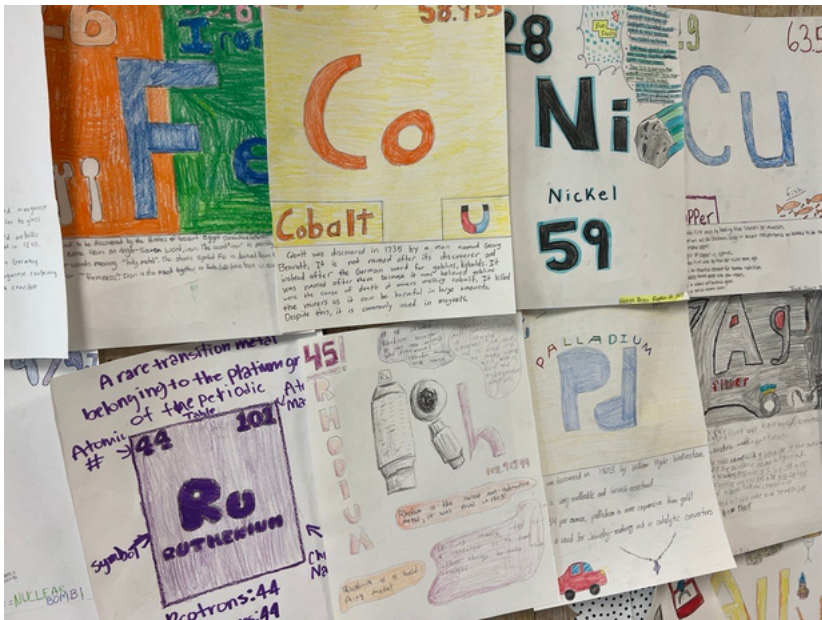
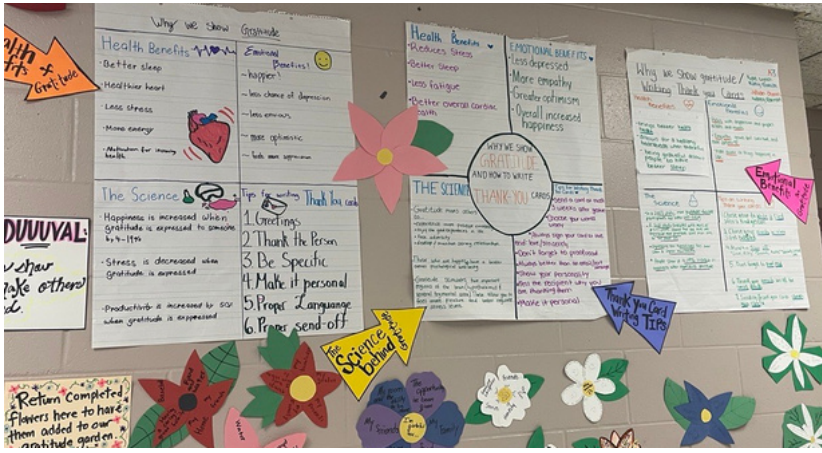


# Gifted Gazette



IT'S BACK!

We are pleased to bring back JWJ's "Gifted Gazette."

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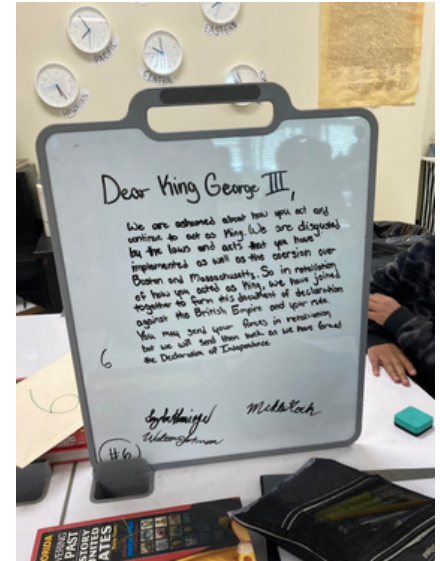
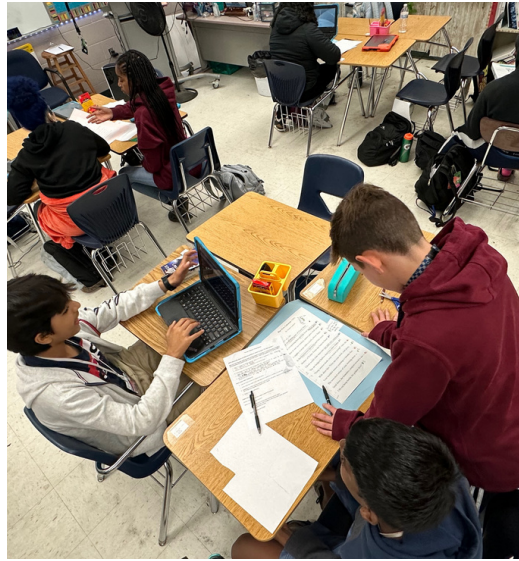
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This edition will highlight a fabulous first semester at JWJ!

