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YEAR IN REVIEW

2022-2023

The 2022-2023 school year at Jasper High School was undoubtedly a year filled with resilience, determination, and achievements. As the 125th graduating class embarks on new journeys, we celebrate their accomplishments and the unwavering support of the entire Jasper community. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the faculty, staff, parents, and guardians for their tireless efforts in shaping the lives of our students. As we bid farewell to this memorable year, we embrace the future with optimism, knowing that the bonds forged and lessons learned will propel us towards even greater heights in the years to come.



With a remarkably high attendance rate at all schools, our students displayed a strong commitment to their education. This level of dedication reflects the value our community places on learning and the unwavering support from parents, guardians, and educators. We applaud the students for exemplary attendance, as it directly contributes to academic success. The dedicated faculty and staff of GJCS played a vital role in ensuring a successful academic year for our students. Their commitment to providing the best educational experience was unwavering, even in the face of adversity. Throughout the summer months, our faculty and staff continued their hard work, diligently preparing for the upcoming school year. Their dedication and passion for education are truly commendable and serve as an inspiration to us all.

As we reflect on the past academic year, we also look eagerly towards the future. The lessons learned from the challenges we faced will shape the way we approach education, community engagement, and support for our students. We remain committed to providing a nurturing environment that fosters academic excellence, personal growth, and social responsibility.



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towards the future

8TH GRADE CAREER CRUISE

In April, the second annual Dubois County 8th Grade Career Cruise took place at Jasper High School. Spearheaded by the GJCS Career Counselor, Dana Kunz, this event brought together more than 75 local organizations representing 16 different National Career Clusters. The Career Cruise aimed to provide an informative, interactive, educational, and enjoyable day for 8th-grade students as they approach the important decision of choosing a career pathway upon entering high school. Students had the opportunity to explore a wide range of job prospects available within Dubois County. The participating organizations represented various career clusters, including Advanced Manufacturing, Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Architecture and Construction, Arts, AV and Communication, Business Management, Finance, and Marketing, Health Sciences, Human Services and Education, Information Technology, Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security, STEM, and Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics. The guidance counselors at both Jasper Middle School and Jasper High School, in collaboration with Mrs. Kunz, work closely with students throughout their educational journey. They help students identify courses that align with their goals and values while guiding them towards potential career opportunities. The Career Cruise encourages students to explore their interests, ask questions, and envision themselves in various professional roles. Students gain firsthand knowledge about the skills and qualifications required for different occupations, enabling them to make well-informed choices as they progress in their educational journey. As Dubois County continues to invest in the educational and professional growth of its students, events like the Career Cruise serve as a vital stepping stone towards building a skilled workforce and a thriving community.

Below: Students in Mrs. Kincer's class at Ireland Elementary studied amphibians and reptiles, then did a presentation to the class. Based on the facts from each presentation, students had to share if it was an amphibian or a reptile.



in the
CLASSROOM



Above: Mrs. Venderly's Principles of Teaching Class at Jasper High School went to Jasper Elementary School each week for hands on experience in the classroom.

Below: At the start of each school year, students at both Jasper Elementary School and Ireland Elementary School participate in Bus Safety Training, where they learn about how to safely ride the bus and what to do in the case of an emergency.



Right: A student in Mrs. Werne's 7th grade science class blows a bubble as part of the lesson.



Below: Jasper Middle School Students perform at the Creative Arts Showcase.



Below: The Jasper High School Band performed at Alumni Stadium.



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STAGE



Above: Jasper High School Performing Arts put on a production of 'White Christmas'.



Above: The Jasper Middle School Band performed at the Christmas Concert.

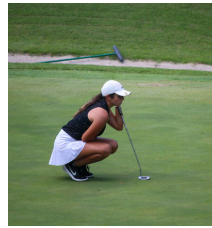


Left: Jasper High School Students participated in a Poetry Out Loud reading.



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FIELD



BACK TO SCHOOL 2023-2024

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year opened on July 24th. If you have not yet done so, go into PowerSchool and complete the registration process. A step-by-step instruction guide can be found on our website, which can be accessed here:

<https://www.gjcs.k12.in.us/academics/back-to-school-2023-2024>

Food Service: This year, GJCS has switched to Sodexo, a new food service company. Breakfast is free for all students and lunch prices are \$2.25 for grades K-5, \$2.50 for 6-8, and \$2.75 for 9-12. Families who feel they need assistance must complete the Free and Reduced Application, which can be found below. More information about lunch menus and Sodexo can be found on our website.

