



JASPER-TROUPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE WILDCATS



BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2, 2026

Coming up in Wildcat Nation ...

October 3	Senior Recognitions for Soccer
October 6	FEMA Town Hall Meeting
October 7	BOE Meeting 
October 9	Emergency Go Home Early Drill (leave 15 minutes early) Homecoming Dance
October 10	Homecoming 
October 12	No School (Indigenous Peoples' Day)
October 14	PSAT PINK OUT!
October 15	FASFA Night w/Mrs. Kropp



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and our Student Council is going **PINK!** Join us for a Pink Out on **Wednesday, October 14th**, and wear your pink with pride!

Pull out the ribbons, bows, tutus, and pink clothing and help us show our support for breast cancer survivors and everyone affected by this disease. *Together, we can spread awareness, show support, and fill J-T with PINK!*



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for Homecoming



HOMECOMING 2026 A CLASSIC HOMECOMING

Friday
**OCTOBER
9TH**

HOMECOMING DANCE
7:00 - 10:00 pm

Sponsored by Student Council

Saturday
**OCTOBER
10TH**

PARADE 11:00 am

Please Note the New Parade Route!

Parade lineup will be at the Post Office on Preacher Street. The parade will travel from Dollar General to the Sports Complex.

YOUTH SHOWCASE 11:30 am
Following parade

MOD BOYS vs CSB 1:00 pm

**MOD GIRLS vs OUR LADY
MERCY 3:00 pm**

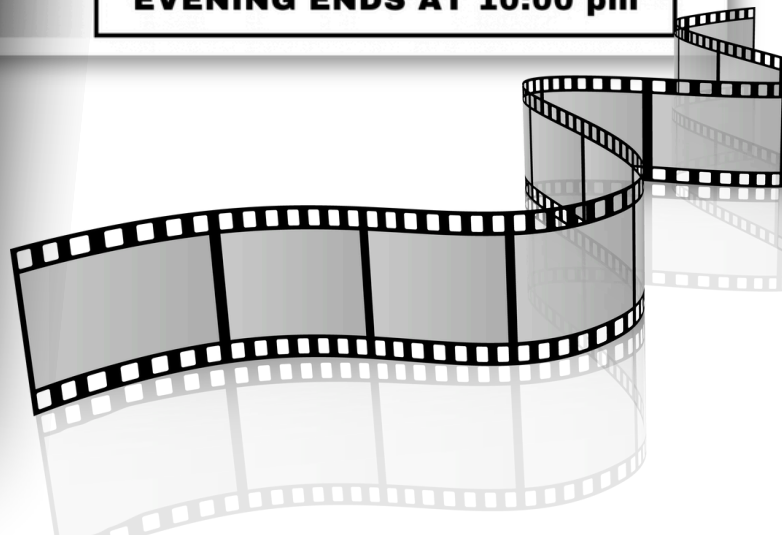
**VARSITY GIRLS vs RED
JACKET 5:00 pm**

**VARSITY BOYS vs MIDLAKES
/ RED JACKET 7:00 pm**

**ALUMNI GAME &
BONFIRE 8:30 pm**

Following last game

EVENING ENDS AT 10:00 pm





SCHOOL PHYSICALS: OCTOBER 16

Does your child need a physical?

The school physician will be at the HS the afternoon of October 16 to complete student physicals.



Appointments are available for:

Grade-Level Physicals: Students in Grades 7, 9 & 11

Winter Sports Physicals: Students planning to participate in a Winter Sport



To schedule an appointment, please contact Barb Leach.

Attendance Reminders

Parents and guardians should call or email the school nurse, *Mrs. Barb Leach* when their child is absent.

When your child returns to school, please be sure to provide a note from their healthcare provider when applicable.

Thank you for helping us keep our attendance records accurate and up to date!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS


Be Here!

Attendance Leaderboard

WEEKLY
RATE

YEAR TO
DATE

SENIORS

80%

89.7%

JUNIORS

92%

93.9%

SOPHOMORES

89%

92.3%

FRESHMEN

91%

96.3%

8th GRADE

96%

97.9%

7th GRADE

94%

95.5%


Be Ready!


Be a Wildcat!

from the GUIDANCE Office

COLLEGE AND CAREER

College Admissions Visits in the Guidance Office

Houghton University 
October 21 at 9:30 am

FASFA NIGHT

 **Thursday, October 15**

 **5:30 - 7:00 pm**

Sign up with Mrs. Kropp

CAREER CAFE

 **October 8th**

Sheriff's Office will be visiting with their canine unit to showcase their career to students during lunch hours.