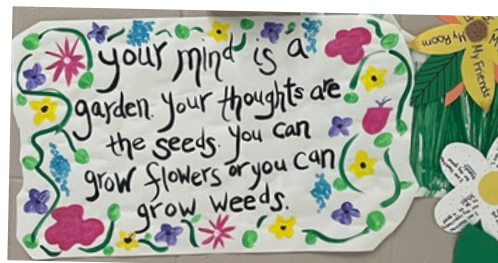
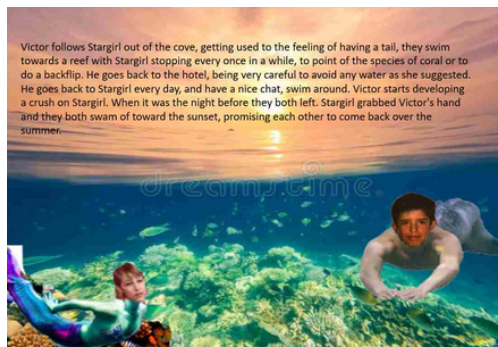
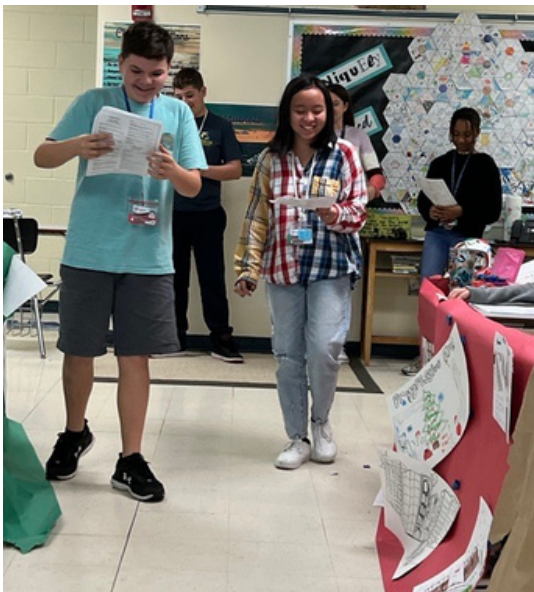
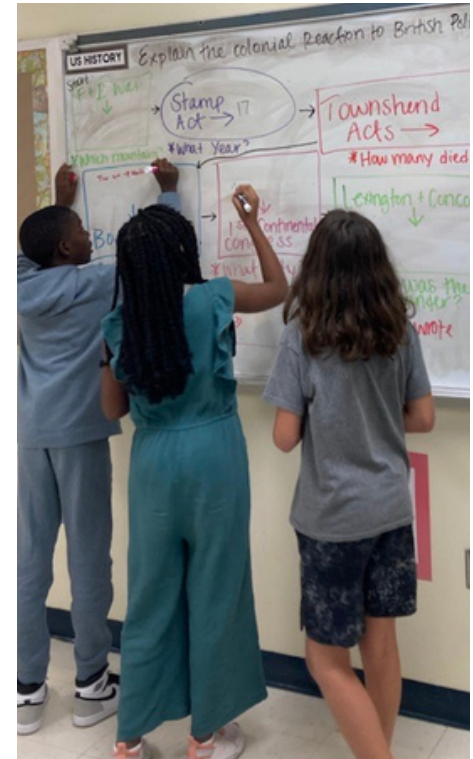


TEACHING THE BENCHMARKS  
IN CREATIVE WAYS ARE KEYS  
TO WHAT MAKE CLASSROOMS  
AT JWJ A PLACE WHERE  
LEARNING COMES ALIVE AND  
STUDENTS ARE CHALLENGED.

STEP IN A CLASSROOM (OR  
SOMETIMES OUTSIDE!) AND  
YOU WILL FIND MEANINGFUL  
DISCUSSIONS, VOICE AND  
CHOICE, PROJECT-BASED  
LEARNING, DEBATES AND  
FRIENDLY COMPETITIONS,  
SCAVENGER HUNTS, DIGITAL  
TECHNOLOGY, LABS,  
LEADERSHIP AND  
TEAMWORK.



## TROJAN SCHOLARS





## Classroom Focus

With the curriculum change, the district has 6th graders reading *The Lightning Thief*.

Mrs. Pekarek recognized this would be a challenge because over 90% of her students had read it. To keep the material fresh, she turned the unit into a competition of "cabins." Students started by choosing a Greek god to research and then created the "cabin" for that god. The trick? The name of the god could not be visible, but it should be identifiable based on their creation. Students worked together, but the great part was that they worked together across classes! Mrs. Pekarek set the students up in a Team for their chosen god and students shared ideas, decided how they would proceed and then they would add to their project during their own class period.

