

JASPER-TROUBSBURG CSD NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024
NOVEMBER 2023



A Monthly Insight into the News Across Our District

Jasper-Troupsburg Wildcats

The Lift Project

As part of our Wellness Initiative, we invite all community members to participate in The Lift Project at no cost. Simply register using the following link to receive seven weekly emails with information about improving and maintaining mental and physical wellness.

<https://theliftproject.global/lift/steuben>

“Lift your mood and your life.”

PINE

(Partnership for Inclusion and Neurodiversity Education)

The Jasper-Troupsburg Central School District is excited to be partnering with PINE to provide educators and families with research-based information and resources for the success of neurodivergent learners. Educators at both the elementary and high school are receiving training through the PINE platform. Families will have the opportunity to attend the virtual PINE Summit in the Spring. www.pineprogram.org

Dear Wildcat Community,

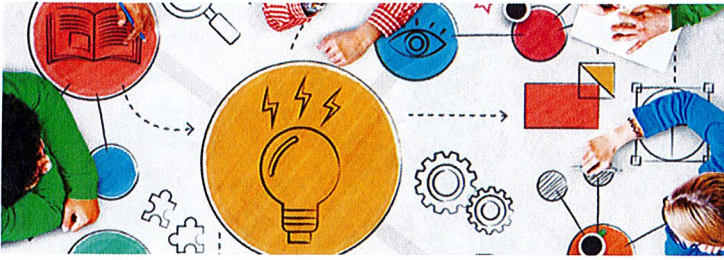
It truly does not seem possible that we are nearing the holiday season. October was filled with so many wonderful happenings and we were fortunate to have several beautiful days to make the rainy days more manageable. November will surely fly by with no school on November 10th as we observe Veteran's Day, and November 21-24 set aside for a longer time to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends. Please note that Parent-Teacher Conferences are on November 20th. We appreciate families who are scheduling family vacations on days that school is not in session, rather than during the school year. This helps with our district-wide goal of increasing student attendance and promotes continuity with learning.

This month's newsletter highlights our Facilities Department, led by Mr. Louis Zver. Not only is Mr. Zver civil-service certified as a Director of Facilities II, he is also the Secretary of the Southern Finger Lakes Chapter of the New York State School Facilities Association. Serving as part of the keynote address during the recent NYS Facilities Directors Association Conference, Mr. Zver represented Jasper-Troupsburg well by detailing the NYSEDA Clean Schools Project in which our district is participating.

Our Facilities Department is comprised of 8 cleaners and 2 maintenance staff. These ten men and women are responsible for cleaning and maintaining over 90,000 sq. ft. of buildings daily. They also care for over 40 acres of property. Certified in both Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Handling, the Facilities Team takes pride in the care that goes into monitoring chemical ratios in cleaning products, water testing, and performing generator and boiler checks. Snow removal, painting, renovations, and repairs are taken care of in-house whenever possible thanks to the varied skill set of this dedicated group.

School Cleaner Day was October 2, but the work of the Facilities Department is appreciated every day! Thank you to the team for the extra effort that goes into making Jasper-Troupsburg safe, clean, and so attractive.

LeeAnne Jordan, Superintendent of Schools



Strategic Planning with Education Elements

"Implementing a Strategic Plan defines a district's legacy."

What is Strategic Planning in Education?

Strategic planning is the process of setting goals, deciding on actions to achieve those goals, and mobilizing the resources needed to take those actions. A strategic plan describes how goals will be achieved using available resources.

What is the importance of Strategic Planning in Education?

1. A strategic plan articulates a shared vision, mission and values.
2. A strategic plan effectively organizes schools, staff, and time.
3. A strategic plan defines how success is measured.
4. A strategic plan helps with decision-making, responsiveness, and innovation.
5. A strategic plan increases communication and engagement.
6. A strategic plan keeps everyone in a school community connected.
7. The best reason of all for strategic planning comes back to every great school's number one priority: students.

Why is the district using Education Elements to facilitate the creation of Jasper-Troupsburg's Strategic Plan?

