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Jackson Memorial Gives

By Rachel Savona
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Sitting around the fireplace, big meals that would be better described as feasts, and waking up early and opening presents with our family. To many of us, this is how we picture the holiday season; but for many that is not the case, and our school has several programs in place to benefit those in need.

For Thanksgiving, the National Honor Society organized a food drive that ran until November 17th. This charitable event has taken place for at least nine years, according to Mrs. Kathleen Bunce, advisor to the NHS.

The food collection takes place in every homeroom of our school. In past years this has collected between twelve and fifteen shopping carts of food; this year we collected nine carts worth of goods. Approximately 535 families benefit from the Jackson Food Pantry and the nine carts is appreciated.

Mrs. Bunce was proud to announce that six dinners were bought through the NHS bagel sales; also through the staff Sunshine Club, five Thanksgiving dinners were purchased.

As far as the winter holidays go, there is a lot planned. The ROTC hosts a Toys for Tots toy drive, that as of November was already off to a great start. Collection is announced at the end of November and like the food drive, is collected during homeroom.

At least 30 families in our community participate and are contacted by the ROTC to find out how many children they have in their home so they can plan accordingly. Each child per household receives about three toys each.

As far as the demand goes, the toys that are brought in the most are toy trucks and Bar-

bie dolls, although these do make great gifts, a bit of variety is appreciated.

According to Sage Sebastian and Haylee Hughes, by mid December they usually have rooms taken over with donated goods.

Also the NHS and Key Club hold an adopt a family donation service for the holidays. Our school is given the names of families that would benefit from a program like this from social services and senior services.

How 'Adopt a Family' works is that each family sends in its requests, which can be anything from gift cards to toys and clothing. Each anonymous family gets a poster that lists the items they hope to receive, which are located in each of the offices and Mrs. Kathleen Bunce's classroom.

Mrs. Bunce, advisor to the National Honor Society here at JMHS said "I believe that everyone deserves a special gift, whether the family is poor or not."

Anyone can bring in an item and donate it to the cause. Mostly the people who participate are staff and over 100 members of the clubs in charge of it, but it is most definitely an opportunity that is open to the student population of our school.

This program is completely anonymous and the NHS members used to dress up as elves and deliver them to the recipients' homes, but this no longer happens to keep the identities of the family anonymous. Now the items are delivered to either the food pantry or the senior center.

In addition to these, Mr. Matthew Albert hosted the Senior Center Toyland Exhibit to

help spread the spirit of giving and holiday cheer.

At this event students volunteer and are supplied costumes, some are elves, some were snowmen, some are teddy bears, oh my! These students are rewarded with volunteer hours, and letters of recommendation from Mr. Albert and the mayor of Jackson. And this opportunity is open to everyone.

Before the two thousand visitors are brought to see Mr. Albert who had taken on the role of Santa, they are taken through many exhibits. There is a letters to Santa writing station, a station for temporary tattoos, face paint, and balloon animals.

This event was open to anyone and every child that visited Santa received a teddy bear with a hand knitted outfit made by the senior citizens throughout the year.

According to Mr. Albert, there were "boxes stacked to the ceiling with teddy bears."

This year's Toy Land Exhibit was just as successful as the seventeen that preceded it, and we can't wait to see giving like this become more prominent in our school's community.

We attend a school that presents us with opportunities to help others. So buy a can of food, purchase a toy or two, look for a poster and see what you can do to help a family in need.





A Cold Winter's Night

By Benjamin Singleton
Staff Writer

On an unseasonably warm day this October 28th the one hundred eighty students who comprise the Jackson Memorial Marching Band anxiously waited to hear their placement at state championships. As the award ceremony begun the energy of the band grew exponentially as they weren't called fifth place, than fourth place, than third place, and than second place. On that October day the Jaguars took home the first place trophy at state championships.



Mr. Ficarra (left), Garrett Robbins (middle), and Mr. Diaz (right) with the nationals banner.

The situation would not be much different a week from that October day at National Championships in Allentown, Philadelphia; where the hearts of Jaguar Marching Band once again soared as they took home the first place trophy in group 6A. First place at States or Nationals is something to be celebrated; however, their consecutive victories at both competitions is monumental. In the history of the band this is something that has never h



The band at States.

appened before.

