

December 2020

Coming Up!

Winter Break: Dec. 23-
Jan. 3rd.

Sports Schedule:

Girls Basketball

Nov. 30 vs. PV
Dec. 4 vs Pershing
Dec. 5th vs Pipkin
Dec. 8th vs Cam-
denton
Dec. 11th vs Westport

Wrestling vs:
Dec. 9 @ Lebanon
Dec. 12 @ Parkview
9a.m
Dec. 17 @ Bolivar 5:30
Dec. 19 @ Central
10:00 a.m.

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The New Jarrett Broadcaster

Dr. Slater, Principal



Hello Jarrett Family,

WOW! The first quarter is over and the work continues. Kudos to all of our students and their efforts as we continue to push forward. Also, a big shout out to faculty and staff in their unwavering diligence, meeting students right where they are in this unique season.

As we navigate these uncharted waters, we must rally around one another with a spirit of patience, encouragement, & understanding. At Jarrett, we will continue to focus on a safe learning environment, including sanitizing hands and learning surfaces, masking-up, and social distancing whenever possible. Creating a safe learning environment is just as important to us as one that is engaging, relevant, and personal. As I referenced in the previous Broadcaster, it's true, adversity is where we grow as individuals. I want to continue to challenge us all...staff, parents, and students to view this unique season as an opportunity.

Again, our theme this year is: WE ARE ONE! We are a team and it is truly a privilege to partner with the Jarrett community investing in the lives of our future leaders. I am reminded daily, it's all about TEAM...Together, Everyone Accomplishes More. I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. Be safe visiting loved ones and sharing special moments with those around you. Simply put, have an excellent holiday season!!!

Dr. Kirk Slater, Principal
Twitter - @JarrettTrojans

Positivity Place



All the changes we've been through in the last year have really been tough on our students. One of our 7th graders, Jessica West, came up with the idea for a Positivity Place. Everyone is invited to take a card and make a positive comment about a classmate, a teacher, a lesson, or anything that might help us all feel better. We hope to have it filled up soon!



Mr. Randall's
advice to students

You should try things at least once. You may find that it is not what you like but you may also find your passion. Also, always give your best effort at everything you do. The only place success comes before work is in the **dictionary**. Do your best and good things can happen.



Mrs. Overton, 6th grade teacher by Bailey Russell

We want to welcome Mrs. Overton to Jarrett! Mrs. Overton likes the people she works with; they help her out when needed and help her stay positive, and she helps them stay positive too. In her future she wants to have a family and she plans on still being a teacher. She loves to go outside and walk her dog as

well as playing sports. She is a little stressed about the whole pandemic but she loves learning with her students and experiencing this adventure with the teachers and students. She is happy to go back four days a week but a little stressed out about it too. If Mrs. Overton was not a teacher she would've wanted to be a

secretary or a counselor. Anyway, Mrs. Overton is a positive teacher who loves her job and wants students to learn and listen to how other students want to learn.



New 6th grade teacher, Mr. Randall

Mr. Randall is a new 6th grade math teacher here at Jarrett. That might sound pretty routine but Coach Randall is not your run-of-the-mill new teacher! He graduated with a degree in Biology from William Jewell College and then earned his Master's in Secondary Education. He taught high school in Inde-

pendence, Missouri last year so this is his second year teaching.

Mr. Randall has also coached football for four years, wrestling for three years, and track one year. When he isn't at school he enjoys doing fun activities with his family. Some of his hobbies include flying drones, playing remote

control cars, playing xbox, and in general doing fun things.

He really likes the students and staff at Jarrett and believes students here are willing to work hard to achieve their goals and also like to have fun. He says that overall, Jarrett is a great school with a wonderful community.

Welcome Mrs. Ellis, Spanish Teacher By Josie Rae Matkowski



Jarrett has a Spanish class for 8th graders for the first time in many

years. This week, I had the chance to speak to our very own Spanish teacher, Mrs. Ellis! I asked her why she decided to teach at Jarrett, and she told me she feels happy here, and that it's an enjoyable place. She also told me why she came to Jarrett. Apparently, Dr. Slater had the opportunity to

watch her teach at another school last year. When she applied for a job here, he recognized her and said that she belonged here! Of course, she loves teaching, and, when I asked her if she loved her students, she replied enthusiastically yes! We are so happy Mrs. Ellis is at Jarrett!

The New Jarrett Middle School: Coming in 2022



Artist rendering of the new Jarrett which is projected to cost \$41.5 million dollars and have as many as 725 students.

