



JASPER-TROUPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE WILDCATS



BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 9, 2026



January 14: Board of Education Meeting

January 19: No School MLK Day

January 20: Senior Recognition for Boys Basketball

January 21: Community Forum

January 26: Conference Day (No School for Students)

January 27: Senior Recognition for Girls Basketball & Indoor Track

Our District and BiWeekly Newsletters are available on the website at www.jtcsd.org.



Attendance Matters!

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

<p>When a student misses 2 days a month</p> <p>They miss 20 DAYS a year (10% of the school year)</p> <p>They miss 30 HOURS of math instruction</p> <p>They miss 60 HOURS of reading and writing instruction</p> <p>They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.</p>	<p>When a student misses 4 days a month</p> <p>They miss 40 DAYS a year (20% of the school year)</p> <p>They miss 60 HOURS of math instruction</p> <p>They miss 120 HOURS of reading and writing instruction</p> <p>They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.</p>
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Happy New Year
2026



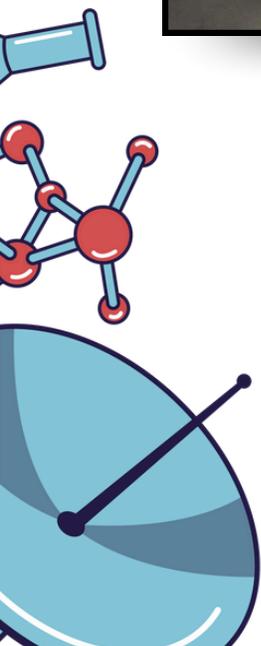
Reindeer Games Bring Festive Fun Before Break

Before break, the *HS Student Council* got everyone into the holiday spirit by hosting their annual Reindeer Games celebration. Each grade level competed in a series of fun and festive challenges, including Hungry Hungry Reindeer, Blindfolded Present Wrapping, a 3-Legged Race, and Musical Chairs. Laughter, friendly competition, and school spirit filled the gym as students cheered on their classmates and enjoyed a memorable send-off to the break.



Chemistry Students Explore STEM Day at CCC

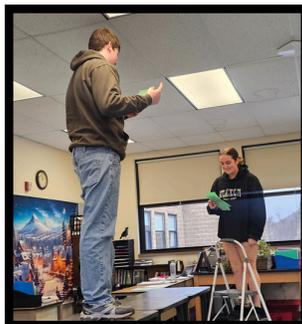
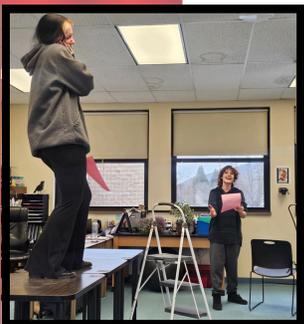
On Wednesday, December 17th, Mr. Whitesell and Mrs. Seeley took Chemistry students on an exciting trip to STEM Day at CCC. Throughout the day, students explored the digital dome, learned about airplane lift and camber, discovered the science behind glow sticks, and participated in a variety of hands-on activities. This experience gave students the opportunity to engage with math and science in interactive, real-world ways beyond the traditional classroom, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for STEM learning.



INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS

ROMEO & JULIET ON STAGE

Mrs. Stephens' sophomores finished reading Act II of Romeo and Juliet and staged one of the most famous scenes in drama – the balcony scene in which the two young lovers declare their love and plan to marry. Each student drew a portion of the scene and paired up with a partner; then the pairs had to practice blocking – adding movement to – the scene as well as the lines themselves. These photos show the result. I am proud of the students' hard work!

