffed Jiggy Jaguars are for sale in the principal's office for \$10 each. These would make a great stocking stuffer!



### Christmas Break

There will be no school for students December 23rd-January 3rd. Happy Holidays!

### Facebook

Check out our Johnsbury Central School page on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/JohnsburyCentralSchool/>

 Heather Flanagan 



PreK-3 Student of the Month - November

(Listed Alphabetically)

Adam Horton  
Aidan Gray  
Grace Piemme  
Hollis Olesheski  
Jace Thissell  
JosieLyn Beaudrot  
Raven Newton

Specials:

Physical Education:  
Bodhi Lewis & JosieLyn Beaudrot  
Art - Jackson Thissell  
Music - Odin Moore  
Library - Ruhi Thakor

Students in grades PreK-3 are doing great! Keep up the hard work!



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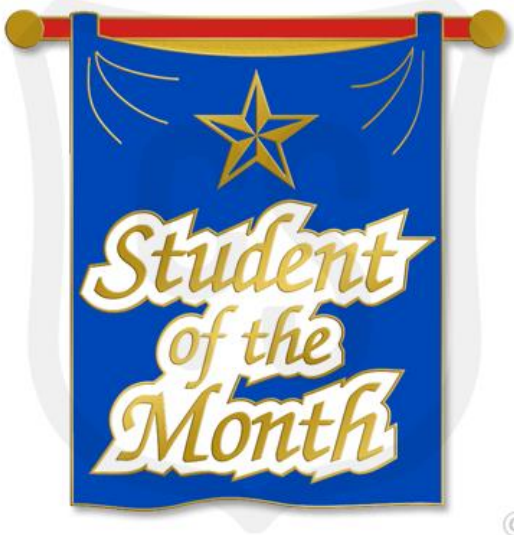
## 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE



## 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE



## 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE



## QUESTION OF THE MONTH:



This month, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Olesheski's 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes were asked, **“What is the best gift you have ever given someone?”**.

The best gift I have ever given was a set of baking bowls. I gave it to my mom. It was from my sister and I. I gave her the gift because it was Christmas. I felt very good because it was for my mom. I knew that she would like it no matter what because it was from my sister and I.  
Harper Smith

The best gift I have ever given was skittles to my cousin because she loves skittles. It was her birthday and I couldn't think of anything else to give her. When I gave it to her I felt silly but she really liked it.  
Tommy Fuller

The best gift I have ever given was a huge box of dog toys to my dog for Christmas about 6 years ago because he loves ropes and bones. We only get him rubber bones because one time he chewed a bone so much he choked on it. We also gave him a huge box of treats which we just ran out of yesterday. My dog was so happy and it made me happy to play tug-of-war with him.  
Sawyer Knickerbocker

The best gift I gave was Nike shoes. I gave the gift to my cousin. I gave my Nike shoes to my cousin because they were too small for me. Giving the gift felt amazing.  
Alex Fish

The best gift I have given was a jar of candy I made for my dad. It was for Father's Day. It felt good to give him the jar. He loved the present.  
Emma McNally



The best gift I ever gave was a Blackstone grill. I gave the grill to my stepdad. I gave him the gift because I really love him and in the past he has surprised me with big gifts. I felt great giving him the gift and it made me super happy.  
Bently LaBounty

The best gift I've ever given was a back massager. I gave it to my dad. Every year for Christmas we go shopping for gifts to give each other. When I gave the gift I felt sad because I really wanted it. That was the best gift I've ever given.  
Gavin Galusha

The best gift I gave was when I gave my dad a ratchet set. I gave it to him because he didn't have the tools. I felt really proud.  
Orin Richards

The best gift I have given was when I gave my dad a jar with a picture of me with a fake mustache with candy inside. It was for Father's Day and I gave it to him because I love him so much. I was so excited giving my dad the gift and seeing his reaction.  
Isabella Bennett

I gave my best friend Bently a toy dirt bike. I gave it to him because he always gives me cool stuff. He liked it.  
Orion Altman

The best gift I gave was to my mom. I gave my mom a heart that said "you are the most loving mom that a child could have."  
Royanne Millington

I got my mom a bracelet for Christmas. She loved it. It made her happy.  
Mark Donohue

During art club this week I made a gift. That gift was a charm for a necklace for Jocelynn and she made me a necklace in return. I made the charm for her because of her help, her support, and her love. It felt nice.  
Jaycob Prosser



*Information provided by Mrs. Bruce*

### College Acceptances

Brian Burkhardt has been accepted at SUNY Adirondack.  
Charity Lupo has been accepted at SUNY Delhi, SUNY Morrisville, and Paul Smith's College.  
Eric Mason has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack.  
Elington Morin has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack.  
Eloise Noel has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack.  
Kaylie O'Hara has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack.  
Arthur Perryman, III has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack.  
Lillian San Antonio has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack.  
Tristin Secor has been accepted to SUNY Adirondack.



