

Jaguar Jottings

Your Johnsburg Central School Newsletter



Superintendent's Corner



As we approach the mid-year point of the school year, it is a fitting time for reflection and evaluation of our students' academic journey. At Johnsburg, open communication and collaboration between educators, parents, and guardians are crucial elements for student success. This newsletter serves as a friendly reminder to check in on your child's progress and explore ways we can work together to ensure their continued academic growth. Take time to reflect on the progress your student has made. With the first half of the school year behind us, now is an opportune time to review your child's academic performance. We encourage you to access their grades in schooltool and read the teacher's feedback, providing valuable insights into their strengths and areas needing additional attention. Understanding where your child stands academically is the first step towards helping them improve.

How can you help your child? Engaging in your child's education is a shared responsibility, and your support plays an essential role in their success. Here are some ways you can actively contribute to your child's academic journey:

1. **Regular Check-Ins:** Schedule regular discussions with your child about their schoolwork. Ask about their favorite subjects, areas of struggle, and any concerns they may have.
2. **Create a Positive Study Environment:** Establish a dedicated home space for your child to focus

- on their studies, minimize distractions, and promote a positive learning environment.
3. **Set Realistic Goals:** Work with your child to set achievable goals for the remainder of the school year. Break down large goals into smaller manageable tasks.
4. **Communicate with Teachers:** Establish open lines of communication with your child's teachers. Attend parent-teacher conferences and utilize schooltool and other forms of communication.

A message of Joy for the New Year

A new year is an exciting time, overflowing with possibilities and opportunities for our students. As we enter the New Year, I want to extend my warmest wishes for a year filled with growth, success, and peaceful times.



Coffee with Mike

Join me for a conversation and a cup of coffee on Tuesday, January 9, at 8 am.





Principal's Message

Happy New Year to the Johnsburg Community! Have a safe and healthy 2024!

Town of Johnsburg "Lights On"
JCS tied for 1st place (not-for-profit) in the Town of Johnsburg "Lights On" contest. Thank you, Heather Olesheski and her "Little Helpers."



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Check out our Johnsburg Central School page
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January 26 Staff Development Day
Students will be dismissed at 11:30 on January 26th for a Staff Development Day.

JCS 2023 Holiday Door Decorating Contest Results
Student/Staff Picks
1st Place - Wellness Center
2nd Place - Main Office
3rd Place - Kindergarten
Congratulations and great job by all!



1st Place



2nd Place

3rd Place



NYS Grade 3-8 Testing Dates
ELA 3-6 April 10 & 11
ELA 7-8 April 17 & 18
Math 3-6 May 7 & 8
Math 7-8 April 30 & May 1
Science 5 & 8 May 14



Mrs. Flanagan Building Principal





PreK-3 Student of the Month
December
(Listed Alphabetically)

- Bently LaBounty
- Jace Thissell
- Jackson Thissell
- Jaxton McCane-Mohr
- Rhys Olesheski
- Sawyer Knickerbocker
- Zaylea Denno

Specials:
Physical Education – Harper Ordway &
Orin Richards

Art – Elliana Harris
Music – JosieLyn Beaudrot
Library – Lillian Bliss

CONGRATULATIONS!
Keep up the hard work!



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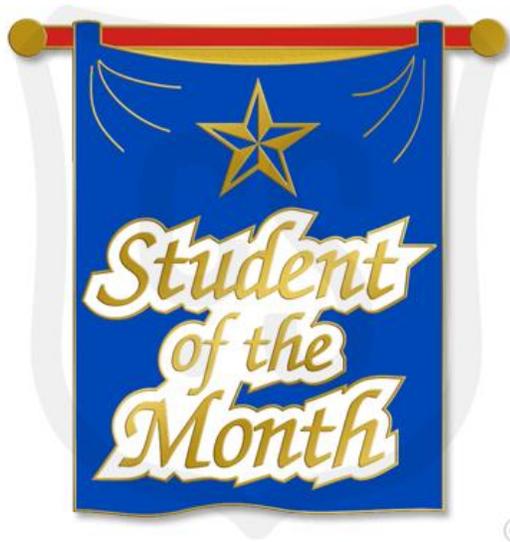
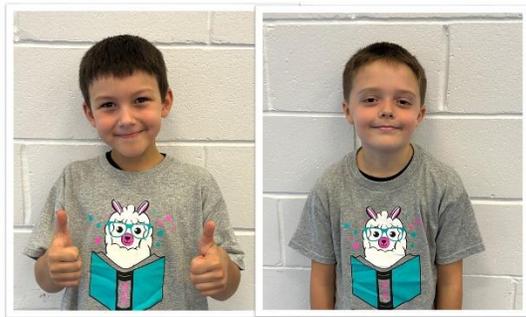
1ST GRADE