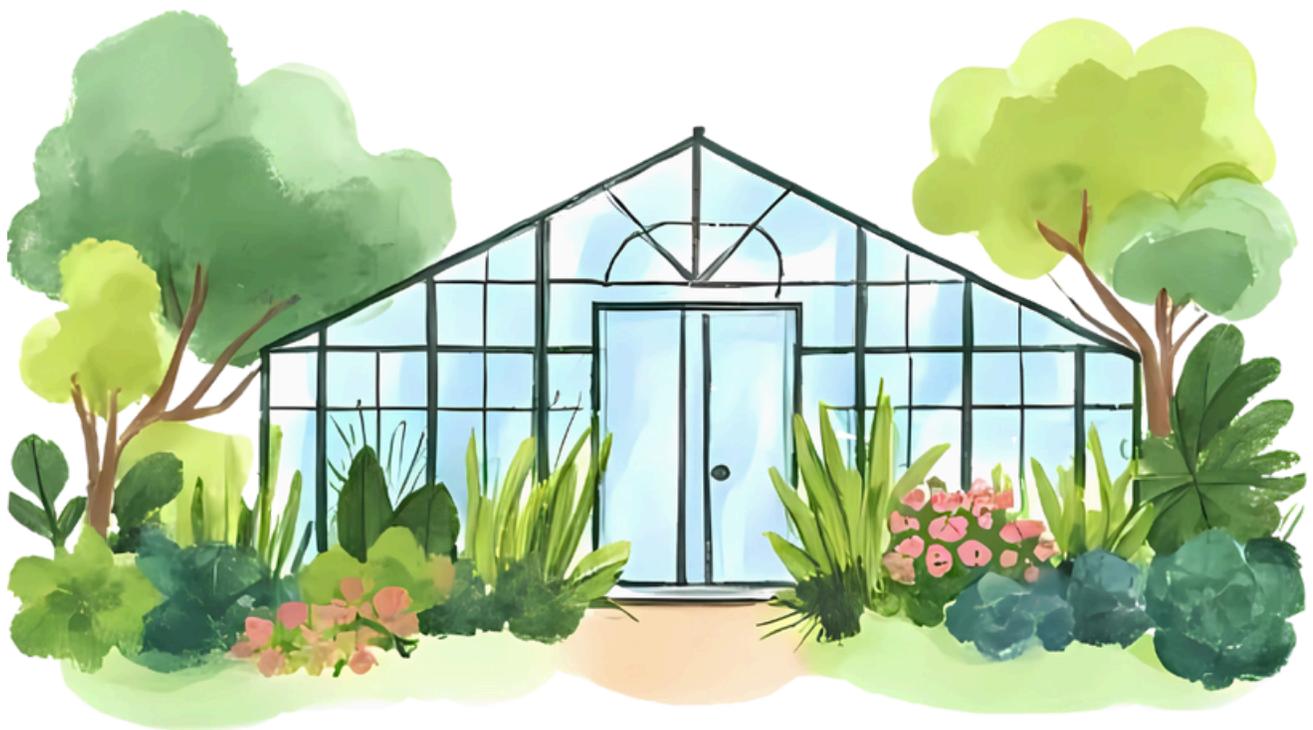


From Classroom to Greenhouse



Our *Comprehensive Agriculture* students have recently transitioned from animal science to plant science as we prepare for hands-on learning in our brand new greenhouse. These students will take on the role of greenhouse managers, learning the ins and outs of greenhouse operations, including plant care, organization, and day-to-day management. Through these lessons, students are developing a deeper understanding of what it takes to successfully run a greenhouse while creating a working list of supplies and materials needed for the growing season ahead.

This greenhouse will serve as a long-term, hands-on learning project used across most of our agriculture classes, allowing students at multiple levels to gain real-world experience, build leadership skills, and connect classroom instruction to practical applications throughout the year.



Global Challenges, Student Perspectives

Prior to Christmas break, our *Environmental Science students* explored a variety of global environmental issues through a student-driven research project. Instead of a traditional assessment, students selected a global environmental topic to research and present to the class. Before break, students shared their presentations, giving peers the opportunity to learn about a wide range of environmental challenges from one another.

Each project examined the issue itself, what is causing it, potential solutions, and why understanding these challenges matters both now and for the future. Topics included soil degradation, food waste, loss of biodiversity, deforestation, and fossil fuel dependency. This project encouraged critical thinking, collaboration, and a deeper awareness of how global environmental issues impact our world.



Wildcat of the Month

WILDCAT OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER 2025



AVARY CORNELL
7TH & 8TH GRADE



"Always volunteers to help out, reliable, kind, and all around good kid."

WILDCAT OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER 2025



KENDALL SOUTHARD
11TH & 12TH GRADE



"Hardworker who shows compassion for others and never complains."

WILDCAT OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER 2025



LIAM ZVER
9TH & 10TH GRADE



"Never hesitates to help others and always friendly."



Wildcat of the Month 

POSITIVE ROLE MODEL, MAINTAINS GOOD GRADES/GRADES SHOW IMPROVEMENT, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE

W WELL-MANNERED; WILLINGNESS TO LEARN/BE A ROLE MODEL

I INVESTED IN LEARNING; IMPROVEMENT IN GRADES/BEHAVIOR; IMPACTFUL ON CLASS; INSPIRATION TO OTHERS

L LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE; LEVEL-HEADED

D DEPENDABLE; DEDICATED TO GOOD WORK ETHIC; DEMONSTRATES GOOD CHARACTER QUALITIES; DETERMINED

C COOPERATES WELL WITH TEACHERS, STAFF, AND FELLOW STUDENTS; CAN-DO ATTITUDE IN CLASSROOM

A ACTIVE IN SCHOOL: CLASSROOM AND EXTRACURRICULARS (SPORTS/CLUBS); ACCOMPLISHES ASSIGNMENTS/TASKS ON TIME

T TRUSTWORTHY; TEAM LEADER; TRUE TEAM PLAYER (IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL); THOUGHTFUL TO OTHERS





FFA Spreads Holiday Cheer at Elderwood

Our FFA members spent the first day of Christmas break giving back to the community with a visit to Elderwood in Hornell, where they enjoyed meaningful time with the residents. Students participated in activities such as bowling, painting nails, coloring, and—most importantly—sharing genuine conversations. A total of 29 members attended, and we were incredibly proud of how thoughtfully and respectfully they engaged with everyone they met.

