



SUPERINTENDENT'S TIP OF THE HAT



—Oct. 29, 2025—



Multi-Skilled Tech Students Design & Race Dragsters

Johnstown High School students in the Multi-Skilled Technician Program instructed by Matthew Howe recently designed and 3-D printed CO₂-powered dragsters. A series of races was held to test the dragsters' speed, durability and weight. Video highlights [HERE](#).



It's been a busy October on the construction and facilities projects front as you will see on the following pages.

We're excited to be moving forward with these many improvements, including new athletic and learning spaces, as well as other facility enhancements.

As October winds down, we also take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Halloween!

Construction Updates!

On Oct. 20, 2025, members of the "Buildings, Grounds & Safety" and the "Athletics & Extracurricular Activities" committees toured the recently acquired city building prior to their respective meetings to review progress on spaces being converted for practice use by Johnstown-Monroe softball, baseball, wrestling, and cheerleading teams. Watch for periodic video updates, beginning soon!

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Ella Hiebel Voted Advocate "Female Athlete of the Week"

Cross Country Team member Ella Hiebel recently won the vote for *Newark Advocate* "Female Athlete of the Week." Ella received more than 56% of votes cast, earning her special recognition in the Sunday, Oct. 26th edition of *The Advocate* for her 19:45.08 time to win the LCL-Cardinal title.

Other recent *Advocate* athletic coverage:

- [**Video, "Johnstown volleyball sweeps Utica in district semifinals"**](#)
- [**"Johnstown backs, line working in tandem to steamroll defenses"**](#)
- [**Gallery, "Utica Redskins volleyball hosts Johnstown Johnnies"**](#)
- [**"Resilient Johnstown nips Utica, moves on to district title match"**](#)

National Principals Month

Once again, we take this October to salute J-M Principals Roben Wagoner, Bradley Wehrman, Nick Hancock and Michael Shipton!



Spring Musical Announced

Following a traditional social media countdown that eliminated contenders "Frozen," "Annie" and "Fiddler On the Roof," among others, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" was announced as the official 2026 Spring Musical production.



Help Us Grow Our Team!

Johnstown-Monroe is hiring! View all available positions [HERE](#).



JOHNSTOWN-MONROE
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Around Our District

Historic Cornell School Receives Walking Tour

On Oct. 21, 2025, I participated in a walking tour of Cornell School with District Director of Operations Derick Busenburg, Lead Maintenance Technician Derrik Holter, as well as Sally and Dick Uhde of the Friends of Cornell School to discuss some TLC for aging elements of the historic one-room schoolhouse and learning center. Johnstown-Monroe accepted donation of the historic educational structure earlier this year.



JHS Trades Programs Draw Interest Of Neighboring District

Our electrical trades, multi-skilled technician, and health pathway programs conducted in conjunction with C-TEC have attracted the keen interest of numerous recent visitors, including state representatives and state senators. On Oct. 15, Dr. Kyle Gibson, Reynoldsburg Livingston Campus Principal (left), requested an opportunity to view these work-education areas and chat with instructors and JHS administrators.





JHS “Students of the Month”

Please join me in saluting our August/September JHS “Student of the Month” award recipients. Back row, left to right: Macin Flowers, Will Fleshman, Will Taylor, and Hudson Gross. Front row, left to right: Ellie Slade, Jocelyn Parpart, Erin Farley, and Lucy MacLaren.

Johnstown Halloween Reminder

A reminder the City of Johnstown’s official “Trick or Treat” night is scheduled from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, October 30.



Coming Next Issue: Fall Sports Round-Up!

Watch for our next edition of “The Superintendent’s Tip of the Hat,” which will feature a season wrap-up of our fall sports teams’ and individual athletes’ achievements, including Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, and Volleyball, coming in early November!

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C-TEC Hosts Oct. 16 “Community Open House”

C-TEC held its annual “Community Open House” on Oct. 16, 2025. Some Johnstown-Monroe representation...



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Full Big Red Band To Perform At Friday, Oct. 31st Game!

Congratulations and good luck to our football Johnnies for this Friday night's playoff game against Indian Creek! On a related note, please the below family letter regarding plans allowing for full Big Red performance this Friday night at Wintersville.



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RE: Friday's Football Playoff Game Arrangements

Dear Johnstown-Monroe Families:

I am pleased to announce because of the combined efforts of the board of education, band director, football coach, our booster organizations, and our District's transportation partner, Community Bus Services (CBS), **we will be able to transport our entire Big Red Band to Wintersville this Friday night for the big game against Indian Creek.**

During Monday night's BOE Work Session Meeting, our Board Members expressed their determination to identify a solution allowing full band participation. Our school transportation company, CBS, was ultimately able to commit up to three of their buses from the Columbus City Schools to provide additional vehicles. Therefore, on Friday, you may see a few school buses around town labeled as Columbus City Schools transporting students.

Working with our community partners, six buses are traveling to Wintersville: four charter buses from two different companies and two school buses. We will not need the band trailer because instruments will be stored in the charter buses.

The solution our team reached required considerable effort to overcome transportation logistics. Because CBS has 10 regular bus routes, we could not pull five buses from service for an early departure. Additionally, each one-way bus trip to Wintersville takes approximately 3 or more hours. A further complication is the ongoing shortage of school bus drivers throughout Ohio.

These are just a few of the challenges we had to overcome once the location of Friday night's game was officially announced Sunday afternoon.

I personally wish to thank the J-M Board of Education, Johnstown Athletic Boosters, Music Boosters, Band Director Marc Zirille, Coach Mike Carter, Athletic Director Aaron Geis, JHS Principal Michael Shipton, numerous parents who offered transportation and financial support, Community Bus Services, and our charter bus providers.

Go Johnnies!

Sincerely,

Philip H. Wagner, Ph.D.
Superintendent