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Mission Statement: “Our school community is a place to strive for achievement and show respect while building our future with caring and responsible students.”

2011-2012
May Newsletter

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
May 2	Achievement Awards, 7pm, auditorium
May 1-4	Q4 progress report week
May 5	JHS Prom, 8pm—midnight, location TBA
May 7	Spring band concert, 7:30pm, auditorium
May 11-14	Band trip
May 21	Choir concert, 7:30pm, auditorium
May 25	Senior awards ceremony, 9:50am, auditorium
May 28	Memorial Day—no school
May 30-31	Senior Exams
June 3	Graduation, 2 pm, auditorium
June 4-6	Semester exams
June 6	End of fourth quarter
June 6	Last day of school—students dismissed at noon

Summer School Credit Courses

Freshmen and Sophomores who failed a first semester course may be eligible to make up the credit during summer school. Credit courses offered this year are: Algebra, Biology, English, Physical Science, and Writer’s Workshop. These courses will be held at Jefferson High School. Check the website for specific course locations. For students who are not seeking credit but enrichment, the Khan Academy is an online, self-paced learning tool which offers different levels of math for skill-building. Summer School registration is available online via the school district website at jefferson.k12.wi.us. Sessions are scheduled from June 18—July 26, 2012. Please contact Mr. Jake Wichman at East Elementary with any questions or concerns at 920-675-1195.

2012 AP Exam Dates

	8:00 a.m.	12 noon
Monday May 7	Chemistry	Psychology
Tuesday May 8	Spanish Language	
Wednesday May 9	Calculus	
Thursday May 10	English Literature	
Friday May 11	U.S. History	European History
Monday May 14	Biology	Physics
Wednesday May 16	English Language	Statistics
Thursday May 17		Microeconomics
For Band Trip Students Only		
	8:00 a.m.	12 noon
Wednesday May 23	<i>U.S. History Late</i>	
Thursday May 24		<i>European History Late</i>
Friday May 25	<i>Physics Late</i>	<i>Biology Late</i>

Athletic Events

Activity	Date	Time	Home/Host
Baseball: Varsity	05-01-12	4:45PM	Jefferson
Golf: Boys Varsity	05-01-12	4:00PM	Whitewater
Soccer: Girls Varsity	05-01-12	6:30PM	McFarland
Softball: Varsity	05-01-12	4:45PM	Jefferson
Tennis: Boys Varsity	05-01-12	4:30PM	Watertown Luther Prep
Track: Boys Varsity	05-01-12	4:30PM	Jefferson
Track: Girls Varsity	05-01-12	4:30PM	Jefferson
Soccer: Girls Varsity	05-03-12	5:30PM	Palmyra-Eagle
Tennis: Boys Varsity	05-03-12	4:30PM	East Troy
Softball: Varsity	05-04-12	4:45PM	Jefferson
Tennis: Boys Varsity	05-04-12	3:00PM	Fort Atkinson
Track: Boys Varsity	05-04-12	4:00PM	Edgerton
Track: Girls Varsity	05-04-12	4:00PM	Jefferson
Baseball: Varsity	05-05-12	10:00AM	Evansville
Softball: Varsity	05-05-12	10:30AM	Evansville
Tennis: Boys Varsity	05-05-12	8:30AM	Stoughton
Golf: Boys Varsity	05-07-12	8:00AM	Big Foot
Tennis: Boys Varsity	05-07-12	4:30PM	Jefferson
Baseball: Varsity	05-08-12	4:45PM	Whitewater
Golf: Boys Varsity	05-08-12	4:00PM	Edgerton
Soccer: Girls Varsity	05-08-12	6:30PM	Jefferson
Softball: Varsity	05-08-12	4:45PM	Whitewater
Baseball: Varsity	05-10-12	4:45PM	Jefferson
Soccer: Girls Varsity	05-10-12	6:30PM	Jefferson
Softball: Varsity	05-10-12	4:45PM	Jefferson
Tennis: Boys Varsity	05-10-12	4:30PM	Edgerton
Soccer: Girls Varsity	05-11-12	7:00PM	Hustisford
Softball: Varsity	05-11-12	4:30PM	Evansville
Track: Boys Varsity	05-12-12	9:00AM	Big Foot
Track: Girls Varsity	05-12-12	9:00AM	Big Foot
Soccer: Girls Varsity	05-14-12	4:45PM	Lakeside Lutheran
Baseball: Varsity	05-15-12	4:45PM	Edgerton
Soccer: Girls Varsity	05-15-12	6:30PM	Whitewater
Softball: Varsity	05-15-12	4:45PM	Edgerton
Tennis: Boys Varsity	05-15-12	4:30PM	Jefferson
Baseball: Varsity	05-17-12	4:45PM	Jefferson
Soccer: Girls Varsity	05-17-12	6:30PM	Jefferson
Softball: Varsity	05-17-12	4:45PM	Jefferson
Tennis: Boys Varsity	05-17-12	4:00PM	Whitewater
Soccer: Girls Varsity	05-21-12	4:45PM	Columbus
Baseball: Varsity	05-22-12	4:45PM	Jefferson
Soccer: Girls Varsity	05-22-12	6:30PM	Evansville
Soccer: Girls Varsity	05-24-12	6:30PM	Jefferson

