



SUPERINTENDENT'S TIP OF THE HAT



—September 11, 2026—

Welcome To The 2026-27 School Year!

Dear Johnstown-Monroe
Families, Staff, and Community,



Welcome to the start of the 2026–27 school year! As I begin my first year serving as your superintendent, my primary goal over these first several weeks has been simple: to listen, observe, and learn the heart of this incredible community.

From attending planned events and being a part of informal conversations on campus and around the city, I have been deeply impressed by our community's pride, warmth, and dedication. Johnstown-Monroe is a special place. As our region grows and evolves, I understand the importance of maintaining the district's character, which is anchored in strong relationships, shared values, and an unwavering commitment to our kids.

Releasing this message on September 11 also gives us a meaningful pause to reflect on our shared history. Today, alongside our regular updates, the district is sharing [a special video](#) looking back at how Johnstown-Monroe coped with and responded to the events of September 11, 2001, featuring historic photos from the 2001–2002 school yearbook. Seeing how our students, staff, and families supported one another a quarter-century ago is a powerful reminder of the resilience and unity that have always defined the Johnnies.

Thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me. I look forward to continuing to learn from you as we make this school year our best one yet!

Go Johnnies!
Dr. Lou Kramer



JHS Career Education Updates

Vantage Data Centers and the 7x24 Exchange presented numerous, “Powering the Future” Scholarships to students at the August 10, 2026, Johnstown-Monroe Board of Education meeting. More about the scholarships, and the students awarded, can be found in [this video](#) highlighting the presentations.



C-TEC “Signing Day” Recognitions



JHS seniors were recognized for participation in the “School To Apprenticeship” program at C-TEC’s signing day ceremony on August 28, 2026. From left: Zoe Mattingly, Veterinary Science; Landon Larason, Electrical Trades (Satellite); Kaleb Case, Electrical Trades (Satellite); Jayden Lucas, Electrical Trades (Satellite); Ella Sober, Welding & Metal Fabrication; Colton Bias, Construction Technology; and Isaac Collins, Electrical Trades (Main Campus). The students are pictured with Johnstown High School Principal Michael Shipton.

— Around The District —

JIS Students Enjoy “Elephant Toothpaste Experiment

Johnstown Intermediate School science teachers Katie Shaffer and Tammy Spangler and their students experimented with creating “elephant toothpaste” on Friday, August 28. Video highlights, [HERE](#).



Dr. Kramer Visits J-M Cross Country Team



Superintendent Dr. Lou Kramer met with the Johnstown-Monroe Cross Country Team on August 25 to discuss his personal experiences running as well as coaching cross country and track. Some of their discussion can be found [HERE](#).

Keep up with J-M's Construction Progress!

As you know, our district is engaged in a number of construction and improvement projects not just on our main campus, but also our north campus, as well. You can find video and other updates on our district web site's construction page, [HERE](#)!



Football Johnnies Open Strong!

The Johnnies opened the fall football season with back-to-back home victories at Frank H. Chambers stadium. On August 21, the Johnnies defeated Vermilion, 34-14.

Prior to kick-off, alumni football players were also honored, with special attention paid to the Classes of 1964-65 and 1965-66. Video highlights can be viewed [HERE](#).

The following Friday night, Johnstown triumphed over Centerburg, 50-0.

The [JHS AV Club](#) live streamed both games, which can be viewed by clicking the below links:

- [J-M vs. Vermilion](#)
- [J-M vs. Centerburg](#)



Service Awards Help Kick-Off School Year

During August 18's Convocation, district staff gathered to recognize colleagues for their years of service, as listed below. You can also enjoy video highlights [HERE](#).

5 Years

Ryan Appis
Andrew Beers
Robert Bellard
Cindy Boston
Allison Mylar
Riley Jeromin
Arica Hayes
Nicole Lightle



10 Years

Melissa Myers
Paige
Winegardner



15 Years

Autumn Clark
Danielle Housler
Annie Nesselroad
Megan York



20 Years

Terri Stream
Angela Zirille



25 Years

Leanne Hill
Bruce Huffman
Tammy Spangler

Administrators Serve Staff Annual Convocation Lunch



30 Years

Cherie Atkins

Retirees

Jackie Cannon
Raye Hufford
Ellen Poulton
Debbie Seibel

Johnstown-Monroe In The News

Newark Advocate Profiles Debbie Seibel

In recognition of her retirement and increasing focus on her family's orchard enterprises, the Newark Advocate recently **featured Debbie** in its popular "Aces of Trades," weekly feature, spotlighting local professionals. Additional profiles of Johnstown-Monroe staff members are in the works!



Learn more about Max's victory [HERE](#).

JHS Grad Max Mitchell Celebrated By C-TEC

In early August, Michelle M. Snow, Superintendent of C-TEC of Licking County penned a guest column for The Newark Advocate regarding new career programs being offered around Licking County, including within Johnstown High School. The column prominently featured JHS grad Max Mitchell, who was recently named, Ohio StillsUSA State Champion in its Electrical Construction Wiring competition. [Column Link for Advocate subscribers.](#)

Other Recent Videos

- [J-M Construction Update, Sept. 9](#)
- [J-M School 2026-27 School Year Begins](#)
- [J-M Cheerleading Practice, August 10](#)
- [Football Scrimmage, August 7](#)
- [Choir Boosters Musical Theater Camp, July 8](#)

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