Knowing that the current JTCSD Strategic Plan was outdated, the district began the task of investigating available resources for the development of an updated Strategic Plan. There are various organizations that assist with Strategic Planning in schools, and there are some school districts that choose to write their Strategic Plan without outside support. Because our goal is to incorporate student and community voice in addition to the voice of faculty and staff in the new Strategic Plan, Jasper-Troupsburg is utilizing the help of Education Elements for this work. In looking at multiple programs, Education Elements was the one that stood out above the others as having *stakeholder input as the primary source of plan development*. The funding source of this work is the Community Schools Grant, allowing for community input without a cost to taxpayers.

How will community members, students, parents, faculty and staff be able to provide input?

In early December, Education Elements will conduct a survey of all interest groups in addition to hosting multiple opportunities to participate in virtual discussions with the facilitators from Education Elements. While the Board of Education and Jasper-Troupsburg administrators absolutely value the thoughts about our district and goals for our district that our Wildcat Community has, BOE and administration will not be part of the virtual discussions. This provides stakeholders with the opportunity to openly discuss both items of concern and celebration.

How is the Strategic Plan written?

Using information from surveys and the virtual discussions, Education Elements will provide a Steering Team and the Project Team with a summary that will be used to identify actionable goals for the district. Action Plans with timelines will then be generated for each goal. Next, the draft Strategic Plan is reviewed by the stakeholders and Board of Education. Finally, following any necessary revisions, the Strategic Plan is presented to the Board of Education for consideration and adoption.

Message from Mr. McCaffrey – On October 6th the Troupsburg Volunteer Fire Department came and talked to our students about fire safety during our morning program. Our very own Mr. Jordan talked about kitchen safety and the importance of having a plan in case of an emergency. After the morning program our students were able to go out and tour one of the Troupsburg frontline pumpers and ask the firemen some questions. Thank you to our community volunteers for providing this education and opportunity for our students. Another opportunity coming up this month is Officer Mahoney will be giving his firearm safety presentation “Eddie the Eagle”. This is a presentation that he does every year during one of our morning programs in November.

As a reminder there will be no school on November 10th as we celebrate Veteran’s Day. Report cards will be coming home with your child for the first marking period on Friday, November 17th. We will be having our parent teacher conferences on Monday, November 20th from 11:00-6:00. Please be on the lookout for an informational paper coming home in your child’s backpack. Our Thanksgiving break will take place November 21st-November 24th this year.

Thank you and have a wonderful November!

Holiday Food Drive

October 30 – November 9

7th grade - Cranberry Sauce, Pickles or Olives

8th grade – Stuffing Mix or Mashed Potatoes

9th grade - Gravy (canned or mixes)

10th grade - Boxes of Jello or Pudding

11th grade - Bread and Muffin Mixes

12th grade - Canned Vegetables

Faculty & Staff - Cake or Brownie Mix

All food collected will be going to the Troupsburg United Methodist Church Food Pantry. Coordinated by Student Council.

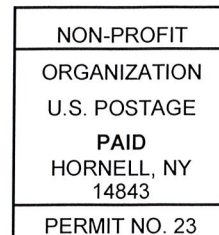
From the Special Education Department

If you are interested in learning more about how agencies outside the school may be able to help your family, please contact secretary Jeanne Stone for information about a day of information being held November 9th.

As part of the new security features of the school, you will need to bring identification when signing into the building for CSE meetings.

The JT FFA annual citrus sale starts on October 30th and runs until November 17th. New this year, we also have the capability of ordering online. To place an order, see any FFA member or visit our site at <http://freshfruitorder.org/JasperTroupsburgFFA>. If you have any questions, or would like to order by phone, contact Geoff Havens or Mikalene Bullock at 607-792-3690. As always, we appreciate the continued support of our community.

