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Upcoming Events

- Dec 9 - 2:00 pm Dismissal
- Dec 13 - 7th Period Final
- Dec 14 - 1st, 3rd, 5th Period Finals
- Dec 15 - 2nd, 4th, 6th Period Finals
Board Meeting, IL State Scholars
Christmas Concert 7 pm
- Dec 16 - Final Makeup Day, 2 pm
Dismissal
- Dec 19-Jan 2 Christmas Break
- Jan 3 - Teacher Institute Day
- Jan 4 - Students Return
- Jan 12 - CNA Pinning 6 pm
- Jan 13 - Half Day; Erin's Law
- Jan 16 - No School MLK Day; Arrowhead
Classic this week
- Jan 19 - Board Meeting
- Jan 24 - JALC Accuplacer for Jrs in gym
- Jan 25 - JALC Accuplacer for So in gym
- Jan 26 - Parent Engagement Meeting 7 pm
- Jan 27 - Half Day; Parent-Teacher
Conferences; Group Pic Day

Final Four!

- We won our first-ever quarter-final
playoff game and made our first
semi-final appearance!
- Isiah Watson made Black Diamond
history with the most touchdowns in
a season!

Two Sport Collegiate Athlete

Bailey Weber has signed with Southeastern Illinois College (SIC) to play softball and volleyball. Her athleticism excels in both areas. Bailey brings a strong corner defense, adding even more depth to the softball team. For volleyball, she brings a big block and more offensive power. Bailey is also a hard-working student who goes above and beyond in the classroom, court, and field. While playing these two sports, she plans on studying engineering at SIC. Bailey has played softball and volleyball since she was little and has continued throughout all four years of high school. Bailey is super excited to take this next step, not only with sports but also with her education.



HISTORY MADE

BRI WELLS

Black Diamond All-Conference

All-State - Logan Hunter

Offensive Captain - Isiah Watson

First Team All-Conference:

Offense - Isiah Watson,
Logan Hunter

Defense - Brock Baker,
Connor Mowery, Keaton Fort

2nd Team All-Conference

Offense - Jude Beers,
Riley Randolph

Defense - Boston Peyton

Honorable Mention - Brody Little,
Diego Garza



All-South

Brock Baker, Logan Hunter,
Connor Mowery, Isiah Watson

TEAM MAKES THEIR WAY TO THE SEMI-FINALS FOR THE 1ST TIME IN JCHS HISTORY

The word proud comes to mind when thinking of the JCHS 2022 football team. They made history as the only team to win over eleven games, become three-time consecutive Black Diamond Conference Champions, win their quarter-final game, and advance to the semi-finals. 103.5 ESPN named them as the football team of the year!

They finished with a season record of 12-1, with their only loss being the semi-final game in Decatur, IL, on Nov 19th.

We talked to Coach Thomas to see what he had to say about his amazing season. "There were many highlights to this season. To start, we had our first semi-final appearance. It was honestly an unbelievable experience. We beat a South 7 school, and it was an absolutely amazing defeat. The overall season and winning the conference were very memorable. Seeing the kids come from behind to win games, their dedication and will to win, and finally, their desire to play for each other was a very gratifying aspect of the season. I'm so proud of our school, our student body, and our community for the support they gave not only in the regular season but even during the playoffs. They create an astounding atmosphere that we appreciate so much." Congratulations to the 2022 Indians Football Team and all of their coaches, and thank you for bringing this town back to life. #RollTribe



*In Memory of the Murphy
Family: Leon, Jean, Tim, and
Miss Ginger*



Candy Cane lane

Libby White

Candy Cane Lane, on 600 West Main Street in West Frankfort, is one of our area's most popular Christmas attractions. Candy Cane Lane was started in 1988 by art teacher Tim Murphy, and his father, Leon Murphy. What started out as a few houses with some interesting light displays, turned into five city blocks filled with colorful, unique, and over the top decorations!

It intrigues thousands of visitors and residents every year, sometimes volunteers hand out candy canes to the people who come through, young and old and alike.

