



Bulldog Bulletin



Fall 2025 EDITION

Carl Junction Jr High

Parent Teacher Conferences!

Beyond The Report Card

Written by: Neeley Grimes



Mrs. Starkey, Mr. Fletcher, Mrs. Crain, and Mrs. Beck conferring with parents and students on October 21, 2025.



Mr. Aita and Ms. Gray meeting with parents and students during conference night.



Mrs. Wald, Mrs. Crain, and Mrs. Beck speaking with parents and students in the gym during conferences.

Parent/Teacher conferences give families and teachers the chance to connect and work together for student success. Parents get to learn more about what their child is studying and how they're doing in school, while teachers can share insights and celebrate student growth.

Mrs. McCorkle shared, "Parent/Teacher conferences help me be a better teacher by individualizing each student and understanding them better." Mr. Sawyer said, "My favorite thing about conferences

is how involved the CJ parents are with their kids."

Students also see the value in these conferences. Nora Benecke commented, "If I were to ask my teachers what they would say about me they would say I am a good student."

Overall, conferences help strengthen the connection between home and school, making sure every student has the support they need to succeed.

Junior High Career Day



Odin Yang, Jaxon Whitman, and Carson McDonald working on making magnets.

Career Day!

Written by: Beighlor Hurt

At Carl Junction Jr High, the 7th and 8th grade students filled the gym with excitement. Students got to discover real world careers and learn all about them. 8th grader Frankie Huffman said, "Career day was a good learning experience because you're learning about things for the future." 7th grader Sadie Moore explained "Career day was really cool, being interviewed for a mock interview was fun. It taught us all about the different things you need to know before an interview and after an interview."

CJH Survey

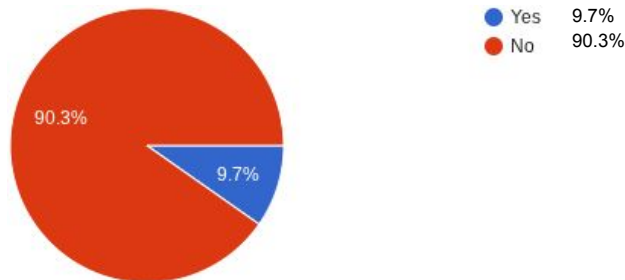
HALLOWEEN SPIRIT

Halloween Opinions

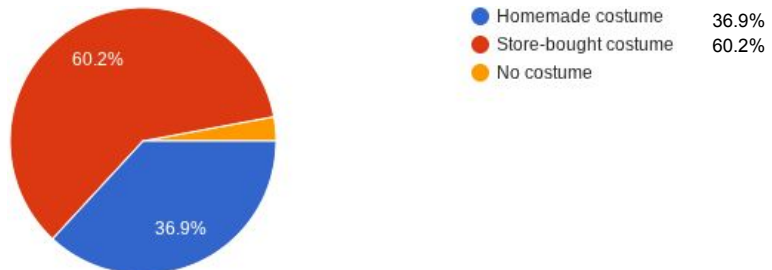
Written by: Evolet Viera

Halloween costumes are a big part of the holiday, but some people don't agree with that. Out of the students in our school, 90.3% believe that Junior High students are not too old to dress up for Halloween, while 9.7% think they are. Everyone has their own preference for Halloween costumes, some enjoy store-bought while others might like to make their costumes at home. 60.2% of students prefer store bought costumes, 36.9% prefer homemade costumes, and 2.9% don't wear a costume at all. Many people enjoy sharing the fun of dressing up with friends, but others would rather have their own costumes. 69.9% of students like matching costumes with their friends, while the remaining 30.1% of students prefer to go solo. Even though everyone has their own opinion, Halloween gives everyone the chance to express themselves in their own unique way!

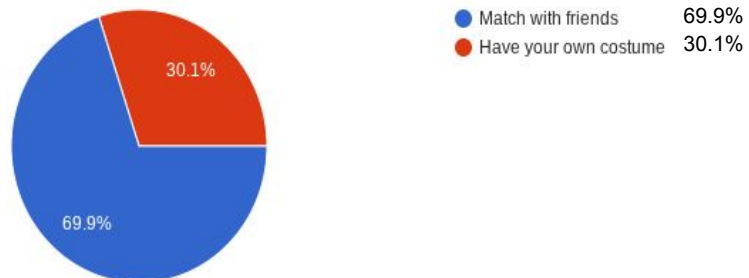
Do you think junior high students are too old to dress up for Halloween?



Do you prefer store-bought or homemade costumes?

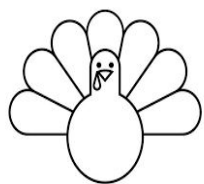


Would you rather have your own costumes or match with friends?

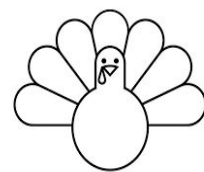


Fright Night Favorites!

Many students are big fans of Halloween. Everyone has their own way to celebrate the spooky holiday! When asked what their favorite thing about the holiday is, Eastin Endicott said he loves "eating candy." Zaide Wright agrees, saying he enjoys "watching scary movies and eating candy with friends." Makayla Lundien states that her favorite thing about Halloween is the scary costumes because, "it's fun to scare people." While everyone is going trick-or-treating, Kinsley Edwards shares that she likes to "go spook housing with friends" during the season. Whether you went out trick-or-treating, watched movies, or went spook housing, hopefully you had a happy Halloween.



