

THE BLUE JAY NATION



“Proud Past, Bright Future”

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Salute To Our Veterans



WATCH ME

The Salute to our Veterans Night on October 15, 2021, was something that our community will never forget. Due to COVID, we held a Veterans Night on the football field before our Jefferson vs. Chaffee Football Game. We were able to secure over 65 American flags, along with flags that represented each branch of the military. We surrounded the perimeter of the football field with American flags that were being held by teammates from both the Jefferson and Chaffee football players and our cheerleaders. The Jefferson High School Band was instrumental throughout the entire program as was our Jefferson High School Choir. Our Veterans were able to walk or ride around the track while being saluted by all football players, band/choir members, cheerleaders, and spectators. The ceremony concluded with fireworks after we honored true American heroes. We cannot thank our Veterans enough for their service for our country. You are our Heroes!



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I Think I Can

A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of visiting one of our elementary classes. The teacher was presenting a writing prompt to some of our youngest students entitled “I can ...” which made me think of the story that many of us know from our childhood “The Little Engine That Could.”

As I walked away from that classroom, it reminded me of the never-ending challenges our district has experienced over the last 18 months and continue to experience. Our students and teachers have had to adapt to a new way of learning/teaching using a virtual platform. Students and staff alike have had to acclimate to social distancing in every aspect of campus life. So many of our staff members have had to jump in and help with duties that are not in their job descriptions due to staff shortages. Many, both young and old, have struggled with the absence of connecting personally with each other due to the social distancing requirements, both in a quarantined setting and throughout our buildings. I would venture to say that these challenges, as well as the fear of the unknown, have created depression and anxiety in the majority of us if we would simply admit it.

In the story mentioned above, the engine had broken down and simply could not go any further. The children on the other side of the mountain were not going to get their needs met nor would they have the extras in life. But that engine just could not go another inch!



Superintendent
Clint Johnston

Along came the new, shiny passenger engine, but he said, “It’s not my job!”
The big, strong freight engine said, “I am very important” and refused to help those in need.
The dingy, rusty, old engine was just too tired and said over and over, “I cannot, I cannot, I cannot.”
BUT along came the little, blue engine – though she was very little and had never been over to the other side of the mountain, she thought of the people on the other side who needed her. She chose to say YES and just kept reminding herself, “I think I can, I think I can, I think I can.”
The little, blue engine had a positive attitude – as a result, those who were stranded climbed aboard the little, blue engine, smiled, and encouraged the little, blue engine as she made her way over the mountain.

Just as the storybook reminded each of its readers, I want this article to remind us of the following:

- positive self-talk will get us over the mountains that we face in our daily lives;
- we all need each other;
- we need to maintain a positive attitude; and
- we need to encourage those who are struggling.

And just as the story ended, each of us will say, “I thought I could, I thought I could, I thought I could.”

Excerpts quoted from “The Little Engine That Could” by Watty Piper

Awards and Recognition

Danby Middle School A and B Honor Roll Students

1st Quarter 2021-2022 A Honor Roll

6th Grade

Ezekiel Bach
Olivia Bone
Parker Brown
Josie Bright
Damon Drysdale
Lily Ehrhardt
Alison Fish
Reese Harmon
Kate Haug
Lily Heenan
Liam Heizer
Vivian Hueter
Avery Humphrey

6th Grade Cont.

Scarlett Jones
Oliver Klump
Evan Martin
Fiona Sandboth
Ella Waltman
Reese White
Cameron Wideman
Andrew Wigger

7th Grade

Lorelei Brown
Kaelyn Cruz
Mackenzie Donjon
Haley Drury
Holden Green
Bryant Horn
Aubrey Kennedy
Olivia Lee
Kendall Neel
Candice Raymond
Brody Thomas
Talon Watson
Kyleigh Weiler

8th Grade

Autumn Bright
Braeden Caldwell
Brandon Chamberlin
Kiersten Cook
Nicholas Dougan
Louise Duepner
Cadence Earnest
Ella Fogelbach
Peyton Guffey
Natalie Haug
Ella Hueter
Emerson Selsor

1st Quarter 2021-2022 B Honor Roll

6th Grade

Gianna Barbagallo
Makaelynn Bolinger
Lucas Bradbrook
Samuel Cook
Charlee Dacus
Carmen Ferguson
Grace Flood
Isabella Gregory
Parker Hardy
Payton Joedicke

6th Grade Cont.

Riley Kent
Samuel Kerley
Jack Klump
Avery Koenig
Ethan Maris
Ella Meyer
Jayden Milfelt
Charles Petty
Kryslyn Poley
Kale Sanford
Ella Taylor
Garret Tindall
Chase Young

7th Grade

Brooke Bates
Evan Botkins
Zoie Bradley
Colton Broadwater
Deagyn Browning
Michael Budt
Hailey Chatfield-Coke
Amelia Clippard
Brandon Crader
Jacob Darmody
Kylie DeRousse
Grady Fallert
Truett Fallert
Dylan Grayum

7th Grade Cont.

