

THE BLUE JAY NATION



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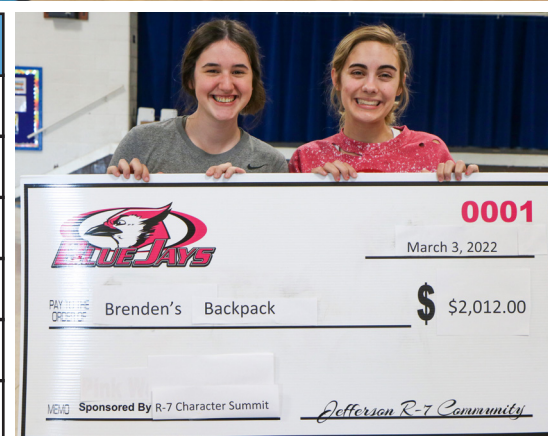
March 2022

Brenden's Backpack



For the month of February, our school district and community have been collecting snack food items and monetary donations for Brenden's Backpack, a program that provides food to students in need in and around Jefferson County. This program currently serves 1,400 students on a weekly basis throughout the school year.

School	Items Donated	Money Donated
Plattin	8,087	152.00
Telegraph	4,681	238.00
Danby	8,901	400.00
Jefferson	4,567	0
District-Wide	0	1,222.00
Total	26,236	\$2,012.00



I am happy to report that in typical Blue Jay Nation style, our community has blown this food drive out of the park! Congratulations to the Danby Middle School for collecting the most food items and receiving the most in monetary donations. They will be awarded a doughnut breakfast within the next week!

The need never ends for the Brenden's Backpack Program. Please be mindful of them when you are at the grocery store and pass the snack food aisles. You are always welcome to drop off food donations throughout the year for this program (be sure to label them "Brenden's Backpack"). We will be happy to see to it that the donations are delivered to their warehouse location.

Great job, students, parents, staff, and community members!



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The Joy of Helping Others

Throughout the first two months of second semester, Jefferson R-VII School District has continued with our commitment to helping students, families, and community members who are in need with our Pink Week Game as well as through our support of the Brenden's Backpack program. Time and time again, I find myself overwhelmed with pride and emotion as I watch our students, staff and community give to others in need. From Plattin Primary's and Telegraph Intermediate's "Be a Better Bystander" program, to Danby Middle and Jefferson High School's "Who Am I" character education program, we continue to see our students grow to become amazing representatives of our community.

Too many times in education, we forget that there is more to the education business than taking tests and meeting annual performance expectations. The efforts of our students within these programs remind us that in life, leading with your heart is just as important, if not more important, than leading with your brain.

Please take a few minutes and look at the articles in this edition of the Blue Jay Nation which highlights thousands of dollars given and more than 26,000 food items donated to help others in need. I would challenge each of you reading this article to strive to be like our students as they work very hard every day to help others around them. It is truly a joy to be blessed with the opportunity to lead such a fabulous group of students and staff in the Jefferson R-VII School District. I hope this issue of the Blue Jay Nation provides you with as many smiles as it has me!



Superintendent
Clint Johnston

Awards and Recognition

Danby Middle School A and B Honor Roll Students

2nd Quarter 2021-2022 A Honor Roll

6th Grade

Ezekial Bach	Avery Humphrey	Grady Fallert
Gianna Barbagallo	Scarlett Jones	Truett Fallert
Olivia Bone	Oliver Klump	Holden Green
Parker Bowen	Avery Koenig	Victoria Guseva
Josie Bright	Evan Martin	Bryant Horn
Charlee Dacus	Fiona Sandbothe	Aubrey Kennedy
Damon Drysdale	Ella Waltman	Olivia Lee
Lily Ehrhardt	Reese White	Kendall Neel
Alison Fish	Cameron Wideman	Carter Petero
Reese Harmon	Andrew Wigger	Candice Raymond
Kate Haug		Lane Schnitzler
Lily Heenan		Olivia Sikes
Liam Heizer		Landon Taylor
Vivian Hueter		Talon Watson

7th Grade

Brooke Bates	Olivia Sikes
Mackenzie Donjon	Landon Taylor
Haley Drury	Talon Watson
	Kyleigh Weiler

8th Grade

Autumn Bright
Danielle Brown
Braeden Caldwell
Brandon Chamberlin
Kiersten Cook
Louise Duepner
Cadence Earnest
Ella Fogelbach
Peyton Guffey
Natalie Haug
Ella Hueter
Halayna Loyd
Emerson Selsor

1st Quarter 2021-2022 B Honor Roll

6th Grade

Makaelyn Bolinger	Trinity Meagher	Lorelei Brown	Aiden Kentch
Parker Bowen	Ella Meyer	Deagyn Browning	Carter Little
Lucas Bradbrook	Jayden Milfelt	Michael Budt	Lyla Marshall
Kendall Cook	Charles Petty	Amelia Clippard	Eli Metiva
Carmen Ferguson	Kryslyn Poley	Kaelyn Cruz	Madeline Pruitt
Isabella Gregory	Ella Taylor	Jacob Darmody	Renee Reuther
Payton Joedicke	Parker Taylor	Brody Diester	Trey Robinson
Riley Kent	Garret Tindall	Haley Ditch	Grayson Rundel
Samuel Kerley	Chase Young	Devin Forister	Reese Schnitzler
Jack Klump		Dylan Grayum	Jocelyn Sherfy
Cole Kuechler		Jacob Harmon	Brody Thomas
Ethan Maris		Daniel High	Blayne Wilson
		Alexander Hoff	Greyson Wondell