Friendsgiving



Dr. Pyle is teaching students how to carve a turkey in FACS 2 class.



Gavin Shelley, Liam Benford, Alex Henderson are using teamwork to carve the turkey together.

Teachers “Friendsgiving”

Written by: Jessie Wells

On Tuesday, November 18th, the Jr High staff had their annual “Friendsgiving”. The staff got to spend some fellowship with each other while no students were present. The staff had the chance to share recipes and their favorite food with one another during their lunch period. Mrs. Hoagland stated, “My favorite part about

“Friendsgiving” was how we got to spend time with each other and bond with each other.”

Superintendent Dr. Pyle came and taught the FACS 2 class how to carve the turkey. Ms. Phelps stated, “My favorite part was when Gavin Shelley was carving a turkey and said I never thought carving a turkey was this fun!”



During FACS 2, Reece Burns carved the turkey for the teachers to have during “friendsgiving”.



Gratitude



Showing Gratitude

Written by: Reece Holcomb

When did saying “Thank You” become something we rush through instead of something we actually feel? These days people don't show their gratitude enough without being asked. There are many ways to show gratitude like doing kind acts of service, giving them a kind letter, and even saying thank you. It is important for others to see your gratitude so they know that you see what they are doing for you. Showing your gratitude is essential for appreciating others and making them feel valued.

Easy ways to show Gratitude

- Write a quick thank-you note or text.
- Give someone a genuine compliment.
- Say “thank you” with eye contact and a smile.
- Do a small helpful task without being asked.
- Leave a positive sticky note for someone to find.
- Share appreciation during class or group time.
- Bring someone a small treat or snack.
- Tell someone how they've made your day better.

Mental & Emotional Health Benefits of Gratitude

- **Increases happiness:** One act of gratitude can boost happiness by 10% and reduce depressive symptoms by 35%.
- **Boosts optimism:** Gratitude journaling can raise optimism by 5–15%.
- **Reduces stress:** Linked to lower cortisol and improved heart health.
- **Improves sleep:** Gratitude can enhance sleep quality by up to 25%

The Power of Gratitude

Written by: Maddie Henry

What is gratitude? Gratitude is the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and return kindness. Have you shown gratitude lately? It is proven that showing gratitude can relieve stress, increase levels of optimism and life satisfaction, and can even lead to better sleep quality. Many psychiatrists, therapists and other kinds of doctors refer to gratitude as a positive way to be thankful. It is important to remember that gratitude is a strength that can be practiced.

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Helping Our Community

Toy Drive

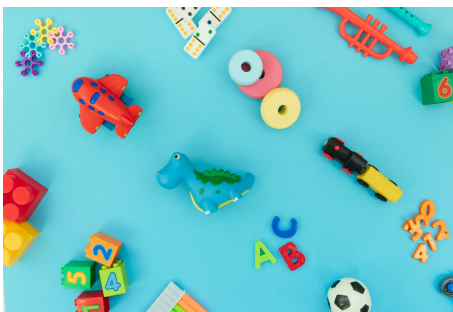
Written by: Julian Quintana

There is a Toy Drive for Carl Junction families happening December 4th–12th, 2025! The toy drive supports families in our district who may not be able to afford toys for Christmas. Peer Leadership has set a school-wide goal, hoping to collect at least 250 toys and maybe even beat that number!

Students are encouraged to work together by bringing in new, unwrapped toys and giving them to their first-hour teacher. At the end of the drive, the class with the most toys will win a prize!

To help promote school spirit and excitement, dress-up days will be hanging in the hallways during the drive. Be sure to check them out and join in the fun while supporting a great cause.

CJJH, BRING IN THOSE TOYS!



At the beginning of the year our school planned a toy drive for families in our community. The toy drive starts soon.

Canned Food Drive

Written by: Emma Franks

For many of our neighbors in Carl Junction, the simple act of putting food on the table is a daily challenge. Our school held a canned food drive in November. To help we raised 3,350 cans for the people in need. The National Junior Honors Society's goal for canned food was 2,500. They exceeded their goal and due to this, a prize of hot cocoa was given to the entire student body November 19, 2025. Some of the food was donated to Bright Future's. Then, the rest was given to Helping Hands, a local community food pantry.

As an incentive for bringing in canned food items the 1st place class was promised a prize; the prize this year consisted of cinnamon rolls, juice and fruit. Our top 3 classes this year was: 3rd place Mrs. Wald, 2nd place Mrs. Boshears, and in 1st place was Mrs. Adamson. Wald's class had 607 points, Boshears had 1,057 points, and Adamson had 1,850 points. The first place winner received their prize on November 21, 2025. Great job Peer Leader students!



On November 18, 2025 Peer Leadership students organized canned food for families in our community. Our outstanding total was over 4,000 cans.

Three Days To Thrive

Written by: Emma Franks

Did you notice the 6 or 7 sticky notes on each locker? Peer Leadership has been working hard this year to spread kindness around the school. One way they have accomplished this task is through “Three Days To Thrive”. It is about recognizing students who display kindness and thoughtfulness.

I asked one of the students in Peer Leadership, Blair McCarley, what her favorite thing about “Three Days To Thrive” was and she replied, “My favorite part about Three Days To Thrive is letting people know what their worth is and just making sure people know that we see them”. Try to spread more kindness in our school to make people feel welcome.