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November Calendar of Events

11/9	1 st Marking Period Ends
11/10	NO SCHOOL—Veteran's Day
11/15	BOE Meeting at 6 p.m. in Troupsburg
11/17	Report Cards will go home
11/20	Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/21-24	NO SCHOOL —Thanksgiving Recess

IMPORTANT SCHOOL PICTURE DATES:

November 28th – Fall Picture Retake Day (Elementary & High School)

November 28th – Elementary Only - School Club/Group Pictures



2023-2024 J-T Yearbooks - ON SALE NOW!

New year. New yearbook. Hold on to every moment! Get your yearbook.

Low cost of \$45 + tax

Options to Pre-order:

Go to: Jostens.com/2024yearbook

Scan the QR Code



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Send in your payment (make sure to include the 8% sales tax) along with the order form to:
Yearbook Advisor. Make checks payable to: **J-T Yearbook.**

Thank you for your continued support!

J-T Yearbook Staff

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2661 State Route 248
Greenwood, NY 14839
607-792-3690

District Office
2661 State Route 248
Greenwood, NY 14839
607-792-3675

Elementary School Building
908 State Rt 36
Troupsburg, NY 14885
607-525-6301



2023-2024 Wildcat Facilities Department

Facilities Department Members

Jane Dennis

Randy Hadley

Joe Henry

Jan Hulbert

Michaleen McCaig

Rebecca Potter

Barton Ross

Rod Sherman

Ken Wade

Ethan Walters

Lou Zver

When the opportunity came for me to serve the district that I grew up in and gave me so much, it was a no brainer. I left tenure at a job I truly loved, but it was the chance to immerse myself into the lives of the students of JT.

I have always appreciated what this district has meant to me and I truly love what we as district represent. Once a Wildcat always a Wildcat.

-Lou Zver, Director of Facilities II

"I love working at JT because going to work and seeing the kids every day makes my day. And, I love what I do! Seeing how good the landscaping looks when it's finished makes me have a lot of pride in what I do. I also get to help people whenever and however I can, which is what I love to do.

-Ethan Walters

"I've been a cleaner for JT for 20 years. First as a sub, then full time cleaner. I like the people I work with and have remained friends with some of them after they have left the district. I especially love when the hard work we do in the summer is finished and we see the results of our efforts. It's a good feeling to know that our students have a building they can be proud of after the unfortunate circumstances they faced after the flood of 2021.

-Jane Dennis

"I will never be sorry I chose to work here. At the end of the day, it's very gratifying.

-Ken Wade

"JT is like a family. We work together and laugh together.

-Rebecca Potter

"I take extreme pride in what our athletic fields look like. I want our student athletes and fans to be proud of their "Home Turf."

-Randy Hadley

Athletic News

As the fall sports season comes to an end and the winter sports season nears, there are some important pieces of information to note. Winter sports teams are: Modified Girls and Boys Basketball, JV Boys Basketball, Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball, and Indoor Track. We are looking toward a competitive season.

- The mandatory parent and athlete meeting will be held on **November 6th** in the elementary gym. This meeting will begin at **6pm**. If your child is participating in a winter sport, you must attend the meeting.
- Please check with Mrs. Barb Leach to make sure your child has an updated physical on file before the start of the season.
- **Athletes will not be permitted to practice until all paperwork has been signed and returned and all physicals are up to date.**

