



# The Jaguar Journal

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## School IDs - New at JMHS

By Jessica Harney  
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As the summer months end and school begins, you may have noticed a few changes around our school. This year, all students attending Jackson Memorial high school are now required to carry student identification cards with them at all times.

As mentioned in the previous edition of The Jaguar Journal, the concept of school IDs were first introduced to students at our student council's call to action meeting on April 12th which addressed the school safety concerns of students. The cards, which were handed out on the first few days of school during homeroom, consist of a pho-

to, school name, the current school year, and a barcode.

Student identification cards now have a variety of uses.

They are also used to sign into various school offices, such as the nurse's office in both Clayton and Memorial, all guidance offices, and child study team offices.

They also make a few things easier for teachers and students. For example, students may now use their identification card to swipe and buy lunch instead of punching in their ID number, which may shorten long lunch lines.

According to Mr. DiEugenio, the uses for school IDs will be ex-

panded to late sign ins for tardy students. Future plans for them include bathroom scanners as well as proof of early release/parking passes for seniors.

However, students should note that school identification cards are not to be used in lieu of a hall pass. Teachers and other faculty members are allowed to ask any student to display their ID while walking the halls, but hall passes will still be enforced.

If a student is caught without their ID three times, they will be issued an after school detention. Student IDs cost five dollars to replace if lost.

## Safety, School ID's, and Success



By Rachel Savona  
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Back to school here at Jackson Memorial High School for another year of school spirit and academic achievement. Our Principal, Mr. Kevin DiEugenio, excitedly weighs in on everything to come.

Mr. DiEugenio has found great pride in the JMHS class of 2019, as exemplified by our class president Erin Sheeran. Sheeran has also contributed to our rise in school spirit by sitting with Mr. DiEugenio almost every other day this year so far with ideas. The school spirit our seniors profess is absolutely infectious. Mr. DiEugenio states he has noticed our school spirit has reached an all time high this year. Our recent pep rally was a huge hit and the energy present boomed from the seniors' side to the freshmen side, as they witnessed their first genuine celebration of

their high school career.

The class of 2019 has also exemplified our academic excellence; for example, senior Ceon Sun is a Merit semi-finalist, meaning that he had an almost perfect SAT score- definitely something to be proud of. Our athletics this year are "unbelievably strong" including the soccer, football, and tennis, track and cross-country teams.

Mr. D mentioned that some planned additions to the school, such as the new team rooms, will have to be on hold due to a cut in funding. Which bring me to our advances in security. As always, we need to touch on school safety. Our school is now under surveillance being monitored in six different locations this year; in previous years this number was only two. The middle school most

of us graduated from, Goetz, is also getting a security check-in system, along with our own Clayton Office getting a double lock check in- system like Fine Arts and Memorial Office have.

The biggest concern for our district this year is the lack of security in the six elementary schools within Jackson. On November 6th there's going to be a vote on hiring an additional security guard for each of the elementary schools. More information about this can be found on the district website.

Overall, Mr. DiEugenio seems very hopeful for this school year and cannot wait to celebrate the college acceptance and moving on for the rest of our seniors along with getting to know the already impressive class of 2022!

# BREAST CANCER CHARITY FASHION SHOW

By Katie Perucki  
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One of JMHS' own, Crystal Durham, organized a charity fashion show to raise awareness for breast cancer. Crystal put this show together to shed light on women who suffer from breast cancer. Crystal's Grandmother was affected by breast cancer when Crystal was 16 and her mother when she was 9, thankfully both of them are now free of breast cancer. The fashion show, which was held on October 6th, raised over \$2,000. All of those profits were donated to "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" a charity that she's very passionate about.



While carrying out this event, Crystal realized that she needed to show good leadership qualities and step up to the plate. At the event there was a wide variety of designers who brought things such as body butters, prayer shawls, jewelry and Nigerian handbags. The charity was hosted by the comedian, I.M.D, who was on the show "The Apollo". At the end of the show, there were two breast cancer survivors honored for their strength and winning their battle against breast cancer.