Mr. Diaz, the band's director, said that it was a great "to see all the students and their parents cheering, hugging and generally elated to hear the Jaguar Band announced as the first place band. What a wild ride this was and we are looking forward to the rest of the school year with our "inside" ensembles and creating another award winning 2018 season".

The music department is now switching into a different gear and has begun to put its effort towards preparing for the winter concert and eventually the spring concert. It will be almost six months before the next marching band season begins. When it does the current senior class will have left for college and a new freshman class will have entered from the middle schools. While this season will eventually fade into distant memory for the members of the band, the ten foot tall trophy that now stands in the band room will not let them forget their victories anytime soon.



Mr. Diaz (top) and Mr. Ficarra (Bottom) next to the trophy from Nationals.

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Miracle on 34th Street

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Miracle on 34th Street, performed earlier this month at Jackson Memorial High School, was truly a magical experience. Producing a heartwarming play takes effort from all who are involved. The cast and crew, under the guidance of Mrs. Cori Bott, worked tirelessly to present a heartwarming production of this classic holiday play.

And if you are planning on being involved in the Drama Club next year, whether as a member of the cast or crew, here's some insight into what you can expect.

Freshman and member of the Arts Academy, Freshman Cristina Clare, who played an elf in the play, said working on the production was "a great opportunity to meet new people and find a hobby." Clare, who is in the Jackson Academy of the Arts, is one of 32 cast members in the play.

Allison Volltrauer, who had the lead role of Susan Walker in the play, also is a freshman and a member of arts academy. She said she found the experience "both fun and rewarding." Senior Marissa Rosato (Bashful elf) who usually appears in the school's musical, said she felt accepted by everyone and referred to her experience as "pretty great."

As a second year cast member, Joe Colaneri, who plays Sawyer, finds that the drama department here at JMHS is one like no other.

"While many people come to see our shows, they have no idea all the blood, sweat, and tears that go into making these shows possible. We spend countless hours between cast and crew building sets and blocking scenes. We are a group, a unit, and most

importantly a family," he said.

"My experience with all these shows is one that I'll cherish all my life," he added.



The cast of JMHS's Miracle on 34th Street

For those interested in joining the stage crew, Junior Brianna Morrissey said that being part of the crew means you'll need to be on time. You also need to be willing to put in effort, hard work, and rigorous training to make sure the show flows smoothly.



Miracle on 34th Street elves

Holiday Wishlist



By Brandee Spampanato

Staff Writer

The holidays are just around the corner, which means shopping for loved ones is very near as well. Whether you wait until last minute or plan weeks ahead, it's smart to keep up with the recent trends in case you have no clue what to get a family member or a friend.

Now if you just really don't feel like pestering friends of friends or other family members to figure out what to get a loved one, this article is here to keep the social interaction to a minimum and tell you what popular gifts to get the people you don't feel like talking to.

All the gift choices listed below are answers from a random poll taken around the school.

Clothes are always a good choice to get someone. Since they're a basic necessity, people will always need them. And if you're close to them, then you should know what types of clothes your loved one wants. What's popular now is Gucci and Supreme. Though both are quite expensive, with Gucci being an average price of \$700 for clothes and Supreme ranging from \$158 to \$1,388. So be careful how much money you have in the bank before buying from those brands.



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Makeup is always a want from teens. It ranges in price, and is available in most stores around. A new makeup palette from Naked Cosmetics called "Heat" is very popular and is not too expensive, usually around \$54. It would be a perfect gift for any makeup addict that you may know. Fenty Beauty is also a very popular brand that people want. The products aren't that expensive either, ranging from \$18 to \$54. Or you can get much cheaper makeup at a drugstore. Whichever satisfies your loved one's preference, or your wallet's preference.



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Video games are becoming increasingly popular, meaning that they are a good present for the festive holidays. Recent games that would be great presents are Call of Duty: WWII, which is priced at \$39.99, and Xenoblade Chronicles 2 at the price of \$59.99. Just make sure you know which system your loved one plays, or you'll end up getting them a game that they can't even play.

Jewelry, though sometimes expensive, can be a perfect gift for a very special person. Whether you get something cheap or expensive, jewelry is a good way to show people you care about them and will remind them of you everytime they wear it. For necklaces, you could get a locket with a picture of yourself or something important to the person you're giving it to, for around \$30 online. For bracelets, you could get them an Alex and Ani Guardian Angel Charm Bangle, priced at \$38. Any piece of jewelry will show the person you love that you care about them.