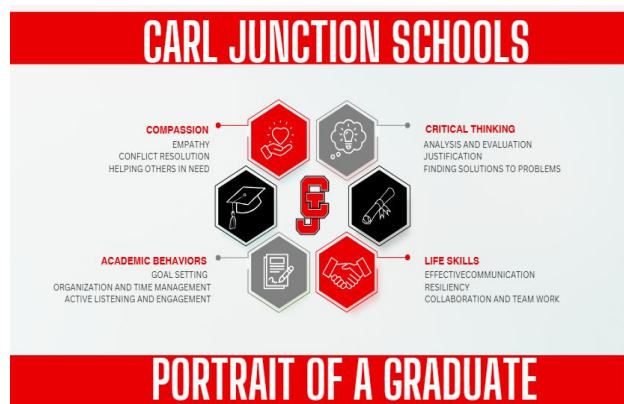
On the last day of Three Days to Thrive Peer Leadership put kind notes on students lockers to make everyone feel appreciated.

Portrait of a Graduate

Written by: Kanyen Mickey

Compassion, Critical Thinking, Academic Behaviors, and Life Skills are the four traits in POG. Compassion represents empathy, conflict resolution, and helping others in need. Critical thinking is described as how you have to be able to analyze, and to be able to justify. Academic behavior is defined as to have organization and time management skills. Life skills means to be able to communicate properly and be able to do teamwork.

These all work together to make a good student that is prepared for the future. Mr. Sawyer said, “No one thing is the most important in the Portrait of a Graduate, we take them as a whole.” That tells us that all of the traits are important to have later on in life. Lastly, he stated, “Everyone definitely already has these traits, but there is always room for improvement.” We can always keep improving to be better at whatever we do in the future.



This graphic is the postcard sent out to students about Portrait of a Graduate.

Important Recognition

State Farm Student



Kimber Dame remarks,
“I am very excited to be
State Farm Student of
the Month!”

Student Info.

Age: 12
Favorite food: Sushi
Favorite color: Pink
Favorite animal: Cat
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Holiday:
Christmas
Favorite sport:
Volleyball
Favorite Dessert: Ice
cream
Grade: 7th



The State Farm Student of the Month is Kimber Dame! This award is a tremendous honor at CJJH and represents what it truly means to be a Bulldog. Students are nominated by teachers, and the recipient must maintain a grade of C+ or higher as well as an attendance rate of 90% or better.

As the State Farm Student of the Month, Kimber will receive a certificate and be interviewed on live TV. She was selected for consistently going above and beyond in her schoolwork and demonstrating outstanding dedication.

We are proud to recognize **Kimber Dame** as this month's State Farm Student of the Month.

Congratulations, Kimber!

October Students of the Month

Written by: Annabelle Bandy



Crixus Valenti
Favorite Color
Yellow
Favorite Subject:
English
"It feels very good
to be one of the
students of the
month."

Allie Wright
Favorite Color
Yellow
Favorite Subject:
Social studies
"People are telling
me good job!"

Avery Sassin
Favorite Color
Pink
Favorite
Subject: English
"Feels pretty
great! I got pizza
today."

Sydney Wheeler
Favorite Color
Blue
Favorite
Subject: English
"Feels amazing!"

What is a student of the month?

The student of the month is a reward for students that exhibit good behavior, grades above a C, no tardies, no referrals, and just overall a good bulldog.

Congratulations to all of these stellar students that have achieved these requirements to be one of the October students of the month. They have shown responsibility and kindness.

What is student of the Month?

Student of the Month recognizes students who work hard in school and demonstrate strong character. To earn this honor, you must show good behavior, maintain grades above a C, and have no tardies or referrals.

These students stay focused, put in the effort, and strive for success—important habits as they prepare for high school.

If you see them in the hall, tell them to keep up the great work!

November Students of the Month

Written by: Kloe Hamilton



Julia Hilliard

Favorite Food:

Mac & Cheese

Favorite Color:

Purple

Favorite Subject:

Social Studies

Favorite Hobbie:

Track

Favorite Candy:

Nerds Gummy

Clusters

Favorite Animal:

Dog

Favorite Sport:

Volleyball

Julia stated, "It makes me feel great and proud."

Neeley Grimes

Favorite Food:

Hashbrown

Casserole

Favorite Color:

Red

Favorite Subject:

Weights

Favorite Hobbie:

Sleeping

Favorite Candy:

Peach Rings

Favorite Animal:

Giraffe

Favorite Sport:

Archery

Neeley stated, "Makes me feel pretty good, I like being able to cut in line."

Blaine Burke

Favorite Food:

Macaroni Pizza

Favorite Color:

Purple

Favorite Subject:

Science

Favorite Hobbie:

Playing Games

Favorite Candy:

Swedish fish

Favorite Animal:

Otter

Favorite Sport:

Track & Field

Blaine stated, "Makes me feel good to achieve this goal and to inspire other kids with disabilities like me."

Bentley Gregory

Favorite Food:

Tacos

Favorite Color:

Gold

Favorite Subject:

Math

Favorite Hobbie:

Fishing

Favorite Candy:

Hersheys

Favorite Animal:

Cat

Favorite Sport:

Baseball

Bentley stated, "It makes me feel good that I accomplished being a good student."

Musical Magicians

Take a Trip Down Country Roads!

