



John J. Young
MIDDLE SCHOOL



Jaguar Pride Newsletter

April 2016

National History Day Winners are State Bound!

Congratulations to our students that competed at the Regional contest for National History Day. John Young was the only represented public school for St. Joe County. All other competing schools were private, parochial, or outside of the St. Joe County area. Students that placed at Regionals travel to the State History Day Competition that will take place on April 23rd in Indianapolis. Students that place 1st or 2nd at the state competition will move on to the National History Day Competition in College Park, Maryland in June. Congratulations and good luck!

Group Website:

First Place: Casey Quintana, Jacob Beshara

Second Place: Melissa Pridemore, Courtney Brothers

Group Exhibit:

Second Place: Rachel Gomez, Mia Guerra

Runner Up: Ethan Fowler, Ryan Watt

Hanna Kitkowski, Abbie Suiter

Group Documentary:

First Place: Drew Tetzlaff, Daniel Sanchez

Second Place: Tyler Fair, Isaac Hayes

Runner Up: Chloe Norton, Payton Klaer

Group Performance:

First Place: Kaitlin Ankeney, Allison Gordon

Paper:

First Place: Megan Conn

Individual Website:

First Place: Nathan Spencer

Runner Up: Isaiah Moragne

Individual Exhibit:

First Place: Kylie Blake

Second Place: Mark Crooks

Runners Up: Jozalyn Bryce, Troy Crooks

Kaelei-Lynne Johnson, Gavin Hoover

Individual Documentary:

Second Place: Kaylee Kern

Runner Up: John Jachimiak

Individual Performance:

First Place: Simon Slavinskaskas



History Day winners were recognized by the School Board at their March 22, 2016 meeting



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Equipping Students to Excel

Dear Jaguar Family,

We hope you and your family enjoyed your spring break! Not only do the temperatures in the weather rise this time of year, so do the activities at school. April and May are full of music concerts, ISTEP, Academic competitions, track meets, award nights, class trips, and more! We encourage you to join our new Facebook page to keep up on all the upcoming events and to see the great things students and teachers are doing at JYMS.

Some recent posts include great successes in academics and athletics at John Young Middle School. Here are a few of the highlights:

- JYMS advanced band received “Gold” at their State competition and our Orchestra earned a “Silver” award.
- JYMS Wrestlers had an undefeated season and were Big 11 Champions
- JYMS had 4 students present at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Technology Fair at Notre Dame and we brought home 4 of the Special Awards
 - Andrew Fox and Jacob Beshara presented *Wings are Good Things*
 - Payton Klaer presented *They’re Alive and They’re on Your Hands*
 - Mark Crooks presented *Rocket Science*
- JYMS had three Scholastic Art award winners:
 - Kaylee Kern, Painting, *How My Mirror Sees Me*, received an Honorable Mention.
 - Ethan Sergeant, *Self-Portrait*, Drawing and Illustration received an Honorable Mention.
 - Lily Thompson, *Decalomania*, Painting won a Silver Key Award.
- JYMS History Day students set a school record sending 30 participants to State. Great Job! We want to wish our History Day students good luck as they compete in the State finals in Indianapolis on April 23rd. (The proud long list of State qualifiers are on the cover of this newsletter.)

I would like to leave you with an important reminder about encouraging your child to finish the school year strong. Your middle school age child may not show it, but they do want you to take interest in their learning. Middle school students want to know parents care. You can do this by having conversations with your child. Be sure to point out what they are doing well and also stress the importance of attendance, completing assignments, and trying your best. Working together parents and teachers can help students grow into successful outstanding citizens!

Go Jaguars!

Mike Fisher- Principal



Classroom News

Mrs. Guy's classes have been focusing on using technology in English and Reading classes. Students have been doing much of their written work on laptops. They have produced PowerPoint summaries of several works of literature that have been studied. Students present the finished product to their peers when it is complete. The process has included learning to use Word and PowerPoint programs, as well as using Co-Writer to help them get their writing completed. They can save files on their own drive and also in the shared files, and find those files as needed. The students have learned much about formatting their work and about how to make it visually interesting. The writing process has included writing in complete sentences, editing their work, making corrections, and repeating until the final product is created. Mrs. Guy is very proud of her students' accomplishments!