2ND GRADE



3RD GRADE



PREK-3 TRIMESTER 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Pre-Kindergarten

Trimester 1 - Academic Awards



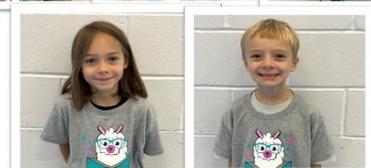
Kindergarten

Trimester 1 - Academic Awards



1st Grade

Trimester 1 - Academic Awards



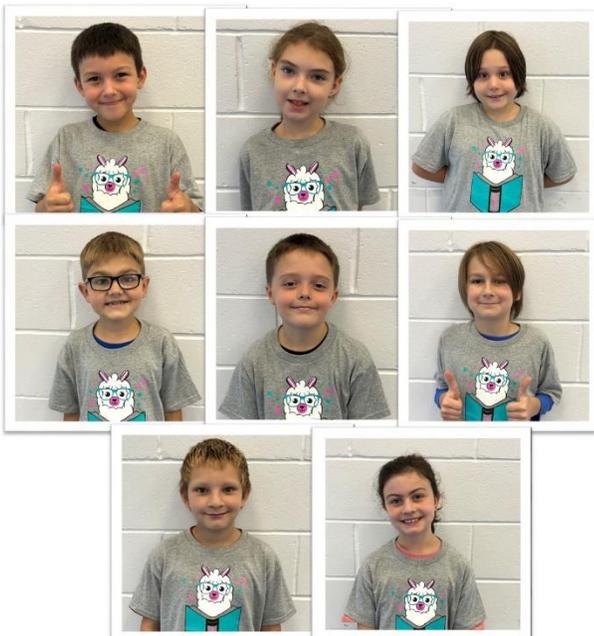
2nd Grade

Trimester 1 - Academic Awards



3rd Grade

Trimester 1 - Academic Awards



Grades: 4th, 5th, 6th

First Trimester HONOR ROLL

High Honor Roll

Overall average of 93% or higher

4th Grade:

5th Grade:

Jasmine Clark-Lawrence, Ari Galle
Aurora Hitchcock, Colton Lawrence
Griffin Lewis

6th Grade:

Elizabeth Dague, Harleigh Donohue,
Hayley Fink, Jozy Sherman-Cavanaugh



Honor Roll

Overall average between 85%-92%

4th Grade:

Dom Aurilio, Ariana Gray, Olivia Kitchin,
Kinleigh Lawrence, Silas Leigh,
Sophia Moffit, Ella Steele

5th Grade:

Ryan Bacon, Juliet Beaudrot,
Connor Briggs, Mason Cleveland,
Jaxson Harpp, Scarlett Leigh,
Lewka Lorensen, McKenna Mahaffey,
Quinn Mahaffey, Miles Moos, Levi Owens
Hayley Smith, Kloey Tuma,
Hunter Verfurth

6th Grade:

Charlie Campbell, Finn Morris, Ellie Ordway,
Olivia Owens, Ava Pesquera





Submit Your Answer

This month's question Mrs. Turcotte and Mrs. Watson's 3rd grade classes.
"The best snow day I ever had?"

