



JOHNSTOWN-MONROE SUPERINTENDENT'S SPOTLIGHT

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BIG RED BAND WOWS FLORIDIANS & DISNEY WORLD



Johnstown-Monroe's Big Red Band enjoyed a memorable trip to Disney World, which included performances there, as well as, in-and-around Cocoa Beach, Florida. These videos provide many photographic and performance footage highlights: [VIDEO 1](#), [VIDEO 2](#)



Johnstown-Monroe Triumphs In Food Pantry Collections

This year's annual Johnstown-Monroe and Northridge collection drive for the Johnstown-Northridge Food Pantry (located at the Johnstown Independent Baptist Church) resulted in J-M emerging as the victor. See video of the recent plaque presentation [HERE](#).



"YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE"

Johnstown-Monroe's Andrea Beverly is this year's Coughlin Automotive, "You Made A Difference" award-winner, following a nomination from JHS senior, Addie Triplett. A surprise announcement was made before the start of Middle School classes on February 1, 2023. You can see video of the special moment [HERE](#).

—ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT—

January was “Board of Education Appreciation Month.” During the regular Jan. 9, 2023, board meeting, our school board members were not just saluted by students, but also provided some striking examples of educational experiences and classroom instruction. Some video highlights can be seen [HERE](#).



Ohio Army National Guard visits JHS

Guard members ran interested Johnstown-Monroe High School students through a series of physical education challenges during a January 18, 2023, visit. Ohio Army National Guard members also fielded student questions regarding possible, post-high school education career pathways. See video [HERE](#).



ELEMENTARY FAMILY MATH NIGHT DRAWS HUNDREDS (See the video [HERE](#))



INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HOSTS “MANUFACTURING DAY” (See the video [HERE](#))





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—COMMUNITY OUTREACH—

Educational update shared with Johnstown City Council

I was pleased to recently be invited to provide a mid-year update to Johnstown City Council and city administration members. Topics touched on included enrollment growth, our district's Three E's focus (post high school: Education, Employment or Enlistment), and future planning. Some highlights are included in [this video](#).



Monroe Township graduates new first-responders

We are proud to have provided the Johnstown-Monroe Performing Arts Center as the backdrop for the January 20, 2023, Monroe Township Fire Department graduation ceremony. Eight new firefighters were officially brought on board. The evening also included some striking musical performances by our students. Video highlights can be seen [HERE](#).

Congratulations to our band and vocal department performers

Johnstown-Monroe students had a very successful day at the Ohio Music Education Association Solo & Ensemble Day, held Jan. 28, at Granville High School.

Students (participation was optional) worked since December to prepare a solo piece or an ensemble (trios and quartets) to perform at the 2023 OMEA Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event. Students earn a rating of either a I, II, III, IV, or V (I is the highest); I- Superior and II- Excellent.

The band had 25 events, with 14 earning a Superior Rating, 10 earning an Excellent Rating, and 1 ensemble performed for comments only (no rating provided.)

The vocal department had 19 events with 16 Superior Ratings and 3 Excellent Ratings.



Stage: 04		Time	Name
8:00	Adam West	II	
8:10	LH Gold Quartet	II	
8:20	Acas Sax Quartet	II	
8:30	LH Maroon Quartet	II	
8:40	Michelle Daniel	I	
8:50	Lysia Mitchell	II	
9:00	Megan Cole	II	
9:10	Acas Clarinet Quartet	II	
9:20	Mathew Carter	II	
9:30	Acas Clarinet Quartet	II	
9:40	Jannah Washonson	II	
9:50	Parthiv Isalki	II	
10:00	Leawana Johnson	II	
10:10	Sam Layman	II	
10:20	LH Concert Clarinets	II	
10:30	Alexis Thompson	II	
10:40	Nicole Jones	II	
10:50	Yael Silberman	II	
11:00	Melissa Neithers	II	
11:10	Ryan Pedrosi	II	
11:20	Ashanti	II	
11:30	Corinne Niedzwiecki	II	
11:40	Olivia Shumaker	II	
11:50	Madelene Sorenson	II	
1:00	Chantal Robinson	II	
1:10	Loann Cooper	II	
1:20	Ben Leiber	II	
1:30	Evans Jensen	II	
1:40	Samuelson, Eric	II	
1:50	Shane Schaefer	II	
2:00	Harvey Sloner	II	
2:10	Brody Sloner	II	
2:20	Laura Knecht	II	
2:30	Ben Adams	II	
2:40	Lauren Hays	II	
3:10	Tyler Tisdale	II	
3:20	Reagan Swank	II	
3:30	Spencer Martin	II	
3:40	LVHS Clarinet Quartet	II	
3:50	Newark Saxophone	II	
4:00	Shelby Vermillion	II	
4:10	Rayne Adams	II	
4:20	Jenna Hark	II	
4:30	Ryleigh Johnson	II	
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4:50	Sierra Steh	II	



JOHNNIE PROFILES

Meet Bus Driver Wayne Johnson

AT A GLANCE...

Wayne has driven Johnstown-Monroe Local Schools' students for approximately 12 years.

Wayne is one of the two longest-serving bus drivers within our district.

He currently drives Route 5.

Before coming to Johnstown-Monroe, Wayne transported Columbus-area students.



“When I got to Johnstown, the kids appreciated everything I was doing. I got a lot of friends. The superintendent said, ‘You’re awesome. They love you.’”

Sitting in the transportation facility on a chilly February morning after dropping off students, Wayne Johnson recalled that not long after he first started driving Johnstown buses, a former J-M school superintendent thanked him for his warmth and lack of negativity.

Along with fellow long-time driver Steve Carver, Wayne enjoys transporting students for sporting events, despite the fact he still makes his home in Obetz, which makes for a rather long work commute.

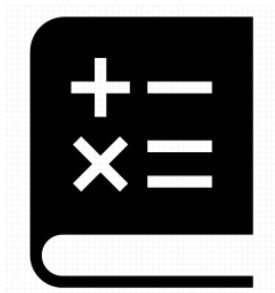
Regardless, Wayne takes satisfaction from “being a leader. If I can help our children see with a different eye, that makes me stronger.” As he noted of bus drivers, every school day, “Students see us first, and they see us last... I always want to be able to help children out, as much as I can. It’s beautiful. All of it is a big plus. Safety is my number one goal. I try to take care of the kids. They come first.”



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—LOOKING AHEAD!—



District moving closer to adoption and implementation of new mathematics series

A large portion of the February 7, 2023, Curriculum Committee's Meeting was devoted to discussion and review of the current state of K-12 Mathematics, and ongoing preparations and review of a potential new math series for adoption and implementation during the 2023/24 school year. [The board also adopted a Math Focus Plan on Feb. 13.](#)



Johnstown-Monroe & City of Johnstown laying groundwork for future compensation model

We are continuing to work with the City of Johnstown representatives to plan for growth and development. A part of this work involves the consideration of a School District/City Compensation Model for economic development projects.



Athletic visioning, policies, grounds work, and maintenance receiving increased focus

We have been engaged in a series of meetings in recent weeks to review the first half of the school year, plans for the remainder of the school year, and for future school years. Athletic Director Robbie Brickner is leading this effort that involves work on Athletic Vision, Policies and Governance (e.g., coaches manual, coaching evaluations, etc.); Program Outcomes; and Resources (e.g., funding, facility planning, etc.).



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