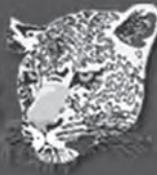




# John J. Young MIDDLE SCHOOL



## Jaguar Pride Newsletter

May 2017

### 50 Students Visit Washington, D.C.

This year 50 students went to Washington, D.C. with Mrs. Reisdorf, Mrs. Addison, Mrs. Kuch, Mr. Casteel and Mrs. Traxler. The trip was a huge success and students will carry many great memories with them for the rest of their lives. Thanks to all the chaperones for making this a great trip for our students. We will be taking another trip to D.C. next year and information will be going home about the trip next month so you can plan ahead. If you want to send your son or daughter on the trip please look for that paperwork coming home.





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Creating a Culture of Excellence

Dear Jaguar Community,

We hope you and your family had an enjoyable Spring Break! Spring Break is a reminder for schools that the rapid pace of school activities and celebrations is here. 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 Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/JohnYoungMiddleSchool>) 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 bands received “Gold” and “Silver” at their State competition and our Orchestra earned a “Silver” award.
- JYMS wrestlers had an undefeated season and were Big 11 Champions for the second straight year!
- JYMS History Day students again dominated the competition and will be sending 24 students to participate at State. Great Job! We want to wish our History Day students good luck as they compete in the State finals in Indianapolis May 6th. (The proud long list of State qualifiers is included in the 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 that 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 their best. Working together, parents and teachers can help students grow into successful and outstanding citizens!

Go Jaguars!

Mike Fisher  
Principal

## Office Staff is Here to Help

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## Social Media

Please “like” our Facebook page for current events, last minute updates, and positive things happening at JYMS.

<https://www.facebook.com/JohnYoungMiddleSchool/>  
<https://twitter.com/scmjohnyoung>

## Food 4 Kids’ Program

John Young Middle School has started the Food 4 Kids program this year with the help of the Salvation Army of St. Joseph County as well as the Mishawaka Food Pantry. The goal of the program is to provide weekend resources for families who may benefit from the program. Permission slips are required for participation and we are currently accepting applications. For more information about the program, please contact Suzy Karbowski at 254-3616.

## Student Council

The month of March was Student Council’s most successful yet! In an effort to raise money for PBIS, the students sold tropical lei’s to try to ensure that everyone had a cheery spring break. The student council was able to earn \$100+ to be donated to PBIS! This is the most successful fundraiser yet! Keep up the good work, student council!

## Regional History Day

JYMS participated in the Regional History Competition at Saint Mary's College with great success. We had 24 students that placed and qualified for our state competition May 6th in Indianapolis. Congratulations to all of our students that participated and good luck at the State History Day Competition.

Students that placed at regionals and are headed to the state competition are:

### Junior Papers:

Yasmin Brahim: *Mandela's Fight for Equality in South Africa*

Tyler Ackerley: *Jackie Robinson and His Role in Civil Rights*

Charles D'Amico: *Nikola Tesla and the War of Currents*

### Junior Individual Websites:

Brock Bolinger: *Mahatma Gandhi Taking A Stand Against the British in The Salt March*

Bo Basker: *A New Russia: Mikhail Gorbachev*

### Junior Individual Documentary:

Emma Taff: *The Stonewall Uprising, a Launchpad for Gay Rights*

Joaquin DeVries: *Misremembering the Alamo*

### Junior Individual Performance:

Grace Zerbel: *Jane Addams: Pushing for Peace*

Cora Kazmierzak: *The Great Space Race*

### Junior Individual Exhibit:

Braxton Banks: *Frank Ono: The King of the Hill*

Mark Crooks: *Martin Luther and His Stand Against The Roman Catholic Church*

Troy Crooks: *Robert Kennedy and His Stand for Civil Rights*

Kylie Blake: *Dr. Forrest C. Shaklee Taking a Stand in History*

Rachel Williams: *Claudette Colvin and the Montgomery Bus Boycott*

### Junior Group Website:

Kaitlyn Ankeney and Allison Gordon: *Dorothy Height: The Unknown Activist*

### Junior Group Documentary:

Isaac Hayes and Connor Addison: *Jesse Owens and Taking A Stand Against Racial Injustice*

### Junior Group Performance:

Madelyn White and Elizabeth Ball: *A Forever Fix*

### Junior Group Exhibit:

Hunter Flick and Ben Pamachena: *Mohandas Gandhi "The Great Souled One"*

Sarah Beshara and Kaatje Chesson: *Dr. Mae Jemison, The Stars Are The Limit*

## How to Make JYMS an Ideal School

Mr. Kaczynski's and Ms. Masterson's classes joined forces to complete a project from the Math and English standards angles. The driving question for the project is..."How can your team make JYMS an ideal middle school?". The students will identify what they think needs to be added, changed, or enhanced to make JYMS the ideal middle school that all area students would find appealing; thus, increasing our amount of JAGS who come and stay.