Two years from now it is projected that the new Jarrett Middle School will be open. It is the final project on the original plan for the \$168 million bond to get started. The new Jarrett will be constructed on a 10-acre campus at 906 W. Portland Ave. As this is being written, the current Portland Elementary building is being demolished to make way for the new Jarrett. Accessibility and security will be improved, there will be additional outside space for extracurricular activities and athletic events, and the gym will double as a "safe room."

Student Profile: Jose Castillo

Jose Castillo recently represented Jarrett Middle School Archery and the Springfield Public Schools Archery Program in an archery showcase at Bass Pro. The showcase was part of a ceremony at which Bass Pro donated \$100,000.00 to the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP).

NASP is an activity that doesn't discriminate based on popularity, ath-

letic skill, gender, size, or academic ability. Through participation in NASP, students learn focus, self-control, discipline, patience, and life lessons required to be successful in the classroom and in life.

Jarrett students participate in an archery unit in their physical education class each November. Jarrett's physical education teachers are NASP certified and use the NASP curriculum



Jose with his mom and dad.

and

safety protocols to teach the unit.

All Jarrett students interested in archery are encouraged to participate on the Jarrett Archery Team. Archery practice begins in mid-December and tournaments are held in January, February, and March. If you have questions about Jarrett's Archery Team, please email Coach McDonald: smcdonald491@spsmail.org.



**To be a
successful
Trojan**

*Being a Trojan is
taking responsibility
for your own actions
and doing the right
thing despite what
others think.
That might be
standing up for a
friend or doing your
best when faced with
difficult tasks.*



Donations to Jarrett Middle School

First & Calvary



Does Jarrett have their very own fairy godparents? The answer is yes. In real life our fairy godparents are all members of **First And Calvary Church**. These wonderful people donated \$5,000 to Jarrett because they care for our students.

First and Calvary Church members also look after our teachers. Once a month they come to school with cakes! Chocolate, lemon, strawberry, white with sprinkles... there is always a great assortment. Some teachers head to the office as soon as they hear there are cakes in the office because we know they won't last long.

Asbury United Methodist



Kudos to Larry Oliver of Asbury United Methodist Church!! He is a true craftsman and has a servant's heart!! We love our learning ledges that Larry so graciously constructed...6 total!! Thank you Larry Oliver and Asbury United Methodist!!

Asbury United Methodist



Big shout out to Asbury United Methodist for blessing Jarrett with an abundance of school supplies. THANK YOU!!!! And kudos to Linda Adams and Bea Jones for graciously delivering the blessing!! What great partners in education!! Team Jarrett appreciates you!!

Grace United Methodist



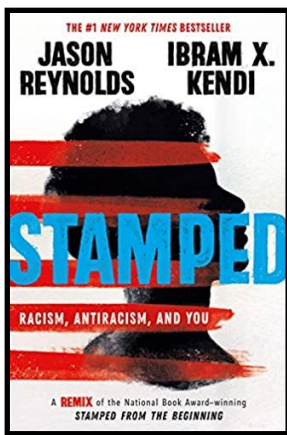
The Jarrett Team thanks the members of Grace United Methodist for their kindness/partnership in equipping teachers in the classroom. Kudos to Pastor Rhonda Galbraith for spear-heading this endeavor and delivering this blessing. Thank you GRACE! We appreciate you!!!

From the Library and the Art Room

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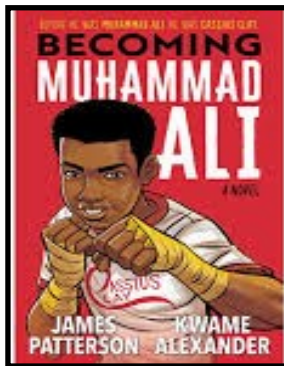
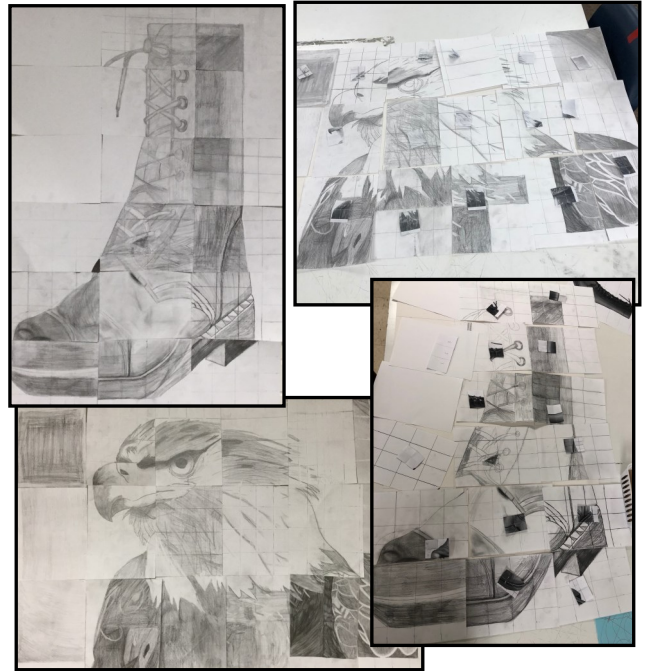
Mrs. Lux—The Art Corner

