



# Jersey Shore Area School District

## FALL 2019

### JSASD School Board Members

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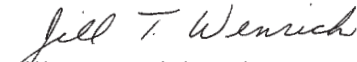
Greetings!

Once again, it is a privilege and honor to share this edition of the 2019 Jersey Shore Area School District Newsletter. All of the articles which are shared with you in this edition represent some of the many great attributes our District Vision statement encompasses. We are continuing to learn, grow and succeed while we prepare our students for the next step in their life's plan.

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 have shared the dates and times of our annual Conversation with the Superintendent and Administrative Team as well as our Conversation with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent meeting dates and times which continue to occur in various areas across the District throughout this school year.

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, Ed.D.  
Superintendent



# Mission Statement

The Jersey Shore Area School District will provide a supportive environment where all members learn, grow and succeed to positively impact the world around them.

# Vision Statement

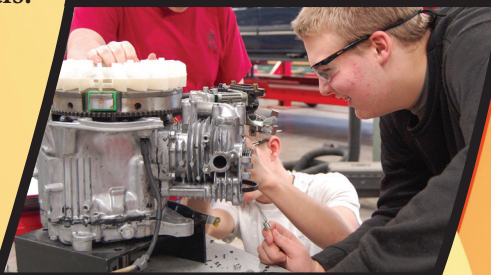
The Jersey Shore Area School District will prepare students for the next step in their life's plan.

## OUR GRADUATES WILL:

- Be college and/or career ready.
- Be able to apply what they have learned effectively to face a wide range of challenges.
- Be a good communicator.
- Be both disciplined and creative.
- Be an effective leader and good team member.
- Be able to monitor their behavior and change it when necessary.
- Be of high moral character and willing to serve others.
- Be able to set a goal, develop a plan, and work toward achievement.
- Be willing to persevere for the achievement of long-term goals.
- Be innovative and proactive.
- Be able to accelerate the learning they have achieved.
- Be a lifelong learner.
- Be reflective, tolerant, and inclusive while being contributing members of society.

# Motto

Learning | Growing | Succeeding



# FUTURE READY @JSAMS

By Mr. Justin Armbruster, Assistant Principal, JSAMS




Retired United States Army General Eric Shinseki once said, “If you don’t like change, you’re going to like irrelevance even less”. It’s hard for students in our Middle School to imagine a world without Instagram, Snapchat, or cell phones. Most of our students no longer associate “TikTok” with the sound a clock makes. In fact, the simple notion of telling time on anything other than a digital clock is often a foreign concept. Our world is transitioning as rapidly as the leaves are changing colors around us.

In 2016, The World Jobs Forum suggested that 65% of our students in grade school will be employed in jobs that don’t currently exist. (More on that here: <https://www.iste.org/explore/ISTE-blog/Preparing-students-for-jobs-that-don%27t-exist>)

At the Jersey Shore Area School District we are committed to making sure our students are prepared for the next step in their life’s plan, even knowing that step may not currently exist. We are very excited about what we’re doing at the middle school to embrace this changing world as we focus on developing our students with skills that will enhance their employability in the future.

The 2019-2020 school year at JSAMS continues to focus on the idea of Coming Alive. Our students are encouraged to pursue their passions and to be at their best, while making others around them better. During daily Personalized Learning Time they constantly set, monitor, and obtain weekly academic and behavioral goals. Our students are meeting the challenges of the traditional academic setting, while also getting exposed to some changes to the traditional middle school day.

Students at JSAMS now have an opportunity to focus specifically on being future ready through the addition of our Intro to Pathways course. The addition of the Come Alive period has provided opportunities to focus on building relationships while working on employability skills. Often undervalued as “soft skills”, these skills are those that are students need in order to be prepared for the next step in their life’s plan, even if that step isn’t something we’re currently familiar with.

PA Career Readiness Skills Categories
<b>A. Self-Awareness and Self-Management</b> <i>Recognize and regulate emotions</i>  <b>Related Employability Skills:</b> Respect, Dependability & Reliability, Communication, Professionalism, Teamwork, Integrity, Business Fundamentals, Adaptability, Initiative, Planning & Organizing
<b>B. Establishing and Maintaining Relationships</b> <i>Communicate and collaborate amongst diversity</i>  <b>Related Employability Skills:</b> Problem solving, Decision making, Critical Thinking, Integrity, Teamwork, Adaptability, Professionalism, Communication, Respect
<b>C. Social Problem-Solving Skills</b> <i>Demonstrate empathy and respectful choice</i>  <b>Related Employability Skills:</b> Teamwork, Integrity, Communication, Respect, Customer Focus, Critical Thinking, Professionalism, Reading, Writing, Problem Solving

Want to know more about Pennsylvania’s employability skills: <https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/CareerReadyPA/CareerReadySkills/Pages/default.aspx>

Come Alive period has also provided us with the opportunity to incorporate the Second Step program which focuses specifically on character education and developing our students socially and emotionally. There is a team of individuals spearheaded by our new guidance counselor, Mrs. Mallory Meyers, working to select lessons appropriate and relevant to each grade level within our building. Through these lessons the students are exposed to we are working to ensure our students are of high moral character, reflective, and willing to serve others.

