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Spirit Week & the Homecoming Dance

By: Rebecca Jennings

Spirit Week is the week of the homecoming each year. Most people go all out especially the seniors who wish to run for homecoming queen or king. This year started with Black and White day on Monday. Students wore black and white clothing, accessories, face paint. This was followed by Sports Team day on Tuesday where students decked themselves out in jerseys and hats. Next were Flashback Wednesday and Twin day on Thursday. Friends, students, and teachers dressed alike as if they were twins. Some found themselves wearing matching colors, clothes, or even

Elmo! Friday was Purple and Gold day, which appeared to have the most student participation. From there, students went to the prep rally to celebrate and cheer on our sports teams.

Saturday was the homecoming game, which we unfortunately we lost. However, later that night students went to the homecoming dance that lasted from 7 to 10 o'clock. The JHS students voted for their choice of homecoming queen and king. Congratulations to Kayla Dingman and Mike Kelly for winning the titles this year. Many enjoyed the dance, especially the djs who were well known by several of the JHS students. At the dance students enjoyed

drinks and food that were provided for sale by the Key Club. Thanks to all of you that attended the dance and voted.

Overall, Spirit Week was a great success enjoyed by several students and staff. Nice job Student Council! We look forward to more fun next year.



Pictured left: Following their crowning, Kayla Dingman and Mike Kelly stop for a snap shot during their celebratory dance.

Busy Baronet

By: Julie Smicinski

The JHS Baronet is, once again, up and running! Emily Bearden and Kaylyn Akey (seniors) were selected as co-editors. Kelly Brown (senior) was selected as the copy/photo editor. Ad/sales editor will be Julie Smicinski (sophomore). Jessica Vickers (senior) will serve as secretary, and Michael Gifford (senior) has been selected as treasurer. Together with their advisors, Mr. D'Amore and Mrs. Smith, these officers have received training from Scott Hicks, a

representative from Jostens' Yearbook Company. This training has allowed the staff to learn how to create and produce the yearbook completely online.

This year, for the first time ever, students and parents may submit their own photos of school events online to be considered for inclusion into the 2010 Baronet. All they have to do is log on to images.jostens.com, enter login ID "400005931" and password "yearbook." Then they should click on "Image

Share," enter contact information, and information about the photo, then click "Save Details." The yearbook staff will then sort through these pictures, and you may get a chance to see your photos in the yearbook! However, not all submission will be used.

The presale price is \$50 with optional add-ons for an additional cost. Be sure to buy your copy today before the price goes up! Yearbooks are a great way to preserve memories!



Top 5 Halloween Decorations of 2009

By: Hunter Adele Ramsay

I covered six blocks in Johnstown from Main Street to Nicholas Street, in order to determine the most popular Halloween decorations. The results were as follows:

5. Ghosts
4. Cornstalks
3. Witches
2. Scarecrows
1. Pumpkins

I hope you enjoyed Halloween!



Poetry corner

Untitled

By: Hunter Adele Ramsay

Love oh love

Oh dear my dove

Where ever should you be?

Love oh love

Oh dear my dove

Oh where would you be?

Love oh love

Oh dear my dove

Where can thee be?

Love oh love

Oh dear my love

I miss you so

Please come back to me

Are you a poet? Have something you'd like to include in our next issue? Please leave any Poetry Corner suggestions in Mrs. Catucci's mailbox, located in the main office, in order to be considered for publication.



Getting to Know You

Interview with Mademoiselle Leonard

By: Michala Gallt

Q: What high school did you attend?

A: I went to Guilderland High School.

Q: Where were you originally from?

A: I'm from Guilderland.

Q: What college did you attend?

A: Union College

Q: When did you decide you wanted to become a French teacher?

A: In tenth grade I had a teacher that I really liked, and she inspired me to become a French teacher.

Q: Why did you become a French teacher?

A: I wanted to be a teacher to help students through difficult times in their lives. I chose French, because I like

spreading diversity.

Q: Have you traveled to any different countries?

