



JASPER-TROUPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL HOME OF THE WILDCATS



BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 24, 2025

Library News: Fall Updates & Spooky Reads!



It has been a long four years since the flood, but we are finally seeing our library collection return to life. Rebuilding our inventory has been a long time coming, and we are truly grateful to be getting back to where we used to be. Little by little, our shelves are filling back up—and it feels wonderful to be moving forward.

To celebrate the season, students can explore our “October Thrills & Chills” feature shelf, stocked with spooky stories, mysteries, and Halloween favorites perfect for fall reading.

We also want to remind families and students to check out SORA, our online book catalog, which offers a wide selection of eBooks and audiobooks—including many titles we don’t currently have in the library. SORA can be accessed through the High School Library tab on our district website, and students can log in using their Google account to start reading anytime, anywhere.

If you need assistance accessing SORA, locating a title, or selecting your next great read, please visit Ms. Bullock—she is always glad to help! We are confident that the best chapters are yet to come for our library, and we look forward to sharing them with our students along the way!

Pounce on Success with Peer Tutoring

Peer Tutoring kicks off this October! If your child would like to sign up to receive tutoring, please contact **Mrs. Hall**.

October 26 – November 1: National Convention

November 7: End of 10 Week Marking Period

November 10: Parent-Teacher Conferences (11 to 6:30pm)

November 11: No School (Veteran’s Day)

November 13: Fall Sports Banquet / Winter Sports Meeting

Attendance Matters!

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up

When a student misses	When a student misses
2 days a month	4 days a month
They miss 20 DAYS a year (10% of the school year)	They miss 40 DAYS a year (20% of the school year)
They miss 30 HOURS of math instruction	They miss 60 HOURS of math instruction
They miss 60 HOURS of reading and writing instruction	They miss 120 HOURS of reading and writing instruction
They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.	They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

GUIDANCE NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT

29

Keuka College -9:15

30

Alfred State College
Junior Mini Visit

NOV

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Houghton University
-11:00

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Career Cafe with the
Sheriff's Office

14

Sophomore Visit to
BOCES

14

Marking Period 1 Report
Cards Sent Home

On October 16, students attended the Twin Tiers College Fair held at the Armory in Horseheads. The event featured representatives from a wide range of institutions, including public and private universities, community colleges, trade schools, military, and local employers.

During the fair, students gathered brochures, asked questions about admissions and scholarships, and explored career pathways.

The college fair was a valuable experience that helped students gain insight into higher education opportunities and build confidence in their college decision-making process.

And for lunch, Aniello's Pizzeria!



REMINDERS

*Sophomores interested in the BOCES trip, need to turn in their permission slips

*Check Google Classroom & Chat for all guidance updates

CAREER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Interested in a job shadow?

Want to hear from professionals in the industry?

Stop down to the guidance office

Alisa Wright, our CDC rep,
is here on Thursdays!

Attention College Bound Seniors!

Did you know that during the month of October, nearly 130 NYS colleges and universities are waiving application fees?! With these fees typically ranging from \$50 to \$100, this is your chance to save money and apply to college without the financial strain. Visit the link below to see if one your college choices is participating!

[2025 NYS Free Application Month](#)

October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**. In recognition of this, we held a “**Pink Out**” on Friday, October 17th. We wore pink to show support for breast cancer survivors and those affected by the disease.