Our Math department is collaboratively using their SMARTboards to enrich the learning and instruction in the students math classes. The teachers have shown an early interest in promoting the daily use of technology at JYMS! Great job team!

Exciting News! Junior Achievement is coming to **Mrs. Lake and Mr. Hostetler's 7th & 8th grade classes**. Junior Achievement educates students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. The Junior Achievement programs help prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it. 7th grade curriculum includes career paths and potentially available career opportunities. 8th grade curriculum includes a study of financial development and a deeper understanding of financial planning. JA's approach allows community volunteers to deliver curriculum and share their experiences with our students.

Choir News: After our successful elementary school and nursing home tours in March, the choir will now be working on music for our May evening concerts. The 8th grade choir will be performing with the MHS Choir at the high school for the annual "Mayfest concert", on Friday, May 6th. Both 7th and 8th grades will perform in the JYMS Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 18th, 2016. These concerts are required performances for choir students.

The Library now has new Chrome notebooks available, and they are working out great for our students! The notebooks are school use only.

Jaguars Bring Home Gold & Silver

We are proud to announce that both the JYMS Advanced Band and JYMS Advanced Orchestra participated in the 2016 Indiana State School Music Association Organization Contest at Penn HS on March 19th. Groups from all over St. Joseph and Elkhart counties performed in front of three state appointed judges. The band achieved a solid gold rating and the orchestra received a respectable silver rating. We are extremely proud of the hard work these students put in!

Top 3 Spellers at Regional Spelling Bee

On March 10, 2016, ten JYMS students participated in the annual John Young Middle School Spelling Bee. All students did a fantastic job and worked hard. Seventh grade spellers included Katelin Pixley, Kylie Joachim, Tasia Grzenia, Gabriel Kurtz and Audrey Bradley. Eighth grade spellers were Jozalyn Bryce, Chris Aviles, Ryan Downey, Kariana Radabaugh and Simon Slavinkas. The top three spellers at JYMS advanced to the South Bend Tribune Regional Spelling Bee held at Bethel College on March 21, 2016. Audrey Bradley, Kariana Radabaugh and Simon Slavinkas were the top three spellers and made John Young proud at the regional competition. Congratulations to all of the spellers! Thank you to the Mishawaka Breakfast Optimist Club for sponsoring this event.



Proctor Cassie LaForest, Simon Slavinkas, Kariana Radabaugh, Audrey Bradlet, and Proctor Jamie Gleissner at the Regional Spelling Bee





Last Chance To Enroll – Your 8th Grade Year

Indiana started the Twenty-First Century Scholars in 1990 to ensure that every student can afford a college education. **Income-eligible** 7th and 8th graders who enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship are guaranteed to receive up to four years of undergraduate tuition.

If you attend a private or an independent institution, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a public institution. If you attend a participating proprietary (private career) school, the state will award a tuition scholarship equal to that of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana.

As a Twenty-first Century Scholar, you can get help finding free tutoring, a mentor and a part-time job, and once you get to college, students who are Twenty-first Century Scholars receive support to finish their college degrees.

But FIRST you MUST apply 7th and 8th grade students and their parents **must complete the application by June 30, 2016.** Don't wait! Apply today at: www.scholars.in.gov If you encounter problems applying, please contact the Scholars Helpline at (888) 528-4719 or Scholars@che.in.gov

You will need to have your student's Social Security Number and parent or legal guardian's Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) on hand. You will also need 2015 gross income amounts for all members of the household with you and a valid email address available. **(If you apply on or after January 1, 2016, you must use 2015 gross income amounts)**

2015–2016 Income Guidelines

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
2	\$29,471
3	\$37,167
4	\$44,863
5	\$52,559
6	\$60,255
7 or more	For each additional person add \$7,696

The scholarship amount may be reduced depending on the availability of funds and the availability of the student's family to contribute to college. If you have general questions or need to access the Internet, please notify Ms. Schalliol, JYMS Twenty-First Century Scholars Coordinator, at 254-3617.