Stamped by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi is a book all students and teachers should read. It is about racism and how each of us can identify where we are with our ideas and how we can make sure we are antiracist. This has been enlightening to me, a sixty-something white lady, who thought I knew a lot about this subject. I was wrong. There is a lot of history I've been able to ignore or disregard. It's time to step up and pay better attention and to make choices and decisions that better humankind.



How do you work on a team project during a pandemic? You work on a grid and focus on value and shading and enlarging a section accurately! If you are Mrs. Lux, you also make your art a celebration of Veterans Day! Along with this wonderful artwork you see below, students wrote letters

to veterans. One particular veteran is the daughter of a Jarrett Volunteer, Bea. Her daughter is stationed in Italy and was excited to be the one to receive wonderful letters from Jarrett students. She has shared her letters with fellow soldiers. Our art students are certainly Jarrett Proud!



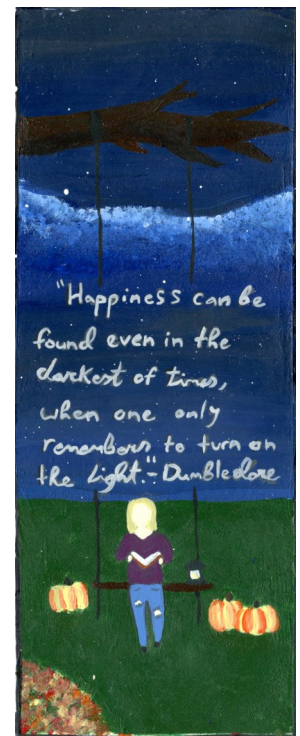
This new title is co-written by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander. Kwame Alexander writes the free verse that lets us know what Muhammad Ali is thinking and the prose is written by James Patterson and gives us information through the eyes of Ali's childhood friend, Lucky. This is a fictionalized account of Ali's life.

Thankful for Books bookmark winners!

From Left to Right:

Aaliyah Cowden: This design demonstrates how the beauty of nature connects to the wonders of reading and gives the same sense of calmness and peace as reading a good book!

Jordan Bayless: She chose this design because it felt like fall and also felt cozy like fall should. (Especially since books feel like fall and coziness!)



What's Next?

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Student thoughts about Covid-19

Josie: I have learned that it's very easy for your mental health to deteriorate if you are alone or are not used to having no friends with you, but keeping busy while keeping can help you get through anything.

The hardest part about the pandemic for me has been not seeing my friends and family as much. I want to keep them safe, but I want to I want them to be happy too, and I don't want anyone to be lonely. My great-aunt actually died during the pandemic- alone. That doesn't need to happen to anybody.

What I hope happens now is we rebuild what we have grown up in, and that means we need to make some serious change. Everyone does, everywhere, no matter how much power or money they have.



Keisha: I have learned that sometimes in life there is some stage that we all need to just breathe and take a break from everything.

The hardest part about the pandemic for me is worrying about my grandparents health and also my parents too. They have more chance of getting the virus than us.

What I hope to happens now is that maybe the scientist and the doctor to find a vaccine. I also hope for 2020 to end.

River: What I hope happens now is that people start taking this Covid



stuff seriously so that it can be over and done with. I want the world can go back to normal and we can go back to school

which is were I wish I was now.



Melody: I have learned to be content with everything that is going on and to stay calm even when times are tough.

