



Jersey Shore Area School District FALL 2018

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Greetings!

Once again, it is a privilege and honor to share this edition of the 2018 Jersey Shore Area School District Newsletter. The administration would like to share a few of the wonderful happenings that are occurring across our District. We have also shared the dates and times of our annual Conversation with the Superintendent and Administrative Team as well as our newly formed Conversation with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent meeting dates and times which are occurring in various areas across the District throughout this school year.




We believe it is very important to have discussions with community members across the District not only to be able to share information and happenings within the school district, but also to be able to listen to what members of the community are thinking. We are also making our way to each of the Township meetings in order to share information with as many individuals as possible.

As always, our district would not be successful without the continued support and encouragement from all of you. Thank you for all you do to support our students and staff! Please feel free to call or e-mail with any celebrations, concerns or learning opportunities you would like to share. You are an important member of our team.

Go Bulldogs!

Jill T. Wenrich
Jill T. Wenrich, Ed.D.
Superintendent



Conversation with the Jersey Shore Area School District Superintendent and Administrative Team

Open Forum to ask questions, share joys as well as any concerns.
All community members who live within the attendance area of each school building are encouraged to attend!!

Avis Elementary - October 9, 2018
Salladasburg Elem. - November 6, 2018
Jersey Shore Area Elem. - December 4, 2018
Middle School - January 8, 2019
High School - February 5, 2019

ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Conversation with the Jersey Shore Area School District Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent

JOIN US

Location	Date	Time
Waltz Creamery	Oct. 10, 2018	8:00-9:00 AM
Waterville Fire Hall	Nov. 8, 2018	7:00-8:00 PM
Avis Fire Hall	Jan. 16, 2019	7:00-8:00 PM
Nippenose Valley Village	Feb. 13, 2019	1:00-2:00 PM
Shore Diner	March 6, 2019	8:00 - 9:00 AM
Venture Inn	April 3, 2019	7:00-8:00 PM

JSE STUDENTS SUPPORT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

By Ms. Jennifer Berry-Probst, Assistant Principal, JSAE

Last spring, Mrs. Ashley DeCapria, an active PTO parent and mother of two students at JSE, took on the charge to start a collection at Jersey Shore Elementary School to support the Ronald McDonald House. In April of 2014, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia diagnosed her youngest son, Vhito, with a rare form of pediatric cancer. For the next two months, her husband, Nick, and older son, Vinnie, stayed at the Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia, while Ashley and Vhito stayed at the hospital. She was amazed at the kindness shown to the families staying at the house.

Compelled to give back to the Ronald McDonald House, Ashley oversees our tab collection. In just two short months last year, the students at JSE collected 163 pounds of aluminum tabs!

Characters, like the one on the right, are ready to be filled with aluminum tabs in each wing!



JSASD Building Directory

Avis Elementary School
570.753.5220 | 1088 Third St.
Mr. Jon Jean, Principal

Jersey Shore Elementary School
570.398.7120 | 601 Locust St.
Mr. Adrienne Johnston, Principal
Ms. Jennifer Berry-Probst, Assistant Principal

Salladasburg Elementary School
570.398.2931 | 3490 RTE 287 HWY
Mr. Jon Jean, Principal

Jersey Shore Area Middle School
570.398.7400 | 601 Thompson St.
Mr. Keith Veldhuis, Principal
Mr. Justin Armbruster, Assistant Principal

Jersey Shore Area High School
570.398.7170 | 701 Cemetery St.
Mr. Steven Keen, Principal
Mrs. Elizabeth Seagraves, Assistant Principal
Administration Building
570.398.1567 | 175 A&P Drive
Dr. Jill Wenrich, Superintendent
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Mission Statement

The Jersey Shore Area School District will provide a supportive environment where staff uses effective data-based instruction to help every student achieve academic and social success.

Vision Statement

The Jersey Shore Area School District will prepare students to meet all graduation requirements and to be prepared for the next step in their life plan whether it involves post-secondary education, technical training, employment, or the military. Students will be academically prepared, will be responsible and will be able to live and work in a cooperative manner.

COME ALIVE @JSAMS

By Mr. Keith Veldhuis, Principal, JSAMS

From Day 1 of the 2018-19 school year the message at the Jersey Shore Area Middle School has been clear! The most important purpose we have is to be the best version of ourselves each day. We all understand that some days this best is going to look different than others. We also understand that people's best all look different. For some, their best happens on the field, for others in the lab, and others when they are alone with a pencil and paper. No matter where we come alive, there is a best version of each of us! The message at the Middle School is to support one another to let that version shine! No matter the position stated on the ID badge, we all have a role in helping one another be the best they can be!

And, there is no better environment for people to come alive and figure out what that looks like, than a middle school. In such a setting there are endless opportunities to support one another on the pursuit of growing in who we are as a person!

