



SUPERINTENDENT'S TIP OF THE HAT

—August 21, 2025—



Johnstown High School Debuts 6-Room Addition!



This promises to be a particularly exciting year for our school district, as we continue to expand our educational offerings with our newly launched medical sciences pathway at Johnstown High School. This new educational space is located within JHS's six-classroom expansion. We spent the summer providing video updates recording the progress of the JHS addition [HERE](#).



Welcome to the 2025-26 school year!

In this first installment of the Superintendent's Tip of the Hat, we take the opportunity to highlight some of the activities and volunteer efforts our students engaged in over the summer break, as well as to share the media attention Johnstown-Monroe staff members received while we were away.

Please join me in welcoming our new staff members at the JES, JIS, JMS and JHS, who are also spotlighted in the following pages!

Welcome New Johnnies!



Aaron Geis,
Athletic Director



Maria Bullard,
Elementary Teacher



Emily Driver,
Intervention Specialist



Jackie Wiggins,
Elementary Teacher



Judy Bennett,
Music Teacher



Annalise Howell,
Student Support Specialist



Megan Justice,
Art Teacher



Victoria Woo,
5th Grade Math Teacher



Benjamin Isch,
Math Teacher

Help Us Grow Our Team!

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



Welcome New Johnnies!



Jesse Brunton,
Geometry Teacher



Benjamin Gernert,
English Language Arts



Mariah Koons,
Psychologist



Elisabeth Kraemer,
Psychologist



Abby Lambert,
Health Science Pathway



Sarah Martin,
Intervention Specialist



Jim Ryan,
Electrical Trades

Students Show, Compete At Hartford Fair

FFA and Junior Fair members participated in various competitions at the Hartford Fair. Please enjoy these [video highlights](#)!



Other Recent Videos!

- [First Day of School Video](#)
- [Administrators Serve Staff Lunch](#)
- [2025 Convocation Highlights](#)
- [July 3 Fireworks Highlights](#)
- [Fireman's Festival Parade](#)
- [Big Red Band Practice 6.30](#)
- [Football Conditioning with National Guard](#)
- [Carl Strout 100th Birthday](#)

See more videos & subscribe to our YouTube Channel [HERE](#).

Community Outreach

Johnnie Volunteerism!

Johnstown High School football players and National Honor Society members took time off from their summer break to pitch-in around the downtown. These volunteer efforts include spreading mulch around the Opera House in early June and assisting at the Johnstown Farmer's Market earlier this month.



J-M In The News

As the 2024-25 school year wound down, and over summer break, *The Newark Advocate* profiled several of our staff members in its popular, "Aces of Trades," feature. If you are a *Newark Advocate* subscriber, click on the names below to access the full articles!



[Katie Shaffer, May 12, 2025](#)



[Holly Orr, May 19, 2025](#)



[Kristin Smith, May 27, 2025](#)



[Megan York, June 3, 2025](#)



[Brianna Warner, June 16, 2025](#)



[Kimberly Sammons, June 23, 2025](#)

AROUND OUR DISTRICT

“Purple Star”

District Status Celebrated



Rep. Kevin Miller visited the June 16, 2025, Johnstown-Monroe Board of Education meeting to recognize Johnstown-Monroe's unique status, as a designated, "Purple Star" School District for its energetic support of military veterans and their families within our school system.

Johnstown Intermediate School, Johnstown Middle School and Johnstown High School were granted Purple Star status earlier this year, joining Johnstown Elementary, which earned its Purple Star designation in 2024.

See video highlights [HERE](#).

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