8th Grade

Aiden Allen	Kingston Goodwin	Roberto Mijarez	Lucy Van
Addison Beffa	Blake Hampton	Joshua Miller	Logan Vandeven
Nathan Breier	Levi Heacock	Baylor Pemberton	Matthew Waltman
Logan Burgard	Ryleigh Johnson	Brooklynn Rapp	Matthew Wood
Tyler Crader	Nancy King	Miley Reed	
Wilder Crump	Caden Menkhus	Waylon Shoopman	
	Addison Meyer	Gavin Thomason	

Jefferson High School Honor Roll Students

Academic Prestige (4.0 GPA for semester)

9th Grade

Madelyn Barbagallo	Ava Nobles	Anna Firle	Mikailah Frey
Addison Brunts	Carter Vaughn	Clayton Fogelbach	Addison Heine
Josie Clonts	Madison Whited	Jadyn McCarty	Maison Leon
Carleigh Cook	Caleb Wigger	Hailey Pruitt	Maclayne McPeters
Aiden Dowd	Mallory Wilkey	Cole Robinson	Ava Roth
Delana Epperson	Megan Wood		Caycee Schwartz
Claire Goodwin	Margaret Wrigley		Paige Siebert
Reese Humphrey			Christina Walsh
Ayla Karch			Ava Wright
Gavin Meyer			

10th Grade

Jordan Becker	Nathan Bernatow	Emma Breier
Valerie Duepner	Elisha Clayton	

11th Grade

Joshallen Bennett	Christina Walsh
	Ava Wright

12th Grade

Andrew Breeze	Gracie Friedmeyer	Elyceo Mercer	Emily Sullivan
Teagan Capstick	Jacob Holdinghausen	Gracey Moon	Kiersten Vandeven
Peyton Cattoor	David Hollenberg	Abby Obermeyer	Peyton Weiler
Jeremiah Chipps	Jackson Hueter	Ludovica Pascarella	Nathaniel Witte
Kaylie Cook	Reagan Kennedy	Kayla Peterein	
Maggie Cornell	Paige Kidkul	Lillian Sikes	
	Kyle Lintzenich	Caleb Silipo	

High Honor Roll (3.6-3.99 GPA for semester)

9th Grade

Saej Bader	Olivia Kentch	10th Grade	11th Grade
Robert Cannon	Mayci Kuechler	Alexander Breeze	Hailee Buehler
Patience Crump	Benjamin Letendre	Nathaniel Breeze	Kirstyn Loyd
Jacqueline Darmody	Jacob Naeger	Michael Daniels	Riley Duvall
Jace Dowd	Nolan Naucke	Heidi Earls	Maseo Mercer
Maverick Goodwin	Cecelia Ott	Peyton Perdun	Brooklyn Stubbert
Aubree Hall	Bronwyn Roesch	Christopher Richardson	Katie Wondell
	Camille Schmitz	Liliana Smith	
		Madison Travis	

12th Grade

Gabrielle Beffa	Nolan Chamberlin	Grace Holdinghausen	Morgan Todd
Lucas Breeze	Jackson Combs	Elizabeth Maness	Macie Waddell
William Breeze	Karter Dowd	Alana Nelms	
Chloe Burgard	Sophie Firle	Chase Politte	
	Kelsey Henson	Abriella Smith	

Honor Roll (3.0-3.59 GPA for semester)

9th Grade

Hunter Bushnell	Payton Easter	Joseph Manno	Caleb Passet
Logan Campbell	Nathan Edington	Wyatt McDaniel	Gracie Pawlak
Halie Coleman	Natalie Felgenhauer	Brooklyn Mercer	Alexander Roth
Jillian Cornman	Anna Hardy Senkel	Emma Newsom	Jacob Watkins
	Camiah Manuel	Mitchell Obermeyer	Landon Weiss

10th Grade

Claire Barton	Amber Degeare	Zoey Nelms	Levi Stokes
Paige Beffa	Jacob Doza	Bennett Pemberton	Ian Strohmeier
Rylee Bellon	Madison Firestine	Danielle Peterein	Mallory Thomas
Rylee Blake	Jodie Forister	Isabella Price	Kaleb Weiler
Savannah Brown	Logan Flecke	Ella Pullen	Coben Whitener
Brandon Burford	David Link	Anna Rawe	Kole Williams
Landon Clayton	Michahlynn Meyer	Ryan Ruble	Madyson Young
	Grace Neels	Ethan Self	