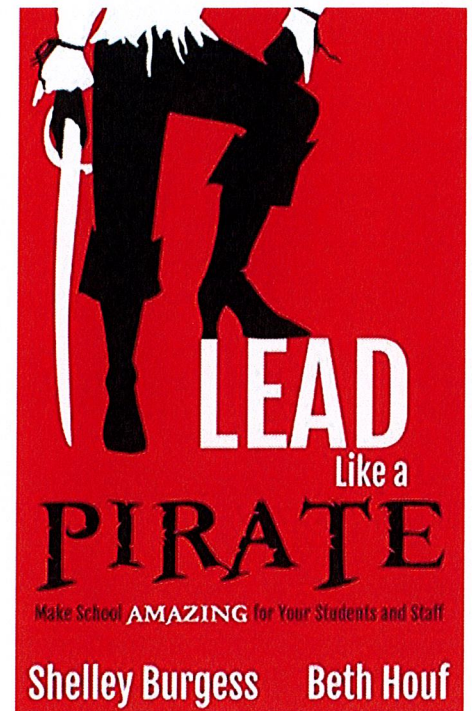
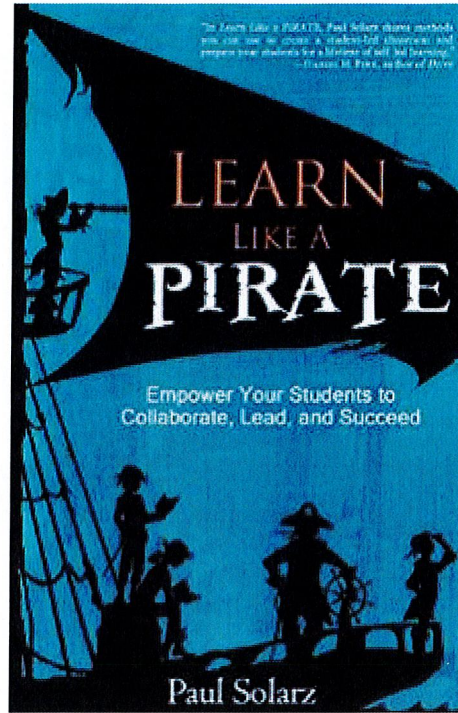
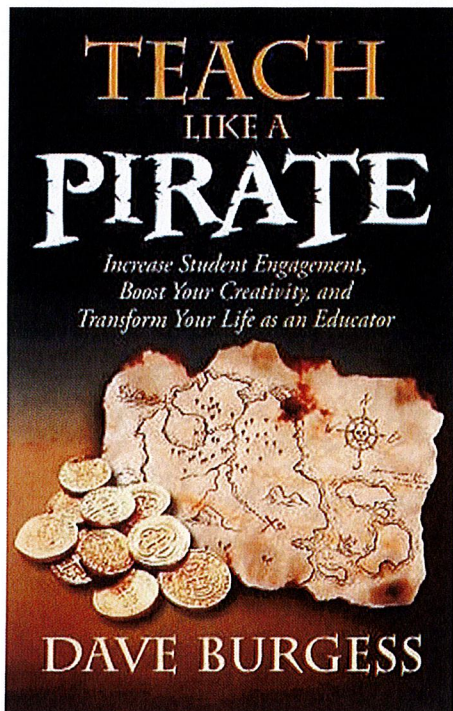
Good luck to our Cross Country runners as they compete at their sectional meet on November 4th.

J-T Students Benefit from New, Improved Weight Room

Every ninth period a group of weight lifters can be heard grunting and motivating each other as they complete their workouts. In response to the initiative of Lou Zver and Chris Jordan, the school purchased new equipment that has been assembled and organized in a newly designated weight room by the maintenance team. The students and Mr. Ford, the Weight Training instructor, are excited about the new space and equipment. With the added free weights, machines, and rack, students have more options, don't need to wait to move to their next sets, and can make more progress toward their goals.

The aim of the class is for students to improve their health, strength, and athleticism. At the beginning of the year, students develop three goals related to the three different parts of their workout programs (upper body, lower body, and core), and use a daily log to track their activity and progress. They conference with the instructor every five weeks to discuss challenges, gains, progress toward goals, and ways to improve their programs. This year's classes have done a great job staying active and positive as they grow stronger and push themselves toward excellence. Mr. Ford is thankful for this improved opportunity for all the students to become healthier and stronger and for J-T's athletes to enhance their performance through targeted strength training.





The 2023-2024 school year will be filled with PIRATES, as the faculty and leadership team participate in several book studies using the PIRATE acronym.