Landon Hardy
Jacob Harmon
Daniel High
Alexander Hoff
Aiden Kentch
Carter Little
Lyla Marshall
Brennan Martin
Trey Robinson
Grayson Rundel
Lane Schnitzler
Reese Schnitzler
Jocelyn Sherfy
Olivia Sikes
Joshua Thieret
Ben Vandiver

8th Grade

Zander Bayer
Nathan Breier
Danielle Brown
Noah Buehler
Logan Burgard
Tyler Crader
Wilder Crump
Kingston Goodwin
Blake Hampton
Ryleigh Johnson
Nancy King

8th Grade Cont.

Gracie Lalumondier
Halayna Loyd
Caden Menkhus
Roberto Mijarez
Joshua Miller
Austin Mitchell
Baylor Pemberton
Gabrielle Peterein
Miley Reed
Waylon Shoopman
Mia Tindall

8th Grade Cont.

Lucy Van
Logan Vandeven
Matthew Waltman
Lacey Weiss
Matthew Wood

Congratulations to the Following Jefferson R-VII Music Students for Auditioning and Receiving All District Honors!

High School All District Choir



Left to Right: Mason Campbell, Lillian Sikes, Maseo Mercer

High School All Concert Band and Jazz Band



Left to Right: Cole Van, euphonium (Concert Band), Caleb Silipo, drums (Jazz Band), Kyle Lintzenich, tuba (Concert Band)

Middle School All Concert Band and Jazz Band



Left to Right: Brandon Chamberlin, alto saxophone (Jazz Band), Corey Diester, trombone (Concert Band and Jazz Band), Holden Green, trombone (Jazz Band), Gavin Green, alt-trumpet (Jazz Band)

Marching Band

On Saturday, Oct 2, the Jefferson High School Band participated in its first-ever marching parade competition at the Mark Twain Invitational in Center, MO. The band won the following awards.

Silver class:
Outstanding Percussion
Outstanding Music
2nd place



Naval Academy Summer Seminar and Missouri Girls State



Kelsey Henson was selected to attend the Naval Academy Summer Seminar, and she attended Missouri Girls State in the summer of 2021.

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)



Ava Roth was selected to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) in the summer of 2021. She was sponsored by the Festus/Crystal City Rotary Club.

Coast Guard Summer Seminar



Chase Politte was selected to attend the AIM program through the United States Coast Guard. The Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) is a one-week summer program exclusively for students entering their senior year of high school AIM is regarded as the most realistic of the service academy summer orientation programs.

Missouri Scholars Academy



Left to Right: Maison Leon and Elisha Clayton were selected to attend the Missouri Scholars Academy. This academy is an elite program where Maison and Elisha were two of approximately 330 sophomores across the state to attend. Unfortunately, it was not an in-person experience, but they were able to join virtually with great breakout sessions.

Truman State University Health Sciences Academy



Left to Right: Reagan Kennedy, Haley McClung, and Hannah Wigger attended the Truman State University Health Sciences Academy.

Missouri Boys State



Left to Right: Kyle Lintzenich and Nate Witte were selected to attend Missouri American Legion Boys State. Kyle attended in the summer of 2021 and Nate will attend in the summer of 2022.

Sophomore Pilgrimage



Left to Right: Malayne Lednick, Caycee Schwartz and Elisha Clayton attended the Sophomore Pilgrimage virtually in the spring of 2021. This is an honor to be selected, and it is sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Missouri.

Healthcare Profession Camp



Avery Richardson attending the Southeast Missouri Hospital Healthcare Professions Camp.

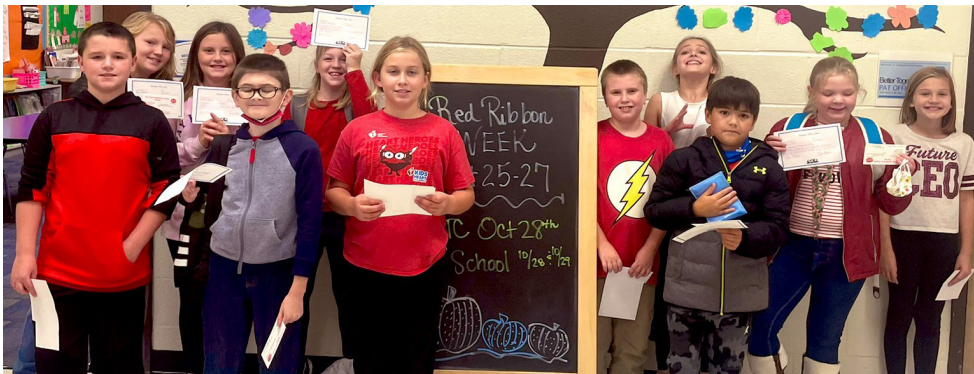
Proud Past!