The best snow day I've ever had was when I built a snowman. I rolled the snow into a ball. I put sticks in his hands. I put on his carrot nose. I put his hat on his head. It was a nice snow day.
Mark Donahue

The best snow day I have ever had was last year. My dad made a mountain of snow in the winter and my sister pushed me off the mountain of snow. Then I chased her through the snow. We gave up fighting and went into the house. That was the best snow day.
Royanne Millington

The best snow day I've ever had was three years ago. I made a snow fort with my sister. We had a snowball fight. We made a snowman. Then we had hot chocolate. That was the best snow day.
Emma McNally

The best snow day I ever had was this year. I rode my four wheeler and dirt bike in the snow. When I rode them the snow underneath was frozen. It was fun because I could drift. I could also do donuts. That was my best snow day ever.
Bently LaBounty

The best snow day that I ever had was last year. It was so fun because my sister and I made dens in the snow. My sister found squirrels in her den. Then we went sledding. I went really fast. I had a lot of fun that day.
Orion Altman



The best snow day ever was when my dad plows and we get big piles of snow. It's good for snowball fights. Just when the snow gets down the back of my shirt, I get annoyed. Also, it's really good when it's packy snow, because that way you can make perfect snowballs and good snowmen. What I like doing best is making forts of snow for snowball fights. That way you can take cover and not get it in the back of your shirt. Also, when it's packy, you can just yeet (throw) the snowballs. We drink the marshmallow flavored hot chocolate. It's fun to play video games because we can get to do pvp in Minecraft and Roblox.
Sawyer Knickerbocker

The best snow day was November 9, 2023 when we had 8 inches of snow. I didn't get to play outside but I did get to see my step sister Lilly and got to play with her and Joclynn, who likes to get us in trouble a whole bunch. So I made sure she didn't bother us, but at 9:45 she took Lilly's phone so I had to tell on her. Then she got in trouble for taking it. Lilly got her phone back and I got to play Roblox on her Iphone and got to watch 20 clips of Elf on the Shelves caught on camera. The first one was moving eyes. The elves' eyes moved which scared the family. The second one was evil elves. Some of the elves were spooky. That was the best snow day ever.
Jaycob Prosser

The perfect snow day is when I wake up and get my snow pants, jacket ,gloves, hat, and my boots on. Then, I go outside and build a snowman. I will go inside and have hot chocolate.
Gracelyn Monroe

The perfect snow day would be 8 inches of snow on the ground. There would be packing snow to build a snowman. There would be no school! I could go inside and have hot cocoa with my sister and later I would go back outside and throw snowballs at her. That would make it the perfect snow day ever.
Harper Smith





The perfect snow day is a day when there is a lot of snow. I'm talking about 8 feet of snow. Then I go outside and jump off the porch into the snow. I throw snowballs at my dog Kane. Then I got cold so I went inside and played video games.

Tommy Fuller

The best snow day is when I get to go outside and ski and go sledding. I also made a snowman with my brother. I also really like to drink hot cocoa during the winter. I also made a gingerbread house. My favorite is go four-wheeling with my brother. I also like snowmobiling.

Alex Fish

The best snow day ever was when I played outside, built a snowman, and made a snow angel. After I had hot cocoa, built a fort in my living room, and my family had breakfast bowls for dinner. (Breakfast bowls are made of potatoes, eggs, bacon, and cheese) It was the best snow day ever.

Sadie Mulligan

The best snow day ever was very fun. I made snow angels. My brother went snowboarding with me. I went on a snowmobile ride with my dad. It was fun. My brother and I found a sled so we went sledding. It was so fun. My brother had a snowball fight with me. My brother and I played basketball in the snow. I smashed my pumpkins from Halloween. My dog was playing in the snow. Well he was eating it. He did not know what the snow was. That was the best snow day ever.

Isabella Bennett

The best snow day ever was on a two hour delay. I went with my dad to go sand and salt the Post Office's parking lot. Then we went back to the house and I got packed up. Then my mom said I have a two hour delay. So, I took a twenty minute nap and played outside.

Orin Richards



Happy New Year Johnsburg Families,
I hope everyone had a happy and safe
Holiday.

A few Reminders from the Health Office:

- Student Athletes must have an up to date physical in order to participate; it must be within 12 months of the day the season begins to be considered valid.
- Sports Physicals are offered before each season begins so please contact me if you are unsure if your child's physical is valid so that we can sign them up. The next round of school Physicals is scheduled for the morning of February 2nd
- If your child has been referred for their vision or hearing, please make sure to communicate with me when they have had their appointments and the outcomes.
- Many illnesses have and will continue to circulate, please keep your child(ren) home when not feeling well to help decrease the spread.