P- Passion

I – Immersion

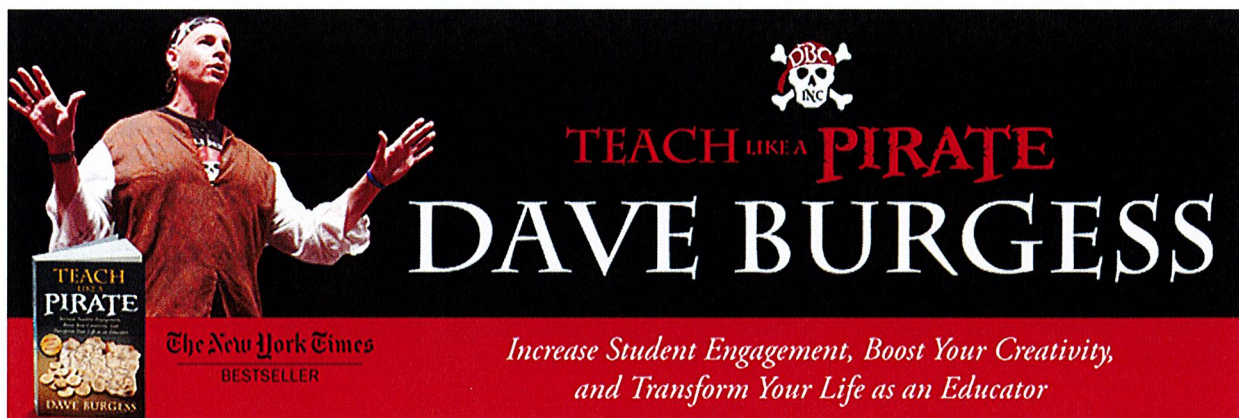
R – Rapport

A – Ask and Analyze

T – Transformation

E - Enthusiasm

Faculty members will be working directly with Dave Burgess two separate times this school year. The book studies and professional development with Mr. Burgess are funded