Launch Your Future

2026 CAREER & AGENCY FAIR

GRADES 10-12 STUDENTS

Explore careers • Practice interviews
Meet employers • Discover community resources



DATE: Wed., November 4, 2026

TIME: 9 AM - 12 PM

Location: Neighborhood Center, 103 Porter Street, Watkins Glen

YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

- Mock interviews with local employers
- Immediate interview feedback
- Resume coaching and support
- Community agencies and resources
- Networking opportunities

WHAT TO BRING

- ✓ One printed resume
- ✓ Positive attitude
- ✓ Questions for employers
- ✓ Dress for success

DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 10-12 PREPARING FOR EMPLOYMENT OR POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES.



PRACTICE



GET FEEDBACK



BUILD CONNECTIONS

Hosted By




PLEASE RSVP by October 21st

<https://bitly/2026CareerAgencyFair>

QUESTIONS? Stacy Brazie, 607-794-2315, sbrazie@gstboces.org



SCAN ME

SCHOLARSHIPS

Looking for scholarships?

The following websites can help connect you with thousands of scholarships you may be eligible for.



[Partner Portal](#)



[Connect with Colleges and Scholarships](#)

from the
GUIDANCE
Office

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**

Upcoming Field Trips

October 6th

SOPHOMORE CAREER
DAY AT ALFRED STATE

October 15th

COLLEGE FAIR AT CCC
*Interested Juniors and Seniors
sign up with Mrs. Kropp*

October 29th

JUNIOR MINI COLLEGE
VISIT TO ALFRED STATE

PSAT

Available to interested 10th and 11th graders

Wednesday, October 14

(Sign up by October 9 in the Guidance Office)

Free to Students / Testing is digital
Please bring your fully charged chromebook
and calculator.

Questions, please see Mrs. Kropp.

September's TOP OF THE TRADE



CHLOE KOLBE

*Professional Business &
Financial Technology*

WILDWOOD
CST BOCES

WILDCAT NATION

Greater
Southern
Tier
BOCES

2026 Wildwood Campus Open House

THURSDAY, OCTOBER, 8

4:30 - 6:30 P.M.

- Animal Science (Bldg. 3)
- Automotive Technology (Bldg. 2)
- Alternative Education (Bldg. 3)
- Building Construction (Bldgs. 5 & 12)
- Career Connections (Bldg. 4)
- CISCO Networking Academy (Bldg. 1)
- Collision Repair (Bldg. 2)
- Cosmetology (Bldg. 3)
- Criminal Justice (Bldg. 18)
- Culinary Arts (Bldg. 7)
- Digital Media Arts (Bldg. 6)

- Heavy Equipment (Bldgs. 6 & 13)
- New Visions Human Services and Education (Hornell High School)
- Nurse Assisting (Bldg. 18)
- Professional Business Financial Tech. (Bldg. 5)
- Welding & Metal Fabrication (Bldg. 5)
- New Visions Engineering (Hornell HS)
- New Visions Health Exploration (Hornell HS)

Teachers & students will be available to showcase their programs through activities & demonstrations.

CAMPUS MAP

CHECK US OUT ON SOCIALS

Pulled Pork BBQ Dinner Option
\$10 pre-order Pulled Pork BBQ dinner, which includes pulled pork, salt potatoes, mac salad and a roll. Prepared & served by the Feed Mill to benefit our SkillsUSA Club.

Meals can be purchased from any Wildwood CTE student prior to 9/28.
PICK UP: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 4:30PM - 6:00PM, BUILDING #7.

Service • Leadership • Collaboration • Integrity

INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS



Making History Come Alive in ELA III



Thanks to a loan from the Chemung Valley History Museum facilitated by Mrs. Hall, Mr. Ford's ELA III students were able to see and handle artifacts and replicas from colonial times in order to better imagine the daily lives of people living in New England and New York in the sixteen and seventeen hundreds. This quarter, as the students learn to analyze figurative language and imagery, they are focusing on texts from the colonial period by William Bradford (governor of Plymouth Colony), poet Anne Bradstreet, and preacher and philosopher Jonathan Edwards before reading a modern play that is set in Salem, MA, in the 1690s. *Artifacts like these, as well as pictures and documentaries, can help provide context that makes reading these older texts a little easier and more meaningful.*



Ag 7 Students Dive Into the FFA Creed

Ag 7 students began a deep dive into The FFA Creed this week. Written by E.M. Tiffany in 1928 as a philosophical statement, the Creed was adopted by the FFA in 1930 at the third National FFA Convention.