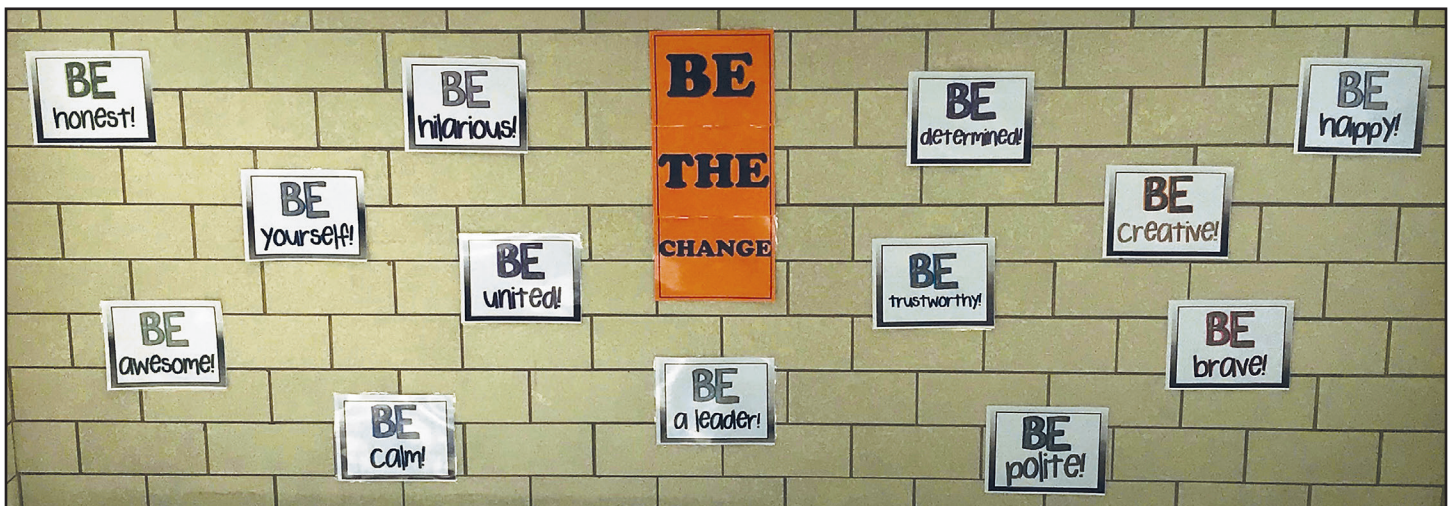
As an entire building we are committing to grow, learn and succeed at being us. Individuals bring qualities and strengths that others need and when we live in a community that emphasizes and celebrates our strengths we can help one another be our best versions. When we do this, it helps others do the same, and this becomes contagious!

This is no easy task and so we have a few things that help us remember our purpose. New this year to the school are quotes, paintings, and messages throughout the building reminding us we are able to be our best! That we have something to offer and that others need what we have! These messages can be found in restrooms, the cafeteria, classrooms, and be heard throughout the building in conversations.

There are a few reflective questions we consistently ask each other:

- Are we making the people around us better?
- Are we celebrating people being THEM?
- Are we part of the problem or solution?
- And, what makes YOU COME ALIVE?

No matter the person's position, title, or age, these questions can help create a community full of individuals who have Come Alive! With a community such as this, it is inevitable... we will all Learn, Grow, and Succeed! Follow along with us on Twitter as we Come Alive with the hashtag #JSAMSComeAlive.



CULTIVATING COMPASSION

By Mr. Stephen Keen, Principal, JSASHS

The Jersey Shore School Community has faced many challenges in 2018. During this calendar year, we have seen district-wide budget concerns, furloughs, illness, loss of family members and friends, terrible tragedy, medical emergencies, mold issues, systemic interruptions, community concerns, fires, floods, and other events which impact lives on a daily basis. These situations are not specific to the Jersey Shore Area and undoubtedly impact every school system, business and community. Through various conversations with students, parents, faculty, staff, administrators, and community members, it is apparent that many people are dealing with difficult “life” situations. The Jersey Shore Area High School Principal, Mr. Steven Keen and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Elizabeth Segraves, implemented the Compassion Initiative this school year to foster awareness, support, and encouragement for everyone in the school community. “We have many individuals, at all levels, dealing with significant struggles,” states Mr. Keen. “It is heart-breaking to hear how much people are hurting in our schools and community at large, whether it is the sudden loss of a parent, diagnosis of a terminal illness, or a tragic accident, such as with Caleb Leone.” Keen says. “We need to support and encourage one another during these challenging times in life. My hope is by focusing on compassion that we as a collective body can become more appreciative, kinder, gracious, and understanding. In turn, we can build a stronger sense

of community and civility.”