A: Yes, I have been to many parts of Europe. I've also been to Egypt.

Q: What was your favorite part of traveling?

A: I enjoyed meeting new people and learning about their culture.

Q: Was it difficult for you to adjust to a new school?

A: Not really. Johnstown is a welcoming school; it's very nice here.

Q: Are you enjoying your time at JHS thus far?

A: Yes, I enjoy it a lot.

Q: What is your favorite part about JHS?

A: The people here are really nice. I like that everyone is willing to give me a chance.

Q: Did you teach at any

other schools?

A: Yes, I taught English at Lycée Evariste Galois, in Sartrouville France. I received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach and study in France, and without this scholarship I would not have been able to afford to live in France for a year.

Q: Can you tell us some advice that you'd give to a student who wanted to become a foreign language teacher?

A: Don't give up! Always try. Sometimes people may try to bring you down, but you just have to pursue what you want to do. I want students to know that if they work hard at what they want, then they can achieve their dreams.

Fun Facts

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Music: Rock

Dogs, Cats, or Fish: Cats



What's Your Sign?

By: Julie Smicinski

Sagittarius

(November 22nd- December 21st)
Break free from your routines. Try having something different for breakfast or going a new way to math class. Who knows who you could bump into?

Capricorn

(December 22nd- January 19th)
If you see someone being bullied, try to help them. Who knows, they may be cooler than you think.

Aquarius

(January 20th-February 18th)
Be proud of your accomplishments and accept your defeats. Nobody is perfect.

Pisces

(February 19th-March 20th)
Don't get something just because it's "in." Don't refrain from getting something because it's "out." If you like it, get it. Just be yourself and stay true to the friends who accept you for who you are.

Aries

(March 21st- April 19th)
Just because the first quarter is over, doesn't mean that you can slack off. There are still three quarters left!

Taurus

(April 20th- May 20th)
Overwhelming yourself with choices? Slow down and think of the consequences before making any major decisions.

Gemini

(May 21st- June 21st)
Instead of laughing and joking with friends when the teacher is done teaching, get a jump-start on your homework. It'll pay off later that night!

Cancer

(June 22nd- July 22nd)
Just because you want it doesn't mean you have to have it. Think before you buy expensive things, because you may thank yourself later.

Leo

(July 23rd- August 22nd)
It's never too early to start the college search. Even if you are just a freshman! Start thinking of where you want to go in life.

Virgo

(August 23rd- September 22nd)
Procrastination! Instead of sulking about it, get it done the second it is assigned. You'll find a huge burden lifted off our shoulders.

Libra

(September 23rd- October 22nd)
Have faith in what you can do and know what you're good at. You can do anything if you put your mind to it.

Scorpio

(October 23rd- November 21st)
Homework isn't anybody's favorite pastime, but getting it done when you get home leaves the rest of your night free for whatever you want.

The Saw Saga

Movie Madness

By: Tristan Clark

Saw is a series of movies in which Jigsaw, a name created by the people dubbing him "The Jigsaw Killer," and his disciples test a number of peoples' wills to live and whether or not they deserve the life given to them. Through the use of gruesome and torturous machines, one is tested (sometimes with others). These "games" all have specifically set rules where one must follow in order to stay alive. Yet in these rules, there are cryptic meanings, which usually have more than one meaning. If one is successful in their "rebirth," they are free to live their lives or they can join Jigsaw and his disciples. Throughout these movies, it allows one to see the depth of human survival and allows one to think differently. This is a movie that has both psychological factor towards fear and also one that shows grotesque violence through the movie.

Word in the Hall

By: AJ Randolph

My favorite holiday is...