Students worked through the Creed sentence by sentence, breaking down its meaning and discussing the values behind Tiffany's words. The Creed touches on themes such as hard work, leadership, ever-changing agriculture, faith in the future, and the importance of working together to make a difference in our communities.

Once students had a better understanding of what they were saying and why it matters, they shifted their focus to public speaking. Students learned to identify common poor speaking habits and explored the key skills that can turn a good speech into a great one: *volume, tone, pace, body language, and eye contact*.

Then came the opportunity to put those skills to the test! Students took turns stepping up to the podium and practicing speaking in front of their classmates. They worked on projecting their voices, maintaining eye contact, using confident body language, and finding a comfortable pace while reciting the Creed. For many students, getting behind the podium and speaking in front of a group can be intimidating, making this a valuable opportunity to build confidence and become more comfortable speaking in public.

Through this activity, students aren't just learning the words of the FFA Creed - *they're learning how to understand its message, communicate it effectively, and confidently share their ideas with others.*



Ag 8 Students Put Public Speaking Skills to Work

Ag 8 students are putting their public speaking skills to work as they prepare short agricultural speeches. Students were able to choose a topic that interests them and make a connection to the world of agriculture. Their challenge? Develop a brief 1.5-2 minute speech that teaches their classmates something about their chosen topic.

Students are working on developing their manuscripts and practicing their presentations so they can confidently take the podium in front of their peers. When it comes time to present, students will be limited to just one index card to help keep them on track, encouraging them to focus on knowing their material rather than simply reading from a script.

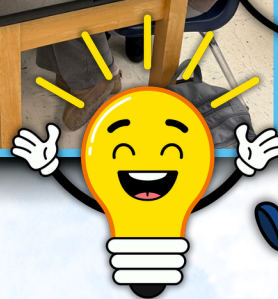
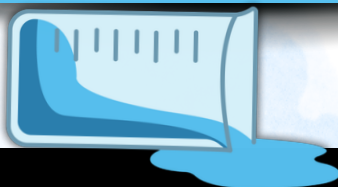
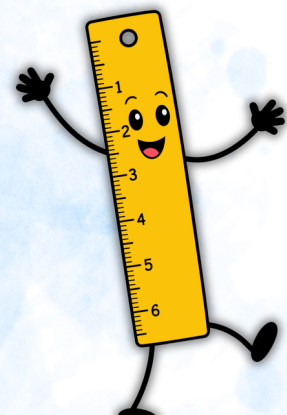
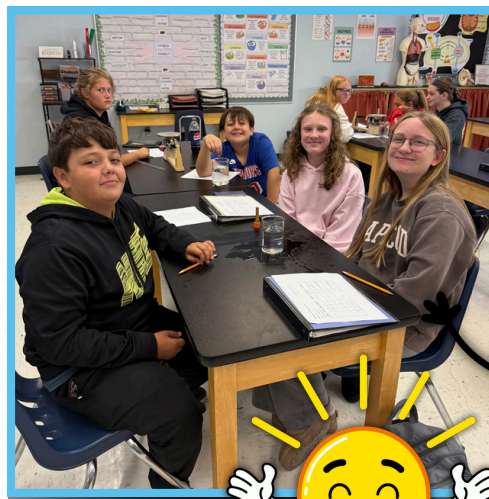
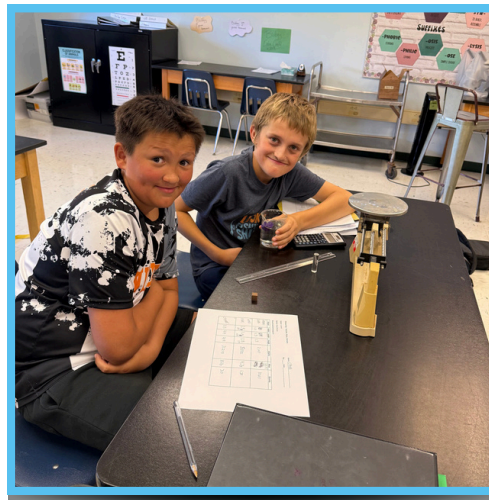
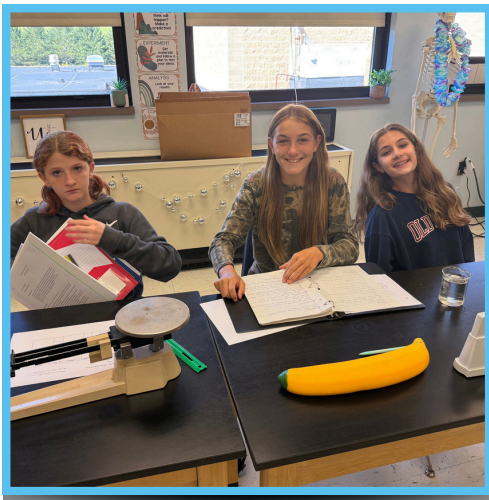
As they prepare, students have been discussing what makes an effective public speaker, including *volume, tone, pace, body language, and eye contact*. We also talked about an important idea: **confidence comes from competence**. When you know what you are talking about - and have a genuine passion for your topic - you are much more likely to feel confident sharing that knowledge with others.