11th Grade

Konner Armstrong	Kristen Hopkins	Latecia Recendiz	Rabaab Tsoka
Allison Campbell	Camren Johnson	Avery Richardson	Sean Usery
Mason Campbell	Malayne Lednick	Madison Robbins	Cole Van
Joseph Darmody	Cassandra Nash	Kayden Rundel	Chloe Vaughn
Madeline Earnest	Kaelyn Nilson	Brady Sadler	Paige Wagner
Katelyn Gowen	Ava O'Neal	Bryce Shepard	Brynn Wilson
	Greta Plyler	Samuel Stokes	

12th Grade

Kyla Allen	Hanna Duban-Barnes	Michael Pashos
Dalton Cummings	Madison Edmond	Colton Richardson
Taylor Daugherty	Caleb Fears	Lydia Strohmeier
Katie Deevers	Reagan Hill	Alyssa Sullivan
Kyle Deevers	Robert Hurley	Nicholas Sullivan
Alexander Demille-Thomason	Jordan Klinker	Paige Theodoro
	Haley McClung	Peyton Waters
	Francisco Mijarez	Hannah Wigger

Awards and Recognition Continued

2022 Spelling Bee All-Around Success



The Annual Jefferson R-7 Spelling Bee, held in the Performing Arts Center on February 11, 2022, was a huge success. There were 47 contestants from third through sixth grade. Our commentator/pronouncer Ms. Blythe did a great job of hosting the event. Judges for the event were, Cassie Peterin, Nicole Barton, and Megan Guffey. Thank you to parents who studied and helped to prepare their child for the event. Students are given a study list to prepare for the event. On the day of the event they are asked to say the word, spell the word, and say it again. Many of them use tools to help them identify and spell the words. We completed over 5 rounds to determine a winner. Our second place tie was broken after 5 additional rounds of spelling. The top five spellers ranged in grades 3-6. It was a great representation of students.

The Champion and First Place Runner Up both received a year subscription to Britannica Kids Encyclopedia, as well as monetary prizes donated by the Jefferson R-7 PTO. The Champion has the opportunity to go on to the St. Louis based Scripps Spelling Bee at McKendree University. All participants are to be commended for their spelling excellence and scholarly participation in an academic competition spelling bee.

Two 6th graders, Zeke Bach and Kate Haug made it to the final round competing against 4th grader, Kadence Drysdale. Kadence pulled out the win, but Kate and Zeke went head to head in an intense battle for 2nd place. Kate was the victor and will take Kadence's place if she is unable to compete in the St. Louis Post Dispatch Semi-final Bee that is being held virtually on Saturday, March 5th. The final Bee will be held at Lindenwood University on March 12th.

We wish Kadence the best of luck in the final round of competition.



1st Place: Kadence Drysdale (4th grader)

2nd Place: Kate Haug (6th grader)



Scan the QR Code to watch the 2022 Spelling Bee.

2022 Quiz Bowl

The Jefferson County Academic Quiz Bowl takes place each school year amongst participating middle schools in Jefferson County and Perry County. This year, the Quiz Bowl was hosted at Festus Middle School where 9 middle schools competed for the championship. Categories included topics such as Science, Math, ELA, The Arts, Pop Culture, History, and Geography. A new category, The 2021-2022 Truman Award Nominated Books, was also featured in the Quiz Bowl Competition.

competition, beating Hillsboro in a tie-breaker round. The 8th Grade Quiz Bowl team took 3rd place in the competition.



This year, the 7th Grade Quiz Bowl team took 1st Place in the

Seventh grade team took first place at the Annual Jefferson County Quiz Bowl.



Eighth Grade Team: Logan Burgard, Braeden Caldwell, Louise Duepner, Natalie Haug, Levi Heacock, Ella Hueter, Baylor Pemberton, and Aiden Usery.



Seventh Grade Team: Brody Diester, Olivia Lee, Alex Meyer, Kendall Neel, Candice Raymond, Grayson Rundel, Lane Schnitzler, Kyleigh Weiler.

Mock Trial Team



The Mock Trial Team participated in their first competition in January and won their first match against Ursuline Academy. They lost in the last round to Kirkwood last month.



Awards and Recognition Continued

Senate Hall Art Exhibition



The Senate Hall Art Exhibition showcases Fine Arts programs in all 34 Senate Districts. Missouri's Senators had the opportunity to view and select their favorite artworks that were submitted to their Senatorial district. Jefferson R-VII's Katie Devers artwork was selected for District 3! Katie's artwork will be on display in the Senate hallway from March 2022 through February 2023.

Mural at Jefferson High School



Senior, Will Breeze, was selected to paint on the back stairwell at Jefferson High School. The R-7 community voted on three different designs he had sketched out. With over 350 votes, this was the design chosen and is now completed. Thank you Will Breeze for adding your amazing artwork to our school.