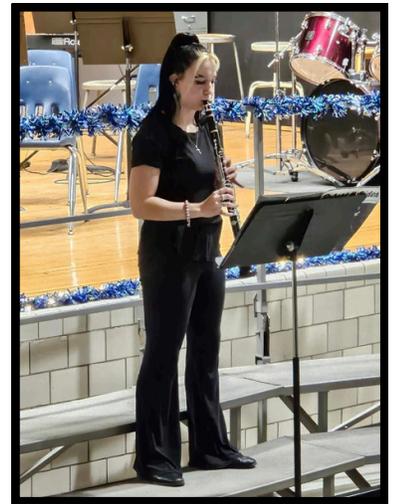
When it was time to say goodbye, both the residents and our students were sad to part ways—a true testament to the connections that were formed. We were grateful to leave behind some goodies for the residents to enjoy, and our members left with full hearts and a renewed sense of the impact that kindness and service can have. This experience was incredibly meaningful, and we look forward to continuing opportunities like this in the future.





Sounds of the Season: Annual Christmas Concert

On December 17th, our talented Music Department delighted the audience with their annual Christmas Concert, featuring performances by the *Jazz Band*, *Chorus*, *Senior High Band*, and *Junior High Band*. The evening was filled with festive melodies, impressive musicianship, and holiday cheer. Each group showcased their hard work and dedication, making the concert a wonderful celebration of the season. Fabulous job to all of our musicians and director for an outstanding performance!



MUSIC
DEPARTMENT



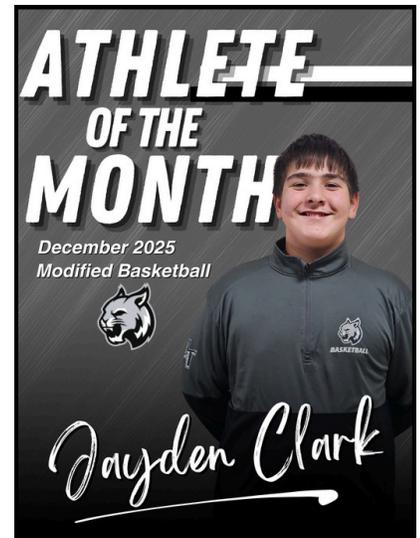


JT Spring Sports sign-ups are open and available in Phys Ed. Please consider playing a sport for your school, for your team, and for you. We are a small school and need high participation levels to be successful. Encourage your friends to participate in a sport and make some memories!

We will be offering softball, baseball, track and golf this spring.

Senior Recognition Nights:
Boys Basketball: January 20th @ 6:50pm
Girls Basketball: January 27th @ 5:45pm
Indoor Track: January 27th @ 5:45pm

From Coach Terry: In choosing this year's Athlete of the Month, I looked for a coachable, well-rounded student-athlete with strong athletic abilities, displaying excellent character and a hard work ethic on and off the court. This player is always giving it his all in everything that he works on in practice, even when no one is looking. Because of this, I have selected Jayden Clark as the J-T Boys' Modified Athlete of the Month. Jayden initially started playing basketball last year. His positive attitude and focus to learn individual skills and fundamentals, has expedited his player development. This along with his increased confidence on the court, has shown through, as he now commands the offense as a solid team leader. Congratulations, Jayden! Keep up the good work.



From Coach Carlineo: Athlete of the Month: Ava Winant
Ava is a standout example of what it means to be a dedicated athlete. She is always eager to work hard and continually pushes herself to improve. Ava takes feedback with maturity, applies it immediately, and consistently gives her full effort in everything she does. She shows up everyday with a positive attitude and big smile, ready to give her best. On the court, Ava never gives up - she's constantly pushing herself to do the little things that make a big difference.





CONGRATS!

Y 2025-26 **Yearbook**
UPDATES

Place your order,
 today!



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

ALL NON-PERISHABLE DONATIONS GO TO
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF TROUPSBURG
FOOD PANTRY



FOOD DRIVE!

