

JCHS December Newsletter

The first semester at JCHS ends on December 21 and school will reconvene on January 4, 2018. The JCHS community has a lot to be thankful for over the last year. We graduated 190 students in May and many of those are attending colleges and trade schools throughout the country. JCHS had students receive special recognition after taking the ACT/SAT tests and several were named to IHSA All-State teams for their performances on the playing surfaces and also in the classroom. Our Theater department had an outstanding year as well. Their spring musical performance, Oklahoma, was recognized as one of the very best in the St. Louis area and many individuals received special recognition, including best actor.

JCHS added new courses and programs over the last year. In the Career and Technical Education department, we now offer a CNC Machine class and Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator courses. In math, all JCHS students have the opportunity to take courses that transfer to Lewis and Clark prior to graduation. Dual credit Economics and Public Speaking are also new for JCHS students. As always, we will continue to look for ways to better prepare our students for success after high school.

JCHS recently raised \$2500 to purchase gifts and pay off laptop fees for 14 JCHS students. Donations came from faculty jeans days, the Christmas Tree Challenge, and donations from Softball, Boy's Track, Cross Country, Girl's Basketball, Volleyball, Dance Team, Band, Show Choir, Theater, Wrestling, Baseball, Girl's Soccer, Golf, Boy's Basketball, and Niceness is Priceless. Gifts included at least two new outfits for school, shoes, bedding, pajamas or sleep pants, hats and gloves, and two gift cards to local restaurants for off campus lunch. The students also received at least one fun item consisting of either a game, headphones, sports equipment, or art supplies. JCHS and other schools in our district also had many individuals adopt an angel or a whole family in addition to contributing at school. Thank you to all the generous and caring people that make of Jersey 100.

Special Notes:

Julie Pohlman from Julie's Graphics has taken time out of her busy schedule to work with our Adobe Photoshop classes. Julie uses Photoshop in her business to design many of her products. She also gave our Photoshop students an open invitation to stop by her shop, giving them opportunities to see what she does and give them some hands-on experience. JCHS students have come back with stories of what they were able to learn and share their experiences with their classmates.

JCHS student athletes will be busy over the break. JCHS will host our annual Holiday Girls Basketball Tournament December 27, 28, and 29. The boys basketball team will travel to Pinckneyville, IL on December 29 and 30 and our wrestlers will compete in the Lincoln (IL) Tournament on December 27 and 28 and compete at home on January 2. Bowlers will compete in the Alton Tournament on December 27.