through ESSA Title II Grant allocations. Title II funds can only be used for Professional Development.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE MATTERS

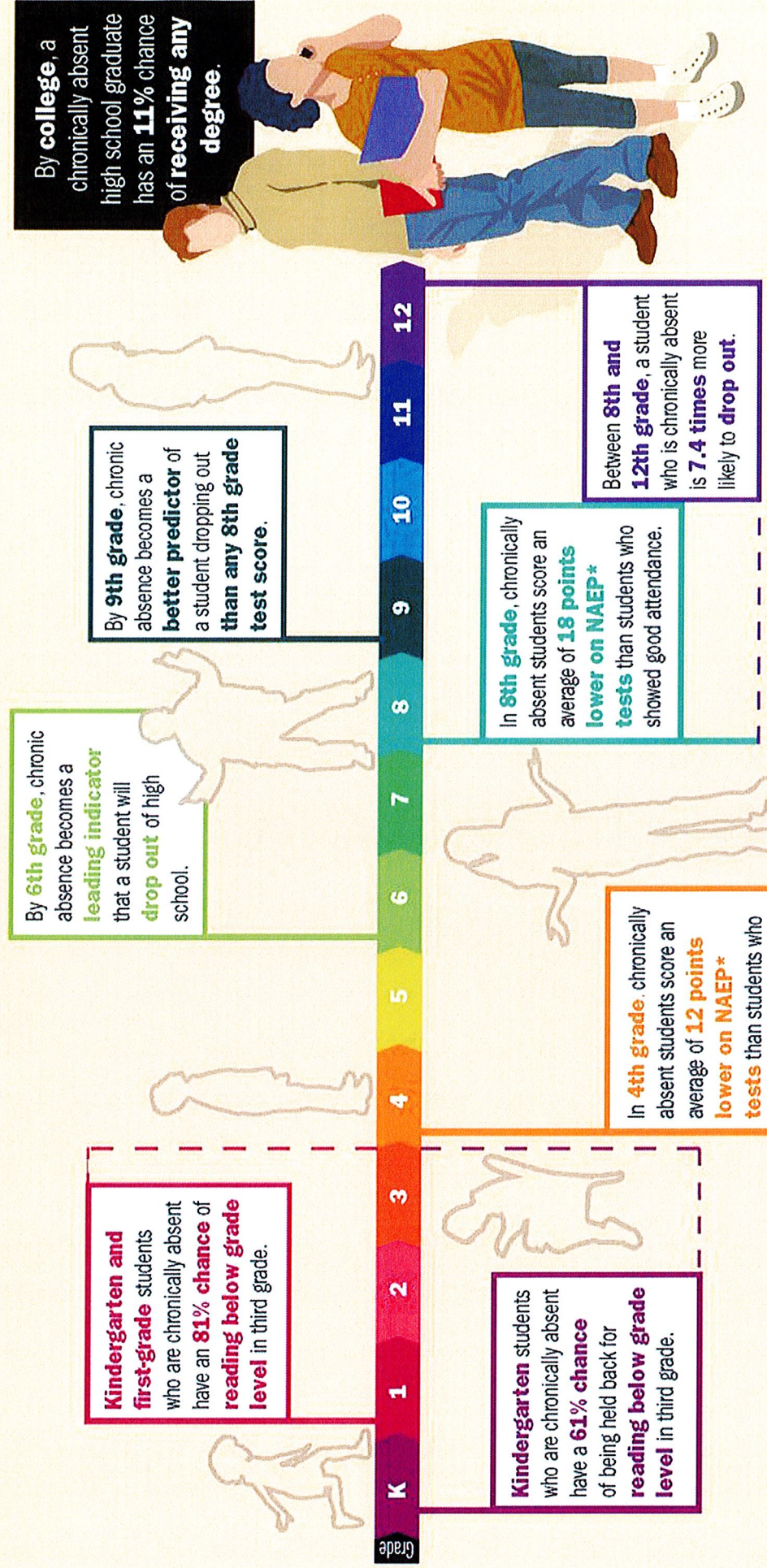
There are an estimated 5-7.5 million students in the United States who are chronically absent from school.