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DIYs are a great way to make something personal and special for someone without spending an excessive amount of money. Get a mason jar and fill it with quotes written on each paper so the person can take a quote whenever they're unhappy. Or figure out what they like and get a few of the items, then put them in a pouch and give that to them as a present. You don't need to spend much money to show people that you care for them.

Money is the best present to give anyone if you're not sure what to get them. Only they know exactly what they want. And if they don't know or if they want really expensive things that you cannot afford, giving them money is the best choice. Just hand them \$20 and let them buy what they want. Yes, it isn't the most sentimental choice, but if you're doing last minute shopping and they're last on your list, let them buy their own present instead of you buying something they won't like.

The holidays are not about presents: they are about spending time with people you love and care about. But when presents come into play, it's better to have at least an idea of what they want and get them something to show them that you care instead of not getting them anything and risking the idea of the person being upset with you. Happy hunting and happy holidays!

Is The iPhone X Worth it?

By Kaitlyn Sauickie
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Apple Industries has never failed to amaze us with brand new products. This year Apple announced the production of not just one, but three new models of the iPhones: the iPhone 8, the iPhone 8 Plus, and the iPhone- X, all of which give us a whole new variety of features, especially in the new iPhone-x. Although these features can be helpful, are the changes worth the pricetag?

Currently you can buy an iPhone-X on the Apple website, starting at \$999.00. This is a huge difference in price range when concerning the regular iPhone 8, which is starting at 699.00, and the plus about a hundred dollars more. The iPhone- X has many differences other than just price when compared to other iPhones in the past; one very obvious difference is that the screen takes up the whole front of the phone. Apple has repeatedly said that one of its main goals is to develop a phone that is entirely screen. With the X model, Apple has certainly achieved this goal, and features such as facial recognition and water protection are also new.

However, according to Tech Insider, a magazine looking into the new iPhones, there are many reasons why you should consider putting an iPhone 8 on your Christmas list this year. Besides the lower prices, one of the most important reasons is that functionally they are identical, using the same A11 Bionic chip, a neural engine, and the M11 motion coprocessor. The only difference is that they use these features to power different things. Also, do not be so amazed by the new facial recognition feature, because it seems to work most of the time, touch ID has been proven to be more reliable than facial recognition.

The iPhone-X definitely paves the way for the future of phones, and is very impressive in its new use of technology. But are we really willing to pay so much for features that might not even be as useful as we think? Obviously, there is a lot more to it, when deciding on a type of phone you want for Christmas, especially when choosing an Apple Product.

National Honor Society Inductees

Inducted November 14th, 2017

Seniors

Tori Aguilar
Adam Berger
Emily Busch
Olivia Cocco
James Cook
Michael Danski
Juhi Desai
Megan Fonseca
Allison Foster
Brandon French
Olivia Gut
Kylie Hinds
Kayla Hurley
Emily Josephson
Danielle O'Leary
Parth Patel

Thomas Peruki
Kaleigh Peruggia
Tyler Rasinski
Jacob Rechel
Chloe Schubert
Telaya Thomas
Briana Thomas
Elyse Whary

Juniors

Christina Alvarez
Emily Anastasi
Jacob Ariel
Katie Bly
Maggie Boros
Kenyon Burgess
Kailyn Carrillo
Richard Chan
Robert Cicero
Tess Cook
Isabel Craig
Ryan Crowley
Madyson Donovan
Erin Drake
Stephanie Durao
Alexandra Eichhorn

Connor Fern
Robert Giusti
Brielle Glick
Meghan Granit
Victoria Gross
Fatima Hamadeh
Juliana Han
Nicole Harmon
Patrick Idank
Cassidy Johnson
Victoria Juhasz
Nicholas Kinzler
Jessica Kipp
Jamie Klag
Margaret Knoebel
Aimee Kossowski

Jessica LaGravenis
Hannah Mahabir
Amber Masarik
Kathryn McCabe
Ryan McGuckin
Thomas Mitchell
Julie Myhal
Lauren Naldi
Enitoluwafe Nubi
Elizabeth Pandolpho
Gabriella Perez
Robert Petrow
Joseph Princiotta
Abigail Reist
Corrine Scheddin
Hannah Schell

Joseph Schlageter
Sean Sharo
Benjamin Singleton
Ceon Sun
Madison Taibl
Adriana Ugarte
Olivia Yalden



Wonder: From Book to Big Screen

By Rachel Savona
Co-Editor in Chief

A true story of a boy with a severe facial deformity has grabbed our attention and taken us on a trip through an array of emotions. Based on a book by R.J. Palacio, we now have Wonder starring Jacob Tremblay.