Written by: Emalie Vincent

The 7th and 8th grade Band have been working hard this year! Last month on October 17th, the Jr. High band played at a Carl Junction home game on senior night. Not only did the band show up, they gave us a show we will never forget! They played our fight song, and *Country Roads*! Allison declares, "I was interested in band because my brother did band and I look up to him." Bre Dickens mentions, "I have always loved music and my family also did band." They still have lots to learn but they are doing great!



The trombones practicing for their upcoming concert.



The flutes practicing *Country Roads* for their combined halftime performance.

Piano Power!

Written by: Neeley Grimes

Piano is an elective students can take. In piano students have learned many new songs and parts about the piano. Previously, students had been learning position changes between c major and g major. "The hardest part about teaching piano is having 2 split classes and not enough pianos for everyone to play at one time," said Mr. Phillips. The piano students have been working hard on their playing tests that are every other Friday.



Brylynn Atwell practicing *Lavender Blues*.

Singing in the Room

Written by: Hadley Weiss

We are several sessions into our Mixed Chorus and Chorale classes. Chorale classes have been learning the concepts of music theory. Mr. Philips mentions, "We have been singing a variety of Christmas songs like *Mary did you know* and *That's Christmas to me*." Maros Marroquin, a student in Mixed Chorus, states, "My favorite part of this class is probably the vocal range that you can hit." He also says, "Something challenging is trying to sing in a higher octave." Lillian Jones, a chorale student, expresses, "The most challenging thing has probably been figuring out what parts to sing." Our Mixed Chorus and Chorale classes are getting ready for their upcoming Christmas concert on December 16th!



Chorale singing "Mary Did You Know" for their upcoming Christmas performance.



Mixed Chorus practicing *Cold and Still the Night* for their upcoming Christmas concert.

Read Between The Lines

Running The Library

Written by: Hadley Weiss

Our Library Aides have been busy! Library Aides are students who help shelf books, clean and inspect books, check books out to other students, and help run the library. Mr. Read announces, “In the month of October, we worked through a series of activities created by famous author Jason Reynolds through the Library of Congress called *Grab the Mic*.” They also completed a rhyme time unit, where they do different types of rhymes. Relee Garrett, one of our library aides, states, “I’ve learned how to shelf books and how to be friendly.” Library Aides need to be friendly because they represent our school and because they are working with fellow students and teachers.



Lily Dennis and Ryleigh Turner working on an activity created by author Jason Reynolds.

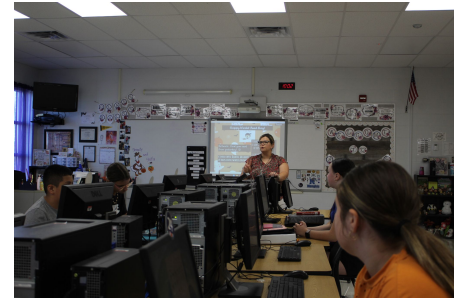
Learning How to Type

Written by: Jessie Wells

7th-grade students have been practicing their typing skills. Students have put in the work to type better and faster. Mrs. Parks states her favorite part of teaching keyboarding is “I like that it’s practical and more relatable and laid back.” The kids can go at their own pace.” Ellie Story states that her goal is to type faster.” Keyboarding classes just finished learning all the letters on the keyboard and now they are starting to learn how to type essays on the keyboard.



Getting tech-ready! Ellie Story works on signing in and navigating her computer.



Setting the stage for success—Mrs. Parks shares what the class will be learning this semester.

Book Club

Written by: Hadley Weiss

Our Book Club has just started. The students have been reading *The Sherlock Society* by James Ponti. Mr. Read, head of the Book Club, declares, “We are trying to figure out the characters and plot at this point in the book we are reading.” They are also trying to figure out what times are good for them to meet as a club. Rachel Bespeat comments, “I love being a part of the discussions, and I also love the book we are reading.” Book Club is a small club, and they are looking for new members!



Book Club members have started reading this novel, beginning a new adventure filled with rich discussions and thoughtful insights.

Artists at Work!

National Junior Art Honor Society

Written by: Kyleigh Hubbard

What is National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS)? The NJAHS is a club for anyone who wants to expand their knowledge and imagination about art and experience new types of art projects. During October they worked on plaster pumpkins. Plaster pumpkins are Mrs. Bucher's favorite project, she explains, "You can add any fun and exaggerated details to this pumpkin, you can even take it trick or treating!" They have to work as a team to accomplish tough tasks and assignments. Jacobe Le says, "In the NJAHS, you support each other and help others. You share ideas and imagination that inspire everyone around you."

Clair Parks says, "Anybody who enjoys art and the challenges that come with it would be great in NJAHS."

Mrs. Bucher is the art club leader and will be more than happy to have you be a part of the NJAHS. If you are interested in joining the NJAHS you will have to complete Art 1, fill out a application from Mrs. Bucher, and pay \$10. The meetings are every Monday after school from 3:30 - 4:30.



Mrs. Bucher and Claire Parks talking about her art.

Art Class

Written by: Addie Cervin

Art 1

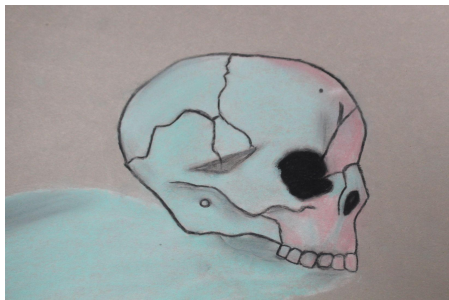
Art 1 finished their Tim Burton drawings and worked on their mandala drawings.