High School Honor Band

- Ayla Karsh - flute
- Lydia Strohmeier - flute
- Lillian Sikes - clarinet
- Kayla Peterein - clarinet
- Addy Brunts - clarinet
- Elly Maness - alto saxophone
- Abby Obermeyer - trumpet
- Cole Van - baritone
- Kyle Lintzenich - tuba

Middle School Honor Band

- Rilee Whited - clarinet
- Alayna Cheung - clarinet
- Brandon Chamberlin - alto saxophone
- Austin Mitchell - alto saxophone
- Matthew Waltman - tenor saxophone
- Zach Cavanaugh - baritone saxophone
- Gavin Green - trumpet
- Waylon Shoopman - trumpet
- Kendra Griffin - trumpet
- Olivia Sikes - french horn
- Reese Schnitzler - french horn
- Corey Diester - trombone
- Holden Green - trombone



All-District Middle School Honor Choir



On February 12, 2022, five students were selected to participate in the All-District Middle School Honor Choir 2022 hosted at Rickman Auditorium on the Fox Campus. These students had the unique opportunity to sing under the direction of Dr Ryan Beeken from Wichita State University. Congratulations to Kayla Campbell, Bailey Rouggy, Kaia Stanley, Olivia Sikes, and Bryant Horn on an outstanding performance!



Bandemonium



Archery Headed to State



Junior Kaelyn Nilson will be representing JHS at state for both bullseye and 3D archery after putting up a score of 285 in both disciplines.



Aiden Dowd is headed to state after he put up a score of 285 on bullseye.

District Announcements

Deputy Superintendent



The Jefferson R-VII Board of Education is pleased to announce that David M. Haug has been named as the Deputy Superintendent for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mr. Haug is no stranger to Blue Jay Nation, as he has been serving as an administrator in the district for the past 11 years. Mr. Haug originally joined the district as the Director of Student Services. After his second year in that role, he was promoted to the high school principal position, where he has served for the last 9 years. Mr. Haug will be working in his new role with the retiring superintendent during the superintendent's final year to ensure a smooth transition for Mr. Haug into the role of Superintendent effective July 1, 2023.

Prior to Jefferson, Mr. Haug's administrative experience included Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Potosi High School, Principal at South Iron High School, and District Activities Director at North St. Francois County. Mr. Haug has 19 years of administrative experience.

New Jefferson High School Principal



The Jefferson R-VII Board of Education voted unanimously in a special board session to hire Alex Rouggy as Principal of Jefferson High School effective July 1, 2022. He is currently serving as the Director of Student Services at Jefferson High School and has been with the Jefferson R-VII School District for the past seven years.

Mr. Rouggy has been in education for 17 years. Prior to Jefferson, he taught at the Hillsboro R-3 School District for 10 years.

MAP Testing Information and Dates

Later this school year, your child will be participating in the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) for their assigned grade levels. These assessments are designed to evaluate students' progress toward the Missouri Learning Standards. Grade-Level Assessments provide important information that contributes to decisions concerning individual students, groups of students, and educational programs. Assessments are given in the subject areas of Communication Arts (grades 3-8), Mathematics (grades 3-8) and Science (grades 5 and 8).

A policy statement, adopted by the Missouri State Board of Education, designated the purposes of the Missouri Assessment Program as:

- Improving students' acquisition of important knowledge, skills and competencies;
- Monitoring the performance of Missouri's education system;
- Empowering students and their families to improve their educational prospects; and
- Supporting the teaching and learning process.

The effectiveness of an assessment program depends on the wise choice of assessment methods, appropriate administration procedures and accurate interpretation of results.

The Grade-Level Assessments include multiple types of questions or items:

- Selected Response (also known as multiple choice) items are composed of a question followed by a series of possible responses. Students must select the correct response or responses.

- Constructed Response or Short Text items require students to supply an appropriate response rather than making a selection from a list of choices.
- Performance Tasks/Events allow students to work through more complicated items using real-world scenarios.
- Technology Enhanced items make use of technology in the presentation of the item, the ways in which students respond, or both. For example, students might listen to a story and then drag and drop labels into a diagram, or click on specific parts of a text to provide a response.

Your child's Individual Student Report (ISR), includes an Achievement Level, which will describe his or her performance as Below Basic, Basic, Proficient, or Advanced. The report will also include a short description of the knowledge and skills that are typically demonstrated by students in each Achievement Level. Once the reports are made available to the District, parents will be informed about their child's progress.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) publishes a Guide to Interpreting Results (GIR) that provides additional details about the content of the Individual Student Reports. The GIR is available on the DESE website at <http://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/assessment/grade-level>

Students in grades 3-5 will take the MAP test the week of April 25th-29th. Students in grades 6-8 are scheduled to take the test the week of May 9th-13th.

Meet the Candidates Night

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022
at 6:30 pm in the PAC**



Election Day

**Tuesday,
April 5, 2022**

District Announcements

River Educational Summit



100th Day of School



The Character Summit group from Plattin, Telegraph, Danby, and Jefferson went around to all staff members in the district and passed out 100 Grand bars along with a card that read "It may be the 100th day, but you're worth 100 GRAND to Jefferson R-VII! Thank you for all you do!" A simple gesture brought so many smiles across the district.



