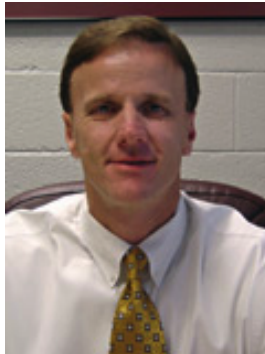


# ***A Message from the Principal***

***By Kerry Sachetta, Ed. D.***

## ***4th Quarter & Summer 2012-2013***



### ***Joplin High School and Franklin Technology Center Coming August 2014***



On May 19, 2013 Joplin High School handed out diplomas to 481 students at the Leggett and Platt Athletic Center at Missouri Southern State University. We are very proud of our seniors for their accomplishments as scholars and the honors and awards they garnered over the last four years in our activities. The Joplin High School class of 2013 is one of the largest classes to graduate in the last 30 years and is the most persistent class on record to date.

The final graduate will most likely increase over the summer and our graduation rate should be available by the time school starts. It is anticipated this class could significantly increase the graduation rate over the school's previous best of 81.7% in 2010.

## **Notable Accomplishment by the Senior Class of 2013**

Forty-eight seniors earned academic honors at graduation with 12 students earning the distinction of Summa Cum Laude (4.2 GPA or above), 24 students earning the distinction of Magna Cum Laude (4.0 – 4.19 GPA), and 12 students earning the honor of Cum Laude (3.85 – 3.99 GPA).

**Scholarships \$ Earned** – \$2.1 million (reported as of May 2013)

**ACT**            238 students tested to date (as of May 24, 2013)  
                     21.7 Average ACT  
                     18 students have scored 30 or above

Top 12 students ACT score average is 32  
Top 30 students ACT score average is 30.1  
Top 50 students ACT score average is 28.6

### **State End of Course Exams**

Algebra I        Highest scores in last four years of our students as a class  
English II      Second highest scores in last four years of our students as a class  
Am. History    Highest score in last four years of our students as a class

## **Reception held to recognize Joplin Schools' retirees**

*(originally published in the Eagle Minute by Kelli Price)*

On Tuesday, May 22, Joplin High School held its annual retirement luncheon to recognize teachers and staff retiring from the district. This year's seven retirees were honored with a plaque and gift for the years of dedication and service to the high school. The accomplishments of the retirees were highlighted by the principals after the luncheon. In addition, several of their fellow employees joined in by recounting their memories of the retiree's contributions to the school and the field of education.

Joplin High School's 2013 Retirees:

Brenda Beck, Joplin High School, Family & Consumer Science  
Patricia Brigman, Joplin High School, General Business  
Sue Day, Joplin High School, Guidance Counselor  
Janet K. Myers, Joplin High School, Communication Arts  
Mike Patton, Joplin High School, Special Education  
Robert Wynne, Joplin High School, Special Education

## **Joplin High School technology students receive state finalist awards**

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Several Joplin High School students recently placed in the top ten during the 2013 Missouri Technology Student Association Distinctions Conference held in Rolla. The students competed in numerous events based on principles and concepts learned

during the school year in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Fifteen JHS students and their sponsors JHS / FTC teachers Kaci Dorton and Michael Gurley were among 230 students and educators representing 18 schools at the conference. Joplin students earned six state finalist medals, three 3rd place medals, and one 2nd place medal. The students are working hard to attend the national competition this summer in Orlando, Florida.

#### State Finalists:

Damon Fox & Josh Engle - Debating Technological Issues  
Will Darby - Dragster Design  
Ryan Beall - Flight Endurance  
Hayden Hinkle - Flight Endurance  
Will Darby - Technical Sketching & Applications  
Chase Wilscom - Technical Sketching & Applications  
Ryan Beall - Technical Sketching & Applications

#### Top 3 Placings

3rd Place - Hayden Hinkle & Ryan Beall - Structural Engineering  
2nd Place - Caleb Garton & Ethan Warstler - VEX Robotics  
3rd Place - Kyle Gradwohl & Alex Still - VEX Robotics  
3rd Place - Jaired Collins, Eric Lui, & Wesley Estes - VEX Robotics

### **JHS yearbook earns national recognition**

*(originally published in the Eagle Minute by Kelli Price)*

The incredible effort put forth by last year's Joplin High School yearbook staff recently earned them national recognition from the yearbook publisher Jostens. Jostens awarded the 2012 yearbook, *Joplinmo*, with a Yearbook Program of Excellence Award. The award recognizes those who excel in the creation and distribution of their yearbook including meeting yearbook deadlines, creating a meaningful book for all students, and working to make sure as many students as possible get to enjoy the book.

### **JHS students launch new Eagle Alley website to promote JHS news and activities** *(originally published in the Eagle Minute by Kelli Price)*

If you want to keep up with all that's going on at Joplin High School, from student news and achievements to sports to activities and more, visit the new [www.eaglealley.com](http://www.eaglealley.com). The project started as an online version of the *Spyglass*, the high school's monthly student magazine. It quickly grew in scope and, this spring, the site launched as a collaborative effort by JHS Newspaper and Yearbook Advisor Mary Crane's *Spyglass* staff and Journalism II students and Danny Craven's and Nathan Ward's JET-14 TV production students. JHS junior Grant Shurley developed the site with help from several *Spyglass* staff members and serves as the site's Online Editor. This ongoing project keeps students, parents, and the community informed and provides contributing students real-world experience in online publishing.

## **LINK CREW News**

*By Sandra Cantwell, Freshmen Principal*

Link Crew's inaugural year at JHS proved to be both effective and memorable. Throughout the school year Link Leaders hosted ten special events for freshmen, opened a coffee shop at the 9/10 campus, checked on 9<sup>th</sup> grade students' social and academic progress, and developed partnerships throughout the Joplin community to help support students' transition into high school for years to come.