### Help With Completing the FAFSA

SUNY is offering two FAFSA Completion sessions. These virtual workshops will walk you through the FAFSA so you can complete and submit it that day.

Register at  
[https://engage.suny.edu/portal/fafsa\\_workshops](https://engage.suny.edu/portal/fafsa_workshops)



### **Local Scholarships:**

**The Walter Grishkot Memorial Scholarship** – this \$2,500 scholarship, renewable up to four years, is for high school seniors and college students residing in Warren, Washington, or Saratoga County and pursuing a major in aviation, aeronautics, or a related field. This scholarship is given in memory of Walter Grishkot of Glens Falls, a long-time photographer, promoter, and event planner with a lifelong passion for aviation. He was best known as co-founder and long-time organizer of the Adirondack Balloon Festival. The application is available at <https://grishkotfoundation.org> Deadline is March 1, 2025

**The Joan Grishkot Memorial Scholarship** – this \$2,500 scholarship, renewable up to four years, is for residents of Warren, Washington, or Saratoga County pursuing a major in nursing. This scholarship is given in memory of Joan Grishkot of Glens Falls, a long-time nurse, public health executive and community leader, and co-organizer of the Adirondack Balloon Festival. The application is available at <https://grishkotfoundation.org> Deadline is March 1, 2025

### **Legacy Awards –**

The Legacy Awards program begins on September 1, 2024. Legacy Awards provide \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elk members. The ENF offers a total of 350 national awards. Please visit [enf.elks.org/Leg](http://enf.elks.org/Leg) for more details and the application link. The application deadline is February 3, 2025.

### **Excelsior Scholarship –**

This scholarship covers tuition for students attending a SUNY or CUNY college. Families whose adjusted combined federal household income is \$125,000

or less in the 2023 tax year are eligible to apply. Other pertinent criteria are on the website. You can submit your email or cell phone number to be alerted when the online application opens for fall 2025 applications.

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grants-scholarships/>

### **National Scholarship Websites**

Raise.me  
Goingmerry.com  
Fastweb.com  
salliemae.com  
<https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>  
studentscholarships.org  
collegexpress.com  
collegeboard.org/scholarships

### **Employment Websites**

#### **Adirondack Help Wanted**

<https://regionalhelpwanted.com/adirondack-jobs>

#### **Glassdoor**

[www.glassdoor.com](http://www.glassdoor.com)

#### **Monster**

[www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)

#### **Indeed**

[www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)

#### **The Job Link**

<https://swww.workforce.org/job-listings>

#### **Snag a job**

[Snagajob.com](http://Snagajob.com)

#### **New York State Job Bank**

[Myjobsny.usnlx.com](http://Myjobsny.usnlx.com)

#### **Warren County Civil Service and Non-Civil Service Positions**

[www.warrencountyny.gov/civilservice](http://www.warrencountyny.gov/civilservice)

#### **Town of Johnsbury**

<https://www.johnsburgny.gov/employment.html>

#### **Glens Falls Police Department**

<https://www.glensfallspd.com/employment>

#### **New York State Department of Transportation**

<https://www.ny.gov/programs/nysdot-employment-opportunities>

#### **New York State Police**

[Joinstatepolice.ny.gov](http://Joinstatepolice.ny.gov)

#### **New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision**

[doccs.ny.gov/employment-opportunities](http://doccs.ny.gov/employment-opportunities)

#### **United States Post Office**

<https://about.usps.com/careers/how-to-apply>

#### **UPS**

<https://www.jobs-ups.com>

Federal Express

<https://careers.fedex.com>

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## Coaches Corner

### Winter Sports Season Begins:

With Winter Sports getting into full swing, we would like to remind you to be mindful and understand the need to make changes, even last-minute changes to the schedule, in response to weather and other unforeseen circumstances. Please check your ParentSquare and the website for any changes; consider adjusting your digest settings in ParentSquare to ensure you do not miss any updates or changes. If anyone experiences any problems or issues with ParentSquare, please reach out, and someone at school will assist you. In addition to being on the lookout for updates and changes, please be mindful and respectful of our coach's time. Each coach has devoted time to coaching and assisting your student-athlete to be as successful as possible; however, they are not there to stay and wait forever for the student-athletes to be picked up.

In addition to Middle School/High School sports starting, we are in need of elementary basketball coaches, if you interested please reach out to Coach Gonyo or Coach Chambers.

### Physical Education:

All of the students have been exposed to opportunities to grow as movers and athletes. Our Elementary students have been working in groups, completing stations with numerous skills objectives. Our Middle and High School students have been playing different sports: pickleball, kickball, and basketball. All the students have worked hard and developed teamwork and communication skills with their classmates. In December, our students will begin learning volleyball skills in preparation for our Volleyball Tournament before the Holiday Break. Speaking of break, please remind your students to empty their PE lockers to have their PE or sports clothes cleaned.

