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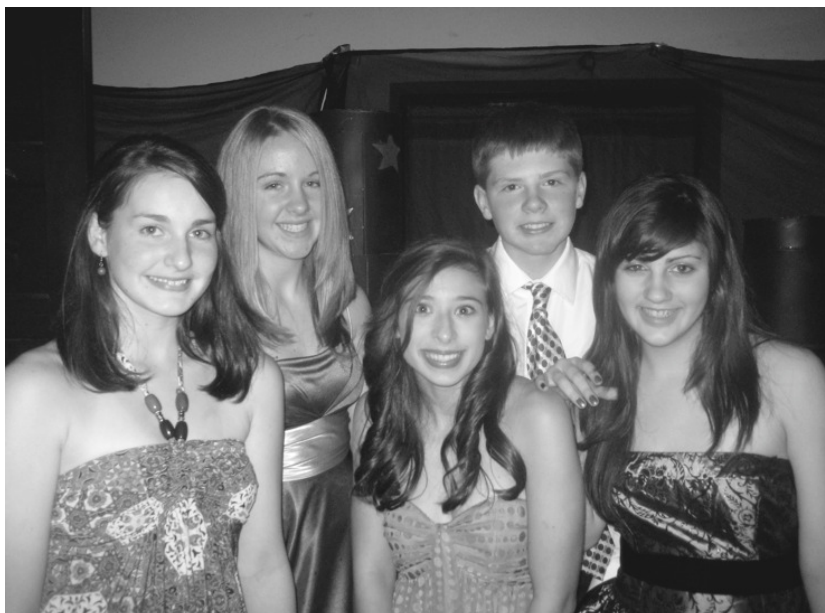
Winter Wonderland Wiggle

By Rebecca Jennings

Last year was another year that students celebrated exchange weekend with the winter wonderland dance. Like in years past, we had more foreign exchange students come and visit JHS. The dance, held

on December 5th at St. Anthony's Hall, consisted of much tradition such as the seniors dancing on stage, and the foreign exchange students dancing to the YMCA. Continued on p. 5

Pictured below: A group of freshmen stop for a group shot at their first winter wonderland dance. Freshmen (pictured L to R) are Emma Heroth, Jenna Hohenforst, Alyssa Henry, Alex Hollister, and Quincey Brabant.



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Have you met Mrs. Lawrence?

BY CHERYL WALSH

What's wrong? You don't know who Mrs. Lawrence is? Well, that's probably because her name won't change until April, but we'll get to that later. For now, you know her as Miss Szumowski. If you don't know her, she is the new Regents Earth Science teacher at Johnstown High School. *The Bugle* wanted to take a little time to get to know Miss Szumowski better.

Miss Szumowski grew up in Gloversville, and then she headed to SUNY Cortland to pursue her undergraduate degree in Communications. She is currently working towards her graduate degree in teaching through Empire State College.

Before heading to Johnstown, Miss Szumowski was a substitute teacher for many years. She took previous substitute positions at many schools throughout Fulton and Schenectady counties. She also substitute taught for a year in Baltimore County right after graduating from college. Then she spent a couple of months at Voorheesville teaching

seventh grade science as a long term substitute.

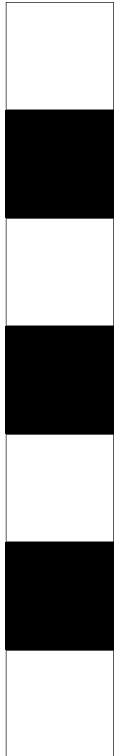
While Miss Szumowski was in Baltimore, she had a difficult time finding jobs in communications that weren't related to sales. Knowing that was not the future she wanted to chase after, she decided to go back to school and earn enough credits in earth science in order to get accepted into a graduate program. While this took a while to accomplish, she was devoted. She also began to substitute teach full time in order to get experience.

Now, you may wonder why she picked science, especially since she was a communications major. Well there's always a reason for everything! Miss Szumowski states, "I have always loved science, but I never really knew it. When I was little I had a rock collection and a telescope, and I use to love going with my dad to collect fossils." However, she really knew she wanted to teach science when she went to Australia to study abroad. There she saw the Great Barrier Reef. She made it her goal to see all of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World. Additionally, she loves to go visit all the "smaller" natural wonders around here, like Niagara Falls, Secret Caverns, and High Falls Gorge, just to name a few.

Four Fun Facts:

1. She was a member of the sorority Phi Sigma Sigma during college.
2. She's getting married in April, so she won't be Miss Szumowski anymore; she'll be Mrs. Lawrence.
3. She has two beagles named Romeo and Champ.
4. She's going to Hawaii this summer, so she'll get to see an active volcano!