Kater Porath says, "Art is a calming, relieving way to deal with stress."

Art 2

Art 2 learned how to observe and draw and to shade by drawing skulls.



Hannah Fulton's skull drawing from 2nd Hour.

2d-3d

2d-3d is worked on there plaster pumpkins for Halloween!



Abby Ewers Plaster Pumpkin that she chose to do black and white polka-dots on.

The Path to Math

8th Grade Math

Written by: Madison Tourtillott

This year in 8th grade Math, Mr. Aita and Mrs. Adamson have been teaching many things. In Pre Algebra they were learning about slopes and now they are learning about substitution. In Algebra 1, they were learning how to solve linear equations and now are learning how to solve sequences.

Mrs. Adamson stated that “One of my most successful lessons this year focused on geometric transformations, including translations, rotations, reflections, and dilations.” Julia Hillard claimed “My favorite topic in Math has been angles specifically exterior and interior angles they are a lot of fun to learn about.”



Mr. Aitas class learning about substitution. It was a interactive class period for them. “Substitutions is one of my favorite topics we have learned about,” states Julia Hillard.



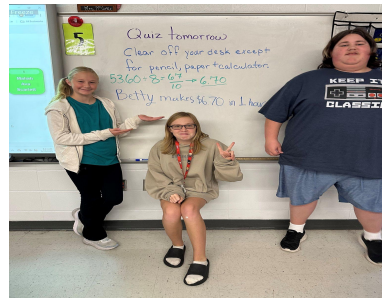
Mrs. Adamsons class working hard on I-ready. They had a great time. “I think I-ready has helped me understand hard topics better and showed me perseverance,” Amelia Hall answered.

7th Grade Math

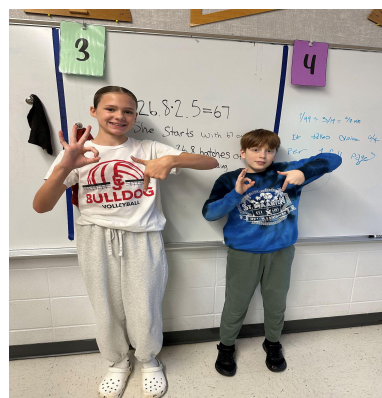
Written by: Kloe Hamilton

In October, students in math were learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide positive and negative numbers. Now they are working on distributive property, expanding and, factoring expressions.

Monroe Coots mentioned her favorite math lesson they have done was doing pie and finding areas of a circle. “My favorite thing we did was having different types of problems that all equaled 6-7” Annsley Botzow said.



Rachel Besperat, Zoey Garland, Nathan Hughes, Ethan Daniels, and Addelyn dividing decimals and converting fractions into decimals.



Super Scientists

8th Grade Science

Written by: Avery Sassin

This fall season, our 8th graders took science beyond the classroom and into the world of hands-on experimentation. Student Amelia Hall states, "When doing hands-on learning, it helps apply a situation to a question, like if I have a question about the seasons I can visualize our activity to remember."

Recently, 8th graders have learned about everything from fossils, gravity, to the solar system, to Earth's seasons! Frezhea Bittner says, "I really enjoyed learning about our solar system, it surprised me when I realized just how big it is."

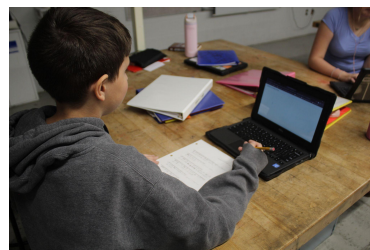


Students Reece Burns, Micah Sheward, and Liam Cloud working on a science assignment. They had just completed a test on seasons.

PLTW

Written by: Maddie Henry

Kicking off a brand new quarter, our 7th graders in PLTW are making ice cream. Mr. Fox says, "Doing labs like these allows students to apply chemistry to everyday items and think on a deeper level." Everyday, students are doing labs. Paisley says, "The Oil Spill lab was so much fun and helped me understand how oil sticks and why." Quinn says, "Ice cream was my favorite because, it made eating ice cream even more fun and I gotta do it with my friends." Keep rocking it Bulldogs!



Problem-solving in action— A PLTW student tackles an oil spill simulation.

7th Grade Science

Written by: Avery Sassin

This fall, students have had access to new materials and technology for hands-on learning. This included equipment for micropipetting and gel plating, electrophoresis, and virtual reality (VR) experiences focused on nano-cell and nano-genetics. Selah Hefner shared, "The best part of science so far has been labs and learning how to problem solve."

Another student, Cole White says, "The most challenging thing in science for me was probably the digital notebook," he explained, "but I can overcome that by remembering and reflecting on what I did that day." Science is great for us, keep it up Bulldogs!



Students Jayce Bycroft, Nakyah Yung, and Bailey Jones using VR to learn about nano-cell and nano-genetics.



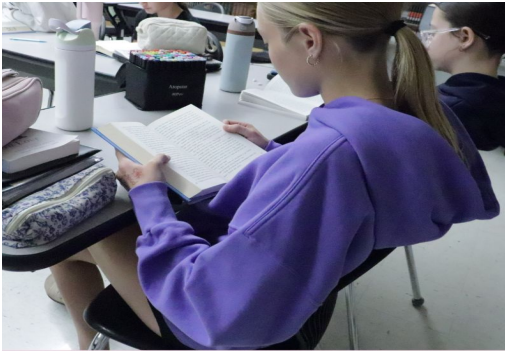
Students Gracelynn Malm and Adelyn Jones collaborate on classwork during science class.