Driving through is totally free but donations are appreciated!



The Art Club is a very active club at JCHS. They have already completed multiple activities this year. They displayed school spirit by painting the concrete in the back of the high school, updating the concrete in the front of the school, and painting the windows on Broadway for the Playoffs as well as Christmas. Our Art Club has definitely made its mark outside of JCHS!

In early 2023, they plan on going to Jefferson and Lincoln to teach the kids art projects that go along with different themes and cultures. You can come see and support the young artists at the art show this Spring!



STUDENT COUNCIL

ERICA HINKLE



LEDSC WORKSHOP NOV 3 2022 BENTON HIGH SCHOOL

Food Drive

From November 28th through December 15th, Student Council will manage a food drive for Manna Mission. More information is soon to be released.

LEDSC Fall Workshop

On November 3rd, Student Council members took a trip to Benton High School to participate in the 2022 LEDSC Fall Workshop. In the workshop, students participated in National Guard-led competitions with other student council members from different schools around Southern Illinois. The events included throwing footballs at specific targets, golf, basketball, and ping pong past a line. Each with its own way of scoring points for the teams. These competitions were made to practice and use teamwork.

At the end of the competitions, the National Guard counted all the points to see which team had the most. The two teams with the most points got to do a final round for the trophy.





Mr. Johnson

By: Amiri Rose

JCHS is pleased to welcome Mr. Johnson as our new science teacher. He grew up in Marion and competed in wrestling in his youth. He is also one of our wrestling coaches, along with Mr. Suchecki and Mr. Brown, and says that his goal is to establish a team with clear expectations and a hard-working attitude.

He began teaching last year in DeSoto. Mr. Johnson is looking forward to meeting his first child, a daughter, in December. He says he would be in a van by the river if he were not a teacher.



Mrs. Gualdoni

A proud Johnston City alum, Mrs. Gualdoni, graduated from JCHS in 2017. She married her high school sweetheart, Nico, in July of this year. She loves spending time with her family, especially her niece and nephew, and shopping at TJ Maxx.

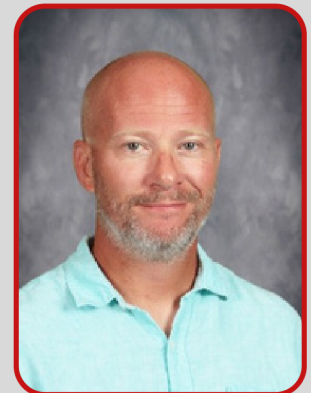
Ashley is adamant about her job and loves helping other people, which makes her a great social worker. She is also our head volleyball coach. In her first season coaching, her goal was to be team-oriented.



Mr. Cullum

Mr. Cullum is also an alum of Johnston City. He has taught high school for seven years, with Du Quoin High School being his previous school. He also worked for eight years at JALC in the Student Success Center, tutoring, registering, mentoring students, and teaching developmental math classes and workshops.

Mr. Cullum is passionate about teaching mathematics and helping students learn. He is also a football coach for the high school football team, working with quarterbacks and outside linebackers. In his spare time, Mr. Cullum enjoys spending time with his family and reading.



Indian of the Week



CARING

Katelynn was nominated by Mrs. Fiedler. "Katelynn is very kind and helpful to the other students, especially during the art club. It is clear how much she cares about her own work as well as the feelings of others around her."

Katelynn Turner



Haylee Rapp



Haylee was nominated by Mr. Goodley for her caring and politeness towards others. "She will go out of her way to help other students and do it with a genuine spirit of servitude."

Self-Care

by Riley Kirsch

Most people neglect the care they deserve for themselves. Why? Some people think, "Oh, I didn't do enough today" or "I didn't succeed, so what's the point in treating myself?" Well, not all self-care comes from a full day at the spa, getting massages, or getting your nails done. Some things are basic needs you look past on a daily. Here are some ideas to keep your mind and body relaxed and ready for anything.