Bright Future!

Awards and Recognition Continued

Telegraph Intermediate Positive Office Visits



Cross Country and Volleyball State Send-Off



Danby Middle School Game Changers



Proud Past!



Bright Future!

Information Updates

Jefferson R-VII Conducting a Traffic Study



The Jefferson R-VII School District is working with Cochran Engineering, Trekk Design Group, and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) to conduct a comprehensive traffic study from the intersection located at Interstate 55 / US Highway 61 at Exit 170 and the intersection at Weaver Road / US Highway 61.

Within the parameters of this study, the District hopes to learn more about traffic patterns, congested corridor areas, accident history data for the area in review, and recommendations to improve the patterns of transportation affecting our campus which encompasses three of our schools.

As a part of this review, the District is currently considering adding a traffic light at the intersection of Dooling Hollow / US Highway 61, a new entrance to Jefferson High School off of US Highway 61, and adding a possible third entrance that would be adjacent to the golf course entrance on the east side of the district properties. These considerations would create an internal corridor traffic design to relieve current congestion entering / exiting Jefferson High School, Danby-Rush Tower Middle School, and Telegraph Intermediate School.

The Board of Education has and will continue to receive input from our community and parents on these safety issues affecting our students and staff.

Final reports involving the traffic study will be provided to the Board during a regularly scheduled board meeting in December, 2021, or January, 2022. Please continue to monitor the district website for these informational items that will be posted on the site once these studies have been approved by the Board.



New Substitute Certification

Interested in becoming a substitute teacher in Missouri? Don't have the required 60 hours of college-level credits?

You can now obtain your certification to become a substitute teacher in Missouri through completing Frontline Substitute Teacher Training, as approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The training consists of approximately 20 hours of content specifically designed for substitute teachers and aligned to Missouri Teaching Standards. Upon completion, you will receive a Frontline Certificate of Completion demonstrating your readiness to obtain a Missouri substitute teacher license but more importantly, you'll have the confidence of knowing you are prepared to enter the classroom.

The self-paced courses cover the following topics:

- Substitute Teacher Fundamentals
- Leadership
- Professionalism & Ethics
- Diversity Awareness
- Bullying Prevention
- Legal Obligations
- Classroom Management
- Instructional Strategies
- Working with Students with Special Needs
- Working with At-Risk Students



SCAN ME

DESE Substitute Certification



SCAN ME

Missouri Substitute Registration

Important Information:

The cost for the full set of courses required to meet the Missouri substitute teaching requirement is \$180 plus any applicable taxes.

From the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education:
A Content Substitute certificate may NOW be granted to an individual who has successfully completed a minimum of twenty (20) clock hours of department-approved substitute teacher training. Technical assistance for any issues or questions regarding the online training is available in Frontline's Learning Center. Click the REGISTER NOW button below to get started.

Learn more: <https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/substitute-teachers>.



A WORD FROM OUR ADMINISTRATORS

Jefferson High School



David Haug

As our staff ventured into a new era of education in the fall of 2020, specifically developing daily lessons through the use of technology, there were many unknowns. The high

school staff spent time ensuring consistency when possible with the creation of lessons. One of the examples is the short video to outline the expectations for the week for students and parents to view. Despite the high level of stress that accompanies the complete revamping of instructional delivery, the staff preserved and developed a strong product.

We humbly understand that working with high school students and virtual instruction is completely different than working with elementary students. Our community should celebrate our staff and students as they worked together to venture into the unknown. Our philosophy as a high school staff regarding testing is that no test will define a student however, strong individual test scores create opportunities for our students.

As the initial state testing data is released, our End Of Course (EOC) data is a positive picture of our staff and student commitment to the learning process. All four areas (Algebra, Biology, English II, and Government) are strong in comparison to state averages. The EOC tests have changed in the past three years, making the process more difficult with little data to aid teachers as they prepare our students. The test scores will be released at the appropriate time.

Our ACT scores have been consistent with performance in the past. The Class of 2022 has an average ACT over 21 (out of a scale of 36) and that number will grow as they continue to take the ACT through their senior year. The embedded ACT Prep into daily lessons has continued through the pandemic. All students receive strong ACT test-taking strategies that benefit all students as they must take tests for certification in all fields now or in the future.