Chronic absenteeism hurts students in a variety of ways as they progress through their school career, starting with kindergarten.

DEFINITIONS:

Chronic Absence - Missing 2 days each month, totaling 18 days, equals 10% of the school year

Good Attendance - Missing 9 days or less in a school year (5%)



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

October never disappoints as a busy month for the high school students. On October 3rd, a group of tenth-grade students travelled to Alfred State College for Career Day. This is an exciting opportunity for the students to get an up-close view of all the amazing programs offered at both the Alfred and Wellsville campuses. The program directors go in depth to explain what job opportunities are available after earning the degrees in the respective programs, the courses in which they would enroll while studying at Alfred State, along with the high school course requirements necessary to get accepted into the various programs.

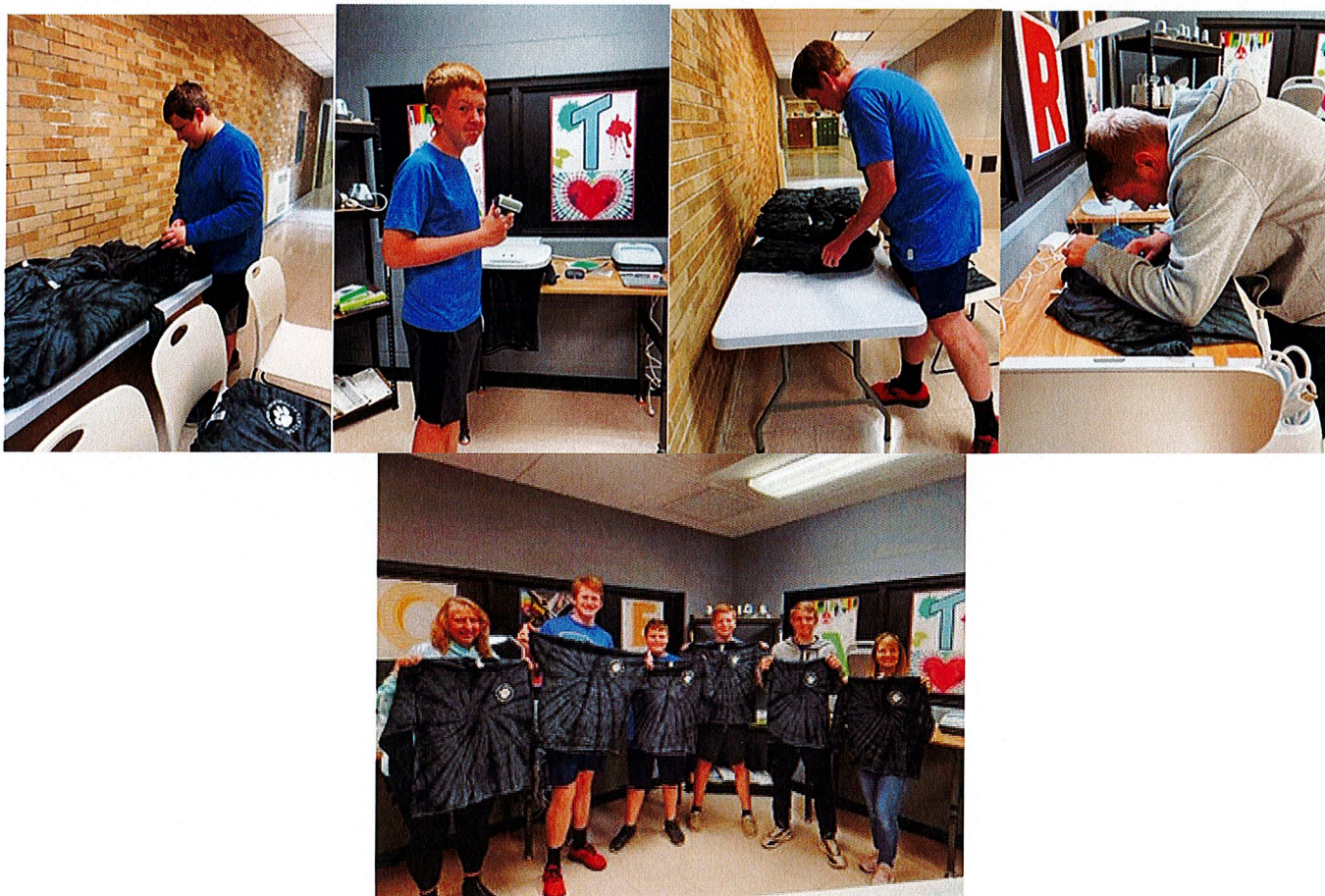
Students from Mr. Dennison's Earth Science classes took a trip to Watkins Glen State Park to bring their classroom to life. The day may have started a little chilly but the students had a great time learning the relevance of Earth Science to the environment.



Two representatives from NYSEG visited the school to speak with some of the seniors about utility linework. This was an amazing opportunity for students. They spoke about the necessary schooling needed for linework, where it is located nationally and the advantages of first earning a college degree. This opportunity also allowed them to see the equipment they would use, the vehicle they could drive, while also learning about all of the safety precautions necessary when working with high voltage electricity.



Members of the high school Student Council recently took advantage of the equipment in the Production Lab to create Wildcat t-shirts to sell as a fundraiser. The design was created and cut using the Cricut machine and then placed on tie-dyed t-shirts using the heat press. The students enjoyed the whole experience and look forward to using the Production Lab for future projects. Thank you to everyone who bought a T-shirt to support the Student Council.