The JHS Bugle would like to congratulate the soon to be Mrs. Lawrence on all of the eventful details that she shared with us. We wish you the best of luck here at Johnstown, and we hope you enjoy Hawaii. Aloha!



Welcoming Mrs. Elliott

By Cheryl Walsh



Mrs. Elliott grew up in Tribes Hill and went to FFCS. Before making the move to Johnstown, she was a family therapist and an Assistant Program Director for an organization that counsels adults who are diagnosed with a mental illness. She went to Plattsburgh State University for her undergraduate degree. After Plattsburgh, she headed to Sage Graduate School. Through Sage, she received her degree in Professional School Counseling. While Johnstown is her first position as a high school counselor, she knew she wanted to be a counselor since high school. She has always been a good listener and enjoys helping people.

Four Fun Facts:

1. Her favorite subject in high school was Psychology.
2. She loves music, especially outdoor concerts.
3. In high school, she was the captain of the cheer-leading squad.
4. She would love to spend an entire summer vacation traveling around Italy.

On behalf of *The Bugle*, I would like to welcome Mrs. Elliott to our school. We hope you love it here.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR/
SAVE THE DATE:
HFM BOCES
Career & Technical Center
Open House for Prospective
Students & Parents Thursday,
March 4, 2010, 6-8 p.m.**

...Take what you can from your dreams, make them as real as anything...
—Dave Matthews Band—

What's Your Horoscope?

BY JULIE SMICINSKI

Aquarius

(January 20th-February 18th)

It's a new semester, so give yourself a fresh start! Start studying for tests and do your homework every night. Your grades will greatly improve.

Pisces

(February 19th-March 20th)

Keep an open mind. Something you are not looking forward to might end up being fun.

Aries

(March 21st- April 19th)

With scheduling coming up, take some time and think about your courses for next year. Take the hardest courses you can and choose a fun elective or two.

Taurus

(April 20th- May 20th)

It seems like you're trying to move along in life way too fast. Slow down and look at what you're doing before making any major decisions.

Gemini

(May 21st- June 21st)

Not the biggest fan of winter? Relax, the snow will melt soon. When it does, be sure to get outside and enjoy the weather while it lasts.

Cancer

(June 22nd- July 22nd)

Doing things you don't enjoy is challenging, but face these obstacles head on! You'll be relieved when you're done.

Leo

(July 23rd- August 22nd)

When everything goes your way, remember that there are some people having a bad day. Spread your joy by lending them a helping hand.

Virgo

(August 23rd- September 22nd)

Sure, you have a lot on your mind, but that's no reason to miss out on what's going on in math class. Be careful of your wandering mind.

Libra

(September 23rd- October 22nd)

Even if you aren't the most athletic person in the world, try a sport this spring. You may meet some new friends or find something you really enjoy.

Scorpio

(October 23rd- November 21st)

Nobody said you had to have the same routine every day. Take a different route to class, pack a crazy lunch, or plan something fun after school. The day will go by much faster.

Sagittarius

(November 22nd- December 21st)

Trust your instincts. If you want something, go for it. It's now or never, so take a risk and accept the outcome.

Capricorn

(December 22nd- January 19th)

If you learn about something in school that you like, don't be afraid to learn more on your own. Knowledge is power.

The Last Song

By Cheryl Walsh

Nicholas Sparks has written many great books like [A Walk to Remember](#) and [The Notebook](#). [The Last Song](#) is another amazing read that fans of Nicholas Sparks should check out.

Can one summer away from what you know, change your view on life? To Veronica "Ronnie," Miller her mother, Kim Miller, is the worst person ever. She is making Ronnie and her little brother, Jonah, spend the summer with their dad, Steve. She hasn't spoken or talked to him since he left. Steve is a concert pianist who is living the quiet life in a small beach town. Ronnie and Steve once shared a common passion of piano that died the day he left, but that one passion continues to keep their lives strong. Ronnie rejects every attempt that her father has made toward their relationship. When Ronnie gets into some trouble she turns to her dad for help. But Ronnie truly begins to change when she meets Will Blakelee. As always, the summer comes to an end. When Will leaves for college, everything in Ronnie's life is left in pieces. Life goes on, but there will always be a part of Ronnie that is back at that beach house. Ronnie needs to put her life back together, but who will be there for her? Will she ever be able to mend the relationship with her father? And what will happen between Ronnie and Will? You'll have to read the book to find out for yourself.

On April 2nd, [The Last Song](#) is coming to theaters. Playing Ronnie Miller is Miley Cyrus. Liam Hemsworth stars as Will Blakelee, Kelly Preston as Kim Miller, Greg Kinnear as Steve Miller, and Bobby Coleman as Jonah Miller. This is yet another book that you'd be unfortunate not to get a hold of before heading to the movies.

