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J.P. Taravella High School

Welcome Back

We're excited to kick off another incredible school year at our **A-rated school!** This year is full of opportunities for growth, learning, and success, and we know our Trojans will rise to every challenge. We look forward to celebrating all the amazing things our students will accomplish together in the year ahead. **Let's make it our best year yet—Go Trojans!**

Mark your Calendar:

September 1:
No School (Labor Day)

September 4:
PSD- 11:40 AM dismissal

September 9:
Interim Reports Issued

September 11:
PM1 Testing 9th/10th & Retakes 11th/12th

September 23:
No School (Rosh Hashanah)

September 25-27:
School Musical at 7:00 PM



Celebrating Our A+ Rating!



We are proud to announce that our Trojan family has achieved the incredible honor of becoming an A rated high school! This accomplishment reflects the dedication, hard work, and support of our amazing students, teachers, staff, and families throughout the year. We are deeply grateful for the commitment that made this success possible. Together, we have built strong momentum, and we look forward to carrying it into the 2025–2026 school year and beyond. Go Trojans!

Open House Success



A huge thank you to all our Trojan families for joining us on a night filled with all things JPT spirit. We loved welcoming you to the JPT family- we could not have done it without our amazing students and staff!

K-12 Everglades Champion School



Everglades Foundation awarded JP Taravella as an Everglades Literacy Champion School. The Marine Club worked throughout the year to promote sustainability on our campus by composting during lunches with the hopes of discouraging invasive iguanas from feeding on our courtyard "leftovers".

Boys Cross Country



Taravella Boys Cross Country team competed at the Park Vista Invitational in South County Park, facing off against some of the top programs in Central Florida. **Our team placed 10th overall, led by Craig Dennis (Sr.) who ran an impressive 18:14,** finishing 24th overall and coming within 30 seconds of his personal best.

JPT Drama Invites You!



JPT Drama Club started working even before school began. **Come see this year's musical, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum** September 25, 26 and 27 at 7 PM.

Little Trojans- Then and Now

Ten years ago, Little Trojans Academy opened to give high schoolers real experience in early childhood education. Now, some of those preschoolers are back—this time as Taravella freshmen! Under the direction of **Marilou Raham**, our Trojans (big and small) have shared unforgettable memories throughout these halls. This truly is a full circle moment as Mrs. Raham beams with pride at her accomplishments- entering retirement.





Football





Although the season hasn't started off ideal, what stood out most was how our team handled themselves—with **patience, maturity, and pride.** The moment they entered the field arm-in-arm showed true brotherhood and what it means to be a Taravella Trojan. A big thank you to **Coach Ed** and his staff for their leadership, and to our players for continuing to work hard and represent Taravella with pride. **Keep pushing forward.**

Special Olympics





Attending the Special Olympics State Fall Classic in September will be:

- **Maureen Collins and her sister Katie** who will be going as a Unified Doubles Bowling Team!
- JPT's Unified Volleyball Team! (**Juan, Ernesto, David, Christian, Spencer, John, Kaheim, Ethan, Madison, Jaden, Mia and Marcus**)

NROTC Color Guard





JPTs NJROTC Color Guard had the distinct honor to present our nations colors at the Miami Dolphins Pre-Season Opener. Under the leadership of **Petty Officer Weisgerber** the following cadets showed great pride: **Dagrin, Luscombe, Gutierrez and Bien Aime**. We could not be more proud of our NROTC program!

Save the Date!



This year, **Homecoming** invites you into the Age of Elegance**,** a night inspired by the allure of the Great Gatsby.

📅 October 17, 2025 | ⏰ 6–10 PM

Resiliency Resources:

The Parent Guide to Resilience:
https://resilienceguide.org/

Three Ways to Boost Your Resilience as a Parent:
https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/three_ways_to_boost_your_resilience_as_a_parent

Resilience Guide for Parents and Teachers:
https://www.apa.org/topics/resilience/guide-parents-teachers

Resilience for Teens: 10 Tips to Build Skills on Bouncing Back From Rough Times:
https://www.apa.org/topics/resilience/bounce-teens

REMINDERS:

- **IDs MUST be worn at all times while on campus**
- **Students MUST follow BCPS dress code**
- **Cell phones should be out of sight during the school day**

Together we made JPT an 'A' school!

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Events/School life: jptsga
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