Compassion is a central element for positive, healthy communities. Studies show that compassion inspires kindness, charity, gratitude, patience, resolve, as well as other affirmative behaviors. Cultivating compassion is directly tied to the high school’s School-Wide Positive Behavior Program which promotes educational and cultural supports. The school-wide mantra is “Be a VIP: Value Everyone and Everything, Individual Responsibility, and a Positive Attitude” as well as #SHOREpride. There have been a number of activities initiated this school year at Jersey Shore Area Senior High School encompassing compassion. One of the most impactful events has been the “Because I Said I Would” presentation by Alex Sheen supported by the Jersey Shore Area Senior High School Future Business Leaders of America and Jersey Shore Education Foundation. Alex Sheen spoke about promise keeping, character building, and integrity. A Promise Wall has been created in the auditorium lobby for students to confidentially place their promises and then work toward keeping those promises. The outcomes through these fulfilled promises are amazing. “It has been great to see this initiative positively change student actions and activities,” states Mrs. Segraves.

Some of the activities impacting positive relationships, support, and compassion at Jersey Shore Area Senior High School as well as the Jersey Shore community include the following:

School-Wide Events

- **Compassion Action Quotes**

Daily inspirational quotes read during morning announcement connecting the theme of Compassion and Compassion Action

- **Good Vibes Wall**

Shout-outs to Faculty, Staff, and Students for doing great things

- **Administration / Faculty / Staff / Student Outreach**

Individual outreach to offer compassion and comfort for various personal situations
Contributions for Caleb and the Leone family
Support for compassion based activities

- **“Because I Said I Would.”**

Guest Speaker (Alex Sheen) and school-wide assembly pertaining to promise keeping, integrity and character

- **Promise Cards**

Students, Faculty, and Staff write promises to themselves and/or others, to build integrity and compassion

- **#weSHOREcare Project**

FBLA Project encompassing school, community, and businesses to support local families during the holiday season

- **Blood Drives**

American Red Cross Club and JSASHS Heart Club

Coordinated with the American Red Cross to donate pints of blood

COFFEE CART - DELIVERS KINDNESS WITH A SMILE!

By Ms. Jennifer Berry-Probst, Assistant Principal, JSAE

With a cheerful, “Thank you for your order,” Gio smiles as he hands me a cup of hot chocolate. Students from our intermediate life skills class collect orders, make change, and prepare special orders to deliver on Wednesday mornings. “It has become my favorite day of the week!” declared Mrs. Hufnagle, one of our paraprofessionals who works with our Title I teachers. Inspired by classroom teacher, Mrs. Jodi Woleslagle, the Coffee Cart Service offers coffee, hot tea, hot chocolate and has now expanded to include bottled water. Briar Dorwart and Giovanni Hamilton, two servers with our Coffee Cart program, shared that they both enjoy delivering the orders—which has grown to 40-60 orders per week, and agree that making change is the most challenging part of the role.

Gio shared that he has learned the importance of using his manners when delivering orders. The positive actions by our Coffee Cart Team was rewarded by our fourth and fifth grade teachers who purchased personalized aprons for each student!



- **School Club Activities**

- Fundraisers and support for the Leone family / Community needs
- Red Ribbon Week (National English Honors Society)
- Ronald McDonald House (Future Business Leaders of America)

- **Jersey Shore Education Association**

- Contribution for Caleb and Leone family
- Relay for Life Team
- Bulldog Cancer Chompers – Contributes to the American Cancer Society

- **JSASHS Life Skills Program**

- Mittens and Hat Tree – Donations for area students and families

Athletic Activities Supporting Compassion

- **Honoring Caleb #20 (#20Strong)**

- **Football Games**

- Moment of Silence – Caleb and Leone Family (Home Games)
- Support from other Schools and Teams
- Football Team/Cheerleaders – Contributions
- Community Contributions with 50/50 raffles

- **Multi-Sport Pink-Out Games**

- Breast Cancer Awareness

- **Pep Club Support and Outreach**

- **Booster Clubs**

- #20Strong Merchandise
- Providing Support / Contributions

- **Homecoming Events / Dance**

- Donations and Collections were dedicated to Caleb and the Leone family
- #20Strong Presentation

Community Events and Outreach

- **#20Strong Initiative**

- **5K Walks** – (Graduation Projects)

- **Motorcycle Ride / Poker Run**

- **Phil-It Up Community Fundraiser for the Leone Family**

- **Local BBQ Event for the Leone Family**

- **Local Softball Tournaments Contributions**

- **Alumni Football Game Contributions**

- **Various Community Organizations – Events/ Donations**

- **Outreach of Thoughts and Prayers**

This is only a portion of the acts of compassion inspiring Jersey Shore Area Senior High School and we hope to expand our reach to embrace our community. Additionally, there are other events and activities planned throughout the school year. To leave you with one of our Compassion Action Quotes; “Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth, and your heart for love (Anonymous).” How are you cultivating compassion today?