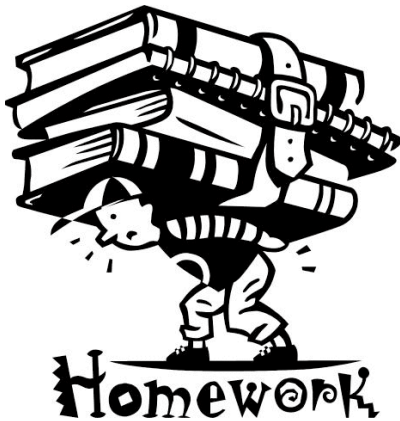


Pictured Above: Brett Schlesier and Amanda Cline take a break from dancing to enjoy the refreshments downstairs.

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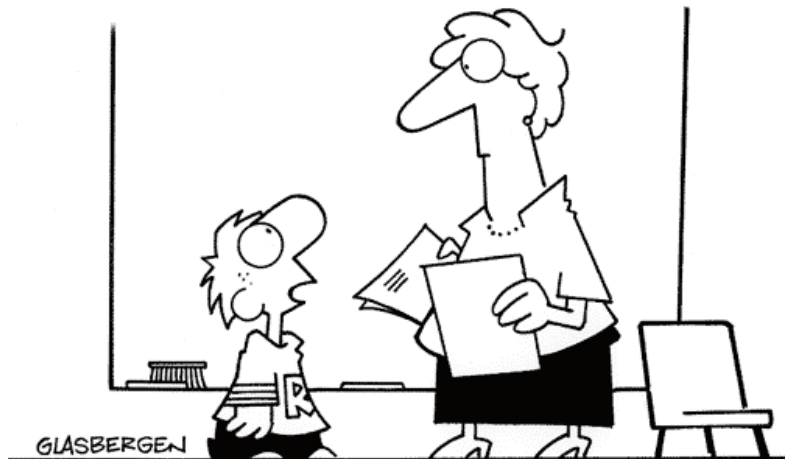
However, unlike most other years, at this year's dance we had a sound issue for a few minutes. The break in music didn't disappoint, as everyone began singing "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus. Students enjoyed dancing until their legs were sore and snacking on treats downstairs. So as in years past, this year's dance was a big kick

off, and we all thank the International Club for making it happen once again. I'm sure next year there will be another great dance just as fun as this year's dance. Unfortunately for the seniors, this was their last winter wonderland dance.



Do you have trouble completing your assignments at home? Do you need some extra help? Feel free to stop in and get a head start on your homework at the Homework Club! The Homework Club is new to Johnstown High School this year. Mr. Blacha and Ms. Riccio run the program, which takes place after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:20-3:00 in the small cafeteria. All students are welcome to attend.

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"I couldn't do my homework because my computer has a virus and so do all my pencils and pens."

Word in the Hall

BY TRISTAN CLARK

We've hardly had snow this winter. What do you think about that?



Anthony Keba
Class of 2010

"It sucks because I like to snowboard, and we didn't get much snow yet this winter."

Priya Winston
Class of 2011

"We need more snow!"



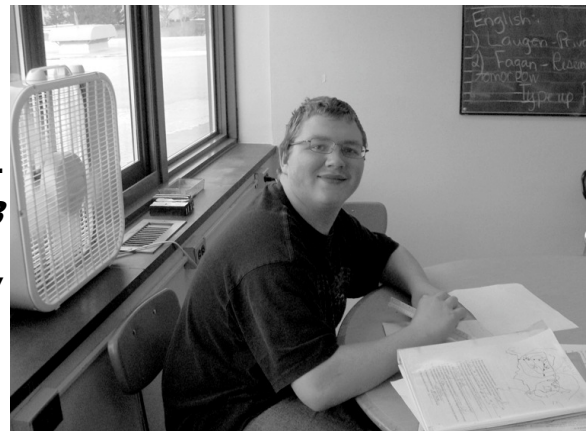
Lindsey Piehuta
Class of 2012

"Since I can't go snowmobiling or play in the snow, it's okay with me."



Steven Waller
Class of 2013

"I don't like it. I wish we had more snow."



TWINS

BY TRISTAN CLARK

In Johnstown High School, there are an odd quantity of fraternal twins and identical twins. On average, there is a 1 in 60 chance of having fraternal twins in society, and a 1 in 240 chance of having identical twins. These numbers are not a true set rate because age, genetics, and race can lead to either a greater chance to having twins or a lesser rate of obtaining twins at all. At Johnstown High School we have both fraternal twins and identical twins in our walls, which according to certain statistics is a possible arrangement that usually does not occur in a certain amount of schools in America. Out of all the possible twins in our school, I have provided a list in which contains some, but not all, of the twins in Johnstown High School.