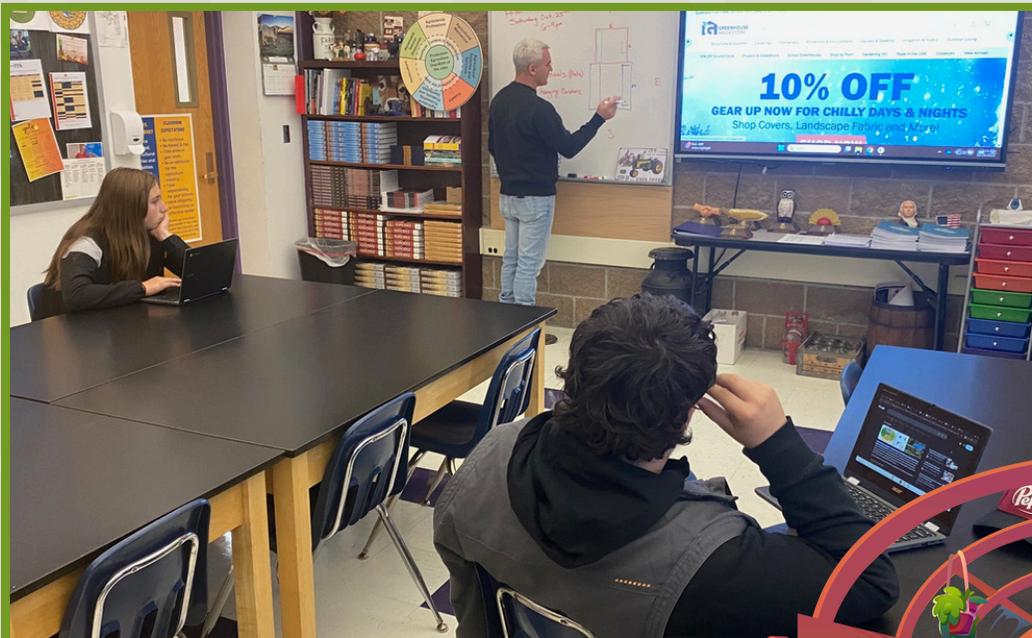


Growing Our Skills From the Ground Up



Our **Intro to Agriculture** students took a short break from their animal breed identification unit to help plan the layout of our new school greenhouse. After researching greenhouse design, students explored the best direction for a greenhouse to face and how to arrange raised beds and seedling flats for maximum sunlight and space efficiency. Using classroom desks as stand-ins for beds and tables, students measured, mapped, and designed a mock layout—right down to planning which supplies we will need for planting season.

While the first half of our year focuses on animal science, this project gave students a preview of what's ahead. Horticulture will take center stage in the second half of the year, and our greenhouse plans are already helping those future lessons take root!



7th Grade Agriculture – Finding Our Voice Through the FFA Creed

Our **7th grade agriculture students** have been learning what it means to be an effective public speaker, focusing on key skills such as volume, tone, eye contact, and body language. Before beginning memorization, students spent time breaking down the FFA Creed to better understand its meaning, purpose, and place in the history and values of our organization.

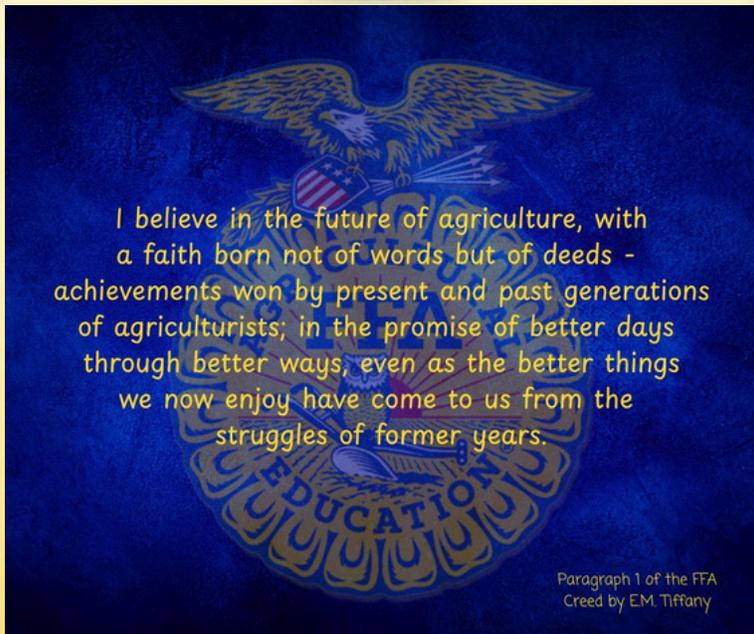
Once students were familiar with the message behind each paragraph, they began practicing the first paragraph. After reviewing and rehearsing, students took turns at the podium to recite the Creed paragraph by paragraph—building confidence and applying their speaking skills in front of their peers.

