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J.P. Taravella High School

Finishing Strong

As we enter testing season, we encourage all students to stay focused, confident, and committed to finishing the school year strong. These assessments are an opportunity to showcase all the hard work and growth achieved throughout the year. We encourage students to get plenty of rest, arrive on time, and give their best effort on each exam. We are proud of our students and know they will do great things!

JPT Went BLUE



Our JPT staff proudly went blue for **Autism Awareness Day** to show support, spread awareness, and celebrate the uniqueness of every student. **Together, we continue to build a community rooted in kindness, inclusion, and acceptance.**

Mark your Calendar:

May 1:
Senior Grad Bash Trip

May 6:
FAST Reading PM 3 Test

May 7:
Underclassmen Awards (invite only)
Senior Awards (invite only)

May 13:
U.S. History EOC/Biology EOC/FCLE

May 14:
Algebra EOC/Geometry EOC

May 18-21:
Senior Final Exams

May 20:
Senior Yearbook Signing

May 22:
Early Release & Senior Sunset

May 28:
No School (Memorial Day)

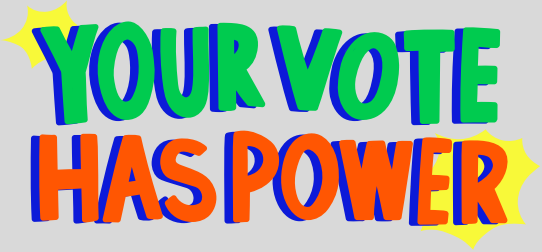
May 28:
Graduation Practice

May 29-June 3:
Underclassmen Final Exams

May 29:
Senior Cap & Gown Pick up

June 3:
Class of 2026 Graduation

Voter Registration Drive



We are so proud of our students for participating in the **High School Voter Registration Drive** and taking part in their civic duty by registering to vote! Their voices matter, and we look forward to seeing them make a positive impact in our community and our world. Thank you Ms. Steadman for taking the lead!

Senior Spotlight

Congratulations to **Brandon Egna,** for being named a **2026 Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship Winner!** Winners receive a scholarship of up to **$40,000** towards an undergraduate degree in computer science and an opportunity to complete a summer internship at Amazon!



Attendance Matters



Thank you all for your support of our **Attendance Matters Monday** incentive! Twice a month we randomly select a class and check for perfect attendance, and the winning class receives a special treat.

Congratulations to Mrs. Antonine's and Mrs. Needham's 8th period class!

America 250



The **America 250 Project** bulletin board was a meaningful collaboration between our **Social Studies classes and Ms. Rabun's Photography class**. Students shared what freedom means to them by writing their thoughts on stars, while photography students captured images representing freedom through their own perspectives. **A powerful display of creativity, reflection, and student voice!**

MTL Seniors



The seniors of MTL attended the **Mentoring Across Broward senior recognition** celebration at Bahia Mar Hotel in Fort Lauderdale.

Scholar Athletes



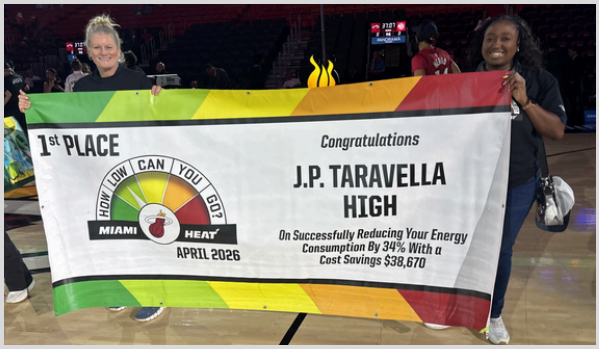
We proudly had seven Taravella student-athletes recognized at the **North Scholar Athlete Banquet** for their excellence in academics, athletics, leadership, and community service.

Congratulations to:
Taylor Maffett, Myrlinski Jean-Charles, Nicholas Florea, Camille Camper, Genesis Atlas, Nico Rosenstock, and Sangeeth Vathielil.

A special congratulations to:
Taylor Maffett – BCAA Scholarship Award recipient
Myrlinski Jean-Charles – Miami Dolphins Scholarship Award recipient

We are incredibly proud of these outstanding Trojans!

Miami Heat Challenge



We are proud to celebrate **J.P. Taravella High School as the 1st Place Winner of the 13th Annual Miami HEAT How Low Can You Go Challenge for Energy Reduction**!