Next week, students will begin presenting their speeches to the class. We can't wait to see what they are passionate about and hear the many different ways they connect their interests to the world of agriculture!

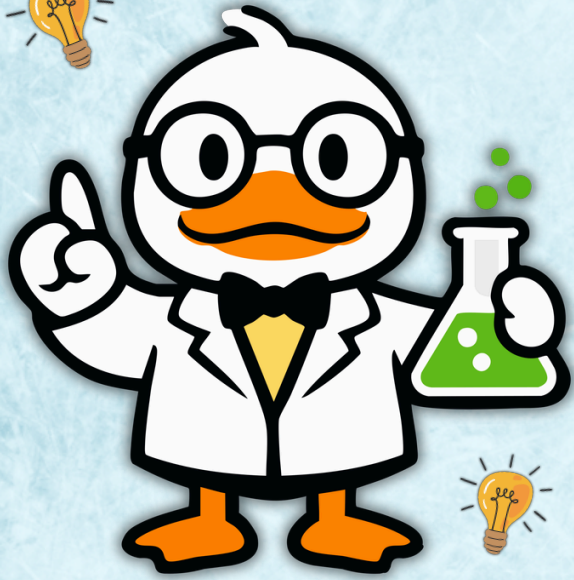


Making a **SPLASH!** with Science!

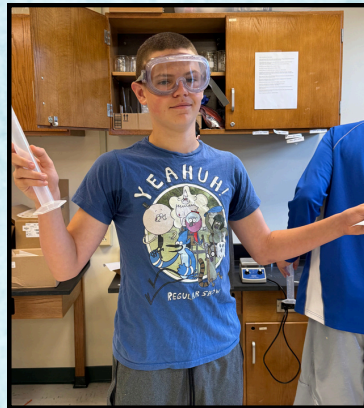
Things got a little splashy and a lot more accurate in *Miss Aldrich's Science 8 classroom* this week! Eighth-grade scientists stepped out from behind their textbooks and into the lab for a hands-on investigation into the physical properties of matter – *specifically mass, volume, and density*. By working through measurement errors, reading menisci at eye level, and calculating the answers together, students gain practical confidence that sets them up for future chemistry and physics units.



Science 8 Gets Hands-On with Matter



Mr. Whitesell's Science 8 class is exploring phase changes of matter, temperature, and density. Students investigated the density of ice while observing water as it moved through multiple phases. Through hands-on activities, they examined how density changes as matter transitions from one phase to another.



Earth Science Beyond the Classroom



Mr. Dennison's Earth Science class took their learning outdoors on September 25th with a visit to Watkins Glen State Park! Students explored the park's impressive gorge, waterfalls, and unique rock formations while seeing firsthand how erosion, weathering, and the movement of water have shaped the landscape over time. It was a great opportunity to connect classroom concepts to the natural world around them!

Business 7 & 8: Building Skills for Success!

Over the past few weeks, students in Mrs. Aldrich's *Business 7 & Introduction to Business* have been learning about Executive Functioning skills - the everyday skills that help us manage our time, stay organized, make decisions, and get things done successfully.