August 'Auggie' Pullman is a young boy who was born with Mandibulofacial Dysostosis, a genetic facial deformity which requires many surgeries for both medical and cosmetic reasons. This movie takes place as he begins middle school at Beecher Prep and shares his social struggles.

Does this sound familiar? Back in elementary school this was one of our summer reading book options. And this was no "read what you have to get the gist and do a project" kind of book. This is one book that I remember enthralled me.

After closing the book, I remember looking at my dad and saying "We need to find a movie like this". Those who read Wonder will now have a face to put to the name Auggie. In the book Auggie says "I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse", which leads us to think - what could be so bad that it can't be explained to us. The actor portraying Auggie isn't deformed at all, just wearing special effects makeup to look as though he has this deformity. I tell you what it looks like, but you have to see it for yourself.

The idea of a young boy going into middle school after being homeschooled throughout his life seems difficult enough without the complications Auggie must endure. Frightened at first, he went on a tour of Beecher Prep school where he met three students who were hand picked by the principal, Mr. Tushman. They were, Tushman believed, the best qualified to help Auggie.

As friendships grow and fall apart and bully characters are established, Auggie learns

about himself through the help of a teacher, Mr. Brown. Each month, this teacher has a different lesson on the board that's meant to inspire his students and make them grow into better people. The lesson for the very first month of school was, "When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind."

This monumental year in Auggie's life and the life of his parents is portrayed in a way that will make you laugh along with the good times and enjoy the characters' sense of humor. If you're like me, you won't be able to hold yourself back from falling apart during the times of struggle and sadness.

Most importantly, you'll develop a relationship with the characters over the short time that you watch this film, and you'll have moments of pride for Auggie and times where all you want is to jump through that screen and console him.

This story on screen is one of the funniest, saddest, and happiest films I have ever seen, and it found a way to do all three without being corny and predictable.

Wonder is a story so moving that it's necessary for everyone to hear about it. Whether you pick up the book or watch the movie, it will make you appreciate all that you have and could help you in finding the good in almost every situation.



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Books of Our Past into Film

By Kaitlyn Sauickie
Co-Editor in Chief

Since the hit release of the movie Wonder, based on the book R.J. Palacio, a book that a lot of people are saying they have read in the past for school summer reading, has left us "wondering", what other summer reading books of our past would make a good movie? Here are a few books that might come to memory that we think would make excellent films, that maybe you have read in the past.

Rules by Cynthia Lord, is another popular book of our past. It is told from the point of view of a twelve year old girl named Catherine, who struggles to deal with her autistic little brother. She loves him and is always there for him, showing him the rules of right and wrong; however, she still feels abnormal having a brother with autism. All this changes when the summer hits, and she meets a paraplegic boy named Jason, and Krisi, two friends that she has always wanted. Now Catherine needs to figure out for herself what the true definition of normal is. If you liked Wonder, this could be a similar type of movie/book you might be interested in.

Our last recommended book is Loot by Jude Watson. Loot is about two orphaned twins who found each other, at their cat burglar father's request, right after their he dies on the job. After being sent to an orphanage, where they are absolutely miserable, March and Jules, decide to go into the family business. The life of crime and riches. This book takes interesting turns, and lets kids imagination wonder. Just another book of many that we hope to see in the theaters one day.

Scouting Becomes Coed in the US

By Isabelle Harrigan
Staff Writer

In October the Boy Scouts of America announced that they will start accepting girls into the cub scouts starting next year, and will initiate a program in 2019 that will enable girls from 11 to 17 to earn their Eagle Scout badge.

For several years, the debate over accepting girls into the Boy Scouts has focused primarily on the Eagle Scout badge. This prestigious badge plays a key role when it comes to applying for jobs and acceptances into colleges. Astronauts, U.S. senators, and CEO's of major corporations have the Eagle Scout badge on their resumes, and admit that at some point, it probably helped them. Girls have argued that because they are not given the opportunity to earn the badge, it can leave them at a disadvantage in the workplace.