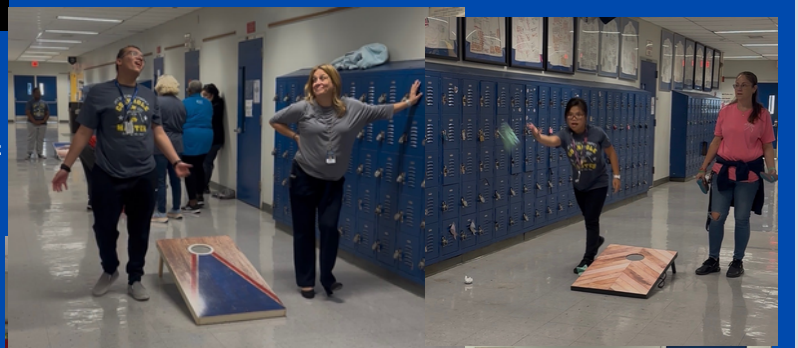
Out of 65 participating schools, JPT achieved an incredible 34% reduction in energy use, saving 429,669 kWh and over $38,000 in energy costs. **This achievement reflects the power of teamwork, leadership, and commitment to a more sustainable future!**

Special Olympics Cornhole

What an incredible **Staff vs. Student Special Olympics Cornhole Tournament**!

The students "specifically selected" their staff opponents and were eager to show off their skills — and **ultimately, the students prevailed and defeated the staff!** Moments like these build meaningful connections and rapport that carry far beyond the game and into our classrooms each day.

Special shoutout to **Mrs. DeArmas** and all of the staff participants for being such great sports and for showing our students that the staff is always up for a challenge!





NJROTC





JPT participated in **Broward County NJROTC Cadet of the Year Ceremony and Pass in Review.**

The event brought together 31 high schools across multiple service branches and showcased an exceptional level of discipline, precision, and leadership among the cadets. It was a strong representation of the work being done across the district.

We were especially proud to have Taravella represented, with our Cadet of the Year nominee, **Jaidah Dagrin** recognized among an outstanding group of students.

Best Buddies

JPT Best Buddies showed up in a big way at the **Broward Best Buddies Friendship Walk! We came in 4th for all school teams by raising $3,440 with 56 walkers registered!** Thanks to the JPT staff, students and parents who came out and showed amazing support!



Special Olympics Basketball





JPT had two Special Olympics Basketball Teams competing in the County Exhibition in March and the Regional Tournament at NSU April 4th. **The 3-on-3 team won a Bronze Medal, and the 5-on-5 team won a Silver Medal!** Congratulations to all of our amazing athletes and volunteers!

NJROTC



A night to remember at the **NJROTC Military Ball!** Our cadets showcased elegance, discipline, and pride as they celebrated their achievements and camaraderie. A special evening honoring leadership, tradition, and the dedication of our NJROTC program.

Women's Choir



The combined **women's choir** performed at the Florida Vocal Association's State Music Performance Assessment- **receiving a SUPERIOR rating**! **Briana Mendizabal** also received a **SUPERIOR rating** on her Classical Vocal Solos

Track & Field



Congratulations to our Track & Field team for clenching the **City Champion** title 4 years in a row as well as **District Champs!**

Teacher Spotlight!



Congratulations to our very own Ms. Bolden for her recognition by the Mayor of Tamarac for her tireless dedication to the City of Tamarac and its citizens.

We are so proud of our Trojan Teacher!

BCASC



We are proud to announce that **Victor Disla** was elected as Secretary for the Broward County Association of Student Councils (BCASC). He will proudly represent JPT in this important countywide leadership role.

Top Scholar Breakfast



We are so proud of our **School Counseling team and BRACE Advisor Mrs. Hernandez** for hosting an incredible Top Scholar Breakfast for our seniors! A special shoutout to **ProStart** for catering a wonderful event. Thank you for helping us celebrate our outstanding students and their achievements!

GSA



GSA students attended a **GSA Leadership Summit,** where they gained valuable resources and leadership tools. The trip also included a meaningful visit to the Holocaust Museum at NSU

Women of Tomorrow



The Women of Tomorrow came together to celebrate our senior award and scholarship recipients! A meaningful celebration recognizing achievement, growth, and the bright futures ahead for our outstanding students.

ProStart Shines

J.P. Taravella's ProStart team never shies away from an opportunity to showcase their culinary skills! Kudos to **Chef Goodman** and our talented students for catering the Community Involvement Awards, serving over 1,000 guests with excellence.

Way to represent JPT!







NHS



We are proud to celebrate the **NHS Induction Ceremony,** recognizing our newest members for their outstanding scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Congratulations to all of the inducted students—we are excited to see the impact you will continue to make!

Great job, Trojans!

Code of Conduct

Reminder that the Student Code of Conduct is enforced daily, including expectations for dress code, behavior, and academic honesty. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and productive learning environment for all students.

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Resiliency Resources:

FACE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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!

Official School Page: jpttrojans
Events/School life: jptsga
PTSO: jptaravellaptso