JHS's 110 Link Leaders partnered with school staff, the class of 2016, and the community to make the 2012-2013 school year one of the most successful in history. Freshmen students excelled academically. They earned A's and B's at a higher rate than their predecessors while decreasing the number of F's received in the first semester by 40%. Additionally, our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students were better citizens. They received fewer referrals to the principal than any class in the past 5 years and overall discipline incidents were down 38% from the previous year.

In addition to taking care of business in the classroom, 9<sup>th</sup> graders and Link Leaders made special memories at JHS. During tailgate parties, bonfires, talent shows, self-esteem clinics, and service projects, our freshmen students bonded with each other, upperclassmen, faculty, and community mentors. The community of Joplin rallied around the class of 2016 by contributing over \$13,000 in donations and more than \$50,000 in goods and services, allowing our leaders to solidify positive life-changing experiences for freshmen.

Perhaps, Freshmen Laura Parker best summed up JHS Link Crew's first year, "I learned to be myself and that I'm beautiful on the inside and out. It was truly a great experience and I believe it helped a lot of people realize their self-worth. This memory won't be soon forgotten."

## **Site Council News**

*By Greg Boyd, Senior Principal*

Our JHS Site Council sponsors were again busy during the second semester beginning with Life-Choices supplying the Teacher Appreciation gifts for January. Ortho 4-States provided department appreciation gifts in the month of February. MSSU provided our teachers with a grab bag of school supplies and organized our meetings with their staff by department during our April professional development meeting date. Mercy Hospital awarded their annual student scholarships to two senior students. While Freeman Health Systems complimented our staff with a year-end breakfast in May. And our very own Barry Sanborn was recognized as "Bright Futures Volunteer of the Year"!

Student Presentations for our meetings included:

### **Link Crew**

Student representatives from Link Crew gave our Site Council regular updates at each meeting. There are approximately 100 juniors and seniors participating in the peer-to-peer mentoring program.

## Boys/Girls State

Danny Drouin, Johnny Pressley, and Abe Hueller all presented their experience at Boys State last year.

## Foreign Exchange Students

Lina Bartel, Paula Lanta, Dali Ibarra, and Yekaterina Fedulova discussed their individual experiences at JHS and the activities they have been involved in while here. They indicated that JHS has been a positive experience for all and they really like all the options to get involved in the school, which is a difference from their schools that do not have extra-curricular options.

## JHS 9-10 Campus students plant and maintain community garden

*(originally published in the Eagle Minute by Kelli Price)*

For the second year in a row, students at the JHS 9-10 Campus have worked to plant and maintain a community garden at the school called the Eagle Courtyard Garden. The garden features tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, watermelons, cantaloupe, sunflowers, pumpkins, gourds, herbs, and more. Students have the opportunity to get their hands dirty while learning new skills. And, they learn how to take ownership in a project and complete it. Students and staff help to maintain the garden throughout the summer.

*(Pictured below: Dylan Anderson and Kenan Robinson)*



### **Summer School News**

Summer school credit recovery for grades 10-12 runs from June 3 to June 28. There is a morning and afternoon session. The morning session runs from 8:30 to 11:30. The afternoon session is from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### **Joplin High School Academic Recovery Summer School 2013**

*Matt Harding, Principal*

- Dates:** Monday through Friday  
June 3, 2013 through June 28, 2013
- Time:** Morning session, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Afternoon session – 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Busing:** Special education students only  
Breakfast and lunch provided – 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 p.m.
- Location:** JHS 9/10 Campus, 310 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.

#### **Physical Education/Weight Training Program 2013**

Summer PE and Weights will run from June 3 to July 12. There will be three times offered for students in grade 9-12. The times available are 7:00, 8:00 and 10:00.

- Dates:** Monday – Thursday  
June 3 – 28, 2013
- Grade levels:** 9-12 & 7-8
- Location:** JHS 9/10 Campus, 310 W 8<sup>th</sup> St
- Sessions:** Grades 9 – 12  
Monday – Thursday, each session lasts approximately three hours  
Session 1: 7:00 a.m.  
Session 2: 8:00 am  
Session 3: 10:00 am

#### **Enrollment information for the upcoming school year...**

Laptops and class schedules will be ready to be distributed to our students for 2013-2014 in early August as follows:

New Student Enrollment	Friday	August 2	- 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Seniors	Monday	August 5	- 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Juniors	Tuesday	August 6	- 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sophomores	Wednesday	August 7	- 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Freshman Orientation	Thursday	August 8	- 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The first day of school will be Thursday, August 15, 2013. The school day will begin everyday at 8:15 AM at the 9/10 campus and 8:30 AM at the 11/12 campus. The school day will end at 3:15 and 3:30 respectively. Eagle Time is scheduled for Tuesday and

Thursday afternoons and will begin sometime after the first progress reports are completed.

Open House is scheduled for Wednesday April 14th at both campuses from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. We will have Eagle wear on sale in the cafeteria at both campuses on August 14th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Our Fall Pep Assembly will be Thursday, August 22, in Memorial Hall at 7:00 PM. ClubFest will begin on Wednesday, August 28, during the noon hour and continue on each day for students though August 30.

## JHS Mission Statement

Duty, Honor, Peace and Pride: engaging in academics and activities for success.

## JHS Vision Statement

Joplin High School students, staff, parents, and community work together to:

- provide a safe and academically challenging environment.
- model life-long learning, respect, responsibility, and independence.
- engage and excel in academics and activities...

...so that all students will be successful in school and beyond.



## ***Upcoming Events and Activities***

**Have a great summer!**

*K Sachetta*

Kerry Sachetta, EdD  
Principal

Visit the JHS Website!