JERSEY SHORE FBLA COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

By Mrs. Dolly Oden, Advisor

On November 1 through November 30, 2018, the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter from Jersey Shore Area Senior High School will be hosting a district wide food drive in conjunction with the Jersey Shore Education Foundation. They will be collecting various holiday foods, such as cranberry sauce, stuffing, corn, and green beans, which will be donated to the New Love Center in Jersey Shore. Along with the New Love Center, the Jersey Shore FBLA chapter will be taking the donations and packaging them into holiday meal boxes for families in need. They have set a goal to fill all 500 meal boxes after all of the donations have been collected.

They are asking students, parents, faculty, and staff to donate specific items to contribute to the boxes, and they are also asking for donations from local businesses and individuals for chickens to include in each box. Salladasburg Elementary and Avis Elementary are each working on 500 boxes of stuffing; Jersey Shore Elementary has a goal of 1,000 cans of green beans; Jersey Shore Middle School will bring in 1,000 cans of gravy; Jersey Shore Senior High School will be in charge of 1,000 cans of corn, and finally, the faculty and staff will be responsible for 500 containers of cranberry sauce and can also donate money for chickens. If any business, families, or individuals would like to donate \$5.00 for a chicken, they can contact the FBLA adviser, Mrs. Dolly Oden, at doden@jsasd.org. The collection of the donations from the various schools will be occurring on December 4, 2018, and all food will be taken to First United Methodist Church in Jersey Shore. Transportation for this event will be provided by Marden's. On December 5, 2018, the FBLA members will return to First United Methodist Church to fill the 500 holiday boxes where they will be distributed.

JS FBLA would like to spur community engagement through our social media campaign, as well as posters for businesses who support the food drive. Several posts and updates about the food drive's progress will be made on our chapter's social media sites to show others in the community what the project is and the goals they are working towards. The hashtag #weSHOREcare will be used on all posts to connect them, and that way other individuals on the social media sites can also use the hashtag to help promote the food drive. FBLA will be asking for as much community involvement and school district support as possible to make this a successful project, and to make the holidays a little merrier for all families in Jersey Shore.

MARKER RECYCLING PROJECT EXPANDS!

By

The intermediate life skills class supports Earth Day year round. While teaching an Earth day unit last year, Mrs. Jodi Wolesslagle signed up her students to participate in the Crayola Marker Recycling Program. Students collect markers, separate them by color, bundle them in groups of 10 and package them for shipment. This year, markers are being collected at JSE, Avis, Salladasburg and the Middle School! In October, they had already saved over 2,000 markers going into the landfill. Briar Dorwart expressed that he feels happy that markers are not going into the landfill. Giovanni Hamilton stated he was surprised how many markers they have collected. Families can feel free to send in old markers of any brand, highlighters, sharpies and dry erase markers.



Mrs. Patterson, our school counselor, along with Officer Fera, our School Resource Office (SRO), held a special assembly for our students. They covered various topics such as Bike safety, Halloween, and Weapons. They also watched a video on Stranger Danger.

SALLADASBURG HONORS VETERANS

By Mr. Jon Jean, Principal, Salladasburg and Avis Elementary

Salladasburg Elementary school students participated in our Veteran's Day Ceremony presented by our PTO. We had approximately 35 veterans that attended and were introduced to our student body and staff. The PTO also recognized two "Purple Heart" recipients while serving our country, our veterans performed the 13 folds of our flag while telling our students what each fold represented. In addition, our veterans took a stroll down the halls so each student could thank them for their service, and finally they joined us for light refreshments in the cafeteria. Thank you veterans and especially our PTO for making this happen!



PLANTING SEEDS OF COMPASSION - VISIT OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

By Ms. Jennifer Berry-Probst, Assistant Principal, JSAE

Mr. Josh Ely, fifth grade teacher at JSE, received a mini-grant from our Jersey Shore Educational Foundation last year, to create a Community Garden. The initiative was intended to form stronger bonds between community members and the Jersey Shore Area School District. This annual project has seeped excitement and compassion for serving others in our fifth grade students.



Mason Larson and Tessa Richardson, left, assist their peers as part of the Compost Crew. Luke Ryan, Jalynn Witt, and Madalyn Robinett, above, share their ideas to expand our community garden.

Luke Ryan, Jalynn Witt, and Madelyn Robinett are no exceptions. In our interview, Madelyn shared they pick tomatoes every Friday and can take them home. "Sometimes there are so many tomatoes, we offer them to other classes." "Community gardens are really healthy for us," explained Jalynn. Talking

excitedly, Luke added that he hopes their community garden "influences landfills to change to community gardens." All three agreed that we should arrange for them to go to other schools to teach them how to start a community garden, beginning with our own middle and high school.

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