January is National Blood Donor Awareness Month

Save the date! We will be hosting a blood drive on March 15th. More info to come on how to sign up. We have a goal of collecting 30 pints, help us reach our goal!!

As always, please contact me if you have any questions!
Be well,

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JCS School Nurse
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Confidential Fax 518-251-2367



Information provided by Mrs. Bruce



College Acceptances

Melissa Bibby – SUNY Adirondack
Evan Bonanno – SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Fredonia, and Hartwick College
Cadence Dawson – Columbia Greene Community College, The College of Saint Rose, and Wells College
Corbin DeGroat – Charleston Southern University and Liberty University
Madeline Freebern – SUNY Adirondack, Russell Sage College, and SUNY Potsdam
Angelo Galle – Paul Smith's College
Mackenzie Mulligan – The Paul Mitchell School
Ian O'Connor – SUNY Purchase and Elmira College
Cole Sears – SUNY Canton
Francis Volcheck – SUNY Adirondack
Caroline Williams – Belmont University



SCHOLARSHIPS

1. GERARD J. BUCKENMEYER FASNY VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP - The Firemen's Association of the State of New York will award 25 \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors entering college.

Applicant Criteria:

- Be a member in good standing with FASNY or have a parent/legal guardian who is a member.
- Attend high school as a senior who is enrolled in the fall 2021 school year at an accredited two or four-year institution of higher learning or an accredited technical post-secondary school.
- Serve as a current Junior firefighter, Explorer Scout or RAM in a group affiliated with a volunteer department; a volunteer firefighter; or a volunteer with an EMS unit.
- Be postmarked or electronically submitted by 3/15/2024.
- Application
<https://fasny.com/awards/scholarship/application/>
- Demonstrate a commitment to both volunteer emergency service and the community.

2. Excelsior Scholarship – This scholarship covers tuition for any student attending a SUNY or CUNY college and whose family made \$125,000 or less in the 2022 tax year. You can input your email to be alerted as to when this online application will be accepting applications for fall 2024.
www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior



3. The Grishkot Foundation – This is a renewable college scholarship of at least \$2,500 is for residents of Warren, Washington, and Saratoga Counties who are pursuing a degree in Aviation, Aerospace, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and other related medical support fields. Undergraduate premedical and graduate medical studies are specifically excluded. High school seniors and continuing college students can apply at <https://grishkotfoundation.org>
The application deadline is March 2, 2024

On-line Scholarship Websites



Scholarships for New York State students:
<https://bold.org/scholarships/by-state/new-york-scholarships/>
www.fastweb.com
www.collegexpress.com
www.unigo.com
www.scholarships.com
www.supercollege.com
www.hesc.ny.gov (select pay, then select grants, scholarships tab)
www.studentscholarshipsearch.com
www.cappex.com

Open House at Southern Adirondack Education Center

On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, the Southern Adirondack Education Center in Hudson Falls is having an Open House from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The snow date will be Wednesday, January 24, 2024. Sophomores and their families can explore programs, meet instructors, and see the hands-on classrooms.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Program

HOBY is a leadership program that teaches and engages sophomores from New York State high schools how to become effective leaders in their school and community. One sophomore from each NY State high school is chosen to attend to represent their school. Johnsbury Central School has been sending students to HOBY for the last 30+ years. Students participate in unique leadership training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences. HOBY's vision is to motivate and empower individuals to make a positive difference within our global society, through understanding and action, based on effective and compassionate leadership. Congratulations to **Ronan Corr** for being chosen to attend the seminar which takes place on May 31- June 2, 2024 on the SUNY Albany campus.