Sponsored by
J-T Sports Boosters



Drop-off Location:
Concession Stand at
the Greenwood HS
Location

**Bring your
donations to our
basketball home
games.**

Jan. 7 @6pm: GV
Jan. 8 @7:15pm BV
Jan. 10 @10:00am BM
11:30am GM
1:00pm BJV
2:30pm BV
Jan. 14 @5:45pm BM
7:15pm GM

Jan. 15 @ 5:45pm BJV
7:15pm BV
Jan. 20 @5:45pm GV
7:15pm BV
Jan. 22 @7:15pm GV
Jan. 27 @6:00pm GV
Jan. 30 @5:45pm BJV
Jan. 31 @10:00am GM

JASPER-TROUPSBURG COMMUNITY FORUM



JANUARY 21ST, 2026



6:00PM – 7:00PM



TROUPSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The **Jasper-Troupsburg Central School District** invites students, families, staff, alumni, and community members to attend a *Community Forum* focused on the rebuilding of our Jr./Sr. High School.



This forum is an opportunity to hear an update on where we are in the rebuilding process and, more importantly, to share your perspectives, ideas, and priorities for the future of our school. *We want to know what matters most to our community* as we work to design a facility that supports student learning, honors our history, and serves **Jasper-Troupsburg** for generations to come.



Community input is a critical part of this process. Your feedback will help guide decisions related to learning spaces, programs, community use, and the overall look and feel of the new building.



All are welcome to attend. No prior knowledge is required, just a willingness to share your voice and listen to others.

COMPLETE THE NYS DIGITAL RESOURCE SURVEY.



Parents, your input ensures every student has access to essential digital tools. Please take a moment to complete this important State requirement.



Please scan the QR code or type the link below!

<https://forms.gle/bsQBgPp1XP5FKh7a7>



PREVENT COLDS & FLU

Because of the increased risk of flu, gastrointestinal and respiratory illness at this time of the year, we ask that you take precautions to prevent the spread of germs.

1

WASH

Wash your hands for at least 30 seconds (sing Happy Birthday twice) with soap and warm water.



2

COVER

Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with your elbow or tissue.



3

DON'T TOUCH

Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth! These are the areas where a virus can enter your body.



4

AVOID

Avoid close contact with those who are sick. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after.



January 2026

Health and Wellness



JASPER-TROUPSBURG MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

EAT HEALTHY & STAY ACTIVE ALL YEAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Make Online Payments at PayForIt.net/</p>		<p>JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY! See menu for details</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>5 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>6 Meat Tacos w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>7 Sesame Chicken w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Green Beans</p>	<p>8 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Buffalo Ranch Melt Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Hot Tomato Soup Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices!</p>	<p>9 Crispy Chicken Tender Sub Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Fresh Baby Carrots</p>
<p>12 Homestyle Chicken Bowl w/Bread Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>13 Chicken Quesadilla w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>14 NY MENU DAY! Homemade Chili Made w/NY Ground Beef Cornbread Buffalo Ranch Wrap NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes Green Beans NY Apple Slices NY Juice! Chilled NY Milk</p>	<p>15 Cheese Ravioli & Sauce w/Bread Buffalo Ranch Wrap Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!</p>	<p>16 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots</p>
<p>19 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>20 Meat or Bean Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>21 Homemade NY Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread Buffalo Wing Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Green Beans</p>	<p>22 Italian Meatball Sub Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Steamed Broccoli NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes Fresh Cucumber Slices!</p>	<p>23 Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Fresh Baby Carrots</p>
<p>26 CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>27 Chicken Soft Tacos w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>28 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Buffalo Ranch Wrap Green Beans</p>	<p>29 Chicken & Orange Sauce w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!</p>	<p>30 Cheeseburger on a Roll Mini Pancakes w/Sausage Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots</p>

DAILY ENTREES

PBJ Sandwich
Chef Salad w/Bread Choice
NY Yogurt & Fruit Parfait w/Bread Choice
Assorted Wraps & Sandwiches
Assorted Pizza
Mon/Wed: Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich
Thurs: Cheeseburger on a Roll

DAILY SIDES

Tossed Salad
Fresh Vegetables
Assorted Fruit
M/W/F: 100% Fruit Juice
Chilled NY Milk

PRICING

Breakfast & Lunch: \$0.00
Milk/Ala Carte Sides: \$0.75
Snacks: \$0.75-\$1.50
NOTE: Every student receives 1 bfast & 1 lunch at no charge per school day. Each bfast & Lunch must be a **COMPLETE REIMBURSABLE MEAL**, or student will be charged ala for each item on their tray.

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday: Stuffed Bagel Bites
Tuesday: Breakfast on a Stick
Wednesday: Breakfast Pizza
Thursday: Mini Pancakes
Friday: Breakfast on a Stick
Daily Items: BFast Sandwich, Bagel, Cereal, Muffin Tops, Graham Crackers, BFast Bars, Smoothie, Asst. Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice & Chilled NY Milk

Contact the Food Service Office at (607) 792-3675 or go to the School District Website Food Service Page & click on the Contact Us button to fill in and submit your info. **If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please notify us.**

This institution is an equal opportunity employer & provider.

This menu is subject to change with out advance notice.



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