As the scenery changes around us with the coming of a new season in the Jersey Shore Area, we are excited about the opportunities our students have to showcase and develop their talents, to pursue their passions, and to be at their best. While we may not know what the future seasons have in store for our students, we do know that we are encouraged by the potential we see in all of them. We are proud to work with them in support as they continue to Come Alive.

# AVIS 4TH GRADERS CONNECT SCIENCE WITH CAREER

By Mr. Jon Jean, Principal, Avis Elementary

Mrs. Confer's 4th grade class at Avis Elementary School has been studying animal systems in science class. On October 22, 2019, they had an amazing guest speaker visit their class. Mr. Don Neidig, an athletic trainer for the Major League Baseball Team the Washington Nationals organization, came to talk about his job along with what it entails and how animal systems work together. Mrs. Confer's students generated several great career questions to ask Mr. Neidig during his visit to Avis Elementary School.



## JSASD Building Directory

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

Jersey Shore Elementary School  
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Ms. Adrienne Johnston, Principal  
Ms. Jennifer Berry-Propst, 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

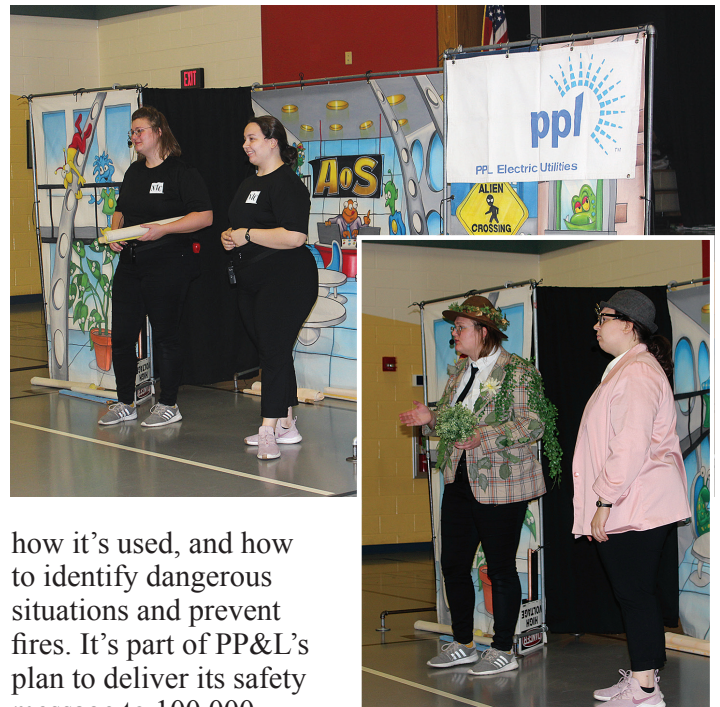
Jersey Shore Area High School  
570.398.7170 | 701 Cemetery St.  
Mr. Steven Keen, Principal  
Mrs. Elizabeth Seagraves, Assistant Principal

Administration Building  
570.398.1567 | 175 A&P Drive  
Dr. Jill Wenrich, Superintendent  
Dr. Kenneth Dady, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Benjamin Enders, Business Manager  
Mrs. Margaret Leedy, Director of Pupil Services

## SALLADASBURG LEARNS ABOUT ELECTRICAL SAFETY

By Mr. Jon Jean, Principal, Salladasburg Elementary

Salladasburg Elementary had the privilege of having the National Theatre for Children perform "The Safety Detectives in Hot Pursuit". This was a high-energy show designed to teach our youngsters life-long lessons about staying safe around electricity. Safety Detectives in Hot Pursuit teaches kids about electricity,



how it's used, and how to identify dangerous situations and prevent fires. It's part of PP&L's plan to deliver its safety message to 100,000 youngsters over a five-year period.

Whether it's inside your home or outside near power lines and electrical equipment, PP&L wants to make sure that children know how to stay safe around electricity. That's why PPL has a variety of electrical safety programs for children. PPL's school programs help kids learn about the dangers of electricity, what to do around downed power lines and how they can conserve resources for the future.

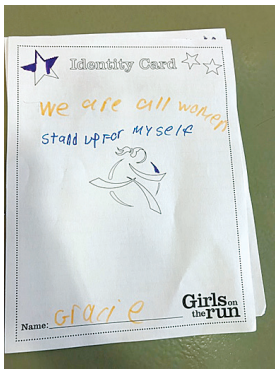
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# GIRLS ON THE RUN OFF TO POSITIVE START AT JSAE

By Ms. Jennifer Berry-Propst, Assistant Principal, Jersey Shore Area Elementary

If you visit Jersey Shore Elementary School on a Tuesday or Thursday after school, you will hear the enthusiastic voices of girls in grades 3-5 greeting each other as they warm-up in the gymnasium. Mrs. Jodi Wolesslagle, one of our elementary life skills teachers, was the driving force for initiating a Girls on the Run program at JSE. She was seeing posts from friends on social media who had daughters participating in Girls on the Run programs at their schools. With the small population that she teaches, she does not always get the opportunity to build relationships with students outside of her classroom. The Girls on the Run Program not only gives her the opportunity to meet new students, but it also helps her to make a difference in their lives.