Spikes, Strikes, & Hoops Golf Tournament

June 24th, 2022

4 Player Scramble
(age 21 and older)

\$340 Per Team

Breakfast, Lunch & Beverages Included

9am Shotgun Start
Crystal Highlands Golf Course
3030 US-61, Festus, MO. 63028

All Money raised will help support JHS Athletics
To Register- Fill out the form below & send your Registration Form and Check to:



Jefferson High School
c/o Spikes, Strikes, & Hoops Golf Tournament
7 Blue Jay Way
Festus, MO 63028



TURN IN BY JUNE 3rd (1st 36 teams guaranteed)

Player 1- Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____
Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

Player 2- Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____
Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

Player 3- Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____
Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

Player 4- Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____
Address: _____ E-Mail: _____



Spikes, Strikes, & Hoops Golf Tournament SPONSORSHIPS

Golf Tournament Sponsorship Levels

- HOLE Sponsor - Cost \$125**
 - Includes: Sponsorship marker placed on a hole on the course
- REGISTRATION Sponsor - Cost \$300**
 - Includes: Your NAME displayed on a Recognition Sign located at the Registration Table
- LUNCH Sponsor - Cost \$600**
 - Includes: Registration for ONE TEAM
 - Your NAME displayed on a Recognition Sign located at the Luncheon Buffet

All Money raised will help support JHS Athletics
To Sponsor- Complete the Sponsorship Form and mail the completed form and money to:



Jefferson High School
c/o Spikes, Strikes, & Hoops Golf Tournament
7 Blue Jay Way
Festus, MO 63028



Name of Sponsor: _____
Type of Sponsorship: _____

Spikes, Strikes & Hoops Tournament Details

Friday, June 24, 2022
4 Player Scramble - Cost \$340 per team
9am Shotgun Start
Crystal Highlands Golf Course in Festus, Missouri

Save the Dates

Jefferson High School
Page 2 Stage Players Present

Seussical JR.

BOOK BY LYNN AHRENS & STEPHEN FLAHERTY
MUSIC BY STEPHEN FLAHERTY LYRICS BY LYNN AHRENS
CONCEIVED BY LYNN AHRENS, STEPHEN FLAHERTY
AND ERIC IDLE
Based on the Works of DR. SEUSS

Friday, March 18 @ 7 pm
Saturday, March 19 @ 7 pm
In the Performing Arts Center
Tickets must be purchased in advance
Adults \$8 Students \$3
<https://r7pac.ludus.com/16122>

SEUSSICAL JR. is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (MTI). All authorized materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShow.com

KIDS KORNER SUMMER CAMP

SESSION 1
JUNE 1ST- JUNE 30TH

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

SESSION 2
JULY 5TH - JULY 29TH
6:00 A.M. -6:00 P.M.

OPEN TO STUDENTS
ENTERING KDG-STUDENTS WHO
HAVE COMPLETED 5TH GRADE.

ENROLL NOW SPACE IS
LIMITED.
ENROLL BY APRIL 22ND

OUR ACTIVITIES
ARTS CRAFTS,
GROUP GAMES,
SPECIAL GUESTS
FIELD TRIPS
FREE PLAY
AND MORE

CONTACT CRAIG WILSON AT
636-209-8491 WILSONC@JR7.K12.MO.US

Summer School Dates for Danby & Jefferson

Tuesday, May 24th through
Wednesday, June 15th

Please fill out the online application form on our website or scan the QR codes.

Jefferson Enrollment Danby Enrollment



**Jefferson R-VII
Kindergarten Registration**
March 17 - 10am-7:30pm

Jefferson R-VII Kindergarten Registration

Jefferson R-VII School District will hold kindergarten registration on March 17th for all incoming 2022 kindergarten students. Eligible students should turn age 5 before August 1, 2022 and live in the Jefferson R-VII School District. The registration event will be held at Platin Primary. Registration will be by appointment only. Please call 636-937-7170 beginning March 1 to make an appointment. If your child is currently enrolled in the Jefferson R-VII Preschool Program, a separate event will be held for you. More information will be shared by your PREK teacher.

If you have a child ready for kindergarten but are unable to attend registration, please notify the school for enrollment purposes.

MR. JHS
★ April 23, 2022 ★
7 p.m. in the PAC

Admission: \$5 (includes 1 audience vote)
Additional votes can be purchased for \$1 a piece

Fundraiser benefits the English department and the club/team represented by the winning boy.

June 1 — June 30
8:00am — Noon
Grades K — 6th

Summer School 2022

Jefferson R7 Summer School

It's time to start planning for summer school! Any R7 student is welcome to attend summer school. The elementary program will be available for students entering grades Kindergarten through 6th grade for the 2022-2023 school year. The program will be taught by R7 teachers and will provide instruction to all students in the core areas of reading, writing, and math. In addition, students will receive weekly classes in physical education. This year's program will be offered the whole month of June beginning June 1 and running through June 30. **There will be no school May 20 - May 31 and no school on June 20.** It will be a half-day program operating from 8am until noon. The Jefferson R-VII School District WILL provide transportation, but food service will NOT be provided for breakfast or lunch. This summer school program will operate from the Telegraph Intermediate Building. The program is FREE. Before and after-school childcare will be available (tuition costs do apply) through our Kids Korner program—please contact Coach Wilson at 636-208-8491 for more details.

Enrollment is NOW OPEN!! **Return the registration paperwork to school by April 13** so that we can plan accordingly for our classrooms. Applications received after the deadline may be subject to a waiting list due to enrollment numbers.