Achievement Awards



Achievement Awards Night will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the high school auditorium. Although students receiving awards will be notified by mail, all students and parents are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided by the National Honor Society.

Senior Awards Program

Jefferson High School will be holding its annual Senior Awards Assembly on Friday May 25, 2012 at 9:50 A.M. in the high school auditorium. During this assembly a variety of academic awards and scholarships will be presented. The staff members at Jefferson High School want to thank you for your involvement in your student's education. Please join us to share in this day of celebration. Seating for family members and guests will be in the upper section to the right as you enter the auditorium. Photographs may be taken after the assembly.

DUE TO CONSTRUCTION, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Parking will be available in the faculty parking lot on Taft Street.
- The entrance to the auditorium is through the choir/band hallway located on the west side of the building and adjacent to the faculty parking lot. Signs are posted.

Parent Group Meetings

Parent Group Meetings will meet in the JHS library on the following dates unless otherwise noted:

All meeting times at 9:30 a.m.

September 26	October 24
December 5	January 30
February 27	March 26
April 30	May 21

Senior Exam Schedule

May 30	May 31
Period 1 7:50-9:20	Period 5 7:50-9:20
Period 2 9:40-11:10	Period 6 9:40-11:10
Lunch	Lunch
Period 3 12:10-1:40	Period 7 12:10-1:40
Period 4 1:40-3:02	Period 8 1:40-3:02

ACT Test

This is a reminder that the last ACT test of the 2011-2012 school year will be on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at Jefferson High School. Students who missed the May 4 registration deadline may have the opportunity to test via standby. See your counselor for details.

Final Transcript Requests

Graduates who need final transcripts must request them through Parchment.com. The counseling office does not automatically send them. If a college requires ACT test scores, students must request them directly from ACT at actstudent.org.

Summer Transcript Requests

The counseling office will be closed from June 14—August 7, 2012. The main office will be handling all transcript requests. Transcripts are requested through www.parchment.com.

Here's how it works:

- **Sign up:** tell them who you are, and choose a password. You'll need an email address, so they can contact you.
- **Choose:** select the colleges you're applying to (They've got the addresses).
- **Sign off:** pay online – there's a small fee of \$2.55 per transcript – and you're done.

Sophomores in Employability Skills

This is a reminder to parents: In preparation for your student's post-secondary planning, the Employability Skills class along with the Jefferson High School Counseling Department is requiring that all students, along with their parents, participate in an Individual Planning Conference before May 25. Each conference will last approximately 45 minutes. We will review your student's completed 4-year plan, academic progress, standardized test results, high school graduation status thus far, and answer any questions you or your student may have. Please call the counseling office at 920-675-1126 or email wutkes@jefferson.k12.wi.us to schedule this appointment with your student's counselor. Appointments are scheduled during school hours.

Underclassmen Exam Schedule

June 4	June 5	June 6
Period 1 7:50-9:20	Period 4 7:50-9:20	Period 7 7:50-9:20
Period 2 9:40-11:10	Period 5 9:40-11:10	Period 8 9:40-11:10
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Period 3 12:10-1:40	Period 6 12:10-1:40	Alternate Period 12:10-1:40
Alternate Period 1:40-3:02	Alternate Period 1:40-3:02	

SCHOOL HEALTH NEWS

Changes in the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law now require two different vaccines for middle and high school students. Parents are required to have their children vaccinated or claim a waiver. For the 2012-2013 school year, the following is required:

<u>Students entering</u>	<u>Vaccine(s)</u>
Grades 6 through 10	Tdap (1 dose) and Varicella (2doses)
Grade 11	Tdap (1 dose)
Grade 12	Tdap (1 dose) and Varicella (2 doses)

The varicella vaccine protects against chickenpox. Previously only one dose was required, now a second dose is required.

Tdap is the adolescent combination vaccine that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Only one dose is required.

We encourage you to make plans now to have your child vaccinated well in advance of school starting next fall to avoid the late summer rush at doctor's offices and immunization clinics. Please provide the school with the dates of your child's vaccination updates. You may contact the School Nurse with any questions at 675-1094.