One of our new staff members in our district noted recently how little time is spent focusing on test scores and how much time is spent focusing on individual students. We have many advocates for students in our district and our commitment to each individual is our primary focus. The test results are a reflection of the entire student-focused process, strong curriculum and content delivery, and growth of all students and staff.

Danby-Rush Tower Middle



Cindy Holdinghausen

Learning is in full swing at the Middle School and this year seems to be going by so quickly! Our students have done an amazing job adjusting to the full time school schedule after more than a year of

distance and/or hybrid learning. It is wonderful to have all our students together again and back in their classrooms. The students are also excited to be back at school, and are weathering the adjustment to a full time schedule. Their accomplishments and perseverance are a testament to our parents.

I would like to commend our teachers for their continued integrity and professionalism. They have been an integral part of guiding our students through this transition. Their caring and dedication have become even more apparent as they help our students navigate, on a daily basis, the emotional and social stressors that have challenged the students upon their return to full time. It is a joyous opportunity to see young minds embrace learning, grow academically, and develop socially.

Middle School is a vital bridge between elementary school and high school. It is also a period when young people, often for the first time in their lives, begin actively seeking a sense of purpose and place. It is our job to provide them with these opportunities, while also keeping them engaged, challenged, and supported. Our children are gifts with limitless potential. Through the efforts of our entire school community, we can help them to develop their own unique skills and talents, and prepare them for continued success far beyond their early adolescent years.

Incredible things are happening in our school on a daily basis, and it is our goal to keep all of you informed through the Principal Newsletters and flyers which are shared via email, the district website, and on the Danby Twitter account (@DanbyRT). Please sign up to follow us if you would like to receive instant updates as they occur.

As always, thank you for being our partners in education by working with your child to enjoy learning and prepare them for a brighter future ahead.

Telegraph Intermediate



Dalaria Watson

It is hard to believe we are already into the holiday season! The school year is zooming by, and we will be in the second semester before we know it. So many events and traditions that we have

put on pause will hopefully resume this year with those we love. As we finish our first semester, I would like to offer my blessings to you during this season.

This year our holiday season continues traditions of the Canned Food and Personal Care Items Drive (Nov 1-30) and The Giving Tree (Nov 1-Dec 1), where we adopt families at Christmas time. If you are looking for ways to give back to the community, both of these events are great ways to bless others around us. Please contact any school office for more information about these events.

In the month of December, the PTO will host our Night with Santa on December 11. This event will be outside and across the campuses. I hope you make plans to attend. Also in December, we will host our winter party. While we are closely monitoring the pandemic, we are still wanting families and students to enjoy the events we have here at school together. Please be looking for information about these two events soon.

Who likes to be recognized? Well, many of our students do! Close to 100 have been to the office already this year. Each week we call up Positive Office Visits and B3 recipients for the day and take a picture to tweet or post. Their picture is also displayed in our building for everyone to celebrate them for being recognized as a student of character. Each day our teachers and students look for reasons to catch our peers going above and beyond. I am proud to say many of our students do this daily; however, they may not always get recognized. I hope in the coming months they will earn a trip to the office so we can celebrate with them. The busiest time of the year is knocking at our door our goal is to make the holidays a great season for all. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in the education of your child and be a part of your extended family. I am blessed to work in such a caring community. Happy Holidays from my family to yours!

Plattin Primary



Tina Basler

It is crazy to think that the first quarter has already passed us. It was great seeing so many parents coming in for parent/teacher conferences. Last year was difficult for all of us when we could not

make that face-to-face connection with our parents. It makes a huge difference when we can sit down across the table from you and share observations about your child. We hope from these interactions you can see the joy that your child brings to us each day. We value your input in helping us find the most successful route for your child's learning. Thank you for making those connections with your classroom teachers and with our school!

I would like to give a huge shout-out to our staff at Plattin Primary. The first quarter was difficult in terms of finding coverage at times when staff was out with illness. Many days we were left short-handed in our classrooms, kitchen, and for custodial duties. Our staff stepped up in many ways covering for each other, doing multiple extra duties, completing jobs and tasks that are not on their normal to-do list, and overall just offering support for each other. While many of them went home extra tired after these days, they still came to school every day with a smile on their face and ready to give their best for our staff and students. I would also like to give a shout-out to a few of our parents that stepped up in our time of need by applying as substitutes for our district. We are so grateful for their service to our school and district!

The holiday season is quickly approaching. We are fortunate to live in a very giving community. Year after year, our community continues to respond in great ways to help any family in need. Each year we adopt families from the R-7 Community and aid in the delivery of gifts and food for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you would like to donate through a gift/food donation this year or if you are a family in need, please feel free to contact us at 636-937-7170.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude in the blessings that I have at Jefferson R-7. It is an honor to work with a staff who continually seeks to learn and grow to provide the best for their students. It is a pleasure to come to work each and every day surrounded by your children. They challenge me, they make me laugh, and it brings me joy to watch them learn and grow so much each year. I wish all of you many blessings for a wonderful holiday season.