The Eagle Scout badge is awarded after years of hard work and completion of a community-service project that can take several months to complete. It also represents leadership skills. Now that females are eligible to join Boy Scouts, they can enter in as cub scouts and earn the badges necessary to for the Eagle Scout Award.

The inclusion of girls in the Boy Scouts is nothing new to the rest of the world. Countries in Europe such as Italy, Sweden, Czech Republic, and the U.K have had coed scouts

since the 1980's. This means that girls in other countries have been participating in coed scouting for almost 40 years now.

A senior from Jackson Memorial high school who is applying for his Eagle Scout Award explained the procedure.

"It's very tough. You have to earn 21 merit badges, you have to do an Eagle Scout project, you have to have multiple leadership positions, a lot of community service hours, and you have to be really active in your Boy Scout troop," said the senior, who wished to remain anonymous.

Even though allowing girls into Boy Scouts may satisfy many girls, some Girl Scouts leaders are not excited about this decision. They say the action might result in dwindling rates of girls in Girl Scouts.

Also, Elaine Godfrey, writer for The Atlantic, believes that girls won't get the same amount of emotional support that the Girl Scouts organization offers.

"While the change does offer another choice for young girls, it also introduces a new

competitor into the field of girls' programming, which could ultimately hurt the Girl Scouts and undermine their mission to cultivate leadership skills and self confidence in young girls," Godfrey said.

The Boys Scouts of America suggests that based on their survey, the country is ready for coed scouting. According to the survey, 90 percent of parents not involved with the BSA expressed interest in getting their daughter involved in programs like Cub Scouts.



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Are CellPhones Thinking For Us?



By Alexa Ortiz
Staff Writer

Beep! Buzz. Swoosh!

The sound made by your phone when you receive a notification is one of the most commonly heard and instantly recognizable noises of the modern age, and one of the sounds that launches almost every person into immediate action. This factor alone shows that we as a society are perhaps too dependent upon our phones. But other than prompting us to pick it up when it makes a noise, how else are our phones affecting us?



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There are many claims that phones affect human behavior mentally, physically, and even socially. An experiment which was conducted by ScienceNews tested the theory that phones are capable of affecting our mental behavior. The premise of the experiment revolved around whether or not our reliance upon phones goes so far as to affect our memory.

Researchers went about this by testing groups of college undergraduates with trivia questions. One group was allowed to

use the internet to answer the trivia questions, while the other wasn't. Afterwards, they were given a simpler set of trivia questions and all students were told they could use the internet to find the answers. The first group of college undergraduates were more likely to use the internet because they had already gotten into the habit of reaching information more quickly with the use of their phones' internet, unlike the second group of college undergraduates who had not been given access to the internet.

The results of this experiment showed that individuals "made less effort to remember things", and that access to the internet via cell phones has made cell phones become human beings' new "transactive memory partners", a position that was previously filled by "spouses who remember birthdays, grandparents who remember recipes and coworkers who remember the correct paperwork codes". In other words, we may be less inclined to remember things or try to remember things because we know we can find almost immediate answers with a quick Google search or the summoning of Siri.

Psychologist Benjamin Storm says, "Some people think memory is absolutely declining as a result of us using technology. Others disagree. Based on the current data, though, I don't think we can really make strong conclusions one way or the other."

When addressing how cell phones may impact humans physically, radiation comes to mind. Despite numerous claims from cell phone-manufacturing companies,