[Free and Reduced Application English](#)

[Free and Reduced Application Spanish](#)

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Child Care: This year, GJCS will begin the Little Wildcats Child Care program, which is offered to faculty and staff. We are proud to present this to our GJCS families. New construction went underway this past summer at Jasper High School to make this possible.

School Supplies: High School teachers will share with their students necessary supplies on the first day of school. Students should come prepared with a backpack, pencil, pen, etc.. The supply list for Middle School can be found on our website. More supplies may need to be purchased depending on the courses being taken. This will be shared on the first day of school. At the Elementary Schools, some supplies are provided by the PTO. A full list can be found on our website.



School Board Meetings: The regular business meetings of the GJCS Board of School Trustees are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7pm in the Community Room at Jasper High School. The public is invited to attend in person. Board meeting agendas and policies are available on the GJCS website at www.gjcs.k12.in.us/administration/board-of-trustees.

GJCS Board of School Trustees: Greg Eckerle (President), Arlet Jackle (Vice President), Tim DeMotte (Secretary), Steve Lukemeyer, Dr. Judy Englert.





August 8: First teacher day, no students

August 9: First student day

September 4: Labor day, no school

September 27: Parent teacher conferences

October 4: Parent teacher conferences

October 6: End 1st quarter

October 16-20: Fall break, no school

November 22-24: Thanksgiving break, no school

December 21: End 2nd quarter, end 1st semester

January 4: School resumes

January 29: Professional development, no school

February 16: Snow make-up day, no school

February 19: President's day, no school

March 15: End 3rd quarter

March 25-29: Spring break, no school

April 1: Snow make-up day, no school

May 23: End 4th quarter,
end 2nd semester

May 24: Snow make-up day,
no school
commencement

Snow days will be taken in order.

8 de agosto: Día de profesores

9 de agosto: Día completo para los estudiantes

4 de septiembre: Día de trabajador, no hay clase

27 de septiembre: Conferencias de padres y profesores

4 de octubre: Conferencias de padres y profesores

6 de octubre: Termina el 1° cuarto

16-20 de octubre: Vacaciones de otoño - no hay clase

22-24 de noviembre: Descanso de acción de gracias

21 de diciembre: Termina el 2° cuarto, Termina el 1° semestre

4 de enero: Comienza el 2° semestre

29 de enero: Día de desarrollo profesional, no hay clase

16 de febrero: Día de recuperación por nieve, no hay clase

19 de febrero: Día de los Americanos lustres, no hay clase

15 de marzo: Termina el 3° cuarto

25-29 de marzo: Vacaciones de
primavera, no hay clase

1 de Abril: Día de recuperación por nieve
no hay clase

23 de mayo: Termina el 4° cuarto
Termina el 2° semestre

May 24: Día de recuperación por nieve
no hay clase
ceremonia de graduación

**Los días de nieve se irán tomando
en orden.**

School & Building Directory



Jasper Elementary School

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jes.gjcs.k12.in.us

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Jasper, IN 47546

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Ireland Elementary School

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School Day: 8am-3pm



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As July comes to a close, we all begin to feel the excitement of a new school year. At JHS, we will welcome a new class of Seniors who will only have 180 days to leave their mark. Over 260 Freshmen will enter the building for the first day of their four-year journey on August 9th. Whether it is the excitement of finishing or beginning your High School adventure each student will have the opportunity to find success. We are pleased to announce several new staff members at JHS. Ms. Elisabeth Ahlbrand/English, Ms. Anna Grant/History, Ms. Aurora Mendel/Spanish, Ms. Hannah Mehringer/Agriculture, Ms. Lori Humbert/ Instructional Assistant, and Kristin Dahmer/Attendance, will all be new to JHS for the 23-24 school year.

