



SUPERINTENDENT'S TIP OF THE HAT

—March 14, 2025—

Board of Education Salutes Student Athletes

On March 10, 2025, the Johnstown-Monroe Board of Education took time during its Regular Session March meeting to recognize the achievements of our girls' basketball team, track and field, and wrestling programs.

Athletic Director Greg Gantt discussed each team or students' achievements, including state-level competitions.

Congratulations to our JHS students!

[VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS HERE](#)



It has been another busy and productive few weeks here at Johnstown-Monroe, as reflected in the following pages highlighting just some of our early March activities and achievements.

Please take the coming Spring break to refresh and enjoy time with your loves ones as we prepare for the final few months of the 2024-25 school year. We also look forward to graduating another class of Johnstown High School seniors, and preparation for an even more exciting 2025-26 school year and the opening of our newly expanded Johnstown High School!



“Sister Act” Wows Audiences

Bravo to Brianna Warner, Reagan Saj Koziel, and our talented students for another successful spring musical that delighted audiences this past weekend!
(Photos by Jenny Stoltz)



Court Comes To Johnstown-Monroe

On March 11, 2025, the Ohio Court of Appeals, 5th Appellate District, heard oral arguments regarding five actual cases during a special session held in the Johnstown-Monroe Performing Arts Center. Judges Craig Baldwin, William B. Hoffman and Andrew J. King heard arguments and posed questions before an audience of Johnstown High School students. See video highlights [HERE](#).



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Happy Birthday, Ohio!



On Friday, Feb. 28, Mrs. Jennifer Cartwright's Johnstown Intermediate School students celebrated the State of Ohio's birthday, learning historical facts about Ohio, and the many products and goods produced in the Buckeye State, among other educational activities.



February 'Love The Bus' Gathering

We enjoyed visiting with our transportation partners at Community Bus Services on Feb. 27, to celebrate February's annual, "Love the Bus" month.



JES “Reading & Math Night”

Johnstown Elementary School held a well-attended family “Reading and Math Night” on March 6. Special thanks to our special guests who took time from their schedule to serve as readers, including (clockwise from top, Troy Hendren, Monroe Township Trustee; Jeff Barr, Johnstown City Council; Donald Barnard, Johnstown Mayor; Tim Swauger, Johnstown-Monroe Board of Education President; and Tiffany Hollis, Johnstown City Council President, with her special guest, Batman. Please enjoy these [VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS](#)!



IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs. Angela Zirille, who was profiled in *The Newark Advocate's* weekly "Ace of Trades" feature in the March 3, 2025, edition! Subscriber link [HERE](#). On March 10, 2025, The Advocate spotlighted Johnstown Middle School's Jennifer Herr. [Subscriber Link](#)



'Middle school band is my jam' for Johnstown teacher

Drew Bracken
Special to Newark Advocate

JOHNSTOWN – Music is her venue to help kids.

"I was a kid who loved school and spending time with family and friends," Angela Zirille said. "I played basketball, softball and volleyball in middle school and also joined the band as a clarinet player. I knew in seventh grade I wanted to be either a band director or a teacher. I narrowed it down to teaching when I was in high school because I enjoyed being field commander in my high school

band, where I had the opportunity to teach others."

Today, Zirille is band director at Johnstown Middle School and assistant band director at Johnstown High School.

"I'm responsible for our band recruitment in fifth grade," she said. "I'm also in charge of the sixth grade, seventh grade and eighth grade bands with my husband, Marc Zirille, as my assistant. Together we teach over 60% of the middle school student body in our four periods of band classes. I then travel to the high school and assist 'Ms. Z' with the

symphonic band, concert band and freshmen band, whose membership makes up the Big Red Band our community sees on Friday night. Plus, we teach the marching band in the fall, and the three ensembles prepare for large group competition in the spring." Zirille grew up in Huber Heights, near Dayton, graduated from high school in 1991, then earned her undergraduate degree in music education from Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music in Berea.

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Jennifer Herr's passion for kids led her to be a counselor

Drew Bracken Special to Newark Advocate

JOHNSTOWN – She wants to help students become their very best selves.

"I come from a very loving home in which we knew we were expected to go to college," Jennifer Herr said. "My parents wanted my sisters and me to have choices. I'm one of

those rare people who has, seemingly, always known what she wants to do, and it has never varied. I've known since I was in fourth grade I wanted to be a teacher. I always thought I wanted to teach the younger grades but got a call to sub in the sixth-grade building one time. At first, I was resistant and

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For the third consecutive week, Johnstown-Monroe was featured in 10TV's Boomtown reports on March 10. This time, reporter Kiyerra Lake spotlighted JHS' electrical trades and multi-skills classes we conduct in partnership with C-TEC. [VIDEO](#)

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