## College Corner: Upcoming SAT Dates & the new FAFSA app

Juniors and seniors!! We are now within the last two years of high school, the time frame during which we start taking the most important steps toward our future. For those who are thinking of attending college after high school, the SAT is one of multiple key components in college applications. The SAT tests students on Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, as well as core aspects of mathematics. Students may choose to take the SAT with or without the essay portion. The regular SAT registration fee is \$47.50, a price which is bumped up to \$64.50 if one opts to take the SAT with Essay. Fee waivers are available for those from lower-income households.

### Upcoming Dates:

SAT Test Dates:	Registration Deadlines:	Late Registration Deadlines:
12-1-18	11-2-18	11-20-18
3-9-19	2-8-19	11-20-18
5-4-19	4-5-19	2-27-19
6-1-19	5-3-19	4-24-19
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Are you interested in taking SAT Subject Tests? College Board defines the SAT Subject Tests as "college admission exams on specific subjects." SAT Subject Tests are not mandatory for college admission, but come highly recommended by many prestigious colleges. Visit the website below to see whether or not the college(s) you are applying to will require you to take specific SAT Subject Tests for admissions purposes. <https://blog.prepscholar.com/complete-list-of-colleges-that-require-sat-subject-tests>. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is also incredibly important for students looking to attend college, and should be thought of as mandatory to complete. It is the resource through which all American students apply for federal student aid. Federal student aid can include (but is not limited to) federal grants, work-study, and student loans. Recently, the FAFSA has been made available not only online (at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa>), but also through a mobile app, named myStudentAid, available from both the Apple App Store and Google Play. The mobile app offers the same application process as does the website, but its purpose is to make the FAFSA process as convenient for students and parents as possible.

## Musician In Our Midst

By Haili D'Angelo  
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As a teenager in the newer generation, we all of the music charts and the ones who are at well-known and talented composer who know him as "Baby Dame". Damien has felt life and even started thinking about pursuing. As time passed he realized that he "wanted decision in the 9th grade to start professional up to that keeps them motivated to keep that the legendary rappers Eminem and 2Pac traits of being outspoken and real to incorporate this generation. Damien is lucky to have two who are nothing but proud of him.



keep up on of the newest artists at the top the bottom. Jackson Memorial has its own goes by the name Damien Fallon or as we all that music has always been a priority in his it in 7th grade.

to be more serious about it and made the ally." Every musician has a role model they doing what they're doing and Damien feels are his main idols. He's even developed their porate in his music to change the sound of committed and supportive parents in his life

Looking into the future, Damien sees himself "at one of the happiest points in his life and working non stop to be one of the greatest entertainers of all time." Although Damien is strong in most categories in music production such as recording, writing & producing, his weakness is having to have everything perfect and often focuses on miniature details. Family is important to Damien as well and his mom even has a musical background. As a child she played violin which is an altogether different genre of music from the one Damien creates. When Damien is creating his sound in the studio he likes to describe it as a "versatile vibe that changes from time to time." Diversity is an important key when you are constantly producing music that is distributed to different ears and opinions. Music has evolved greatly especially in the hip hop department. Hip hop was newly introduced in the 1970s starting with the rough sound of "breakbeats" and eventually developed into today's hype and sped up "mumble rap", as it is called. As an artist, Damien's ears are diverse as well. He enjoys both older music and the newer sounds that creators are racking on the charts. As well as attending school, Damien is constantly keeping up with his music by dropping new singles on any music streaming site such as Soundcloud, iTunes and Spotify."

## The Classic Gucci

By Crystal Durham  
Staff Writer



Back to back summers we see Gucci hold the torch for the luxury ready to wear industry. Critics say that Gucci is considered to be one of the most respected and aristocratic brands in the world. The Creative Director Alessandro Michele gave the brand that unique touch that everyone desired.

We see the new generations bring back some of Gucci's staple items. Influencers like Cardi B, Beyoncé and Lil Pump have the world at their fingertips when it comes to teenagers imitating their style. Since the song Gucci Gang surfaced, the media sales have hit the roof. Gucci is now the top 10 favorite apparel brands for teens.

Vogue.com recently published an Online overview of Gucci's fall/winter ready to wear collection. Captured angles of the exhibit show commentators in an operation room. Gucci explains to its viewers why this scene is relevant.

"It reflects the work of a designer-- the act of cutting, splicing and reconstructing materials and fabrics to create a new personality and identity within them," Michele says.