We have explored several important skills, including:



- **Focus** – staying attentive and avoiding distractions
- **Time Management** – planning ahead and using time wisely
- **Memory** – using strategies to remember important information and responsibilities
- **Self-Control** – thinking before acting and managing impulses
- **Organization** – keeping materials, information, and responsibilities in order



- **SMART Goals** – setting goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound
- **Flexible Thinking** – adjusting when plans change or something does not go as expected
- **Task Management** – breaking larger responsibilities into manageable steps



- **Weighing Options** – considering choices and possible outcomes before making decisions
- **Completing Tasks** – following through and finishing what we start

Throughout our lessons, students have been encouraged to think about their own strengths and areas for growth. These skills are important not only for success in school, but also for future careers and everyday life.



2026-2027



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UPCOMING FFA EVENTS

Homecoming Chicken BBQ Pickup
October 10 | 11:00 AM–2:00 PM
J-T Soccer Complex

FFA Chapter Meeting
October 15 | 6:00–8:00 PM
J-T Elementary School

National FFA Convention
October 18–24

FFA Halloween Party
October 30 | 6:00–9:00 PM
FFA Pole Barn at the J-T Soccer Complex

CLASS OF 2027

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES PULL TAB PROJECT

The Class of 2027 is participating in an outreach project collecting pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities for the 2026/27 school year.

Please send pull tabs into either the high school or elementary building.

Help us reach our goal. Remember, every Tab makes a difference!



Attention!

CLASS OF 2027

& PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SENIORS!

It's time to start thinking about the
2026—2027 YEARBOOK!

**SENIOR PICTURES ARE DUE
NO LATER THAN
NOVEMBER 4, 2026.**

DEADLINE:
NOVEMBER 4, 2026

SUBMIT TO:
MRS. ALDRICH
OR MRS. HAYES

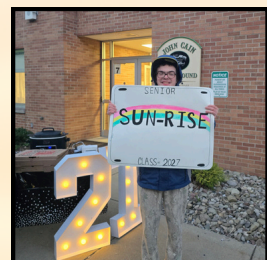
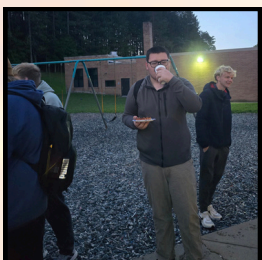
Please submit your senior picture by the deadline to make sure your picture is included in the yearbook.

Please don't wait until the last minute—
we want to make sure **EVERY SENIOR** is represented in this year's yearbook!

Class of 2027
THIS IS YOUR YEAR!

JASPER-TROUPSBURG
JT
WILDCATS

SENIOR SUNRISE



2026-2027 Yearbook

U P D A T E S



J-T Yearbook Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

All students in grades Pre-K through 12 will have the opportunity to earn ONE FREE yearbook or 50% OFF one yearbook again this year.

Pre-sale dates are October 5-16, with all order forms and money due no later than Monday, October 19th.

Doughnuts will be delivered on Saturday, November 7th with pick-up times between 12:00-2:00PM at the high school building (Greenwood Campus).

Order forms and information will come home with students on October 2, 2026. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Hayes or Mrs. Aldrich at the high school.



2026-2027 J-T YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!



**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE
TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES!**



EARLY-BIRD PRICE

\$35.00

+ SALES TAX

**AVAILABLE NOW THROUGH
DECEMBER 1, 2026**

**AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2026
THE PRICE INCREASES TO**

\$45.00

+ SALES TAX

**ORDER EARLY AND SAVE \$10!
Guarantee your copy today!**

ORDER TODAY!



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TO ORDER ONLINE!**

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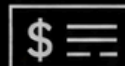
@ www.jostensyearbooks.com



**SCAN THE QR CODE
to order online!**



**SEND PAYMENT WITH
YOUR ORDER FORM TO:
YEARBOOK ADVISOR**



**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO:**

J-T YEARBOOK

♥ Thank you for supporting the J-T Yearbook!

J-T YEARBOOK STAFF





Congratulations to **Lucas Stephens** and **Zoey Henry**, our September Athletes of the Month for Cross Country!



Coach Essigmann recognizes Lucas for his hard work and dedication throughout the season. Whether he is setting the pace for his teammates or humbly following Max and Landon as they push the pace, Lucas continues to challenge himself and those around him. His efforts are paying off, with top-five finishes in his first two races and a top-15 finish at his first invitational!