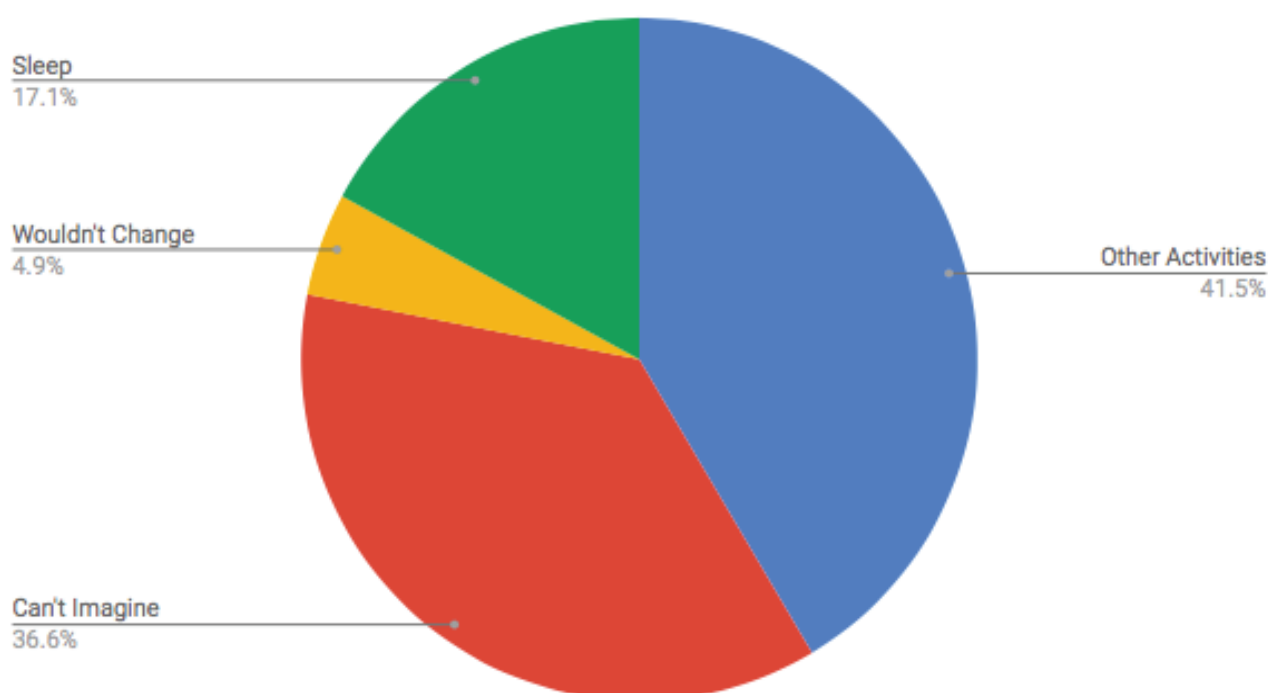
cell phones do emit radiation on a constant basis. Scientists have found reason to believe the potential for brain cancer is increased with those who have been exposed to cell phone radiation. However, cell phones transmit radiation only when making phone calls or when attempting to connect to nearby cell phone towers. Due to all this, researchers from the EWG (Environmental Working Group) suggest choosing to use a headset or earbuds over pressing a cell phone to one's head to limit direct radiation transmission--as well as placing a cell phone in a handbag or on another surface than directly on one's body.

"I can tell you for sure that technology is changing our brains. It's just that, so far, no one knows what those changes mean."

Some individuals think all changes caused by technology are negative, while others think changes caused by technology are positive. An evolutionary neurobiologist, Leah Krubitzer, shares her take on these changes: "I can tell you for sure that technology is changing our brains. It's just that, so far, no one knows what those changes mean."

What Would You Do Without Your Phone?

By Rachel Savona
Co-Editor in Chief



We at the Jaguar Journal have conducted a survey on the matter. What would you do without your phone? We have all heard this question, whether it be from a teacher or family member, its happened. Glued to these devices and most of us see the problem. We see our generation lacking in social skills, we see how our families all sit in the same

room on our phones not talking. This pattern in our society is slowly turned us into robots.

The chart below is the product of a survey that was mainly conducted in the memorial cafeteria. It was taken from one hundred students and these were their answers.

How Much Time Does It Take Up?

By Rachel Savona
Co-Editor in Chief

Whether you believe it is important, a waste of time, or something you just use to pass the time, we as a generation spend a lot of time on our cellphones.

We here at the Jaguar Journal have recently conducted a case study of our own on the subject through the use of an app called RealizD. This app tracks your phone's activity and tells you how many times you picked up your phone that day along with how much total time that you spent on your phone.

Four volunteers from the journalism class had agreed to download the app and over the course of four days we tracked their activity. The average time between the group was six hours and twelve minutes.

A junior in this group had the lowest time, one hour and fifty minutes one day; the highest number, coming from a freshman, was nine hours and twenty-nine minutes. The difference between these two is vast and it makes us wonder why? Could it be related to maturity? Or could it just be due to a difference of interests?