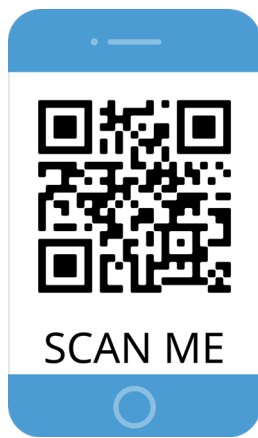
Upcoming District Events

Hoops for Hope



This is year 8 for the Hoops for Hope night. The JV Girls and Boys will play on Monday, January 31st, and the Varsity Girls and Boys on Tuesday, February 1st. We will have raffle items displayed both nights and will draw for all on Tuesday night. The proceeds will benefit families in need of assistance and also supports the Ly Ly Koenig Scholarships that are rewarded to one boy and one girl from this year's graduating class. Stay updated on this year's event on the HoopsforHopejeffersonvii Facebook page. If you would like to be a sponsor or would like to contribute to Hoops for Hope through a monetary donation or items that we may use for a raffle, please contact Bill Hammock at billhammock@hotmail.com, Andrea Hammock in the High School Counseling Center, or Lisa Lewis at lwigger@comtre.org.

To purchase a shirt or donate to the cause, please scan the QR code to the right.



A Night with Santa Event

JEFFERSON R7 PTO PRESENTS

SHARE THE MAGIC

A NIGHT WITH SANTA EVENT
THIS DECEMBER 11TH

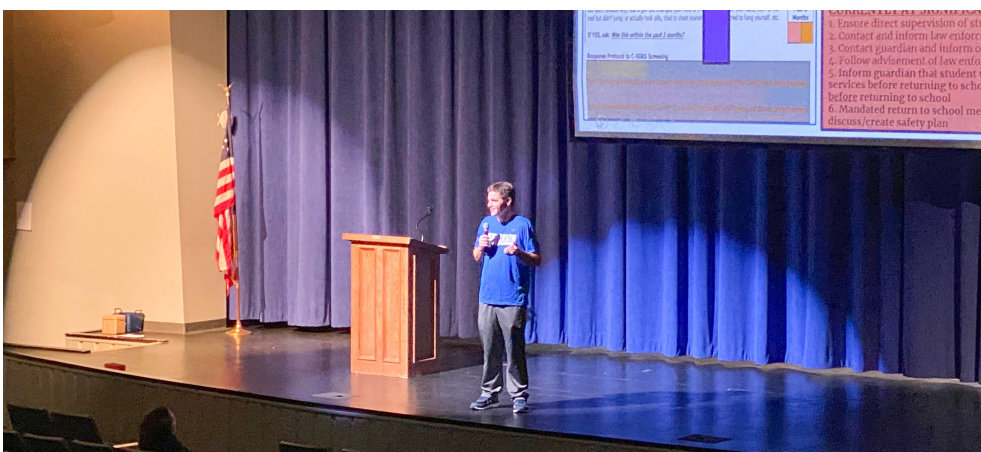
SAVE THE DATE FOR AN INCREDIBLE EVENING OF MAGIC FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

OUTSIDE EVENT FROM 6-9PM

PICTURES WITH PRANCER AND SANTA IN THE SLEIGH AT THE MAINTENANCE SHED (SIGN UP TIMES COMING), HOT CHOCOLATE AND MAGICAL TREATS ALONG THE WAY, LIGHTS AND GAMES AND CRAFTS, LIVE ANIMALS AND MORE...

SO MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY SO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CAN PLAN TO COME SHARE THE MAGIC

Wellness Fair





Homecoming



Jefferson High School celebrated Homecoming on Friday, October 8, 2021. Homecoming week featured the theme "Games," and the week culminated with the Blue Jays football game vs. Grandview (Jefferson won 49-0) on Friday. Other highlights from the week were the crowning of Gabby Beffa and Chase Politte as the Homecoming Queen and King, and Mrs. Janet Kocher serving as the Grand Marshall of the homecoming parade. The junior class won the float competition while the seniors won the spirit points throughout the week.



We kicked everything off with a great pep assembly at the football field with Danby Middle School. Then on Sunday night, we had the STUCO Bonfire. The blaze from the fire could be seen from miles away! District-wide dress up days for all K-12 students and decorated hallways and classrooms kept the energy level high all week. The students enjoyed many games during the pep assembly, and of course the "Mance Dance". Our week finished up with a fantastic homecoming dance, which was held outside of the school building.