Coach Essigmann says Zoey has been growing as a runner every day in practice. By linking up with teammate Avery and pushing herself to new levels, she continues to improve both her times and her impact on the team. Her hard work and positive example are helping her teammates grow right alongside her!





Be Part of the Team — Winter Sports SIGN-UPS

JT Winter Sports sign-ups are open and available in Phys Ed until **Friday, October 9th**. We will be offering indoor track and all three levels of basketball for both boys and girls (modified, junior varsity, and varsity). **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. *If you have any questions reach out to Mr. Liberto or Mr. Lawson.*

JASPER-TROUPSBURG FEMA TOWN HALL MEETING



OCTOBER 6, 2026



6:00PM



TROUPSBURG CAFETERIA



Come learn about the progress we've made since our building project was officially approved.



Hear how we are working with FEMA and the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to finalize plans.



Ask any questions you may have about the project.



High School

M E N U

October 2026

Celebrate National School Lunch Week Oct. 12-18th!



CAFETERIA CIRCUS
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK
OCT 12th - NOV 4th 2026

JASPER-TROUPSBURG MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Make Online Payments at Payforit.net		JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY! See menu for details	1 Breaded Chicken Drumstick w/Donner Roll Buffalo Ranch Wrap Steamed Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Fresh Pepper Strips!	2 Mini Pancakes w/Sausage Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots
5 Homestyle Chicken Bowl w/Bread Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots Fresh Cucumber Slices! Fresh NY Kale & Apple Salad	6 Meat Tacos w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans Fresh NY Kale & Apple Salad	7 NY MENU DAY! Chicken & NY Alfredo Sauce over Pasta Donner Sub Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice NY Roasted Broccoli Fresh NY Kale & Apple Salad Fresh NY Grapes! NY Juice! Chilled NY Milk	8 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Buffalo Ranch Melt Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Hot Tomato Soup Green Beans Fresh NY Kale & Apple Salad	9 Crispy Chicken Tender Sub Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Fresh Baby Carrots Fresh NY Kale & Apple Salad
	13 CIRCUS CAFE: OPENING DAY! Chicken & Waffles Buffalo Ranch Wrap Strong Man Sweet Potato Fries Shave Shagging Strawberries w/Topping	14 CIRCUS CAFE: FIESTA SPECTACULAR!! Walking Taco NY Cheddar, NY Sour Cream, NY Salsa, Lettuce A Ring Churro Buffalo Ranch Wrap Street Corn Salad Acrobat Apple Slices	15 CIRCUS CAFE: BIG TOP BBQ! BBQ Pulled Chicken Sandwich BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Buffalo Ranch Wrap Silly Saws (Cole Slaw) Balancing Act Baked Beans Ringmaster Watermelon	16 CIRCUS CAFE: Grande Finale Friday!! Carousel Corn Dog Circus Classic Burger Choose your own toppings! Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Buffalo Ranch Wrap Clown Favorite: Curly Fries Carnival Cookie
Celebrate National School Lunch Week! It's a great time to give school lunch & breakfast a try!				
19 Italian Meatball Sub Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Sliced Carrots Fresh Cucumber Slices!	20 Meat or Bean Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	21 Homemade NY Macaroni & Cheese Buffalo Wing Macaroni & Cheese Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Green Beans	22 Asian Chicken w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Steamed Broccoli	23 Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Fresh Baby Carrots
26 Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Sliced Carrots Fresh Pepper Strips!	27 Chicken Soft Tacos w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	28 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Buffalo Ranch Wrap Green Beans	29 Breaded Chicken Drumstick w/Donner Roll Buffalo Ranch Wrap Steamed Broccoli Mashed Potatoes	30 Cheeseburger on a Roll Mini Pancakes w/Sausage Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes
				

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.

DAILY ENTREES
PB&J 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-\$1.75
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: Mini Pancakes
Wednesday: Breakfast Pizza
Thursday: Breakfast on a Stick
Friday: Mini Pancakes
Daily Items: Bfast Sandwich, Cinnamon Roll, Bagel, Cereal, Muffin Tops, Graham Crackers, Bfast Bars, Smoothie, Asst. Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice & Chilled NY Milk

This menu is subject to change with out advance notice.

School Website:
www.jtcsd.org

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Jasper-Troupsburg Central
School District

Question on who to contact?
Please see the school district's
Chain of Communication
located on our website.