Models on the runway walked with replicas of their faces tucked under their arms. Along with men wearing knitted mesh over their faces. As suspenseful music plays, the models are seen as transhuman and creepy. Michele combines this all into a metaphor for how people conduct themselves today.

Others found this concept as art form and over the head in many ways. Many artist were blown away by the runway shows aesthetic, explaining it was nowhere near art like form. The creative director of the show, Alessandro Michele speaks deeper on an overall picture of the show. Michele explains that we are in a post human era.

He breaks down claims of why he feels this is true. "We are what we want to be" Michele says. Meanwhile looking deeper into his vision there is no binary gender roles in his collection, it is art and it is fashion.

"We are the Dr. Frankenstein of our lives," said Michele. "There's a clinical clarity about what I am doing. I was thinking of a space that represents the creative act. I wanted to represent the lab I have in my head. It's physical work, like a surgeon's."

Source: Vogue.com



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# To All The Boys I've Loved Before

By Haili D'Angelo  
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A majority of the teen generation is quite familiar with the movie/show streaming site, Netflix. We've all claimed our favourite shows and movies we can't get enough of, while eating an unholy amount of ice cream, hot pockets and my personal favorite, mac & cheese. Sure a lot of movies have been dropped this year, including the one that has stolen all of our hearts, To All The Boys I've Loved Before. I haven't met anyone who hasn't liked this movie. It's your typical "boy next door" movie with a bit of a modern twist. The main character, Lara Jean Covey has been the quiet, shy girl her whole life. Like any other teenage girl, she's had a few crushes here and there. Well 5 crushes, to be exact, including her sister's boyfriend. She can't face them in person, so she writes letters to them, expressing her true feelings for each of them. Of course, these letters are never meant to be sent and are kept safely in a teal hat box that was passed down to Lara Jean from her late mother. What could possibly go wrong? The movie rollercoasters from left to right, up and down and back around. At one point, Lara Jean feels like her life is falling apart. That's what makes this movie so relatable! It's the perfect example of a present-day teenager who is going through the motions. Even adults can relate to this embarrassing disaster and have a good laugh about it. This movie is filled with sorrow, humor and enough moments to make you cringe back at your most awkward encounters we all regret so much. If you're not much of a movie person and like to kick it old school, there is a book version that is just as good. Hopefully, more movies from this trilogy will be released soon because even watching a great movie a thousand times can get boring.

## Gorillaz - Get in the Know about The Now Now

By Tyler Capurso  
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In 1998, English musician Damon Albarn, known best as his role as the lead singer for the British rock band, Blur, and stylistic artist Jamie Hewlett had brought their talents together to bring a unique flavor of music to the world through their virtual band, Gorillaz. Many songs written by Albarn for the duo's band went on to become iconic in pop culture, like the gritty, but thought-provoking track from their Demon Days album, "Feel Good Inc.", to the catchy lyrical rhythms of the band's first single, "Clint Eastwood."

While Albarn became a widely known musician for the music he wrote and sang for Gorillaz, the band is also recognized by its use of fictional characters, drawn by Hewlett, to represent the members of the band, hence the term "virtual band". These animated members consist of the lanky, blue-haired lead singer 2-D, the sickly green bass guitarist, Murdoc, the stoic, possessed drummer Russel, and their lead guitarist, a Japanese girl known only by her nickname "Noodle". The gang of characters are brought to life in the band's animated music videos, as well as the many short cartoons and interviews with the animated characters produced to promote the band.

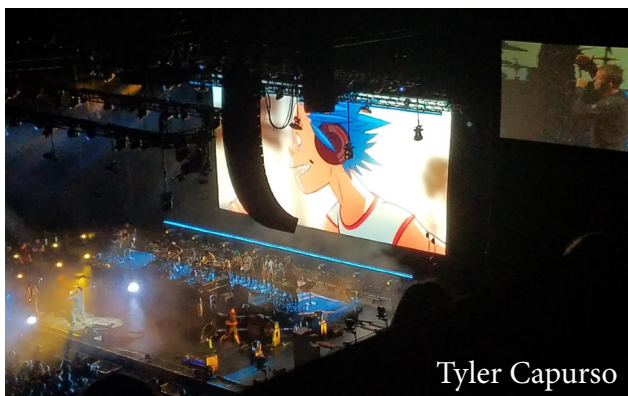
The style and tone of both the band's music and animation have changed very drastically over the years, and with the recent release of their sixth album, The Now Now, the band had taken a very mellow, but uplifting tone. Despite being a very different mood from the previous albums, The Now Now brings along many great tracks, such as the groovy first track "Humility", which is paired with an equally groovy music video featuring the animated members spending their day at Venice Beach. The second track on the album, "Tranz", aptly named for its trance-like rhythm, is also paired with a music video of a similar vibe.