*"We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running," is the mission of a Girls on the Run program. Their vision is nothing short of inspiring. "We envision a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams."*

Mrs. Wolesslagle presented her idea to the school board last spring. Upon receiving board approval, Ms. Adrienne Johnston, Jersey Shore Elementary Principal, and Mrs. Wolesslagle met with Jill Girio, Girls on the Run Program Coordinator for the Greater Susquehanna Valley, and discussed what they would need and how to pursue those resources.

The support she received after announcing her goal of starting a Girls on the Run Program at Jersey Shore Elementary, last May, was astounding! Several teachers joined forces with Mrs. Wolesslagle to volunteer to be coaches: Mrs. Theresa Caimi, Mrs. Ann Knipe, Mrs. Amy Jones, and Ms. Samantha Moon. In addition, she received support from Ms.

Andrea Decker, our Jersey Shore Elementary PTO President, as one of our volunteer coaches. All of the Girls on the Run Coaches had to complete a series of online trainings and a 5-hour on-site training at Bucknell University before they could develop a program at JSE.



*After a short assembly on September 11th, registrations poured in; we now have 32 girls enrolled in the program. Mrs. Wolesslagle shared that she did not anticipate such a huge turnout, but that they were beyond excited! Gianna Martino, a fifth grade student at JSE, joined the program because it sounded fun, she wanted to improve herself, and she wanted to reach the goal of running a 5K, which is about 3 miles. Gianna elaborated, stating that now that she has been in the program a few weeks, she likes making her goals and cheering other girls to reach their goals. She feels the greatest benefit is everyone being nice to each other and working together. What would she tell others about the program? "Make the miracle happen," smiled Gianna.*

At the end of the 10-week program, there is a celebratory 5K at The Miller Center, in Lewisburg. The 5K is on Sunday, November 17th and is attended by all of the girls participating in the Girls on the Run Program in the Greater Susquehanna Valley. The girls are looking forward to their first race and all of the fun activities that they will participate in that day! Please join us in cheering the girls as they train to meet their goal of running in the 5K and come out to support their race on November 17th!

It is the policy of the Jersey Shore Area School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age, handicap or limited English proficiency in its educational programs, services, facilities, activities or employment policies as required by Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 Regulations of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Section 204 Regulations of the 1984 Carl D. Perkins Act or any applicable federal statute. For information regarding programs, services, activities, and facilities that are accessible to and usable by handicapped persons or for inquiries regarding civil rights compliance, contact: Jersey Shore Area School District, 75 A&P Drive, Jersey Shore, PA 17740, 570-398-1561; or the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C.

#### FERPA

To access information about the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Jersey Shore Area School District's Child Find Annual Notice, please visit our website at [www.jsasd.org](http://www.jsasd.org) in the Special Education section.

# OUR STUDENTS WILL...THE DISTRICT VISION AT THE HS

By Mrs. Elizabeth Segraves, Assistant Principal, JSASHS

Jersey Shore High School began the 2019-20 school year with a greater focus on helping our students to be college and career ready. New College and Career standards enacted by the state of Pennsylvania guided us through this process. We ended the 2018-19 school year with a review of these standards. We found that a great majority of them are already integrated into the curriculum offered to our students. These same courses and associated standards introduce students to the skills related to college and the work force and include: career awareness and preparation, career acquisition, career retention and advancement, and entrepreneurship. As our students progress through their courses they develop communication skills through small and large group settings. Student involvement in extracurricular activities builds leadership skills, goal setting, and discipline. Over 50 percent of our students are members of a club or a sport. Many of these clubs are service oriented, connecting our students to the community in new ways. Through participation in these activities students are also connected to national organizations which help to

build career and college networks. The greatest example of our school's involvement with the community is #weSHOREcare. This program continues this school year with a renewed focus on filling food boxes.

One of the greatest assets at the high school that is helping our students to prepare for the next stage of their lives in the Pathway system. This system provides a structured course progression toward a specific area of interest: Arts and Media; Health & Science; Human Services; Business, Finance, and Information Technology; Engineering & Industry. While core course work introduces students to content that helps them to understand the world within which they live, builds critical thinking skills, and develops a well-rounded individual the Pathway courses provide students with structured content that focuses on a career field.

Through the systems which the district has worked to develop over the years, we are confident we create life-long learners who are prepared to apply what they have learned to face a wide-range of challenges in an innovative way.

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

JOIN US



Location	Date	Time
Oval Country Store	October 23, 2019	8:00-9:00 AM
Santino's	February 4, 2020	7:00 - 8:00 PM
OIP in Avis	April 14, 2020	2:00-3:00 PM
Waterville Tavern	May 19, 2020	7:00-8:00 PM

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!!

High School - October 2, 2019  
 Middle School - November 13, 2019  
 Jersey Shore Area Elem. - February 5, 2020  
 Salladasburg Elem. - March 11, 2020  
 Avis Elementary - April 29, 2020

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