Overall, Coach Gonyo and I agree that it has been a great start to the year. We look forward to continuing to help your students achieve their goals and have a positive experience with PE! We will see you all in the New Year. Have a great Holiday Break!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Coach Gonyo and Coach Chambers



Dear Johnsburg Families,

We have seen various illnesses this past month. Please keep your child(ren) home when sick in an attempt to slow the spread of all illnesses. Please remember to call or email me or the main office if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

- Please remember to hand in physical paperwork after every physical your child has.

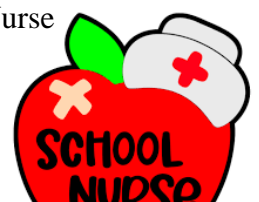
*Fun Fact: Handwashing alone prevents 1 in 3 diarrhea-related illnesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections such as a cold or the flu. (CDC)*

A reminder as we head into winter: please be sure to pack snow clothes and extra clothes should your child get wet while playing out in the snow. I have limited extra clothing here in the health office, so please remember to pack extras for your little ones.  
Happy Holidays to you all!

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Be well,

Mrs. Amber Aurilio, RN JCS School Nurse  
[aurilio@johnsburgcsd.org](mailto:aurilio@johnsburgcsd.org)



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### **Tristin Secor Performs in the NYS All-State Jazz Choir**

JCS Music Department is proud to announce that Tristin Secor, a Senior at JCS will be performing at the New York State School Music Association All-State Conference Festival in the Vocal Jazz Choir December 5-8, 2024 in Rochester, NY. Secor was selected out of hundreds of applicants to fill only 6 soprano spots in the choir. She scored a 99 last Spring on her All-State Vocal Jazz audition. Tristin is the daughter of Rob and Jolene Secor of North Creek, NY.

### **Secor and Dunkley Perform at Zone 7 Area- All State Festival at Proctor's Theatre**

Tristin Secor and Hudson Dunkley performed alongside the best-scored NYSSMA vocal students at Proctor's Theatre for the Annual Zone 7 Area-All State Festival. Their choir was conducted by Dr. Vernon Huff, who serves as the Director of Choral Studies at SUNY Fredonia.



### **It's Concert Season!**

Join us for our Holiday Concert on Tuesday, December 10th at 7 pm! Performances include the Junior Chorus, Junior Band, Senior Chorus, and Senior Band! Special performances by Tristin Secor, and the Rhythm Rebels!



The Pop Singers and Jazz Band will be performing their concert on Thursday, December 19th at 7 PM. Jazz Band selections include "Isn't She Lovely" by Stevie Wonder, "Watermelon Man" by Herbie Hancock, "Earth Wind and Fire Medley" and more! Pop Singers will be performing "Choose Your Fighter", "Rain On Me", "From the Start", and 50's classic, "Little Bitty Pretty One".

Donations accepted at the door for the JCS Music Club!

### **WEST SIDE STORY AUDITIONS ARE DECEMBER 16th @2:45 in Room 116!**







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North Creek, NY 12853  
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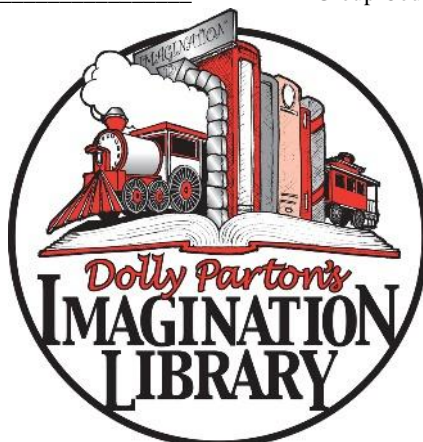
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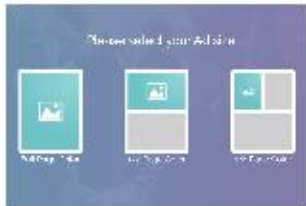
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**School Ad Content Guidelines**

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Recognition ad prices are determined by our school. Revenue from recognition ads helps the school create a better, more affordable yearbook.

**How is the ad deadline determined?**

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

**Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?**

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.



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**2025 GARNET YEARBOOK**

Be sure to order your 2025 Garnet Yearbook online before 12/31 for the best price! JCS sold out of **ALL** the 2024 Garnet Yearbooks last year, and once a yearbook sells out there is absolutely **no** way of ordering another one. If you want to make sure you have a yearbook, order before 12/31 to **guarantee** you receive a 2025 yearbook and get the **best** price possible.