Either way, it seems to be clear that technology has a habit of taking over our lives. Even if you feel that you are pretty controlled in the way that you view technology, if you were to download the app, you would be very surprised with your numbers some days.



2nd Annual Jaguar Food Expo

By Logan Lewis
Correspondent

New and freshly made foods are being created and presented at Jackson Memorial High School. After last year's great success, the school will be hosting the 2nd Annual Food Expo on Friday, December 15 in the MAP Room. The idea behind the expo is to make a more exciting and eventful way for students from different classes to work together and strive to create and promote their product. In the expo, classes work together to make and promote their product at the expo, and students from other classes go to the expo and are able to "buy" one product. The group that sells out of its product the quickest will be rewarded by the teachers of their class.

Three classes collaborate to create this incredible event. Mr. Kevin Schickling, head of the CAD class, has his students create a presentable box to hold the products. Mrs. Carmela Spieler and Mrs. Elaine Constanzo are the heads of the Basic Foods class, whose students will be in charge of making a food to present and "sell" at the expo. The last class is the Introduction to Marketing class, headed by Laura Fecak. This class is in charge of creating ways to promote their product and make sure people want their product over the competition's product.

"It's going to be a celebration of food and design!" states Intro to Marketing student Chris

Stosik.

With this great event, teachers are able to teach and show their students how to implement what they have learned in class and in real life, as well as making it a fun and enjoyable time for all the students.

The second annual Jaguar Food Expo will be held in the MAP Room at Jackson Memorial High School during periods 1-3 on December 15.

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2nd Annual Food Expo
MAP Room
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Treats that Keep The Fire Burning

Jackson Memorial Food Expo
December 15th
Jackson Memorial Map Room

Doe Dough Desserts



Looking for desserts and fun? Then come on down to the second annual Food Expo at Jackson Memorial High School on Dec. 15 in the Map Room. Hope to see you there!



'We go crazy for chocolatey brownie pops




Our delicious product is made up of cookies, brownies, and topped with chocolate and sprinkles.

When: December 15th
Where: Map Room




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2nd Annual JMHS Food Expo

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This recipe was perfected to meet the high standards of a perfect s'more. S'mores are an iconic flavor and even better when baked into a cookie. Campfire cookies are delicious.

Cinna Bites



This year Cinni Minis are coming to the Food Expo 2017. These delicious cinni bites also come with different toppings like, sprinkles, candy, and chocolate drizzle. One bite of these, and you will be begging for more!

December 15th 2017

Everything is better on a stick!



The second annual food expo will be held in the map room on December 15, 2017.

JMHS MAP Room
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S'mores Like Pops

You Know You Want S'more...



Jaguar Food Expo



BUY FROM US AND GET FREE CANDY TOO!!!

Baked Fresh for you!



Maybe Christmas
We thought
Doesn't come from a store

Maybe Christmas perhaps
Means a little bit more

Here's a gift from me to you
A delicious cupcake so now enjoy the food

Come get some December 15 in the MAP room!!



100 Wins for Gibson

By **Jadon Cottrell**
Staff Writer

This season was full of great moments for the Jaguars Girl Soccer team. It is not easy to pick one particular moment that stands out from the season, but a win over Toms River South was important for more than just one reason.

Not only are division wins extremely important under normal circumstances, but this win was Coach Drew Gibson's 200th win as the coach of the Jags.

"It was cool," said Coach Gibson, who has just finished his 16th season as the coach of the girls team. After putting in so much time as the coach, you can imagine that it must feel really good to reach that milestone. However, he was adamant that his happiness comes from knowing what the milestone means to the program.

"I just think back to all of the girls that played for me over my 16 years," he said. He was very happy to have reached 200 wins not for himself, but for the team and every girl who has ever played for the team.

The soccer team played very well this year, and hopefully they will continue on with their success into next year. There are not many games in a season so it may take a while, but eventually you can expect Coach Gibson to reach 300 wins. By then he will have had many other girls play for him and even more memories to look back on.



2017 girl's varsity soccer team

JMHS Soccer Teams Both Successful in 2017



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This year both the boys and girls soccer teams at JMHS had great seasons, highlighted by Coach Drew Gibson's 200th win for the girls' team and an A-South Division Title for the boys' team.