Mr. Kaczynski's 7th grade students will be doing the budgeting, financing, and researching all the money needed to complete the project, and Ms. Masterson's 8th graders will be writing a proposal after researching all angles of the proposed project, and they will create a presentation together with their 7th grade partner. All presentations will be entered in our "contest". The teams that stay within our \$500,000 budget and have the most realistic, helpful, and appealing project idea will win. The winning team will be able to present their findings to our Administration for possible consideration in the future.

## Choir News

The choir is busy preparing music for our Spring Concert in May.

The 8th grade choir performed in the "Mayfest" Concert on May 5th at the Mishawaka High School east gym. This concert featured the MHS Bands, Orchestra, and Choirs, and we were privileged to be a part of it.

Our JYMS Spring Choir Concert is on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 pm. Attendance and participation is required for ALL JYMS choir students. All are invited! We hope to see you there!

## Spread the Word

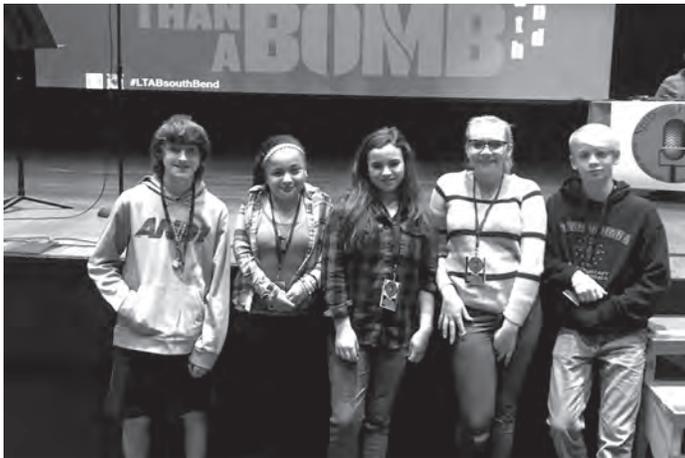
We have extra copies of 2014–2015 and 2015–2016 yearbooks for sale. Please stop by the JYMS office to purchase one at a discounted rate. 2014–2015 \$ 5.00, 2015–2016 \$10.00 Get them while supplies last.

## Louder than a Bomb 2017

Ms. Masterson taught SLAM Poetry based on the LTAB curriculum shared with her by Eric Johnson.

As a result of the two week project, she and several of students attended the LTAB event and five competed on Saturday, April 29th at the Battel Community Center.

The entire experience was a collaborative effort to help one another bring out their thoughts into spoken word. SLAM Poetry is meant to be performed, and each of her students in class did just that. Students auditioned for Ms. Masterson, if selected they would compete for LTAB 2017.



She selected 10 students, five would perform, and five were alternates.

Five students from JYMS competed (two former students of JYMS competed as well- how awesome!)

Autumn Dill, Kiara Bennett, Jordan Bonk, Jimmy Kuch, Reahlyn Bryce

*Reahlyn Bryce* won with her poem “Tight Rope”



## Greetings from the Library!

Our highlighted book section for May features fun Spring and Summer reads including seasonal sports books! Come and check them out! Just a reminder to all students, please make sure you have all of your overdue items returned on time.

Mrs. Hembrecht and Mrs. Plonski

## Dress Code Reminders

Warmer weather is approaching. Please remember that shorts, skirts and dresses need to be finger tip length in order to be school appropriate. All shirts need to cover the shoulder. Tank tops are not appropriate for our students here at JYMS.



## JRC Students Earn Trip to Sky Zone

The students in Mrs. Berkey’s JRC class worked together for twelve weeks to earn a trip to Sky Zone. We sat down as a family to come up with a plan to earn a reward. The boys really wanted to go to Sky Zone and were willing to pay for it themselves. Then we had to decide how they were going to earn it. Behavior modification and lesson completion are the two main goals of our class. Each class they can receive six points for completing their lessons and having good behavior. This includes walking in the halls and when at lunch. We decided that 9,000 points total would be a good goal. After twelve long weeks of ups and downs they made it. On March 31, they enjoyed the fruits of their combined labor and spend the afternoon at Sky Zone. We are planning a trip with all the 8th grade JRC students to visit the Elkhart Career Center to help them see what possibilities the future holds for them.