Students are now working to memorize the first paragraph, with encouragement to continue learning all five. Parents and guardians are encouraged to ask their 7th graders about the Creed and even listen as they recite it at home, supporting their practice and growth. Those who master the entire Creed will have the exciting opportunity to travel and represent our chapter at the district Creed Speaking Competition in February.

We have already seen tremendous growth in these young speakers, and we look forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings for this enthusiastic group!



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I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

Paragraph 1 of the FFA Creed by E.M. Tiffany



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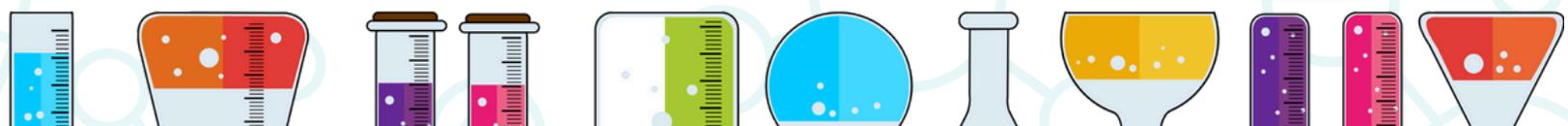


Celebrating Mole Day!



Mr. Whitesell's Chemistry class celebrated Mole Day with engaging demonstrations and creative activities. Mole Day is celebrated on October 23rd from 6:02 am til 6:02 pm to commemorate Avogadro's number, which is fundamental to chemistry (6.02×10^{23}). Students enjoyed experiments featuring liquid nitrogen, while also marking the occasion with "mole-themed" treats such as nachomoles, mole cake, dirt cake, and lemoleade. Some students even crafted their own moles to join in the fun!

It was a great day of hands-on learning and scientific exploration at JT!





The Athlete of the Month for Varsity Boys' Soccer for October is **Ethan Cook**. His coaches state that Ethan has "consistent effort in the midfield and improved play. His teammates have expressed that when things have been challenging, Ethan doesn't give up." Both coaches have noticed an impressive consistency in his effort in spite of the consistency contending with very strong midfielders. Nice work, Ethan!



