



SUPERINTENDENT'S TIP OF THE HAT



—October 13, 2026—

PTO's 2nd "This Is Home" A Hit



Dear Johnstown Families & Staff:

It was a true pleasure seeing such an amazing turnout during our second annual *This Is Home* celebration.

During my short time here, I have placed a premium on learning as much about what it means to be a Johnnie as I can, and this event demonstrated a great deal. During the program, many of our students shared what being a Johnnie means to them. When welcoming everyone that evening, I missed my own chance to weigh in, but the thought stayed with me.

What I've learned so far is that being a Johnnie means being someone others naturally want to surround themselves with and emulate. Johnnies carry an authentic pride in where they come from, paired with a strong work ethic and drive for success. From what I have observed, Johnnies are humble and welcoming to others.

In this issue of the *Superintendent's Tip of the Hat*, you will see and read about many of those exact qualities in action. Beyond the overwhelming community pride on display during *This Is Home* and the unveiling of our new stadium banner, you'll learn about the successes of our student-athletes, the creativity within our intermediate math classrooms, innovative tools now available to our high schoolers, and the spirit of service championed by our National Honor Society.

Watching our students, staff, and families come together during my first *This Is Home* gathering reminded me why these traditions run so deep. Thank you to our PTO and the entire Johnstown community for showing everyone what it truly means when we say, *This Is Home*.

Sincerely,
Dr. Lou Kramer,
Superintendent

["This Is Home" Video Highlights](#)

Robert Orsini Joins Board of Education



Congratulations to Mr. Robert Orsini, who was selected by the Johnstown-Monroe Board of Education on September 14, 2026, to fill a vacant board seat. Mr. Orsini was officially sworn-in by J-M Treasurer/CFO Felicia Drummey during the board's Sept. 28, 2026, work session meeting.

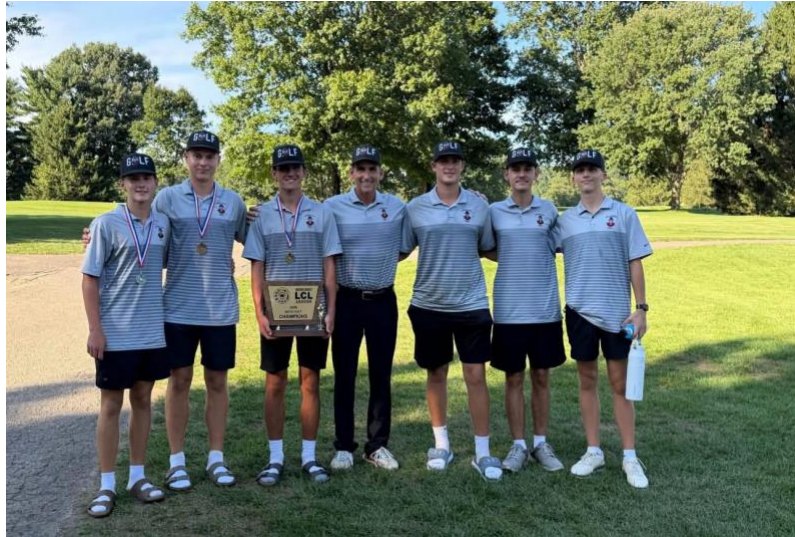


New Business Makes STEAM Education Contribution

Johnstown-Monroe thanks Speedway/7-Eleven and Market Leader Stefan Gustovich for their recent invitation to the grand opening of the new Speedway located at 10030 Innovation Campus Way (facing Mink Street) on Friday, Oct. 2, 2026. We are also thankful to Speedway & 7-11 for the presentation of a \$711 contribution to fund J-M STEAM education. See video highlights [HERE](#).



LCL Champs!



Congratulations to Coach Kevin Archibald and the Men's Golf Team for becoming back-to-back LCL Cardinal Division Champs following competition at Denison Golf Club. See *Newark Advocate* video [HERE](#).

New Banner Unveiled At Frank H. Chambers Stadium

Another new feature debuted in time for the "This is Home" event at Frank H. Chambers Stadium. See the entire banner [HERE](#).



JIS Students Expand Math Skills With 3-D Exercise

Students in Mrs. Derenberger's JIS Period 2 class were able to create three-dimensional figures to solve the volume of composite figures on Sept. 2, 2026!



JHS Debuts Dissection Anatomy Table

Johnstown High School's new CadaViz virtual anatomy table is now in position within JHS. Training on the new device took place during the Sept. 18 Professional Development Day. The device's purchase was made possible by a grant from Intel. See video of the device in action [HERE](#).



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Johnstown National Honor Society students volunteered at the Johnstown Pelotonia Kids bike ride on Saturday, September 12. NHS students also raised over \$400 to benefit pediatric cancer research!



NHS' busy week continued when the group was asked on short notice to help set up and tear down the Johnstown Farmers Market and rallied a solid group to help out on Wednesday, September 16.

District Marks 9/11 25th Anniversary

Johnstown-Monroe remembered the events of September 11, 2001, with a commemorative video, special spoken word and musical elements during the Sept. 11th home football game against Mount Vernon, as well as recognitions of our local first responders. J-M's Tonya Bauman also raised the flag during the playing of our National Anthem. Video highlights [HERE](#).



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Morning announcements included a moment of silence for those lost on 9.11.01.

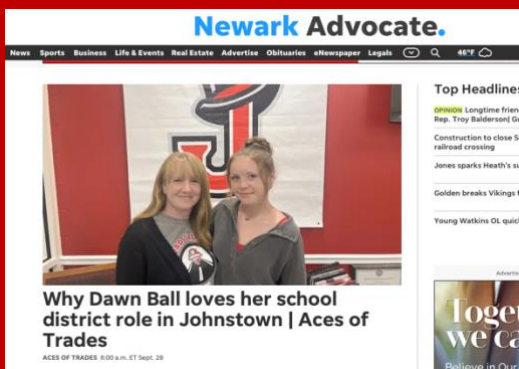
Around Our District...

Construction Update

The walls are going up for the new Johnstown-Monroe School District multipurpose complex, scheduled to open in 2027. See video of the project's progress [HERE](#).



In The News



Assistant Treasurer Dawn Ball became the latest Johnstown-Monroe colleague to be profiled in *The Advocate's* weekly, "Aces of Trades" feature, published Monday, September 28, 2026. Subscriber link to the article [HERE](#).



JOSIE VIDA

Johnstown soccer

Vida, a senior, recorded a hat trick, scoring three goals in a 7-0 victory against Reynoldsburg.

Vida 'Athlete of the Week'

Josie Vida was honored as the *Newark Advocate* "Female Athlete of the Week," after winning an online voting poll. The above was featured in the Sept. 20 edition of *The Advocate*.

Other Recent Videos

- [J-M District Work Session Highlights](#)
- ["This is Home" Event Teaser](#)
- [JES Grandparents Day](#)

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