- Take a deep breath
- Get a whole night of sleep or a good nap, if needed
- Go for a walk
- Drink a glass of water
- Cleanse your space
- Listen to a podcast
- Watch a good movie



NEW BUSINESSES IN JOHNSTON CITY

DOWN HOME COMFORTS

Johnston City has a handful of new businesses. With your support, we would love to see this businesses thrive!

Down Home Comforts opened October 8th. It is located on Broadway, close to Subway. They sell all things home with a southern flair.

910 W. Broadway Johnston City, IL



140 W. Broadway Johnston City, IL



BLONDIE'S BAKERY

Opening soon is Blondie's Bakery, across from the post office. They offered a free taste of their treats at the football hometown semi-final send-off. They handed out hot chocolate, pumpkin spice lattes, cookies, and cupcakes.

We are very excited to have these new businesses in town!

EASY COIN LAUNDRY OPEN 24 HRS

Easy Coin Laundry is coming soon to the old Farm Fresh lot (next to Casey's General Store). As their sign says, they will be open 24 hours.

Stop by if your appliances are broken or you need to wash those oversized comforters. This is another way to help support small businesses in Johnston City!

1113 Grand Ave. Johnston City, IL



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



*Peyton
Shelton*

Peyton's favorite movie is Glee, she cannot live without her friends, and in the future, she plans to become a high school history teacher. Peyton would like to travel to Europe after high school. Peyton is involved in Educators Rising and Cheer.

Peyton has the entire Hamilton soundtrack memorized!



*Lily
Moore*

Lily wants to go to Cosmetology School after high school while planning to travel to Hawaii. Her favorite TV show is Outer Banks, and her favorite high school memory is Mrs. Will's class. Lily loves to sleep, skate and eat smores.

Lily cannot live without her boyfriend Ruger and fruit bowls!



*Brenia
Smith*

Brenia's favorite movie is The Lovely Bones. She plans to become a high school math teacher and wants to travel to France.

Brenia is involved in the ACES and Math Team, and her favorite high school memory is going to football games.

Brenia really likes animals!



*Madison
Matsigner*

Madison's favorite show is Friends, and her favorite movie is The Proposal. Madison cannot live without a dog. She plans to become an optometrist and wants to travel to Italy after high school. Madison's favorite high school memory is not returning from Spring Break of Freshman Year.

Madison has had nine leg surgeries!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



*Bailey
Weber*

Bailey's favorite movie is "10 Things I Hate About You," and she cannot live without her mom. Bailey plans on going to college for sports and to become an engineer. Bailey wants to travel to Bora Bora, Jamaica, and The Bahamas. Bailey is involved in Student Council, softball, volleyball, basketball, Math Team, NHS, HOSA, ACES, Business Club, and Yearbook. Bailey also plays travel volleyball and softball outside of school. Bailey's favorite high school memory is almost running over Kaden Dover after prom.

Bailey does not like mac & cheese!



*Elijah
Crespi*

Eli's favorite movie is "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me." Eli plans to go into the Airforce Reserves and go to college to be a trauma responder. Eli wants to travel worldwide and cannot live without his car's karaoke microphone and his friends. Eli's favorite high school memory would have to be all his junior and senior years. Eli is involved in wrestling and baseball.

Eli looks good on every day that ends with a "Y!"



*LaDonna
Smith*

LaDonna's favorite TV show is "Two Broke Girls," and she can't live without her mocha frappuccino! She plans on going to college and becoming a teacher, but she wants to go wherever life takes her. LaDonna dances for JCHS, and her favorite high school memory is dancing at Busch Stadium two years in a row and once was even on her birthday!

LaDonna has been dancing for 11 years!



*Gavin
Trimble*

Gavin's favorite TV show is "The Middle," and he cannot live without the internet. He plans on attending JALC and would love to travel to Hawaii. He is part of the Art Club, and his favorite high school memory is Homecoming.

Gavin collects Rubik's Cubes and puzzle boxes!