In-District Transfer

Parents who live within the SCM District may request to transfer their children to another school within the SCM District. This request **must be submitted by May 1, 2016.** You can find the form on the SCM website under "Parent Links". The form must be submitted to the school your children currently attend. Kindergarten requests must be turned into your home school. You will need to complete a request for each child requesting the transfer.

Out-Of-District Enrollment Requests

SCM is now accepting applications for Non-resident students (students who do not reside within the SCM boundaries) for the 2016–2017 school year. Applications are being accepted for Kindergarten through Grade 12. All applications **must be submitted to the Administrative Center by June 15, 2016.** Families will be notified of their school assignment by July 1, 2016. You will need to include: complete student disciplinary records, immunization records, and documentation of special education services. You will need to complete one application for each child requesting enrollment. Application packets may be picked up at the Administrative Center, 1402 S Main St, Mishawaka, between 7:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Forms are also accessible on the SCM website under "Parent Links".

SCM Social Media

As SCM is moving forward in ways to communicate upcoming events, student successes and achievements, we are utilizing social media to quickly spread the news. SCM can be followed on Facebook and Twitter as well as viewing videos on the SCM YouTube Channel.

Facebook: facebook.com/schoolcityofmishawaka

Twitter: @SCMSchools



INCOMING 9TH GRADERS

Mark your calendars:

Week of August 8th Schedule pick-up at MHS

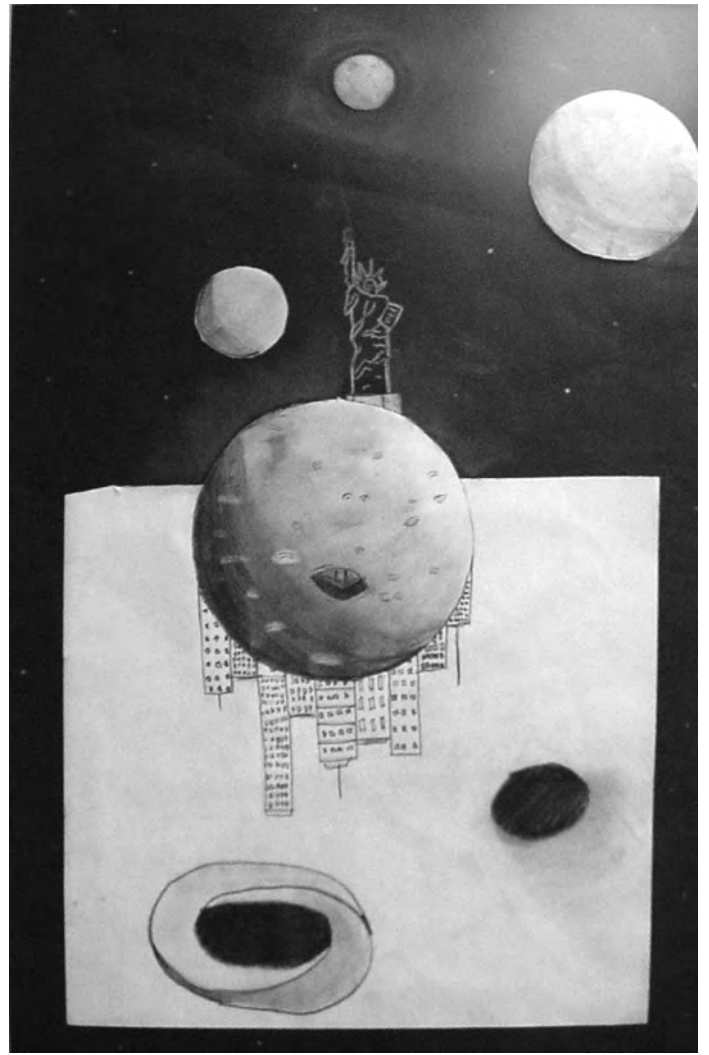
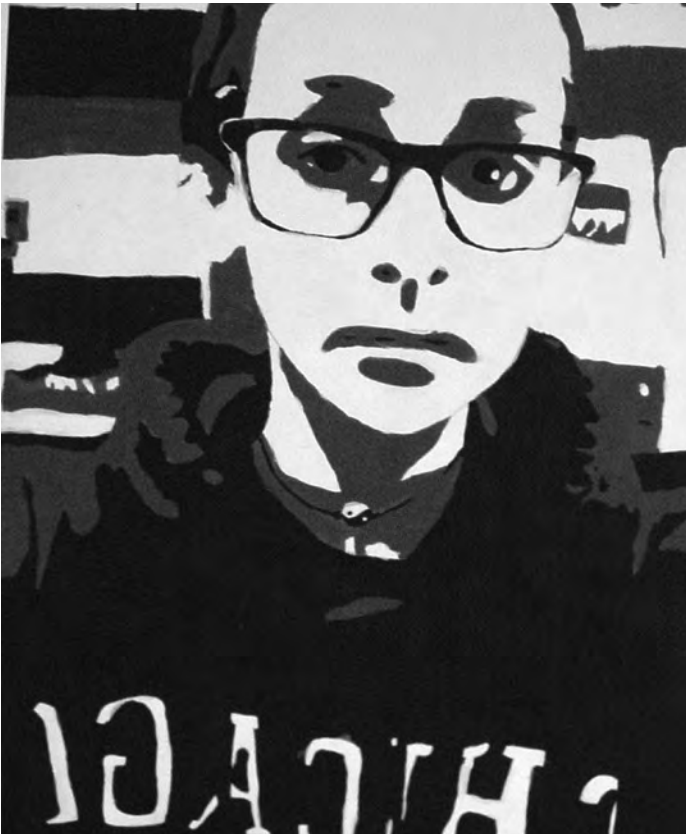
August 11th at 6 p.m. 9th Grade Orientation at MHS