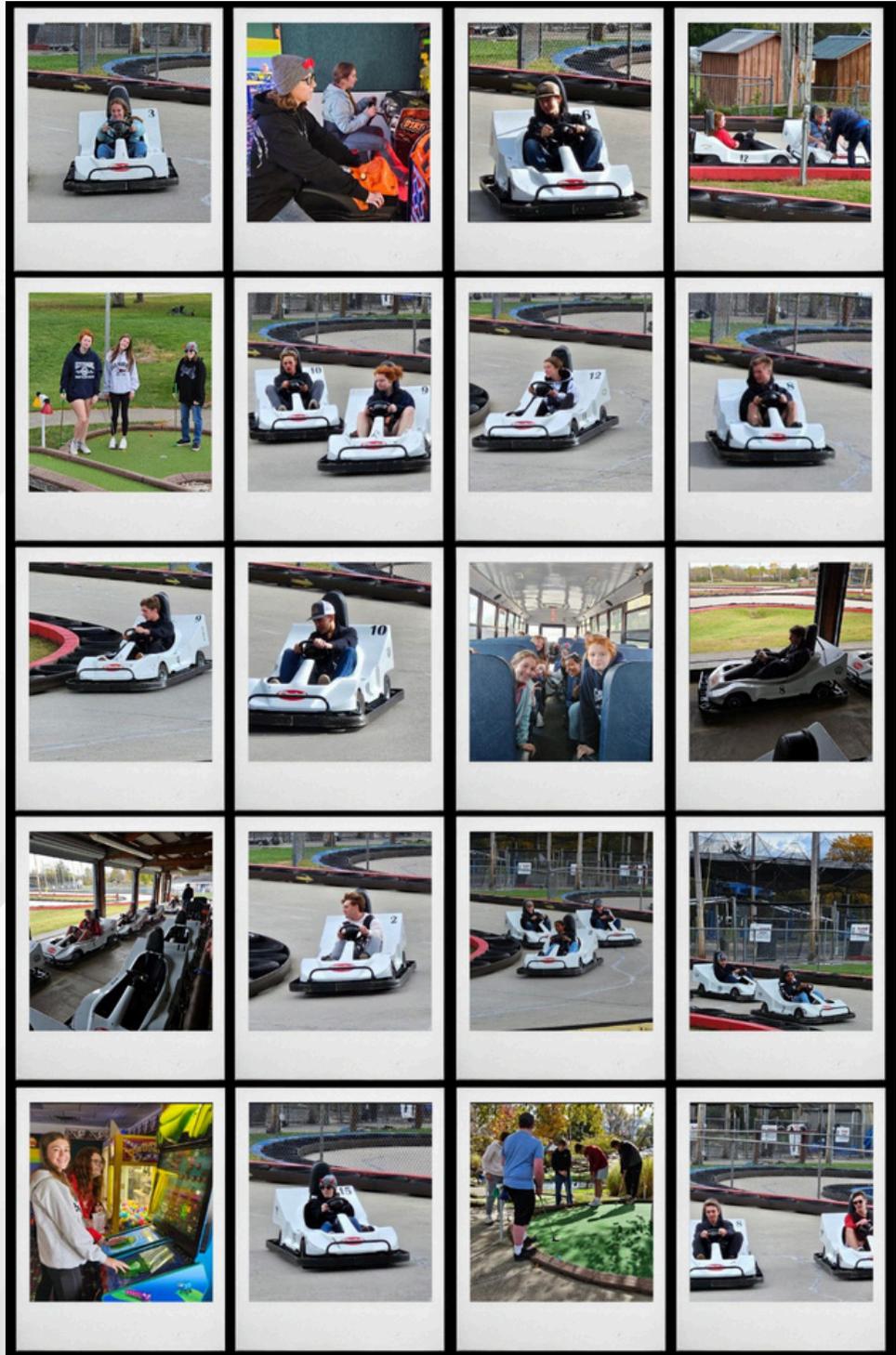
The Athlete of the Month for Varsity Girls' Soccer for October is **Laura Hall**. Her coach said, "Laura has put in effort on and off the field. Her hard work and leadership are a great example of what it means to be a Lady Wildcat." Great job, Laura!





CLASS OF 2026

Our Seniors enjoyed an exciting day at the trampoline park and go-kart track! It was a great chance to have fun, laugh, and make lasting memories together as the Class of 2026.



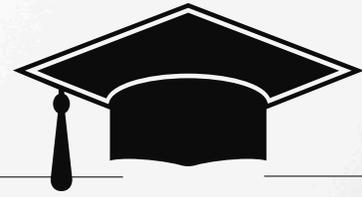


Order your
**LITTLE
 CAESARS
 PIZZA**



OCTOBER 20TH - NOVEMBER 2ND

Contact a Senior Class Member or Order
 online at
<https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com>
 Group ID: 45099



CLASS OF
2026

REMINDER



CLASS OF 2026:

Senior pictures are due no
 later than November 3, 2025
 to Mrs. Aldrich for the
 yearbook.

Wildwood Technical and Career Education

TOP OF THE TRADE

OCTOBER 2025



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 Automotive Technology

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The 8th grade class will be doing a fundraiser November 10th through the 21st. This year they will be selling Utica Coffee. We are excited to try this new fundraiser. If you are looking for gift ideas for the holidays the 8th grade class would be glad to help! Please reach out to any 8th grade student if you are interested in ordering.



Helping Hands at the Troupsburg Food Pantry

On October 18, the Class of 2030 rolled up their sleeves and volunteered at the Troupsburg Food Pantry. Their hard work and positive energy made a real difference in our community! We're so proud of their dedication to service and their commitment to helping others.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Miss Bower brings energy, creativity, and a love for music to JT every day.

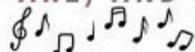


MEET OUR *Music Department*

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING?

I HAVE BEEN TEACHING FOR 4½ YEARS AND THIS IS MY 4TH YEAR AT JT.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT TEACHING MUSIC?

I LOVE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO COME TOGETHER, NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, AND MAKE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL HAPPEN. 

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JT?