2025 Garnet Yearbook price until 12/31: \$50+tax

2025 Garnet Yearbook price after 12/31: \$55+tax

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1053478/Johnsburg-Central-High-School/>




  
**December**  
**JCS BREAKFAST**  
 2024



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fruit 2 Juice Bacon & cheese on a bagel Frosted Flakes Toast Jelly Milk	Fruit 3 Juice Yogurt Lucky Charms Apple-cin. Muffin Milk	Fruit 4 Juice Breakfast Wrap Golden Grahams Toast Jelly Milk 	Fruit 5 Juice Mini French toast Syrup Cocoa Roos Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit 6 Juice Egg & cheese on an English Trix English Jelly Milk 
Fruit 9 Juice Bk. Pizza Hash brown Cocoa Roos Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit 10 Juice Fruit Smoothies Lucky Charms Toast Jelly Milk 	Fruit 11 Juice Mini Cinnamon Rolls Trix Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit 12 Juice Waffles Syrup Golden Grahams Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit 13 Juice Breakfast bowl Frosted Flakes Mixed berry Muffins Milk
Fruit 16 Juice Bk. Parfait Orange Cin. Muffins Toast Jelly Milk 	Fruit 17 Juice Pancakes Syrup Cocoa Roos Toast/ Jelly Milk	Fruit 18 Juice Sausage & cheese on a English muffin Golden Grahams English/ Jelly Milk	Fruit 19 Juice Trix or Lucky Charms Toast Jelly Milk 	Fruit 20 Juice Bagel w/ cream cheese or WOW butter Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk
23 	24 	25 	26 	27 
30 	31 			Fresh fruit and vegetables used  Price: Students K-12 Free Adult: \$3.00

**BREAKFAST MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**





# DECEMBER

2024  
JCS LUNCH



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken 2 Taquitos Yellow rice Raw veggies Fruit Milk <b>Dino-mite day</b>	Chicken 3 Caesar Salad Rolls Fruit Milk 	Hamburger 4 Gravy Potatoes Vegetables Biscuits Fruit Milk	Chicken 5 Nuggets French fries Vegetables Apple cin. Muffins Fruit Milk	Tomato soup 6 Toasted cheese Sandwich Celery sticks Fruit Milk
Hamburger 9 On a bun Am. Cheese Pasta Vegetables Fruit Milk	Sweet & sour 10 Chicken Rice Vegetables Garlic biscuits Fruit Milk	Dorito nachos 11 Lettuce, tomatoes Cheddar cheese Blueberry Muffins Fruit Milk	Hot Turkey 12 Sandwich Potatoes Vegetables Fruit Milk 	Meatball sub 13 Baked chips Carrot sticks Fruit Milk
Baked chicken 16 Potatoes Gravy Vegetables Bread sticks Fruit Milk	Chili 17 Corn muffins Raw veggies Fruit Milk 	Cheese pizza 18 Pepperoni pizza Vegetables Choc. Chip Muffins Fruit Milk	Hot dog on a 19 Bun Mac & cheese Vegetables Fruit Milk	French toast 20 Scrambled eggs Sausage Sweet potatoes Apple Juice Fruit Milk
				
		<b>Sandwiches &amp; Salads are made daily as part of the lunch options</b>	<b>All bread products are whole grain enriched Nondairy and Gluten Free options available</b>	<b>Juice is offered daily along with fruit for grades 9-12</b>

**Lunch menu subject to change without notice**





## **COME HAVE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

To benefit **“North Creek Vol. Fire Co. Support Team”**

When: December 1, 2024 from 7:00am - 11:00am

Where: 134 Main Street, North Creek Firehouse

Cost: \$7- Children (11 & under) & \$10 Adults(12 & up)

Breakfast to go containers are available!

Breakfast includes:

- Pancakes
- Scrambled Eggs
- Oscars Bacon or Sausage
- Juice or Coffee

No Breakfast Just Coffee or Hot Chocolate - \$3.00

(You don't have to eat breakfast to see Santa!)

Come on out to support us! Each child gets a gift from Santa! We wish you a safe and happy holiday season and hope to see you there!



**HOLIDAY**  
*Craft & Vendor Fair*

Where: Johnsburg Central School in North Creek, NY

When: December 14, 2024 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$40 per 10 x 10ft booth  
(add \$10 if electricity is needed)

All proceeds benefit the JCS Travel Club

For more information or for a registration form, please email  
[amay@johnsburgcsd.org](mailto:amay@johnsburgcsd.org) or [kvarney@johnsburgcsd.org](mailto:kvarney@johnsburgcsd.org)



# North Creek Vol. Fire Co. Santa Visit on Dec. 15, 2024



He arrives at the Ski Bowl around noon and will then ride in the North Creek firetruck to JCS to meet the children.

Doors open at 1:00pm at JCS to see Santa and get a gift!

Enjoy free cookies and a drink after visiting Santa!

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season!