Employment and Career Websites

1. <https://gf.com/careers/GF-Maintenance-Technician-Apprenticeship-Malta/>
(see flyer)
2. www.learnhowtobecome.org
3. www.sciencebuddies.org – science careers
4. www.nursingexplorer.com – nursing careers
5. <http://exlorehealthcareers.org>
6. <https://www.talentdesk.com/career-finder-what-jobs-can-I-get-with-my-degree?>
7. www.glassdoor.com
8. www.jobzone.ny.gov
9. www.AdirondackHelpWanted.com
10. www.snagajob.com
11. warrencountyny.gov/civilservice

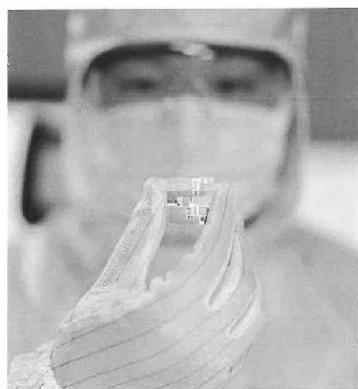


The University of the State of New York
**THE STATE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT**
Office of State Assessment
Albany, NY 12234

**EXAMINATION SCHEDULE:
JANUARY 2024**

Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.

January 23 TUESDAY	January 24 WEDNESDAY	January 25 THURSDAY	January 26 FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
English Language Arts	Geometry U.S. History	Global History	Earth Science Chemistry
12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	.
Living Environment	Algebra I Physics	Algebra II	



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December has been an awesome month in PE classes. Middle school and high school have enjoyed our volleyball unit. Elementary have begun practicing their volleyball skills with some modified activities. The elementary classes have also spent some time enjoying holiday-themed activities! When we return from Christmas break, we will begin our Archery Unit with grades 4-12. If any kids in grades 4-12 are interested in joining our Archery Team, please talk to Coach Gonyo or Coach Pierson.

Elementary sports will start mid-January, so keep an eye out for more information. The Basketball and Nordic Teams are now in the midst of their season. Please check the school website for upcoming games and races. Please come out and support any games here at Johnsburg or in Minerva!

This year, Johnsburg and Minerva received cameras to stream home basketball games online. If you are unable to make home games, please check out the NFHS Network! The NFHS Network is a streaming service that will be used to broadcast all of our home basketball games during the Basketball season. All of the schools in our area have the same cameras that broadcast these games, so once you pay for the subscription to NFHS, you will have access to any game being played in a gym with these cameras. The subscriptions to the NFHS Network are \$79.99 for a one-year subscription or \$11.99 for a monthly subscription. Go to the following website to Subscribe! <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/>

We hope you had a Merry Christmas and a great New Year!

Coach Pierson and Coach Gonyo



DID YOU KNOW?

- There is a boys' varsity basketball tournament "Ring in the New Year" on January 5th at 5:00 p.m. and January 6 (time TBA) here at JCS.
- The 2nd, 3rd, & 4th grade ski program starts in January.
- There are two Feasibility Study Merger Meetings in January: January 17 at Minerva Central School and January 31 at Johnsburg Central School. Both meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public
- January 15th School will be closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King.
- January 26th is a half-day. Student are to be dismissed at 11:30 for a Staff Development Day.
- There is a new monitor on the third floor with digital information for the students.

NOW YOU KNOW!

JCS Alma Mater

At the foot of old Gore Mountain,
Johnsburg Central High
Stands upon its pine-clad hilltop
reaching toward the sky.
White and blue we'll always honor
as the years go by
We'll be true to alma mater
Johnsburg Central High
In the years that are to follow
treading paths anew
We'll remember alma mater,
loyal, proud and true!



JANUARY HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Events:
January 11th- Pop Singers and Jazz Band Concert 7 pm

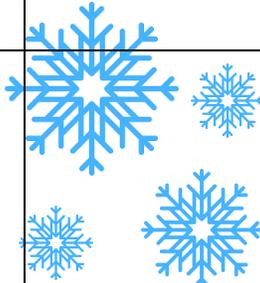


December Music Highlights: The JCS Performance Techniques Class carols in the Johnsburg Holiday Parade