This summer has been dominated by construction projects at JHS. Currently, there is a renovation of the Career and Technical Education wing underway. This project will provide a much-needed facelift to 30-year-old classrooms and lab spaces as well as increasing the footprint by one third. We will have one of the largest and best equipped CTE facilities in Southern Indiana. The facility will allow for opportunities to collaborate and strengthen relationships with local industry while also preparing students with “real-world” employability skills required for their future careers. In addition to the CTE expansion project, two locker rooms have been remodeled and a laundry facility added for proper storage and care of band uniforms and equipment. A storage building was also constructed to the East of the building for maintenance and storage needs. Many of you have noticed the construction that is underway at Alumni Stadium. The current construction involves the addition of new locker rooms. After the completion of the 23-24 football season, renovation of the bleachers, press box, restrooms and concession stands will take place. The existing features will be demolished and replaced with new ones. The current stadium has not had major updates for 60 years in some areas. We look forward to the completion of these projects, as they will provide students with the necessary equipment and facilities to compete and become their best.

Another youthful addition to Jasper High School is a full-time daycare for GJCS employees. Dr. Lorey has created the Little Wildcats daycare program. Three rooms have been remodeled and an outdoor space has been created for an infant to kindergarten daycare program. Little Wildcats will be staffed by adults but will allow JHS Education Professions students to teach early childhood lessons to the toddlers. I can envision a high school senior working with children on preschool skills. This is a tremendous opportunity for staff, students and our “little wildcats.”

GJCS has partnered with Sodexo to oversee our cafeteria food service. The students will see the same smiling faces serving food, as the cafeteria staff will remain the same. The biggest difference is that students will have more options each day for lunch. Sodexo is a large company that specializes in school and college cafeterias, so they have greater purchasing power and the procedures to provide multiple options for students. I believe their experience in conjunction with our current staff should provide an improved dining experience.

On July 5th the College Board released the results of the 22-23 AP tests. JHS offered 16 different Advanced Placement tests last year. Many of our students earned college credit by earning a score of 3 or better out of 5 on the tests. We have a large percent of our student population taking AP classes, which is a great introduction to a collegiate curriculum and a less expensive way to earn college credits. In addition to AP classes, we offer dual credit college classes. Ivy Tech certifies our teachers and we use the college curriculum to allow our students to earn transferable college credits while in high school. We have several students begin college as Sophomores because of these classes. I wanted to acknowledge the hard work our students and teachers put in to achieve these results.

Summer also marks the beginning of student extracurricular activities. Our students, instructors, and coaches give a tremendous amount of time and effort to perform at their best. Right now, we have nine fall sports gearing up to begin practice. The boy's and girl's cross country, football, unified football, girl's golf, boy's tennis, boy's and girls' soccer, and volleyball teams will all be competing this fall. If you have been by the high school in the evenings, you will have heard the reigning class B state champion marching band preparing to defend their title. With nearly 100 members, they are working hard on a new performance. I would encourage all of our students to take advantage of our robust offerings of extracurricular activities. We have an opportunity for all interests.

With all of the amazing things going on at JHS you are probably wondering how you can get involved. We have several opportunities to actively participate at JHS. It is very easy to get a substitute teaching license and see the daily activities. At the high school level, we are always looking for qualified subs to add to our existing list of outstanding substitute teachers. Another avenue, would be to become a bus driver. Our Athletic and Transportation Directors are always looking for friendly, qualified drivers for school bus routes and evening athletic events. It is a great way to be involved with the kids and earn a little extra money. I understand that many of us do not have the time to sub or drive a bus, but we could all be part of the PTO. Our Parent Teacher Organization is always looking for volunteers. The PTO does an outstanding job of organizing and conducting post-Prom. The PTO has leadership positions and support positions available. Please consider becoming involved in some way with your community high school.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we are very excited for the 23-24 school year.



Jasper Middle School

Welcome back to a new school year!

We hope this letter finds you rested, rejuvenated, and ready for the exciting journey that awaits us. As we embark on this academic year, we want to extend a warm welcome to our new students, families, and staff members who are joining our school community. We are thrilled to have you as part of our family, and we look forward to the unique contributions each of you will bring. We are excited to welcome Ms. Halli Leinenbach (6th/7th SS) and Mrs. Addie Gaither (8th SS/ELA) to the middle school family.

This year, we are committed to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment that empowers every student to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. Our dedicated team of educators and staff has been working hard over the summer to create enriching lesson plans, engaging activities, and a safe and healthy campus. We are committed to providing a well-rounded education that not only equips students with the knowledge and skills they need to excel but also nurtures their passions and instills in them the values of kindness, respect, and perseverance.