# How do Social Issues Affect Me and My Family?

Eighth graders just finished a project this week, where each contributed to the whole on social issues that faced teens in St. Joseph County. The Driving Question was...”How do social issues affect my family and myself?”. Students spent a total of three weeks researching, interviewing, and learning about social issues that affect teens in St. Joseph County. They learned how one social issue in society can have a profound effect on them. They were shocked by data they received from their interviews with Police Officers, CPS, the Homeless Shelter Director, Counselors, recovered drug and alcohol abusers, and the list continues. The students elected a leader, a reporter, a recorder, and a gofer for their production team and held daily conference meetings to keep the project moving towards creating a class slide presentation on all the information they collected. Each student had to

speaking during their portion of the presentation to give even more insight into the social issue they worked tirelessly on for the project. Again, each student’s efforts contributed to the whole and they were graded as such. Students came to realize that teens face social issues every day and they do affect them, and in turn their entire family/community.

Ms. Masterson’s classes would like to thank Officer Madison for helping to coordinate interviews for them, as well as, the JYMS Counselors, and Mr. Moore who took the time to answer all their questions during their researching. Also, we are grateful to our Administration and Office Secretaries who answered countless e-mails or spoke with students while they collected data.



## Twenty-First Century Scholars 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

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,**

**2017.** Don’t wait! Apply today at: [www.scholars.in.gov](http://www.scholars.in.gov) If you encounter problems applying, please contact the Scholars Helpline at (888) 528-4719 or [Scholars@che.in.gov](mailto: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 2016 gross income amounts for all members of the household with you and a valid e-mail address available.

### 2016–2017 Income Guidelines

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
2	\$29,637
3	\$37,296
4	\$44,955
5	\$52,614
6	\$60,273
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, Twenty-First Century Scholars Coordinator, at 254-3617.



## Jaguar Athletics

### JYMS Sports Registration for 2017–18

Physicals will be offered on 8/1/17, 4:00–8:00 p.m. for \$25. You will be able to sign up for all sports. All paperwork will be provided for parents to fill out and try-out information will be available for Volleyball, Cross Country and Football.

### 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 John Young Middle 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.



*MHS and John Young students volunteer for Comcast Cares Day*

## JYMS Students Volunteer for Comcast Cares Day

Saturday, April 22, John Young and Mishawaka High School students took part in the Comcast Cares Day of Caring. It was an exhausting 4 ½ hours of picking up trash, mulching and raking, but well worth it to help spread the spirit of volunteerism and service with our students!

**JYMS Drama Club  
presents**



# **Annie Jr.**

**2017**

**Friday, May 12, 2017**  
7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**  
1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**All seats \$3.00**

*children ages 4 and under are free*



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## John Young Dates to Remember

### MAY

10	Xtreme Team Fall Fundraiser reward @ Beiger 9:00–10:30 A.M.	23	Straight A trip, TBA
11	Major Saver's limo ride reward, 11:30 A.M.	23	2017–18 JYMS Cheer try-outs 5:30–8:00 P.M.
11	<i>Annie</i> dress rehearsal, 3:30–8:30 P.M.	24	Honors Ceremony (Information will be coming soon) TBA
12	<i>Annie</i> , presented by JYMS Drama Club 7:00 P.M.	24	2017–18 JYMS Cheer try-outs, 5:30–8:00 P.M.
13	<i>Annie</i> presented by JYMS Drama Club 1:00/7:00 P.M.	25	2017–18 JYMS Cheer try-outs, 4:30–8:00 P.M.
15	PTSA meeting, Teacher's Lounge, 6:30 P.M.	26	PBIS Party, 1:50–3:15 P.M.
16	Band Concert, 7:00 P.M.	29	No School
17	Choir Concert, 7:00 P.M.	31	8th grade end of year trip to Michigan's Adventure, 7:30am–7:00pm
18	Orchestra Concert, 7:00 P.M.	31	Last Student Day
19	5-Star Awards, 3:15–5:15 P.M.		
22	Spring Athletic Awards, 6:00 P.M.		

### JUNE

1 Last Teacher Day