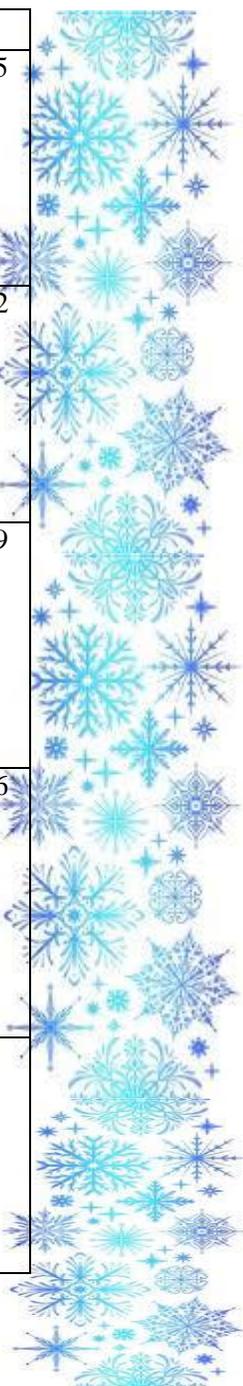




JCS BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 1 Fruit Juice Choice of cereal Toast Jelly Milk	 2 Fruit Juice Choice of cereal Toast Jelly Milk	 3 Fruit Juice Scrambled eggs Cereal Toast Jelly Milk	 4 Fruit Juice Bacon & cheese on a bagel Cereal English/ Jelly Milk	 5 Fruit Juice Waffles Syrup Cereal Toast/ jelly Milk
 8 Fruit Juice 2 cheese omelet Cereal Muffin Milk	 9 Fruit Juice Fruit Smoothies Cereal Toast Jelly Milk	 10 Fruit Juice Pancakes Syrup Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	 11 Fruit Juice Breakfast pizza Hash brown Cereal English/ Jelly Milk	 12 Fruit Juice Mini Cinnamon rolls Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk
 15	 16 Fruit Juice Sausage/cheese on a biscuit Cereal English/ Jelly Milk	 17 Fruit Juice Mini French toast/ Syrup Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	 18 Fruit Juice Bacon Bk. Wrap Cereal Toast Jelly Milk	 19 Fruit Juice Yogurt Cereal Muffin Milk
 22 Fruit Juice Breakfast pizza Hash brown Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	 23 Fruit Juice Choice of cereal Toast Jelly Milk	 24 Fruit Juice Egg & cheese on an English Cereal English/ Jelly Milk	 25 Fruit Juice Bk. Parfait Cereal Muffins Milk	 26 Fruit Juice French toast Syrup Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk
 29 Fruit Juice Bacon & cheese on a bagel Cereal Toast/ Jelly Milk	 30 Fruit Juice Mini French toast / syrup Cereal Toast / Jelly Milk	 31 Fruit Egg, Cheese & sausage pancake sandwich Cereal English/ Jelly Milk		 11:30 dismissal Fresh fruit and vegetables used Price: Students K-12 Free Adult: \$2.80

BREAKFAST MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

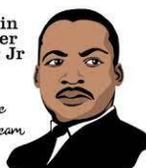




JANUARY

2024
JCS LUNCH



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>1</p> <p>hello 2024 Happy New Year</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Beef stew Corn muffins Fruit Milk</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Mac & cheese Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Tacos L,T French fries Rice Fruit Milk</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Hot Ham and Mozzarella sub Pasta Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Couscous Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Tomato soup Toasted cheese Sandwich Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>10</p> <p>BBQ spare ribs Potato salad Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Ziti Side salad Bread sticks Fruit Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Hot dog On a bun French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr I Have a Dream</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Cheese or Veggie pizza Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Chicken Patty Rice Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Hamburger Bacon Am. Cheese French fries Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Hot turkey Sandwich Potatoes Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Pancakes Hash brown Eggs Sausage or bacon Juice / Fruit Milk</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken French fries Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Meatball sub Baked chips Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Garden Salad With diced grilled chicken Bread sticks Fruit Milk</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Cheese pizza Vegetables Muffins Fruit Milk 11:30 dismissal</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Italian Dunkers Pasta Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Turkey or Salami Sub L,T,O French fries Fruit Milk</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Tomato soup Toasted cheese Sandwich Vegetables Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Juice is offered daily along with fruit for grades 9-12 Sandwiches & Salads are made daily as part of the lunch options</p>	<p>All bread products are whole grain enriched Nondairy and Gluten Free options available</p>

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