F.A.Q.'S

- Dates?** June 1 - June 30 (no school June 20)
- Times?** 8:00am - noon daily
- Where?** Telegraph Intermediate
- Who can attend?** Any R7 student that is entering grades K - 6th in August
- Will buses run?** Yes
- What about food?** No, we will not be serving breakfast or lunch. Students may bring a snack from home.
- Kids Korner?** Will operate before and after school hours during summer school. Rates do apply.
- How do I register?** Fill out the two-sided enrollment form and return to school by April 13.





Court Warming



Jefferson High School celebrated our 9th annual Courtwarming Week February 7th – 11th. The goal of Courtwarming week is to support winter sports, build school spirit and raise money for Missouri Special Olympics. Throughout the week, students participated in spirit days and competed for spirit beads. The week was capped off with our boys basketball game versus St. Pius where we named Jack Hueter and Mallory Rarick as the 2022 Spirit King and Queen.



To view the pep assembly video scan the QR code.

Hoops for Hope

During the last week in January, the Jefferson R-7 community came together and celebrated our 8th Annual "Hoops for Hope" nights with our high school basketball programs. It was a great couple of nights of our community coming out and supporting the local families that were honored and also supporting the basketball teams, all for a great cause.

The two nights involved 5 high school basketball games, raffles, and a silent auction all to help raise awareness and help a local family in need.

We would like to thank the Linderer Family for sharing their story with everyone. We wish you nothing but the best moving forward and please know that the entire Blue Jay Nation is behind you 100%.

We would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU to Bill and Andrea Hammock and also Lisa Wigger who are the organizers of this event. They have worked tirelessly over the past few months to make this night a success. With their hard work and the help from the community and the sponsors listed below, the Linderer Family was given a \$7,000 check to help with ongoing medical costs.

We would also like to thank the people and companies that helped sponsor the event:

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| American Family Insurance - Bob Naucke | Pasta House |
| Berkshire Hathaway Alliance Real Estate - Ruben Leon | Pogolino's Pizza |
| Breeze Dental Care | Precision Painters - Tim Naucke |
| Cardin' Kids | Representative Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway |
| Chestnut Health Systems | Sapaugh GM Power |
| Gershman Mortgage - Neal Forester | Shelter Insurance - Ricky Watson |
| Hillsboro Dental - Jason Fish | The Koenig Family |
| Hoods Home Center | The McGraw Family |
| Kadean Construction | The Peterein Family |
| Lucas Smith | Thomas Industrial Coatings |
| Main Key Realty - Dara Riney | Tire Bargains |
| | Twin City Toyota |
| | USA Mortgage - Justin Neel |

Cheer



9th Grade Basketball



JV Girls Basketball



Danby Archery



Dance



JV Boys Basketball



9th Grade Archery



JV Archery





Varsity Boys Basketball



The Jefferson Boys Basketball team finished the season with a record of 8-18. While it was a frustrating season as far as wins and losses, I was very happy with the improvement each player, and the team, showed from the very practice to the end of the season. We played in a lot of close and exciting games and our home crowd was great, creating an awesome atmosphere for the boys to be a part of. It's one of the best groups of young men I've had the pleasure of being a part of and I can't thank them enough for the sacrifice, effort, and dedication they brought every single day. I'm very proud of each of them and the positive attitudes they brought to the program.

Varsity Girls Basketball



The Jefferson Girls Basketball team finished the season with a record of 4-21. We gained five varsity players who did not play last year which was a great addition. Having eight seniors on the court brought so much leadership and camaraderie to the team, which gave the underclassmen a glimpse into what it takes to lead next season. We had a lot of close games and tough losses throughout, but the "never quit" attitude always remained. This season was the most fun I have had coaching and I cannot thank these girls enough for their effort and sacrifice they gave every single day. I have been blessed to have coached this group of seniors from seventh grade to senior year. It meant the world to me to see them through. They will be greatly missed but have left a lasting impact on the program. Our two freshmen and two sophomore girls had tremendous success this season. They will have a huge part moving forward in the following seasons. This program has a bright future ahead of it.



Varsity Archery and Winter Sports Senior Athletes

Thank you seniors for all you have done for our programs. Good luck in all your future endeavors.



Middle School Fall Sports Season Recaps

7th Grade Boys Basketball



The 7th grade group showed a ton of growth and development on and off the court in the 2021-2022 basketball season. A few players on this team had not played organized basketball before this year, and a handful were very experienced in this sport. As the season progressed they grew together as a team, as I witnessed some of the more experienced players go out of their way to supplement what was being taught by the coaching staff for the players that did not grasp some concepts as quickly. They really accepted and embraced the idea of developing all 14 players on our roster as the season progressed.

We frequently talked about accountability, teamwork, leadership, selflessness, and many other character concepts. We explained how these ideas apply in basketball as well as in life, and it seems that they all developed a deeper understanding as the season went on. Because of these lessons, and this group's commitment to developing their basketball skills, we were able to finish first place in both the JCAA Conference Tournament and the Glasstown Tournament. We recorded a nearly perfect record with only three losses on the season (two of which were only by a few points in the last minutes of the game).