The following contains students that have a twin by birth year:

1994

Matt Miller
Travis Miller

Kody Decker
Kyle Decker



1993

Jessica Dodson
Tia Dodson

Cameron Hussain
Logan Husain

Matt Marshall
Tommy Marshall

1992

Ran Isei
Sakura Isei

History Highlight

Do you enjoy history? If so, then here's something to look forward to:

Holocaust survivor Ivan Vamos will give a lecture about the Holocaust and his personal experiences in Budhapast, Hungary to the entire JHS student body on March 25.



Dear Lucy,
I'm 14 and want to start wearing makeup, but my mom won't let me. How can I get her to change her mind?
-Must Have Makeup

Dear Must Have,
Talk to your mom about wanting to wear makeup. Yes, you're in high school so you're going to want to start wearing makeup, you're also going to want to hang out with your friends later at night, and all of the other things that go along with that. Remind your mom you're growing up. But you also should remember that you don't need major makeup. You should want makeup that brings out your natural beauty. Hope all goes way.

-Lucy ♥

Lucy,
I feel like failing my classes, because it's easier to pass in summer school. My parents just don't get it. I can do nothing for the rest of the year, and I'll still move up next year. Why should I bother trying to get Bs so I can have a 65 once June comes around, when summer school's so much easier?
-Flunking for Fun

Dear Flunking,
Failing is never the key answer to anything. I know school can be hard sometimes, but it's better to try than to not try at all. Summer school may seem easier, but if I were you I wouldn't want to spend my summer having to be in school. I would want to be hanging out with my friends. Try your hardest to do well in school.
-Lucy (:

Dear Advice Girl,
I want to play a spring sport, but I'm scared it'll hurt my grades. What should I do?
-Active Athlete

Dear Athlete,
With wanting to play any sport, you have to prioritize the things that you'll need to do. If you have practice at 4:30 and you're waiting around for it to begin, then do your homework. If you don't have any homework but you know you have a test the next day, then study for that test. Do your homework on the way to games instead of fooling around with your friends; it may seem fun but school ALWAYS comes first. Go ahead and tryout for a spring sport, but just keep up with your homework. Hope you have fun in the sport.

-Lucy (:

Lucy,
My best friend stopped talking to me. I feel like I always have to make the effort. Why is she doing this? Should I even bother with her anymore?
-Frustrated Friend

Dear Frustrated,
If she's truly your best friend, then you guys will make up. Sometimes friends fight and argue, but if you guys are really truly friends then you will figure it out. Hope things go well for you.

-Lucy (:



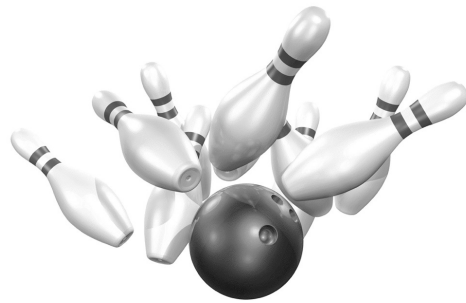
Split Team

BY REBECCA JENNINGS

Every winter season sports such as basketball, alpine skiing, and bowling start. However this year things are different in the sport of bowling. This year the school doesn't have a combined bowling; instead the boys and girls are split. What does this mean? Well it means multiple things. To start, the school now has its first girls team, which is currently 26-6. While the boys have junior varsity and varsity teams, the girls only have a varsity team. Both teams are coached by Ron Savoie. The girls' team consists of eight bowlers, and they all bowl on a Saturday morning league together at Perry Lanes. Even though the girls' team is non-league, they still go to sectionals with a few other girls teams. Unfortunately the girls' season ended in the beginning of February, but at least their season ended on a strong note for this first year team.

Below is a complete list of the girls team:

- Elizabeth Bronk
- Katie Fabozzi
- Alyssa Hadcock
- Rebecca Jennings
- Nicole Mackey
- Amber Pesce
- Caitlyn VanAernom
- Alexis Zebrowski



Way to Go!



Music Department News

The Bugle would like to acknowledge the wind ensemble students that were asked to participate in the All-County Jazz Ensemble. These skilled individuals include: Mike Gage (baritone saxophone), Ran Isei (trumpet), Sakura Isei (trombone), Matthew Miller (trumpet), and Alex Simon (piano/vibraphone). A concert was performed at Broadalbin Perth High School at the beginning of the month. Congratulations!

Do You Sudoku?

BY HEATHER GRAVES

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