Early in the season the girls varsity team won a game against Toms River South that was not just a division rivalry win, but also Coach Gibson's 200th win as the coach of the team. For the boys, they won a hard fought game 2-1 against Central Regional which gave them an outright A-South Division Title.

For the entire season, both of these teams were ranked as one of the best teams in not only Ocean County, but the entire state of New Jersey. With all of the things that these teams accomplished, it would be wrong to not talk about each team individually.

The girls soccer team had a terrific season. They started off with wins in 7 of their first 9 games, not to mention in their first 6 A-South games, they were a perfect 6-0. During the season they had a win over rival Toms River South which was important for more than just one reason. Not only did it help them stay undefeated in A-South Divisional play, but it also gave Coach Gibson his 200th win as the coach of the Jaguars Girls Soccer Team. In the first round of the state tournament, they had a dominant win over Millville but suffered a heartbreaking loss in the 2nd round to Toms River North. It was a very close game and the Lady Jags still proved that they were one of New Jersey's best teams. Coach Gibson said that he was very proud of how the team played well

and competitively. They were ranked 11th in the state by the end of the season with a great record of 17-5.



2017 boy's varsity soccer team

The boys team exceeded their expectations for this season according to Coach Steven

Bado who has been a coach at JMHS for 24 years. In his first 11 years he was the coach of the JV team, but he has spent the last 13 years as the Varsity Boys coach. He says that they were picked to finish 4th place in their division of 8 teams, but ended up coming in 1st. They did, however, finish 4th in the Shore Conference, but rather than being 4th out of 8 teams, the Shore Conference consists of 47 teams. They won 7 out of their first 8 games of the season and won 4 out of their first 5 A-South Division matchups. They sat at the top of the A-South Division, and would stay there for the remainder of the season. They continued to play very well and finally, they beat Central Regional to clinch an outright A-South Division title. The team was a #1 seed in the State Tournament and was upset in a hard fought game against Atlantic City. At the end of the season, they ended up ranked 45th in the state and are still the best team in the A-South Division. With many of the players being underclassmen, you can most likely expect even more success in the future from the boys team.

Viewing Michelangelo

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Recently, I had the honor of seeing the Michelangelo exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum in New York. The exhibit pieces were selected from a wide variety of sources, including private collectors from both the United States and Europe.

I found the Michelangelo exhibit truly inspirational. As an aspiring artist myself, it is shocking and jaw-dropping how much one man could accomplish in his lifetime, especially given the time period he lived in. Today, we

have access to a wide variety of art supplies and technology to assist us; Michelangelo had only charcoal and red chalk to draw with.

To me, his sketches truly stood out. He put a huge amount of time into his individual studies. Whether it be faces or hands or feet, he had pages upon pages of just sketches. Seeing those makes me want to devote more time to studies, especially since those are areas in which I struggle as an artist.

Michelangelo's sculptures were also

astounding. He was a man who didn't believe in using multiple sources of marble in one sculpture: each one was made from a single block.

One of his major accomplishments is the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, and what was amazing about the museum I went to was that they had a scaled replica on their ceiling. While not nearly as breath-taking, it was still a shock to think of how large the actual thing must be.

Seniors of The Month

November

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The thing I will miss the most about JMHS are the teachers. Since freshman year, every teacher I have had the pleasure of learning from has given me the tools essential to help me further my education. All the teachers at JMHS work very hard to give their students the best chance they have at succeeding in their academic coursework. Many even donate their time to give extra help to students by coming into school early and staying after school late, sacrificing numerous hours of their time to help their students prosper. Furthermore, the spirit within the school is unmatched, and the teachers and staff play big roles in contributing towards the spirit by helping organize school events such as pep rallies, prom, formal, and homecoming. The dedication of the teachers at our school have helped me to prosper and thrive in high school, and they are the thing I will miss the most about JMHS when I leave next year for college.



Throughout my high school career, I have been given the opportunity to participate in so many amazing parts of our school. Whether it was track, cross country, student council, Lynx Pride, PALS, or even Jaguar Nation, I enjoyed every last moment as a Jaguar. It truly is amazing to see how fast four years can fly by when you are busy enjoying teams, clubs, teachers, and friends that have made your high school experience complete. Looking toward graduation has made me realize how lucky I am to have so much to miss and say goodbye to in June. Although I will always cherish the Jaguar spirit and the memories I have made along the way, I am looking forward to college and all of the new experiences it will bring.

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