The Eagle Study

The academic needs of all JHS students are a primary concern. To support the needs of every student, The Eagle Study offers the opportunity for struggling learners to receive guidance from teachers in a supportive setting. Core disciplines will meet twice per week. Science and math meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. The focus on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be English and social studies. There are two ways for students to access this opportunity: 1) faculty makes a recommendation or 2) students sign up voluntarily. Teachers will notify Parents/Guardians when recommending a student into the program. Please note, this is not intended to be a study hall, and all school rules apply.

The Eagle Study is located in the lower academic wing, room 141, and meets Monday through Thursday from 3:15-4:15, excluding early release days, conference times, and exam weeks. Students will be encouraged to attend on the days appropriate to their needs. For more information, please contact Ms. Paucek at (920) 675-1152 or visit our website (follow the link found on the JHS homepage).

— Julie Paucek, Eagle Study Coordinator

Character Quote for May - Citizenship

“The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight.” - Theodore Roosevelt

Junior Prom

Prom: Saturday, May 5

Andy Schwei, Prom Advisor

The 2012 prom dance will be held on Saturday, May 5 in the Jefferson High School commons.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and grand march will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. in the gym.

Dance tickets are \$15 and will be on sale during lunch the week prior to prom. Students must purchase dance tickets in advance; they will not be available at the door.

Parents, family members and friends are welcome to join us for grand march, which starts at 8:00 p.m. but are encouraged to leave by 9:00 p.m. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., spectator tickets will be available at the door and will cost \$3 per person, including family members in elementary, middle and high school.

As in the past, post-prom will be held at Rue's bowling alley in Jefferson. Students attending post-prom must be at the bowling alley by 12:30 a.m. and must stay until the conclusion of the event at approximately 2:00 a.m.

The final planning meeting of the parent committee will be on Wednesday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. in classroom 144 at the high school. If you have any questions regarding prom or post-prom, please do not hesitate to contact me at (920) 675-1119 or schweia@jefferson.k12.wi.us.

The Eagles' Nest

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Contact Diane Webber at 920-675-1137 or webberd@jefferson.k12.wi.us for more information.



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JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION GUIDELINES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND KEEP FOR REFERENCE

The following guidelines have been established for our high school graduation ceremony.

1. Graduation will be held in the auditorium on **Sunday, June 3, 2012**. You will need to arrive by 1:30 p.m. Commencement begins at 2:00 p.m. (Doors will not be open to the public until 1:00 p.m.)
2. In order to participate in commencement, you must complete and return the Graduation Commitment Agreement and the Post-Graduation Intention Survey by no later than Friday, May 18.
3. All graduates must appear in cap and gowns. Male students will wear dress pants and dress shoes. Female students are expected to wear dress pants or dresses and dress shoes. Flip-flops, beachwear, or other casual footwear are not permitted.
4. Each senior will be given 5 tickets for seating in the auditorium. Tickets will be distributed at graduation practice on Friday, June 3. Extra tickets will be distributed starting at 1:00 p.m. at the main high school office. You will line up outside and receive one ticket at a time until you receive all needed tickets or tickets are gone.
5. Additional staff will be seated on stage during the ceremony to support the dignity of this event.
6. Any student involved in use of drugs/alcohol just prior to the program shall not be permitted to take part.
7. Speakers shall submit a signed copy of their speech to Mr. Brimacombe or Mr. Buchholz by Friday, May 18. Speakers shall be expected to adhere to their submitted text.
8. Fines and obligations must be paid by Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at 3:00 p.m.
9. If you have any relatives or friends who might need assistance at commencement because they are physically handicapped, please notify Mr. Buchholz. Special reserved seating will be made available for these individuals.
10. Graduating seniors are expected to conduct themselves in an acceptable manner at all activities. Do not engage in behaviors that will bring discredit to self, families, or Jefferson High School.
11. Graduation practice is scheduled for Friday, June 1, beginning at 7:50 a.m. on the auditorium stage. Practice will take up to two hours depending upon timeliness and attention of participants. You must participate in practice in order to take part in graduation. Marching order and seating arrangements will be posted across from room 138. Check these before practice.
12. The senior class party will take place at the VFW in Jefferson from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on June 1st. Food will be served at 5:30 and Comedy Sportz will perform at 6:00. Door prizes may also be given out. You will need to sign up with a class officer or Mr. Buchholz in order to attend.
13. May 25th is Senior Awards Day. This is a senior dress-up day. Boys and girls are expected to dress formally and appropriately. Check the seating chart across from room 138 and report to these seats before the assembly. Any inappropriate behavior (improper dress, talking, listening to i-pods, etc.) will result in being excluded from participation in graduation.