By all accounts, it was a successful week. Preparations by JHS STUCO was absolutely fantastic. They wanted to ensure that all students (K-12) would be a part of the homecoming experience. Along with their efforts and many other individuals, the week was a success and a great representation of our students, school, and community. A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Wilkey, the Leadership Class, and STUCO for all their hard work to make this week such a success.



Pink Week



During the week of September 20th-24th, Jefferson High School participated in the annual Fall Pink Week. During the summer, the National Honor Society designed a t-shirt which promotes cancer awareness. These shirts are then sold district-wide and to the community to raise funds for a local Jefferson R-7 family battling cancer. To raise additional funds, NHS sold candy, cake pops, and wrist bands at the high school, worked in the concession stands at softball, volleyball and football games. We also had a cornhole tournament that many of our students took part in. "It has been a very successful project for NHS, and we were glad to honor Brittany Linderer, who has been battling cancer," said NHS sponsor Mrs. Runzi.

Brittany Linderer has been battling cancer for two years. Brittany is a parent in Platin Primary. She wanted to thank the Jefferson R-7 Community for their continued support. She also wants to thank her incredible family for everything that they have done for her.

Members of the National Honor Society were there to present a check to the Linderer family in the amount of \$6,000.

We would like to wish the Linderer Family nothing but the best as they move forward through this difficult time - remember the Jefferson R-7 Community is behind you and praying for you every day.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Runzi and the National Honor Society for all of their hard work this week to make this possible.



Gabby Beffa and Chase Politte as the Homecoming Queen and King.

Scan the QR code to watch the 2021 Homecoming recap video.



Cross Country



This year we had a smaller team but it was possibly one of our most close knit as many of these athletes have been together for 4 plus years. We also added Cole Van and Haley McClung onto our team this year, which were great surprises! The team started the season by setting individual goals for themselves to help guide and motivate them throughout the season. With these goals in mind, we started the season with our first race at Jackson, where the team started out strong earning 4 individual medals (CJ, Ian, Kaelyn, Payton). The season continued seeing more medals and personal bests for our runners. Several runners really started to come into their own as the season progressed, hitting their stride as they figured out how to run a 5K. Payton Easter, Ayla Karch, and Alex Breeze all had tremendous seasons, and we are looking forward to seeing what they will accomplish next year. We ran our district race at Arcadia Valley on October 30th, where we were fortunate enough to have 3 runners qualify for the state race on November 6th: Ian Ehrhardt, Payton Easter, and Hannah Wigger represented the Blue Jays in Columbia at the cross country championships, and capped off their amazing season with one more great race. We will be sad to say goodbye to several seniors this year that have left their lasting impact on this team. Jack Hueter, Sam Hawley, Katie Deevers, Hannah Wigger, and Haley McClung, you will all be missed.

Softball



The Blue Jay Softball Team was 5-21 this year, fighting injuries and other misfortunes that could not be avoided. The Lady Jays picked up big wins against Waynesville, a school that is 3 times our size, Herculeanum a Conference opponent and Desoto another large school conference opponent. The Lady Jays paved a way for future softballers, building a formidable foundation that will reverberate for years to come. Head Coach Robert Kuehnle stated "I was proud of these young ladies. Things weren't going their way this year, and they kept moving forward every day, doing what they needed to do so we can be where we need to be in the future," Softballers Morgan Figliolo, Allison Campbell, Lia Ott, Cami Menke, and Peyton Cattoor all received post season honors. Coach Kuehnle did add "We are going to miss our seniors. Alyssa Sullivan, Gabbie Bollinger, Peyton Cattoor, and Cami Menke all made sacrifices for our program that will help out future generations of softball players for years to come".

Varsity Volleyball



WHAT A SEASON! The Blue Jay Varsity Volleyball Team ended their season with a record of 33-7-1. This was the best record in program history; the previous being 30-7-0 from 2018-2019, Coach Tara Fish's first season as head coach.

The team played in several tournaments this fall, which was a great change from last season, getting back to a somewhat normal year. The team took 2nd place in the SEMO Dig for Life Tournament, playing Class 5 Rock Bridge in the championship. They were also invited to and took 2nd place in a Quad State Tournament held in Paducah, KY, losing to four-time Tennessee State Champion Briarcrest Christian in the championship. They also took 1st place in the Seckman tournament by beating the host school, Seckman Jaguars, who the Blue Jays ended the season with a 2-1 record against.

Not only did the Blue Jays have their best season record, but there were some amazing successes in the program as well. The team won the JCAA Conference for the first time in program history. They also won Districts for the second time, the first time being in 2014-2015, when the team earned their way to Quarterfinals. The biggest accomplishment was an appearance in the State Championships Final Four. In the first round, the Blue Jays faced 15-time state champion Hermann at the Class 3 level. The Blue Jays earned 3rd place in the State out of 80 Class 2 schools!