You may view your 9th grade course registration in the student/parent portal under 2016–17 school year and course registration!

Changes may be made to your schedule based on enrollment and availability of course sections offered.

Featured at the Spencer Gallery

These works of art and more will be featured April, 28th from 5-7 p.m., at the Spencer Gallery in the MPH Public Library downtown, Mishawaka. There will also be an orchestra quartet.



Top left: Jolee Plomb, Top right: Cole Moretti, Middle Left: Jackson Bennett, Bottom Left: Devin Jimenez, Bottom Right: Charlotte Thompson



Big 11 Champions

The Jaguar wrestling team crushed the competition on Saturday, March 19th at the Big 11 Championship scoring 453 points. The closest school was Northridge finishing 2nd with 293 points. The Jags had 13 wrestlers in the finals and all 21 Jags finished 6th or better. Keegan Mabie and Paul Haughee finished 6th, Chris Davis placed 5th, Ethan Eberhart and Daniel Torres placed 4th. Aaron Trejo, Damian Marazita, and Cody Timmerman placed 3rd. Jordan Bonk, Noah Eberhart, Devin Jimenez, TJ Rux, and Riley Wilson finished 2nd, and congratulations to our eight champions Brodie Fogarty, Dylan Fogarty, Brendon Mark, Tom Wojciechowski, Drew Mason, Jacob LaPlace, Garrett Sandefur, and Joseph Walker. This was an amazing year! Great job guys!

Notes from the Assistant Principal's Office

School Hours: JYMS opens at 7:30 a.m. for those in Homework Room only. Students can only be in the Library at this time. Students who wish to eat breakfast: JYMS will open at 7:45 a.m. and the doors will open for all at 8:00 a.m.

At the end of the day, students are required to be off school campus by 3:30 p.m. unless they are in a supervised extra-curricular activity. We do not have supervision in place before 7:45 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. for students so please have a ride in place for your child.

Athletic Reminders to your Cell Phone

Get all your important athletics information, right to your cell phone! Get the latest up to date game and practice schedule changes, athletic cancellations as well as pertinent information relating to any elementary, middle school or high school athletics! This is a one-time set up and easy option to cancel at any time.

John Young Middle School Athletics: Simply text the number 630-608-6843. In the body/message of your text, type: **@jymsat** you will get immediate response indicating that you are signed up.

Mishawaka Cavemen Athletics: text 630-608-6843, type **@mhsathl** you will get immediate response indicating that you are signed up.

Elementary Athletics: text 630-608-6843, type **@mhsathlet** you will get immediate response indicating that you are signed up.