We are proud to announce the September 2023 Wildwood Career & Technical Education Students of the Month, each student has an opportunity to be selected to interview in June for Student of the Year.
Jazmine Dewert-Automotive Technology, Robert Bradley-Welding & Metal Fabrication, Kahley Stuart-Criminal Justice



November 2023



JASPER-TROUBSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
		JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY! See menu for details		1 Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/Bread Tuna Salad Sandwich Green Beans		2 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tuna Salad Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Hot Tomato Soup Fresh Cucumber Slices!		3 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Fillet Sandwich Tuna Salad Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots	
6 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Egg Salad Sandwich Sliced Carrots		7 Chicken Quesadilla w/Rice Egg Salad Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans		8 NY MENU DAY! Homemade NY Macaroni & Cheese Warm Dinner Roll Egg Salad Sandwich NY Brussel Sprouts! NY Homemade Blueberry Crisp NY Juice! Chilled NY Milk		9 Chicken Teriyaki w/Rice Egg Salad Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!		10 NO SCHOOL 	
13 Chicken & Waffles Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sliced Carrots NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes		14 Meat Nacho Grande w/Rice Ham & Cheese Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans		15 NY Hot Dog on a Roll Ham & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans		16 Italian Meatball Sub Ham & Cheese Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices!		17 Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Fillet Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots	
20		21		22		23		24	
<h1>THANKSGIVING RECESS!</h1> <h2>NOVEMBER 20th - 24th</h2>									
27 Crispy Chicken Tender Sub Tuna Salad Sandwich Sliced Carrots		28 Meat Taco w/Rice Tuna Salad Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans		29 Authentic Pulled Pork Sandwich Tuna Salad Sandwich Green Beans		30 Homestyle Chicken Bowl w/Bread Tuna Salad Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Hot Tomato Soup Fresh Cucumber Slices!		Make Online Payments at PayFort.net! This menu is subject to change with out advance notice.	

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 need allergy info, please notify us.**

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DAILY ENTREES

PBJ Sandwich
Chef Salad w/Bagel
NY Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/Bagel
Assorted Sandwiches
Mon: Cheeseburger on a Roll
T/Th: Cheese Pizza
W/F: Chicken Nuggets w/Bread

DAILY SIDES

Tossed Salad
Fresh Vegetables
Assorted Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
Chilled NY Milk

PRICING

Breakfast & Lunch: \$0.00
Milk/Ala Carte Sides: \$0.75
Snacks: \$0.75-\$1.30
NOTE: Every J-T student receives 1 breakfast & 1 lunch at no charge per school day. Each breakfast & lunch must be a COMPLETE REIMBURSABLE MEAL, or student will be charged ala for each item on their tray.

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday: Cereal & Oatmeal Bar
Tuesday: Cinnamon Roll
Wednesday: Mini Waffles
Thursday: Breakfast on a Stick
Friday: Muffin Top & Goldfish Graham
Daily Items: Asst. Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice & Chilled NY Milk


wake up!

School Breakfast

November 2023



JASPER-TROUBSBURG MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY! See menu for details				
6 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots	7 Chicken Quesadilla w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	1 Cheese Ravioli & Sauce w/Bread Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Green Beans	2 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Buffalo Ranch Melt Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Hot Tomato Soup Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices!	3 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Fresh Baby Carrots
13 Chicken & Waffles Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Sliced Carrots NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes	14 Meat or Bean Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	8 NY MENU DAY! Homemade NY Macaroni & Cheese Warm Dinner Roll NY Brussel Sprouts! NY Homemade Blueberry Crisp NY Juice! Chilled NY Milk	9 Chicken Teriyaki w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!	10 NO SCHOOL 
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<h1>THANKSGIVING RECESS!</h1> <h2>NOVEMBER 22nd - 24th</h2>				
27 Crispy Chicken Tender Sub Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Sliced Carrots	28 Meat Tacos w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	29 Authentic Pulled Pork Sandwich Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Green Beans	30 Homestyle Chicken Bowl w/Bread Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices!	<i>Make Online Payments at PayForIt.net!</i>

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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

DAILY SIDES

Tossed Salad
Fresh Vegetables
Assorted Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
Chilled NY Milk

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Tuesday: Breakfast on a Stick
Wednesday: Breakfast Pizza
Thursday: Mini Waffles
Friday: Breakfast on a Stick
Daily Items: Breakfast
Sandwich, Muffin Tops, Bagel,
Cereal, Oatmeal Bars,
Smoothies (T/TH), Asst. Fruit,
100% Fruit Juice & Chilled NY
Milk

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