Reading Rules

Novel Idea

Written by: Savannah Chapman

In Novel Idea they have been reading the book series *The Hunger games*. The series includes *The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire*, *Mockingjay*, *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*, and *Sunrise on the Reaping*. In Ms.Beck's words, "Many students who read *The Hunger Games* series feel drawn into this emotional conflict and often take sides—some become "Team Peeta," supporting his gentle and selfless love, while others are "Team Gale."



Dawsyn Harris intrigued in the *Hunger Games* book. Dawsyn Harris says, "Novel idea is important to me because it helps me improve my reading level and expand my reading goals."

7th Grade English & RWC

Written By: Liam Benford

Write or right? In October, 7th-grade English classes were learning how to write a narrative and they read a class novel. Mrs. Wald stated, "To write a good narrative, you have to use your imagination." English classes are also learning about nonfiction and how to use text structures to write an expository paper. Brynn Brunner has stated, "The best thing of English is being able to learn and try new things." In 7th-grade RWC, they learned about the Dust Bowl and Poetic Devices by reading a book called *Out Of The Dust*. Next, they moved on to lit circles where students apply what they learned to their own book.



Mrs Crain's class is working on the one-pager for *Out Of The Dust*.

8th Grade English

Written By: Addie Cervin

Do you like short or long stories? If you said short stories, then you're in luck! In 8th grade English, they studied short stories to become better writers for constructed responses and narrative essays. Sirhan Cheon, explains, "The short stories in English class will impact me by letting me be able to identify literary and short stories better."

If you've ever wondered how this helps you for real-life situations, Mrs. Beck says, "English class prepares students for real-life situations by teaching them to think critically about what they read, hear, and see. Analyzing literature and nonfiction helps them evaluate different perspectives and form their own reasoned opinions." In the month of November and December they are starting to do their Reading Literature Circles, where they pick a book from the selection. Then they read with students who have the same book and answer questions as they go.



8th Grade Social Studies

Written by: Bristol Starks

8th Grade Social Studies classes covered the Revolutionary War. When Mr. Masters was asked how he likes to help his students understand the material, he said, “I like to have my students put themselves in the shoes of the Continental Army.” And he did just that. Students performed a skit in class of a peaceful protest against the intolerable acts set on the Colonists in the 1770’s. Lucas Vaughn, a student of Mr. Masters’, stated that “he was very excited and that the assignment was so much fun” when he was asked how he felt about this skit.



“The energy of the class makes it feel like more than just a classroom,”
-Lucas

7th Grade Social Studies

Written by: Beighlor Hurt

Welcome to the 7th grade Social Studies class! Students had fun learning about latitude and longitude by creating their own islands. Next, 7th grade Social Studies classes covered the Mayan, Aztec and Inca during October and November Ms. Boshears states that “students should be looking forward to building their own temples in class of different materials. As well as looking at the social structure and doing a simulation game of which they want to be apart of and which one they would get rid of. Each of their choices affect their city-state.”



Mrs. Boshears classes were making maps of the island they wanted to live on. Some students in the class said they loved making these and had a fun time.

FACS/SKILLS FOR LIFE

Written by: Maddie Henry

Our 7th and 8th graders have been busy learning and working hard. Linkyn Cacopardo states, “In FACS 1, we’ve done a lot of note-taking and teamwork, which are great skills for the future. I can’t wait to cook and collaborate.” In Skills For Life, students are learning to sew and make their own clothes. Mrs Phelps says, “I really enjoy getting to learn about the students and seeing the work they turn in.”



Addie Cervin, Beighlor Hurt, and Frankie Huffman cooking Red Lobster Cheddar Biscuits in FACS 2.



CJJH CLUBS



Academic Bowl

Written by: Reece Holcomb

Miss Boshears has been working hard to get her Academic Bowl participants ready to win. She says, "We prepare by practicing like its the real thing." Math meets is one of the hardest and longest subjects to compete with according to Miss. Boshears. Avery Sassin says, "I hope to perform to the best of my ability to win." This is a great mindset to be in. Blake Isaacs says, "My favorite way to prepare for meets is to get a good practice in without much chaos."



Academic bowl participants Avery Sassin, David Ware, and Marceline Sims practicing for their meet.

TSA

Written By: Landon Schemidler

TSA is a Fun group if you to join if you enjoy technology and STEM based activities they have multiple events based on that. Sirjun Cheon says "Just don't procrastinate do things you need to get done and then have fun" Neeley Grimes says, "We have been trying different events so that we can find something we like". If you would like to be apart of TSA they meet in Mrs Boshears room until 4:00 Pm after school on Monday. Recently TSA competed in multiple events like fashion design, robotics, audio podcast.



TSA participants revising a idea to use for there upcoming meet.

FCS

Written by: Ian Cowger

Have you ever wondered what happens in Mr. Fox's room on Fridays mornings? The club is called FCS (Fellowship of Christian Students). They try to bring more people to Christ. According to Blake Isaacs, "I joined FCS because of religion and god showing me in so many ways." FCS is a great place to meet other christians. Blake Isaacs said "My favorite thing about FCS is the opportunity we have to bring people in christ." If your a follower of Christ join them on Friday mornings.

The Fellowship of Christian Students poster encourages Bulldogs to get involved in weekly meetings centered on faith and community.