Dress Code Reminder: With the weather getting warmer we need to be mindful of JYMS dress code rules. Shorts and skirts need to be finger-tip length. Tank tops and holes in the jeans are also banned. If your student is wearing leggings or yoga pants, have them wear a top that covers the rear and front.

**WORK HARD.
BE NICE.**

Trips!

Straight A Trip

Every year, JYMS offers a “Straight A Trip”, also known as College Day to our students. Students who have earned straight A’s at least once during the school year are invited to tour local colleges and enjoy lunch off campus. This year, the Straight A Trip/College Day is taking place on May 16th. Students will be touring the IUSB and University of Notre Dame campuses so that they can learn about campus life at the two largest public and private campuses in our area. For more information, please contact Mrs. Karbowski at (574) 254-3616. Thank you!

7th Grade Trip

Our 7th grade students will participate in an end of the year field trip to celebrate their year at John Young Middle School. Our plans are to go to a South Bend Cubs game on Thursday, May 26th at 10:35 a.m. Students will return by the end of the school day. Cost will be determined later but should be around \$10. Students will not be able to go if they fall in to one of the categories listed below.

8th Grade Trip

Our 8th grade students will participate in an end of the year field trip to celebrate their two years at John Young Middle School. Our plans are to enjoy Michigan’s Adventure in Muskegon, MI on Wednesday, June 1st. Michigan’s Adventure is an amusement park and water park combination. Students will be charged \$35.00 to cover the cost of

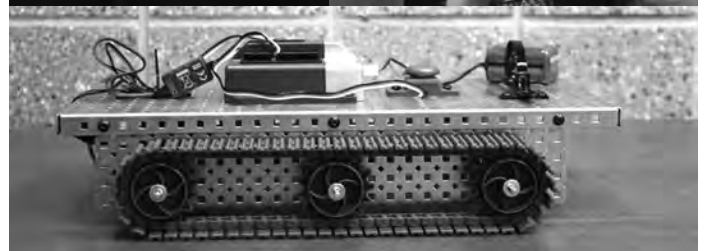
the ticket and a portion of the bus cost. This price includes admission to both parks and lunch (hot dog, chips, macaroni salad, soft drink, and ice cream). Our hope is that MOST students will be able to attend; however, students will not be able to go if they fall in to one of the categories listed below.

Students that fall into one of the following categories will not be allowed to participate in the 7th or 8th grade trips.

1. Students with an excessive number of referrals will be excluded from the trip. JYMS administration will use their discretion when determining each relevant case.
2. Students with an excessive number of absences will be excluded from the trip. JYMS administration will use their discretion when determining each relevant case.
3. No student that has received two or more out of school suspension (OSS) incidents will be able to attend. OSS is only given for severe or repeated discipline infractions. We must exclude students with multiple OSS incidences so that we are assured that students who are going out of state, under the supervision of a teacher, are going to comply with the rules set forth by the park and chaperones.

Project Lead the Way

At the March 22 School Board meeting, Mr. J.J. Solfronk and student Kaylee Kern presented information on Project Lead the Way and share three devices the students have made along with a slide show of their work.





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John Young Dates to Remember

APRIL

18–20	Talent Show auditions 3:30-5:30 p.m.
20	Spring pictures
21–22	ISTEP Math
22	Progress reports
26–27	ISTEP E/LA
28	ISTEP Social Studies (7th grade ONLY)
28	Art in April, Spencer Gallery, MPH Library 5:00–7:00 p.m.
29	Last day to order yearbook

View/download entire calendar on our website at
scm.mishawaka.k12.in.us/young/

MAY

6	May Festival of Fine Arts @ MHS
16	Straight A Trip/College Day
17	Spring Band Concert
18	Spring Orchestra/Choir Concert
23–25	Talent Show practice 3:30–5:30 p.m.
26	7th grade trip to SB Cubs, All Day
26	Talent Show dress rehearsal 3:30–6:30 p.m.
27	Talent Show, 6:00 p.m.
30	No school-Memorial Day
31	Honors Ceremony @ Bethel 6:30–8:00 p.m.

JUNE

1	Last Student Day
1	8th grade trip to Michigan's Adventure, All Day
2	Last Teacher Day
20	Last Secretary Day