...Thanksgiving. It's a nice to have a great family dinner.
Brittany Brownell
Class of 2010



...Christmas, because there are a lot of lights. It's a pretty holiday.
Brian Vair
Class of 2012



...the Fourth of July, because there are fireworks!
Tyler Hornidge
Class of 2011



...Easter. It's colorful, and I like the Easter bunny!
Lizzy Clizbe
Class of 2013

Just Ask Lucy

Dear Lucy,
My friend wants to break up with his girl-
friend, and he doesn't know how to for compli-
cated reasons. He asked me how, but I don't
know how either. How should he break up
with her, in a way that won't really make it into
a messy situation?
- Mr. SheSwims

Dear Mr. SheSwims,
Well, it's always hard to break up, no matter
how you look at it. He should sit down and
talk with her. He shouldn't text or IM some-
thing of that importance to her, because
that's not the nicest way to do it. Instead, he
should talk to her face to face and explain the
situation. This may be harder to work off the
nerve to do, but in the long run it will make it
easier. I hope it goes well.
Lucy

Have a question? Just ask Lucy. Anonymous ques-
tions can be left for Lucy in Mrs. Catucci's mailbox,
located in the main office.

Donkey Basketball

Yet again, the Donkey Basketball Game didn't disappoint. Several student, parents, and community members packed the JHS gymnasium to watch the Juniors (pictured right) take on the Seniors. The annual game, organized by the International Club, was filled with non-stop action. The more reluctant donkeys were used as strategy pieces, allowing for a quick shot from under the hoop. Both teams played strong games, and it was a constant battle between the players. The donkeys also had some strategic moves of their own, which hindered the performance of several individuals. After being fouled at the buzzer, the Juniors had one last shot to push the game into overtime. However, only one foul shot was made, causing the Seniors to win, 18-17. Congratulations Seniors!

The winning team is pictured on page 7.

Lucy,
*Do you think that people who decorate
their binders get better grades? Just won-
dering!*
-Decorative Thinker

Dear Decorative Thinker,
*No, I don't think people with decorated
binders get better grades. Sometimes, I
even think that it's a distraction, so there
you go! I hope all is well.*
Lucy

Lucy,
I don't have any friends. How do I make some?
Help Help Help me

Dear Help Me,
If you want to gain more friends, you can join a
sport. If you're not into sports, there are many
clubs that will be a good fit. Trying one of
these activities is a good way to become more
social and develop friendships in the process.
Lucy =)



Part-Time Student Status

By: Emily Bearden

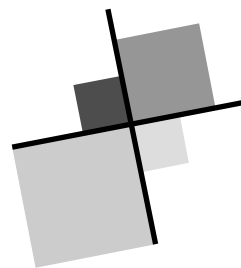
Currently, Johnstown High School seniors are affected by the controversy of whether they should be allowed part-time status. Johnstown High School principal, Mr. Beatty firmly believes that students should not be allowed part-time. Instead, students should be encouraged to take more classes.

Part-time is only allowed to high school seniors who have a paying job or go to Fulton

Montgomery Community College (FMCC) for classes. In previous years when part-time was permitted, students had to get permission from their parent or guardian in order to leave. Students also were required to sign in and out when leaving.

Previously, students have neglected to follow guidelines of part-time regulations. Students were showing sign of irresponsibility by getting into car accidents, leaving school, and finding themselves in

trouble. Because students did not abide by the rules, their privileges were taken away, and seniors now have more classes and electives. Students can only leave for lunch, and they must have a lunch privilege card. Part-time status, because of previous years, is not going to be re-considered.



Donkey Basketball Winners!





Winter Word Search

By: Cheryl Walsh

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 N E O R T H E C R N L H E M I
 S P T H E R E E W I I N T E R
 S S T A O L S T I C Z E O F C
 N H O C K E Y G N I Z E E R F
 O C B U R S S D E C A B E O M
 W B B E R C T W E N R D T S Y
 M R O T S W O N S U D R K T F
 A I G R S H T L A O R I T W E
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 A Y L I G I C I C L E S H T S



BLIZZARD
 COLD
 DECEMBER
 DRIFTS
 FEBRUARY
 FREEZING
 FROST
 HOCKEY
 ICE
 ICICLES

JANUARY
 MARCH
 SHOVEL
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 SKIING
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