Moving forward, I believe that this group will be able to push each other and their teammates of other grade levels to even more success on and off the court. They are a competitive but inclusive group that seems to understand that they can't take their foot off the gas to reach their ultimate goals. This season we spoke about their long term goals and being prepared for those future challenges, and the boys seem to be committed to strive for the highest levels of success on and off the hardwood.

I believe in these young men and I am wishing them nothing but success and prosperity in everything they take on in life.

7th Grade Girls Basketball



The 2021-2022 basketball season was a great learning experience for the 7th grade girls and myself. I could not have asked for a better group of players during my first year coaching here at R-7. These girls are hard working and determined players. With a losing season they never gave up. They continued to work hard and keep their heads high. We focused on skill development, teamwork, and the love of the game. Players stepped up and took on new challenges when needed. It was game-by-game when you saw growth in our team. The score board did not define the highlight of the season, but the accomplishments and improvements we celebrated together were our highlights that left us smiling. The season ended with a nail biting game at the JCAA Conference Tournament. We took home 2nd place, losing in the championship game in overtime. I am very proud of these girls and our growth during the season. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for these players and wish them the best of luck here at R-7.

8th Grade Boys Basketball



The 2021-2022 season for this group of 8th grade boys was a great learning experience not only in Basketball but in Life as well. Last year this group only won 2 games. This year they won 9 Games, finished 2nd in the Glasstown Tourney, went undefeated in the conference, and finished 1st in the JCAA Conference Tournament.

As the season progressed, these young men discovered how hard they needed to work not only during the season, but more so in the off season, in order to continue to develop and maintain their skill level, drive, and competitiveness.

As these young men proceed forward in their Basketball careers, I feel they have an understanding of the work ethic needed for them to reach their goals. I feel they have realized that improving their all-around game will be key in their future success. At each level they reach, the competition and skill levels grow and they need to match that growth. I hope these young men can use and learn the life, as well as basketball lessons that we discussed this season to enhance their future growth.

Gentlemen I wish you all the Best of Luck in everything you do!

8th Grade Girls Basketball



The 8th Grade Lady Jays finished their season 11-1. Being around this group of athletes for their 7th grade season, I was excited to work with them and challenge them their 8th grade season. With returning players from last season, the girls came out ready to win.

The Lady Jays took a 1st place plaque in the opening Glasstown Tournament. As the season continued, this group of athletes pushed forward. One thing I focused on with this group of girls was not only growing in basketball skills, but also in understanding the importance of being a team and working as one. Everyone brought something different to benefit the team. Annabelle, Brooke, and Ryleigh brought toughness down low and put backs. Natalie and Ella H. brought positivity. Louise brought speed. Peyton and Halayna brought guard moves and finished shots. Ella F. and Carlee brought competitiveness. For each athlete, this is just one example of the many qualities they brought to their team.

As the season moved forward, we knew our biggest competition would be Hillsboro. This group of 8th grade girls had the drive and even asked to practice on a Saturday and Sunday to prepare. It was a tough loss, and our only loss as a team. We finished our season with a 1st place plaque in the JCAA Conference Tournament.

I am excited for this group of young athletes as they prepare during the off season for their high school career to begin. There is a lot of potential with this group. Good luck girls!



2022 Spring Sports Schedule



High School Baseball				
Fri	11-Mar	Jamboree @ Home	V	H 4:00
	3/18 - 3/19	Opening Weekend Tourney	V	H
Mon	21-Mar	Farmington	JV/9	H 4:00
Tue	22-Mar	Arcadia Valley	V/JV	A 4:30
Thu	24-Mar	Valle Catholic	V/JV	A 4:00
Mon	28-Mar	Bayless	V	A 4:00
Tue	29-Mar	Woodland	V	H 4:00
	4/1 - 4/2	Wood Bat Class-Fred	V	A
Tue	5-Apr	Festus	V	H 4:30
Tue	5-Apr	Festus	JV	A 4:30
Wed	6-Apr	Kingston	V/JV	A 4:00
	4/7 - 4/9	Oak Ridge Tourney	V	A
Mon	11-Apr	West County	JV	A 4:00
Tue	12-Apr	Grandview	V/JV	A 4:30
Wed	13-Apr	Jackson	9	A 4:30
Tue	19-Apr	Herculaneum	V	A 4:30
Wed	20-Apr	West County	V/JV	H 4:30
Thu	21-Apr	Valley Park	V	A 4:30
Sat	23-Apr	Festus	JV	A 10:00
Tue	26-Apr	Crystal City	V/JV	H 4:00
Thu	28-Apr	St. Vincent	V/JV	H 4:30
Sat	30-Apr	Elsberry	V	A 10:00
Tue	3-May	St. Pius	V/JV	H 4:00
Wed	4-May	Hillsboro	9/JV	H 4:15
Wed	11-May	Hillsboro @ GCS (sr nite)	V/JV	H 4:30
	5/13 - 5/20	Districts	V	A