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT JT IS THE COMMUNITY AND THE DEDICATION OF EVERYONE INVOLVED.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOBBY?

MY FAVORITE HOBBIES INCLUDE READING,



CAMPING, AND TRAVELING.

WHAT'S ONE ITEM ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

ONE ITEM ON MY BUCKET LIST IS TO VISIT ALL OF THE 50 STATES OF AMERICA.



Miss Bower

High School



Annual JT FFA Fall Bash

Saturday October 25th
6:00pm-9:00pm
FFA Pole Barn at the
Soccer Complex

Cornhole, bonfire,
and great company!

Pizza, wings, and
drinks provided

Free for all JT students
grades 7th-12th
No outside guests permitted

JT FFA Citrus Sales

October 23rd-November 14th

See any FFA member, or contact
Geoff Havens or Mikalene Bullock
at 607-792-3690 to place your
order today!

We thank you for your
continued support!



Student Council Launches Annual Food Drive to Support Local Families

The Student Council is proud to announce the return of our Annual Food Drive, running from **October 14 through October 31**, to benefit the Community Church of Troupsburg Food Pantry. This yearly tradition gives us all an opportunity to come together as a school community and help support local families in need as we head into the colder months.

Students, staff, and families are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables, pickles, stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, gravy, bread and muffin mixes, and cake and brownie mixes. *Donation boxes will be located in the high school cafeteria for your convenience.*

Why It Matters:

The food pantry at the Community Church of Troupsburg serves dozens of families each month, and your contributions help ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. Every can or box you donate makes a real difference.

Important Dates:

 Start Date: Monday, October 14

 End Date: Thursday, October 31

Let's Make It Fun!

To encourage participation, the Student Council will be tracking donations by grade level, with a special treat for the class that brings in the most items! Let's show our school spirit and community pride by filling those boxes and making this our biggest food drive yet!

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



Sponsored by


FOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 14TH - OCTOBER 31ST

WHAT WE NEED?

ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF TROUPSBURG FOOD PANTRY

- 7TH: CRANBERRY SAUCE, PICKLES, OLIVES
- 8TH: STUFFING MIX
- 9TH: GRAVY
- 10TH: BOXED MASHED POTATOES
- 11TH: BREAD & MUFFIN MIXES
- 12TH: CANNED VEGETABLES
- FACULTY & STAFF: BROWNIE & CAKE MIXES



2025-26 Yearbook UPDATES

KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER: ORDER PICK-UP

DATE: Saturday, November 8, 2025
FROM: 2:00-4:00 PM
WHERE: High School Auditorium (Greenwood building).

Students, please make arrangements to pick up your order during this time – we do not have space to store any leftover orders.

J-T Yearbook Staff




**ORDER
TODAY**



Picture Retake Day and Elementary Clubs & Group Pictures



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Did your student miss picture day or want a second chance at their photo? No worries - Picture Days are scheduled for each school!



HIGH SCHOOL ORDER CODE: **0160KQ**
ELEMENTARY ORDER CODE: **0160PC**

2025-2026 J-T YEARBOOK - ON SALE NOW

Yearbooks are now on sale at a low cost of \$35.00 through December 31, 2025. Cost will increase to \$45.00 per yearbook on January 1, 2026.

Reserve your copy today to guarantee a yearbook at the end of the school year, as only a limited number of books will be printed.

Options to Pre-Order:

- Order online @ www.jostensyearbooks.com
- Scan the QR Code



Send in your payment (be sure to include the 8% sales tax) along with the order form to: YEARBOOK ADVISOR. All checks payable to: JT YEARBOOK.

Thank you for your continued support!

J-T Yearbook Staff





Want to join Ski Club?



We're excited to invite your child to be part of this year's School Ski & Snowboard Club at Swain Resort! Ski Club is more than just an after-school activity - it's a chance for students to stay active, make friends, and build skills that last a lifetime. *If your child is interested, please have them go see Mrs. Risley in the main office for more information.*



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**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 13TH**

MODIFIED, JV, AND VARSITY PLAY AT HOME
ALUMNI GAME FOLLOWS AT 6PM
DON'T MISS IT!