The animated members of the band have also taken on a number of changes following the release of the new album. The lead guitarist, Noodle, who was only 13 during her debut into the band and had been getting older with each new album, is now 27, and with her new age brings a big change to her character design, where she appears much more mature. Another big change brought with this album is the temporary replacement of the animated band's bass guitarist Murdoc, who found himself getting arrested in the lore of the fictional universe the animated band members reside in. His replacement came in the form of another green-skinned guitarist named Ace, a character who made their first debut as a villain in the Cartoon Network cartoon, The Powerpuff Girls. The team behind Gorillaz had been friends with the team behind the original Powerpuff Girls for a long time, and they were more than happy to bring the two fictional worlds together for this unique new addition to the animated side of the band.

A large selection of tracks from this new album are featured in The Now Now Tour, the band's latest series of concerts. Fans from around the world have come to see Albarn and many other talented musicians take to stage and perform many of songs from across the Gorillaz's history. Each song's respective animated music video plays in the giant screen set in the back of the stage, syncing up with the performances, giving the impression that the animated band members are performing along with Albarn and his crew.

The Gorillaz's recent performance at The Barclay Center in Brooklyn, New York as part of The Now Now Tour was a night of excitement. The opening band of the concert, an American band called The Internet, gave a nice prelude to the concert with the Alternative R&B and hip hop vibe of their music. Soon after their performance, Damon Albarn and the rest of the musicians took to the stage, followed by thunderous applause from the audience. From there, the concert kicked off with much excitement. The audience illuminated the stadium with their cell phone lights during the performance of Fireflies, a new song featured in The Now Now album, and roared in excitement when De La Soul, famous rapper and frequent collaborator with Gorillaz, came out on stage and let out his loud, iconic laugh from the intro of Feel Good Inc. The concert came to a dramatic close, ending with the title track Demon Days.

For fans of Gorillaz, the concert was an experience that can't be replicated anywhere. The unique tone of Albarn's singing paired with any genre that the band approaches along with its use of stylized virtual characters that give the band its identity makes it an experience that no other mainstream band has been able to replicate for a very long time. Seeing both the art and music of the band brought to life on stage is a pleasure to the eyes and ears. The Now Now album and The Now Now Tour both offer something special that you can not miss.



Tyler Capurso

# Author's



By Jessica Harney  
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For some upper level English students, the name Kurt Vonnegut may call Welcome to the Monkey House to mind with a groan. This is largely due to the fact the literary genius of Vonnegut is often overlooked or underappreciated by students. Often regarded as one of the greatest American writers of the twentieth century, and as one of the best satirists of all time, second to only Voltaire himself, Vonnegut's black humor flowed well with his unique mix of social commentary and science fiction. This set him apart from other antiwar writers of his time.

Inspiration for Vonnegut's most popular book, Slaughterhouse Five came from his own experiences as a prisoner of war during World War II. He survived the allied bombing of Dresden by taking cover in a meat locker inside the slaughterhouse where he was held. This was a major plot point for Billy Pilgrim, the book's protagonist, so some consider the book to be semi-autobiographical.

When he returned home from the war, Vonnegut got married and began writing his first novel, Player Piano, which was published in 1952. However, he remained largely unknown until he published his first hit, The Sirens of Titan in 1959.

Kurt Vonnegut suffered an irreversible brain injury as a result of a fall in his Manhattan home in April 2008. He died. So it goes.