We encourage each one of you to take full advantage of the endless opportunities that lie ahead this year. Challenge yourself, explore new interests, and never be afraid to ask for help. Remember, success is not just measured by grades but also by personal growth and resilience. Together, let us make this school year a memorable one - full of discoveries, friendships, and achievements. Below are a few reminders and announcements to help with the beginning of the school year.

- The JMS meet the teacher night will be Aug. 14th at 6PM. Mark your calendars!
- Please keep an eye out for the PTSO fundraiser. Our amazing PTSO funds so many wonderful student activities that would not be possible without the fundraising support.
- We will be communicating in a number of ways this year.
 - A weekly newsletter sent out from Mr. Hubster. If you do not receive one in the first few weeks, please notify our main office
 - Daily announcements that are read before school, at the end of the day, and emailed to students
 - Powerschool and Canvas offers a real time look at your child's academic progress
 - Teachers will email regularly to offer a glimpse of what is taking place in the classroom. You are encouraged to reach out to teachers via email with any questions

Once again, welcome back! We are here to support you every step of the way.

Let us embark on this new chapter of our educational journey with enthusiasm and determination. Together, we will make it a remarkable year!



Ireland Elementary School

My name is Mrs. Shannon Bauer and I am the PROUD Principal of Ireland Elementary School. This upcoming school year will be my 5th year as Principal at Ireland Elementary, and I am very excited! The legacy of academic excellence at Ireland Elementary is rich and will continue to be something we strive for each and every day. We have worked diligently over the summer break to ensure a safe school environment for your child and the staff at Ireland Elementary School.

My goal as principal is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to experience deeper learning in an authentic classroom environment. The students, faculty, parents, and community of Ireland Elementary are all important ingredients in the recipe of student success. As the old proverb states, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child." Thank you in advance for your support and dedication as we enter into the 2023-2024 school year!

Registration for the upcoming school year is now open. Simply log into your PowerSchool parent account and follow the instructions. Our office will be open late on Monday, July 31st until 7:00pm to take book rental and lunch money payments. Or, our office is Monday through Friday until August 4th from 7:30am until 3:00pm.

New Family Orientation will take place on Monday, July 31st at 6:00pm. Any new families to Ireland Elementary including Pre-K and Kindergarten are welcome to attend. This event will consist of Mrs. Bauer giving an overview of the school and end with a tour from a few teachers.

Open House will take place on Monday, August 7th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Please enter through the gym doors and then head to the classroom to meet your teacher. Last names A-H should arrive between 6:00-6:30pm, last names I-P should arrive between 6:30pm-7:30pm, and last names Q-Z should arrive between 7:00pm-7:30pm.

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 9th. School will begin at 7:50am. See you then!



Jasper Elementary School

Jasper Elementary School is ready to welcome students back for the 2023-2024 school year! We are looking forward to seeing everyone on August 9th.

The Jasper Elementary School Open House will take place on August 7th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity for students to meet their teacher for the upcoming year, see the classroom, and get back in the building before the first day of school. We hope to see you there!

Some families may remember the newsletter sent out by Mr. Erny. This is a very valuable communications tool, as it contains lots of important information, including lunch menus, traffic flow, and more.

We encourage families to read through the newsletter. With questions, you can contact your child's classroom teacher, or, call our front office, which can be reached at (812) 556-5600.

If you are unsure of the traffic flow at JES, you can visit our website, jes.gjcs.k12.in.us, and click on the parents tab. Under registration, you will find videos describing the traffic flow.

We look forward to seeing all of the students back in our building soon!

I ♥ MY SCHOOL!



"I Love My School" is the district-wide theme for the 2023-2024 school year. Our students and staff work hard to make Jasper GREAT. To start off the year, they will be writing on a card why they love their school. These cards will be put on display throughout the school building. GJCS will be sharing the stories out through social media and the website throughout the year.

We are excited to share the reasons our students and staff love being part of their school community. Let's make the 2023-2024 school year Jasper GREAT!



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IMPORTANT FIRST SEMESTER DATES

-  **August 9 - First Day of School**
-  **October 16-20 - Fall Break**
-  **November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Break**
-  **December 22- January 3 - Christmas Break**

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