The Blue Jays would like to thank all of their supporters throughout the season, especially at the State Tournament, where they definitely had the largest crowd support! They would also like to thank those campers who came this summer to learn the game. Be on the lookout for upcoming events such as the Daddy Daughter Dance hosted in April!



Football



The 2021 Football season was one that will last for a long time in our memories. The varsity finished with a very respectable 7-3 record, beating 4 teams that played in week eleven and beyond. There were 7 offensive records broken this season, along with our defense posting the 2nd best points per game allowed in our school's history. Our JV had a fantastic season going 6-2. Our overall HS Program Record was 13-5, which is something to be extremely proud of. This group of young men got better week in and week out, while playing team football. They understood what it took to be successful, while following the paths of a Final Four team the year prior. That can be alot on a team, but not this one. This was a team. They played "us and we" football, not "me and I" football. That is something that they will always be able to take with them. We want to thank Blue Jay Nation for all of their support this year. We could not have done it without you!

JV Volleyball



The JV Volleyball Team finished their season with a record of 22-4! This includes an 11-0 record on their home court. The strength of this team was their ability to play as a team in every situation. Key wins this season included: Festus, St. Pius, Valle Catholic, Ste Gen, and Saxony Lutheran. The team was anchored by sophomores Bell Price, Beth Dalton, Grace Neels, Claire Barton, Valerie Duepner, Lili Smith, and Gracie Thomas. Combined with a freshman class of Megan Wood, Saej Bader, Mady Barbagallo, Maggie Wrigley, and Anna Senkel; the future of the program is very bright!

Middle School Fall Sports Season Recaps

Cross Country



This year's middle school cross country team was one of our largest on record, with 8 girls and 7 boys. It was also one of our hardest working and most successful teams. Throughout the season, we saw everyone's times and paces improve substantially, proving that hard work pays off. We brought home piles of medals and even a few plaques for both the boys' and girls' teams. As these runners grow, we know that the future of the cross country program is quite bright!

8th Grade Volleyball



The 8th grade volleyball team showed great growth throughout this season, on and off the court. They came into every practice and game ready to advance their skills and work on teamwork. The team worked hard to push themselves to be the best player they could, not only for themselves but their teammates. The team was extremely competitive and showed great potential for years to come!

The team started the year with a great start at the Ste. Genevieve Tournament, earning 1st place overall. The team ended with 12 wins and 4 losses. In conference, the team finished 4-0. The 8th grade team won the title of Conference Champions on October 19th at Danby Middle School.

7th Grade Volleyball



This 2021 season was a great season for many. We had many girls who have never played a team sport before, and their willingness to learn was fundamental to our success. We ended up placing first headed into the conference tournament and fell to Sunrise to take 2nd place overall. Each athlete contributed to the team in several ways, which is what made this year so special.

Football



The 2021 junior high football season was full of many challenges and had its ups and downs. The team started off their season with an exciting and impressive 46 to 8 victory over Perryville. They went on to battle through some tough competition with some very close games. This included a loss to Grandview that came down to the last play of the game. Despite the losses, though, this team got better every week. Finally, the team wrapped up their season with a major win on their home field against Herculaneum. They finished with a record of 2 and 4. I personally am very proud of the progress this team has made and look forward to watching them grow, on and off the field.