Steps to Strength

Walking Club

Written by: Kloe Hamilton

If you are looking for some extra exercise and activity, walking club is the perfect thing for you! Walking club members have been working hard! Kolton Stevenson said, "I think about my family and how I can impress them" and Liam Cloud stated, "The money and rewards I get at the end help me to stay on track". They enjoy having a nice time with their friends while getting physical activity. Ms. Divine keeps a positive environment by not only walking, but taking time to look around. She reminds them that they don't need to walk the same speed, and that everyone has a different pace. She also makes sure they know they're doing well with the time/distance.



"This club is perfect for me because I get to socialize while doing physical activity" Kolton said.

Leaders of the Pack

Written by: Karalyn Brown

This month in P.E. they have been playing hockey. Rancy Ghoneim and Ian Cowger were chosen as the Leaders of the Pack for their good effort and motivation.

Rancy said, "I love playing team game with my friends, and I'm proud of my mile time."

Ian said, "I worked hard to max out on the sit-up test, and I love the motivation my friends give me in P.E."



Elite Dogs

Written by: Karalyn Brown

In weights, they are working to increase rep test scores and mile times. Gunner Cunningham, and Bristol Starks were chose as the Elite Dogs of the month of October due to their hard work and great effort.

Gunner said, "I work hard to increase my maxes because I know it can help me in the future."

Bristol said, "I'm really proud of my squat max because I did better than I thought I would. I love to see my own improvement."



Best In Motion

Iron Dogs

Written by: Karalyn Brown

This November, they are maxing in weights. Brooklyn Odaffer and Caymen Walker were chosen as the Iron Dogs for this month because of their hard-work and good ethic.

Brooklyn said, "I love being in the weight room with my friends, and working to get my maxes higher. I love to see my self-improvement." Cayman said, "I enjoy working to get stronger in the weight room because I know it can help me in my sports."



Leaders of the Pack

Written by: Avery Sassin

This November, P.E. students have been practicing throwing and catching as well as agility. They've been working hard recently but a few students especially stand out. Paisley Belk and Luke Forth were selected as the Leaders of the Pack for the month of November. Paisley shares "My favorite thing is to play all the different games with my friends". Luke Forth explains, "My goal is to increase my work ethic so that I can achieve faster mile time".



Boys Basketball

Written by: Ian Cowger

If you are interested in boys basketball come tryout! The first game is home against Branson on January 6th. The 7th grade coach is Mr. Gavin Clouse and the 8th grade coach is Mr. Craig Fox.





CROSSING THE LINE

WRITTEN BY: MADISON TOURTILLOTT

Did you know that in cross country the team with the lowest score wins? Our team has had a lot of low scores this season. "Would not trade this group of kids for the world." Coach Short emphasized, "The team's personality is silly. They all have their quirks, and they goof around a lot - but really a bunch of good kids." They cheer each other on during races and practice.

The atmosphere of the team is about growth and being better every day." Lilian Hardy explained "Pittsburg was the best race because it was the meet that made the team closest." With lots of people got medals and having it be the first race for lots of my team."

The cross country team dashing through the finish line. Many of them got a new PR or placed for the first time.



MORE THAN A GAME

WRITTEN BY: BRIANNA GANDHI

The Junior High Lady Bulldogs finished their volleyball season with many wins and memories. Coach Phelps described the team as "resilient," saying they "work hard every single day." Her favorite memory was "using yoga balls to practice diving. It was hilarious watching everyone be terrified at first, but their reactions after doing it were the complete opposite."

Players shared their highlights, too. Brooklyn Odaffer loved "beating Branson in a tight game." Ivy Sills enjoys "the competitiveness" and how "everyone encourages each other." Harper Tarwater mentioned the fun of "themed Friday practices," and Madison Tourtillott said, "she grew up around the sport since both her parents were involved in volleyball".

Through every challenge, the Lady Dogs have grown stronger, on and off the court.



Brooklyn Odaffer, 7th grade, in serve receive.



Harper Tarwater, 8th grade, going up to get a kill!



Ivy Sills, 7th grade, getting ready to serve an ace!



Madison Tourtillott, 8th grade, serving a ball.

GO BULLDOGS!

WRITTEN BY: RAY GAMMILL

Cheer is about endurance, teamwork, and strength. This team shares a bond like no other — they've grown from strangers into a family. "When we first did tryouts, the girls were distant and unsure, but now we're one big family that has learned to love and support each other," said Coach Sarah.

The team has faced challenges but continues to grow stronger. "We had an injury, and it really brought us together as a unit," Coach Kaitlynn shared. Cheerleading means a lot to these athletes — connecting with others and inspiring younger kids. "To me, cheer means being part of a family and having something to be excited about," said Tessa Gibson.



Jessie Wells, Ray Gammill, and Laikyn DeCarlo performing halftime routine



Emma Thompson, Tessa Gibson, & Hailey Shafer performing the fight song at a pep rally.