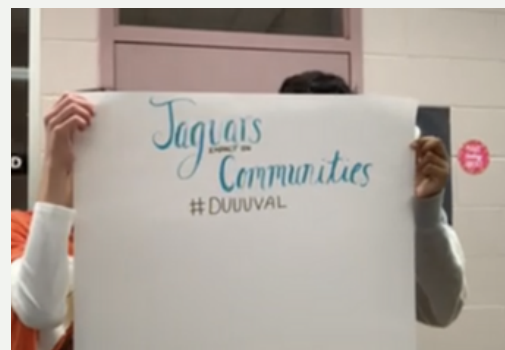
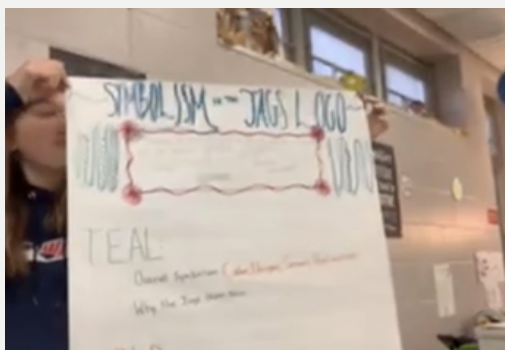
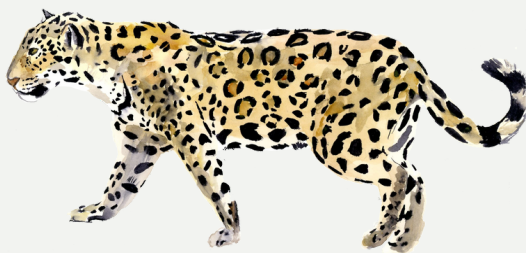
It provided lots of opportunity for divergent thinking, leadership, and compromise.

The cabins were judged, and groups were awarded points. Even better, Mrs. Pekarek has kept the point system going and students have continued to be motivated to keep earning them!

What a great way to meet the needs of her gifted students!

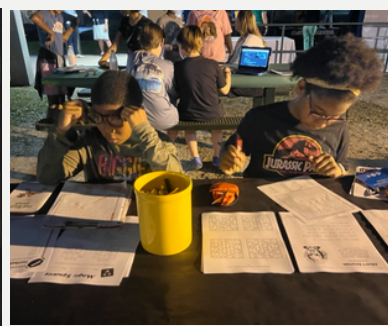


Ms. Roebuck's class worked on group projects to research some of the history of our hometown team. They found examples of Ethos, Pathos, Logos, as well as symbolism within the Jaguars organization including their logo, history, and community involvement. Way to represent JWJ and DUUUUUVAAAAALLL!

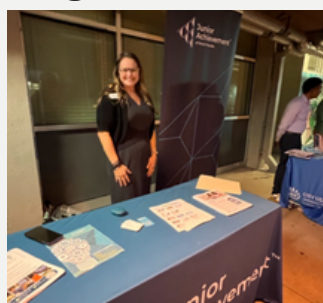




## Exciting Things at JWJ



December 8, 2022 was a wonderful evening on our campus! We had approximately 100 parents and students come for our "Survival Skills" night.



**We were happy to hear from these great organizations and/or businesses.**

- CISV Jacksonville (National and international small group student travel education)  
<https://jacksonville.cisvusa.org/>



- Junior Achievement of NE Florida  
<https://jausa.ja.org/>



- Mathnasium



<https://www.mathnasium.com/>



If you would like a copy of Dr. Wilson's presentation, please reach out to Mrs. Wintz at [wintzc@duvalschools.org](mailto:wintzc@duvalschools.org)

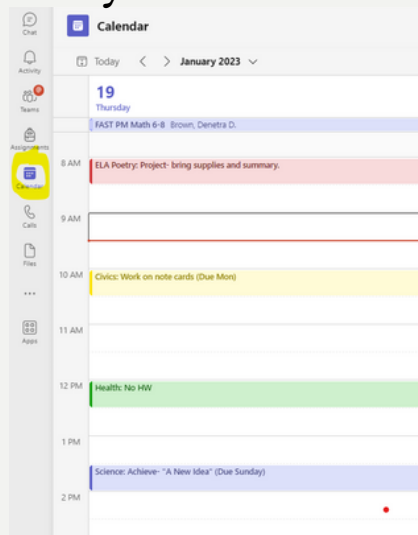


## New Year, New You?

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We hear it all the time, "Be more organized!" Organization, time management, and/or procrastination are areas that Gifted students can find challenging. Do you or your students have a planner? *Even more importantly, is it utilized?!?*

Did you know the Calendar feature in Teams can be used as a digital planner! It's a great way to keep up with upcoming due dates and events. It can be color coded, and the best part? It can't get lost!



I'm a multi-tasking procrastinator . . . I can put off all kinds of things at once.



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## In Search of New Trojans

Magnet season is here!

Our NJHS students are doing a great job as Student Ambassadors, showing true leadership as potential students and/or parents visit our campus.