Track and Field				
Fri	18-Mar	Jefferson Practice Meet	JV/V	H 3:00
Wed	23-Mar	Raider Relays	V	A 3:00
Fri	25-Mar	Rebel Relays	V	A 3:00
Tue	29-Mar	Jefferson Invitational (sr nite)	V	H 3:00
Fri	1-Apr	Old Settlement (Ste. Gen)	V	A 3:30
Tue	5-Apr	Perryville Invitational	V	A 3:00
Sat	9-Apr	Mineral Area Helays (Herky)	JV/V	A 9:00
Tue	12-Apr	Perryville JV Invitational	JV/V	A 3:00
Thu	14-Apr	Grandview Invitational	V	A 3:00
Fri	22-Apr	Desoto Invitational	V	A 3:00
	4/27 - 4/28	Conference	JV/V	A 3:00
Sat	7-May	Districts	V	A 8:30
Sat	14-May	Sectionals	V	A 8:30
	5/20 - 5/21	State	V	A

Middle School Track and Field				
Tue	22-Mar	Herky Quad	7/8	A 3:00
Fri	25-Mar	Festus Invit	7/8	A 3:00
Mon	28-Mar	Jefferson Invit	7/8	H 3:00
Thu	7-Apr	Desoto Invit	7/8	A 3:00
Mon	11-Apr	Senn Thomas Relays	7/8	A 3:00
Tue	12-Apr	Ste. Genevieve Invit	7/8	A 3:00
Thu	21-Apr	Potosi Invit	7/8	A 3:00
Tue	26-Apr	Hillsboro Invit	7/8	A 3:00
Mon	2-May	JCAA Conference Meet	7/8	A 3:00

Golf				
Tue	22-Mar	Windsor/Perryville	JV/V	A 3:30
Wed	23-Mar	Hillsboro/St. Pius	JV/V	A 3:30
Mon	28-Mar	Windsor Tournament	JV/V	A 8:00
Tue	29-Mar	Festus/St. Vincent	JV/V	A 3:30
Wed	30-Mar	Crystal City/Herky	JV/V	H 3:30
Mon	4-Apr	Midwest Invitational	V	A 9:00
Wed	13-Apr	Valley Park	V	A 3:00
Thu	14-Apr	Desoto/St. Vincent	JV/V	A 3:30
Wed	20-Apr	St. Pius Invitational	V	A 9:00
Thu	21-Apr	Perryville JV Tourney	JV	A 10:00
Tue	26-Apr	Pallo's JV Tourney	JV	A 4:00
Fri	29-Apr	Pallo's V Tourney	V	A 4:00
Tue	3-May	Senior Night @ Baseball Game		
Wed	4-May	JCAA Conf	V	A 9:00
Thu	5-May	JCAA Conf	JV	A 11:00
Mon	9-May	Districts	V	A TBA
	5/16-5/17	State Tournament	V	A TBA

* Denotes Conference Games

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Baseball Schedule Notes:

The Opening Weekend Tournament will be played at Jefferson and Herculaneum

Bluejays at GCS Stadium- Home of the Grizzlies

JV/V will play Hillsboro at GCS Stadium on Wednesday, May 11th starting at 4:30pm. Ticket info will be announced later.

Track Information:

Districts at

Sectionals at

State at Jefferson City High School

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District Reminders

Jefferson R-7 Class of 2022

GRADUATION

Ceremonies

MAY	12	6:30 PM Senior Baccalaureate	17	6:30 PM Kindergarten
		7:30 PM Senior Awards		
	13	6:00 PM Twelve Grade	18	11:00 AM Pre-School
				6:30 PM Eighth Grade

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Cook

- Option to work 5.25-6 hour days
- Full paid benefits for 30+ hour employees
- 1-3 months related experience and/or training
- Basic 3 year Serve-Safe certificate or willing to take the class
- Work within the school schedule and calendar
- FBI background check required
- Salary based on experience

Kids Korner

- 15-18 hours per week between 2:45 pm - 6:00 pm
- Must be 18 years of age
- Shall be of good character and be qualified to provide care conducive to the welfare of children
- More hours available over the summer for summer camp
- FBI background check required

Substitutes

- Teacher - \$85 per day
- Bus Driver - \$13.26 per hour
- Cook - \$11.15 per hour
- Day Custodian - \$11.15 per hour
- Night Custodian - \$11.37 per hour

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End of Year Dates

2nd Semester

- March 11
- March 17
- March 17
- March 18
- March 22
- March 26
- March 31
- April 5
- April 14-19
- April 23
- April 25-29
- May 9-13
- May 12
- May 13
- May 17
- May 18
- May 19
- May 24-June 15
- June 1-30
- June 13
- June 24

- End of Third Quarter/Mid-Term
- No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Kindergarten Registration
- No School - PD Day
- Meet the Candidates Night
- Prom
- Blood Drive
- Election
- No School - Spring Break
- Mr. JHS
- Grades 3-5 MAP Testing
- Grades 6-8 MAP Testing
- JHS Baccalaureate/Awards
- JHS Graduation
- Kindergarten Graduation
- Pre-School/Eighth Grade Graduation
- Last Day of School - Early Out
- 7th-12th Grade Summer School
- K-6th Grade Summer School
- Blood Drive
- Spikes, Strikes, and Hoops Golf Tournament

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