Football

Written by: Beighlor Hurt

7th Grade Football

As 7th grade finished up football, they were 3-2 and had an awesome season. Coach Howard says, "My favorite memory from this season has to be our first game against Branson, and it meant a lot as being a head coach for the first time and having my team go out and work their tails off in all four quarters. I will cherish that first win as much as I can." 7th grade player, Rowdy Thompson says, "To me, football means getting together as a team and working together to accomplish things that some people would not go out and do." Congrats to all the 7th graders on a great, first JR High season. Written by: Beighlor Hurt



7th grade playing against Bolivar

7th grade player
Bryson
Vanorman
taking a break
mid game



8th Grade Football

As 8th grade finished up football, they were 5-0 and had an undefeated season. Coach Schultz says, "Our hardest game this season had to be Bolivar because we had always lost to them. They were a really good team and had never lost a game before, and for my team to go out and beat Bolivar really meant a lot." 8th grade tail back, Kanyen Mickey says, "To be hurt all of last year, it really meant a lot to score the first touchdown of the year and go out and be my best." We can't wait to watch you continue this success in high school next year.



8th Grade Football team



Kanyen Mickey catching a touchdown

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Current Seasons!

CJJH Wrestling 2025-26

Written by: Bristol Starks

The 2025-26 Wrestling season is here! Wrestling is a sport that combines hard work, mental and physical ability, and fun. Addie Cervin was asked what her goal was this season, she said, "I'm ready to learn and grow more. Becoming better, for myself, so that I can carry on into high school is really important to me." And when James Overberg was asked what the mental aspect of wrestling is like, he said, "You can't dwell in losses, but celebrate the victories; losses are just trials."

The wrestlers have had a good season and has been putting in the effort!



Ashdyn Brown (left) and Addie Cervin (right) wrestling together at the Red/White Duel!

Ezra Harwood (left) and Morgan Arnold (right), wrestle against each other at the Red/White Duel.



CJJH Girls Basketball Season

Written By: Jessie Wells

The 8th-grade girls' basketball season is here. Emma Franks states "Her favorite memorable time for basketball has been when she was upset about a loss and her team cheered her up." She loves her team like her family. The season consists of seven home games. Their games are in the Jr High gymnasium. Come and support the girls!

7th-grade girls basketball has started with a bang! The girls are undefeated! When asked, which is better, attitude or skill, Coach Fox states, "They go very well together; you can't have one without the other. It is better to have a good attitude and skills because they go well." As the season progresses, the coaches want to see the development and growth of their players with the bond and fun times they have with them. The season has 6 home games, come support the girls!



Brooklyn oddafer here Block the Webb city player from shooting a 2 pointer.



Makayla Lundien is getting ready for The jump ball to start the game!

New This Year

Crochet Club and Color Guard

Crochet Club

Written by: Savannah Chapman

Are you looking for a new hobby? Crochet Club is a great place to start! This club allows you to bring out your creativity. Ms. Hayes said, "Everybody is at their own pace because some people are advanced and others are just beginners!" Carlie Doss says, "I joined it to be a part of a club and I also wanted to learn how to crochet so this was a good opportunity."



Focused and crafty—Carlie Doss and Kaitlyn Taylor make progress on their crochet creations.

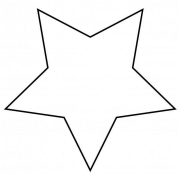
Color Guard

Written by: Savannah Chapman

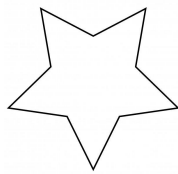
Are you interested in watching color guard? They have practice every Thursday. This requires physical strength and skill. Color guard is performed at marching band events. They are currently working on their routine for the Christmas parade on December 7th. They have been learning different tosses for the flags! It is sure to be a great performance..



With focus and flair, Emalie Vincent 8th grade, works on spinning her flag. "I love the community and learning new routines," Emalie said.



Important Dates



Written By: Julian Quintana

Events coming up For NJHS

Special Olympics Bowling NJHS **Dec 5th**
Christmas Reading at 2-3 NJHS **TBA**
Teddy Bear Sales NJHS **TBA**
Induction Ceremony NJHS **TBA**
Special Olympics Track NJHS **TBA**
Teacher Appreciation week NJHS **TBA**

Early out on December 19th
Christmas Break
December 22nd-January 2nd!

Wrestling 2025-26

On 12/6 there is a wrestling tournament at Seneca only for the boys. Then they'll have the Boys and Girls OMC Tournament on 12/13 at home.

- 12/6 Senec Tourn. @Seneca TBA
- 12/8 Neosho Duel @Home 5:30pm
- 12/9 Joplin Duel @Joplin 5:30pm
- 12/13 OMC Tourn. @Home TBA

Girls BB

- 12/1 @McDonald County vs CJ 5:30pm
- 12/6&10 Wild West Tournament @Lamar TBA
- 12/11 @CJ vs Pleasant View 5:00 pm



Academic Bowl schedule

December

Practice: Wednesday December 10th Room 111 3:30-4:30

Practice: Wednesday December 17th Room 111 3:30-4:30

January (switch practices to thursday)

Practice: Thursday January 8th Room 111 3:30-4:30

Practice: Thursday January 15th Room 111 3:30-4:30

Competition: Thursday January 22nd (Science) Joplin East Middle School 3:30-7:30

Practice: Thursday January 29th Room 111 3:30-4:30

February

Practice: Thursday February 5th Room 111 3:30-4:30

Practice: Thursday February 12th Room 111 3:30-4:30

Competition: Thursday February 19th (English) Carl Junction Jr. High (will need parent volunteers) 3:30-8:00

Boys BB:

January 6th against Branson @ home

January 12th against Nevada @home

January 13th @ Pleasantview

January 17th-21st Wild West Tournament

January 19th @ Lamar

January 20th against Carthage @ home

January 22nd against Marshfield @ home

January 26th @ Webb