2021-2022 Winter Sports Schedule



Boys Basketball-HS					Girls Basketball-HS				
11/29 - 12/3	Duke Rolla Tournament	V	A	TBA	11/22 - 11/23	Jefferson JV Tourney	JV	H	5:30
11/29 - 12/1	Jefferson JV Tourney	JV	H	5:30	11/27 - 12/3	Valley Caledonia Tourney	V	A	TBA
Tue 7-Dec	Potosi	JV/V	A	5:30	Mon 6-Dec	*Desoto	JV/V	H	5:30
Fri 10-Dec	Arcadia Valley	JV/V	A	6:00	Thu 9-Dec	St. Paul Lutheran	JV/V	A	5:30
Tue 14-Dec	Seckman	9/JV/V	A	4:15	Mon 13-Dec	West County	JV/V	H	6:00
Fri 17-Dec	Ste Genevieve	9/JV/V	H	4:30	Thu 16-Dec	Oak Ridge	JV/V	A	5:30
Sat 18-Dec	Border War @ Perryville	V	A	TBA	Mon 20-Dec	*St. Vincent	JV/V	A	5:30
Tue 21-Dec	*St. Vincent	9/JV/V	A	4:30	12/27 - 12/30	WC/Kingston Xmas Tourney	V	A	TBA
Wed 22-Dec	Bayless	JV/V	A	5:30	12/27 - 12/29	Herky JV Xmas Tourney	JV	A	TBA
12/27 - 12/31	Park Hills Xmas Tourney	V	A	TBA	Mon 3-Jan	Kingston	JV/V	H	5:30
Tue 4-Jan	Kingston	JV/V	H	5:30	Thu 6-Jan	Arcadia Valley	JV/V	A	6:00
Wed 5-Jan	Hancock	JV/V	H	5:30	Wed 12-Jan	Valley R-6	JV/V	H	5:30
Tue 11-Jan	West County	JV/V	A	5:30	Mon 17-Jan	*Hillsboro	JV/V	H	5:30
Fri 14-Jan	Scott City	JV/V	A	6:00	Tue 18-Jan	Windsor	JV/V	A	5:30
Mon 17-Jan	Fredericktown	JV/V	A	5:30	Fri 21-Jan	*Herculaneum	JV/V	A	4:00
Fri 21-Jan	*Herculaneum	JV/V	A	5:30	Mon 24-Jan	*Crystal City	JV/V	A	5:30
Sat 22-Jan	Jefferson Shootout	9	H	8:00	Mon 31-Jan	*Grandview	JV	H	5:30
Tue 25-Jan	Valle Catholic	JV/V	H	5:30	Tue 1-Feb	*Grandview	V	H	5:30
Mon 31-Jan	*Grandview	9/JV	H	4:00	Thu 3-Feb	Bismarck	JV/V	A	5:30
Tue 1-Feb	*Grandview	V	H	7:00	Mon 7-Feb	Bayless	JV/V	H	5:30
Fri 4-Feb	*Crystal City	JV/V	A	5:30	Thu 10-Feb	*St. Pius	JV/V	H	5:30
Tue 8-Feb	*Festus	9/JV/V	H	4:30	Wed 16-Feb	Valle Catholic	JV/V	H	6:00
Fri 11-Feb	*St. Pius	JV/V	H	5:30	2/19 - 2/25	District Tourney	V		
Tue 15-Feb	St. Paul Lutheran	JV/V	H	5:30					
2/19 - 2/25	District Tourney	V							

Boys MS Basketball Schedule					Girls MS Basketball Schedule				
11/22-11/23	7th Herculaneum Tourney	7th	A	TBA	11/22-11/23	7th Herculaneum Tourney	7th	A	TBA
11/22-11/23	8th Crystal City Tourney	8th	A	TBA	11/22-11/23	8th Crystal City Tourney	8th	A	TBA
Tue 30-Nov	*Windsor	7/8	H	5:00	Tue 30-Nov	*Windsor	7/8	A	5:00
Thu 2-Dec	*Sunrise	7/8	A	6:00	Thu 2-Dec	*Sunrise	7/8	A	5:00
Tue 7-Dec	*Perryville	7/8	H	5:00	Tue 7-Dec	*Perryville	7/8	A	5:00
Tue 14-Dec	*Grandview	7/8	H	5:00	Tue 14-Dec	*Grandview	7 only	H	5:00
Mon 20-Dec	Ste. Genevieve	7/8	A	5:00	Mon 20-Dec	Ste. Genevieve	7/8	H	5:00
Thu 6-Jan	*Crystal City	7/8	A	5:00	Thu 6-Jan	*Crystal City	7/8	H	5:00
Mon 10-Jan	Hillsboro	7/8	H	5:00	Mon 10-Jan	Hillsboro	7/8	A	5:00
Thu 13-Jan	*Herculaneum	7/8	A	5:00	Thu 13-Jan	*Herculaneum	7/8	H	5:00
Tue 18-Jan	*Desoto	7/8	A	5:00	Tue 18-Jan	*Desoto	7/8	H	5:00
Thu 20-Jan	*Festus	7/8	A	5:00	Thu 20-Jan	*Festus	7/8	H	5:00
1/24-1/27	7th JCAA Tourney	7th		TBA	1/24-1/27	7th JCAA Tourney	7th		TBA
1/24-1/27	8th JCAA Tourney	8th		TBA	1/24-1/27	8th JCAA Tourney	8th		TBA

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Archery				
Tue 11-Jan	Home	V/JV/9/D	H	
Thu 13-Jan	Fox High School	V	A	
Wed 19-Jan	Home	D	H	
Sat 22-Jan	Kingston	V/JV/9/D	A	
Sat 29-Jan	Home	V/JV/9/D	H	
Sat 5-Feb	St. Clair	V/JV/9/D	A	
Tue 8-Feb	Home	V/JV/9	H	
Thu 10-Feb	Home	V	H	
Sat 12-Feb	DeSoto	V/JV/9/D	A	
Sat 19-Feb	Kingston	V/JV/9/D	A	



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