Important Dates and Times (also available on the high school web site under “senior news”)

May 18	Commitment Agreement and Post-Graduation Intention Survey are due to Mr. Buchholz or to the High School Office.
May 18	Speeches are due to Mr. Brimacombe or Mr. Buchholz
May 25	Senior Awards Day (Senior Dress-Up Day)
May 30	Fines and Obligations due, Senior Exams 1-4
May 31	Senior Exams 5-8
June 1	Graduation practice in auditorium at 7:50 a.m. Tickets given. 1:00 p.m. additional tickets distributed.
June 3	5:30 Senior class party 1:30 arrive for graduation dressed appropriately. Boys report to room 135 and girls to room 138. 2:00 Graduation begins.

Student/Fan of the Month for March



Front Row L to R: Jon Mitchell (Bus Ed), Cody Stelse (Ag), Tyler Graf (March Fan of the Month). **Second Row L to R:** Michael Meyers (Social Studies), Ileana Douglas (PE), Megan Shuda (Math), Rose Kubicek (Art), Pauline Schlais (Health). **Third Row L to R:** Jovana Genis (Science), Josh Hellman (Music), Kevin Brawdres (Tech Ed), Emily Raschig (FACE), Taylor Cox (Certificate of Achievement). Not pictured: Shannon Hebbe (English) and Craig Koller (Spanish).

Character Corner

Good, Evil and Bus-Stop Benches

About four years ago, a Seattle woman bought a small granite bench and installed it at a bus stop near her house. "It's my neighborhood," she said in response to comments from friends. "Who better to tend it than me?" The bench sat, and people sat on it: art students, coming and going from their classes; a mother and her kindergartener who huddled under an umbrella on rainy mornings; the occasional homeless person who stopped to rest; a cluster of teenagers piled on top of each other, waiting for a parade. One morning the bench was covered with bold letters in black and fluorescent pink. Somebody's spray paint signature. The woman bought some solvent, put on a mask and gloves, and scrubbed it off with a steel brush that left little pink and black shadows. Another time an ethnic slur was written. She put on the mask again and scrubbed until only shadows were left. And another time and another. "I bought it," she said. "Who cares about it more than I do?"

One day, the bench lay on the ground, its mortar joints broken. She re-mortared it. Bus passengers came and went. Some read, some listened to music. Some simply sat and waited. Some left garbage: orange peels, Starbucks cups, paper bags, soda cans. The woman picked them up when she walked past. "I want it to be beautiful and clean here," she said. "Who can I expect to pick up the garbage if I don't?" Recently, it lay in pieces again. This time, a part of the top slab was broken off. The woman cursed and cried, and her children cried because she was crying. She wasn't quite sure what to do, so the bench parts sat for a week, the legs and broken slab stacked by the sidewalk. Young people with iPods sat on the stack and waited for buses. Finally the woman recruited neighbors who helped her load it into her beater station wagon. She drove it to a mason who said he could cut off the broken part and make the bench shorter. He did, beautifully, apologizing that he couldn't get off the shadows. He reinstalled the short bench, drilling rebar into the legs and the cement on which the bench rested. "There," he said. "Now it won't go anywhere." That afternoon people began sitting on it again. Five days later, the slab was off of the legs again, tested by vandals who found that the joint adhesive hadn't adhered properly. The woman sighed and pushed on the legs. They weren't going anywhere. She bent and ran her fingers across the shadow of graffiti tracery that made a soft, multi-colored patina on the slab, which lay on the ground beside the legs. Then she walked home and fetched her husband to help her set it back in place with another round of mortar.

Goodness is often painstaking. "He who would do good must do so in minute particulars," said one of the Medieval Church fathers. Evil or destruction--is easy. It is fast and frequently dramatic. It is bold and sure of itself. But goodness is tenacious. It grows out of the humble, persistent efforts of individuals (often unseen and unsung) who are determined to bring beauty and caretaking to the people that they touch and the communities in which they live.

Essay by Valerie T

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Food Service

Food Service Survey

The Student Nutrition Department is currently conducting a food service survey. It would be very much appreciated if parents would take a moment to provide feedback on their child(rens) meal service. The survey can be found online at the School District of Jefferson website (www.jefferson.k12.wi.us), key link Menu Food Service Survey or via the link <http://sdoj.checkboxonline.com/SDOJ-2012-Food-Service-Survey.aspx>.

The survey only takes a moment to complete and will remain open until May 18, 2012.

Please assist us by providing your valuable feedback and opinions so that we can provide the best program for the students and staff in the district.

Thank you on behalf of the School District of Jefferson's Student Nutrition Department!