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# Seniors of the Month



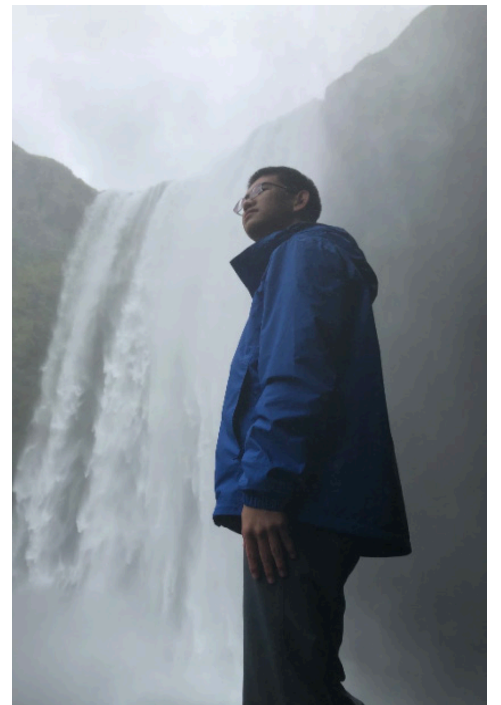
## Jessica Kipp

My advice to other JMHS students would be to do everything you can possibly find the time for in high school. Keeping busy, while sometimes overwhelming, lets you get so many more experiences than you would by not participating. Join the sport you're unsure about or audition for the role you're nervous for. The more you do, the more you can grow as a person. This means extracurriculars and academics as well. Challenge yourself and you will be rewarded for your hard work and dedication. My amazing time at JMHS and the wonderful people I have met would not have been the same if I had done otherwise.

## Ceon Sun

What advice would you give to other students at JMHS?

Let's see.. What do I have to say to other students here? Well first, I'd say the most important thing is to start everyday with plenty of sleep but I don't even do that myself anymore so... oops. But, once you get past that, you should really try your best in whatever it is you choose to do and make the most of your time here. But that being said, don't get too caught up with school stuff and enjoy those fun moments. Definitely don't live your life at a desk in your room. It gets boring and weird (not that I'd know anything about that... maybe). But yeah, in case you didn't want to read that entire thing up top, basically try to do well and work hard but don't forget to have fun.

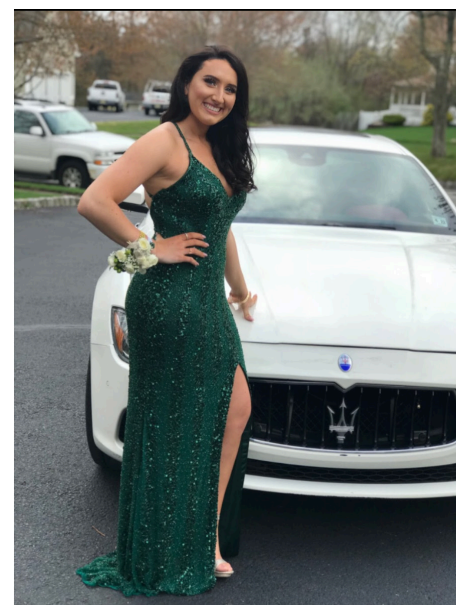


## Hannah Mahabir

Throughout my career at JMHS I have experienced almost all that high school has to offer. Although I would consider these 4 years to be some of the best yet, there are still some aspects I would've done differently. If I could do it again I would tell myself to worry less and enjoy the time I have before it's over. Four years fly by in the blink of an eye, so my greatest piece of advice to offer would be to take every moment and cherish it because it'll be over quicker than you know it.

## Erin Sheeran

I am most proud of being elected President of Student Council. I take my position very seriously and make sure that my peers are taken care of. I want everyone to feel safe at school and have fun at school. I love being President because I am the middle "woman" with the students and the admin. So I can hear what the students say and relay it to them!



## Thomas Mitchell

After spending over 3 years at JMHS, I have come to realize things I should have done in my earlier years. Although throughout my years I have been involved in sports and clubs, I know I could have done more. Advice I would give to other students at JMHS would be to get as involved as possible. Students should use high school to try out new things, whether it be sports or clubs. Playing a new sport or participating in a new club can teach you so many different things that you are able to use throughout the rest of your life, and students should use this time to take advantage of that opportunity. I think that the more involved you are in your 4 years here at JMHS, the better they will be.