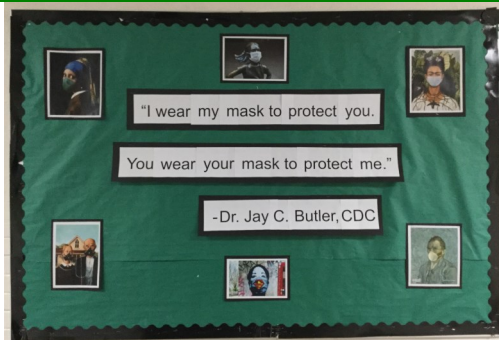
The hardest part about the pandemic for me has been having to be quarantined and not being able to leave the house for a few weeks.

What I hope happens now is that everything can clam down and the virus will slowly disappear.

Jessiona: I have learned to not be shy and that my opinion matters

The hardest part about the pandemic for me has been not going to real school.

Covid



When I sent out a Google Form for students to send me their thoughts about the pandemic I got twelve responses. Eleven of the responses were hopeful and positive. However, I don't want you to think that everything is perfect because it is not. Unfortunately, some students' experiences have been very tough. If there is anything you can do this holiday season to help make another's experience better, please do it!

What my Mom thinks—by Bailey Jay Russell

My mom is a hard worker and loves her family. She has four kids that are a hand-full and a husband that she loves so much. She thinks being in shut down was fun but also a little stressful. She thought it was fun because she got to spend more time with her family. Why it was stressing for her is because we all had to stay home and could not go anywhere in the beginning of it. But we all had a wonderful time together and spent a lot of time with one another. I really think it is important to listen to how people feel about this whole pandemic and to see how they react to staying at home. My mom believes that we will get through this together!

SPORTS PAGE — the coaches

Cross Country by Coach McDonald

Wrestling by Coach Harper



The Jarrett wrestling season is in full swing and the team is getting better every day. The Trojan wrestlers have faced off against every Springfield middle school this season and have upcoming meets against area schools. The team features 7th and 8th grade student athletes. Experienced wrestler, Jermaine Townsend, has been leading the team through a strong season thus far. He looks to capitalize on his success in the postseason. The season will conclude with the Springfield City Championships and the Ozark Conference Championships.



Masks and social distancing didn't stop the Jarrett Cross Country team from working hard and having a successful season. The girls team composed of Cali Mills-Hosmer, Sadie Reynolds, Sylvia Lampe, Leigha Weaver, Skyler McCann, Sirinity Applegate, and Krystin Walker placed 3rd at All City. All City medal winners were: Cali Mills-Hosmer 4th place, Sadie Reynolds 12th place, and Leigha Weaver 14th place.

The boys team composed of Ezra Gillham, Sawyer Baker, William Gerstner, Harry Whisler, Aden Smith, George Hosmer, and Sean Demster placed 4th at All City. We should note that Gavin Stevenson-Compton, one of Jarrett's top runners, could not compete at All City due to an injury. All City medal winners were: Sawyer Baker 12th place and Ezra Gillham 13th place.

Volleyball by Ms. Reznicek

Jarrett's 2020 Volleyball season showed the huge amount of passion these athletes have. If you attended any games, you know

exactly what I am talking about. They took every match, except for two, to three sets! If you are unfamiliar with volleyball, that means a lot of good volleyball was played. This group of athletes was so competitive and a

great group of fighters. They always played their hardest all the way up until the very end. Our season ended with 4 wins and 4 losses while placing 4th in the All City Tournament. However I was mostly impressed by how much this group improved. Not only on their volleyball skills but their knowledge of the game and their ability to read the game. I am so happy that a number of them are still playing outside Jarrett and I know that they will make a great addition to the Parkview Volleyball program!





“Football is more than scoring touchdowns and making tackles. Our Jarrett football team faced many challenges this season as they were thrust into unknown territory. Our players faced each challenge head on and they didn’t back down to any difficulty that was thrown their way. It was clear that as the season progressed, the players not only got better but showed those around them that they would not back down. The season didn’t go as planned but they did win a few games (beating a Cherokee team in the process). What can be said about this year’s Trojans is that there is more to winning than what the final score says. Proud to be a Trojan!!”

Coaches Oliver, Drybread and Wiersma

Playing football during the time of a pandemic is challenging! However, according to D’Shun Wright, a Jarrett 7th grade football player, the team faced those challenges head on! Because Jarrett didn’t have enough players they were combined with Carver’s football team. At first players and coaches were not happy with this arrangement but as the season progressed and the Carver coaches saw the quality of our players and our coaches, it all improved. Several of the Jarrett players earned their places on the starting lineup. By the last day, Coach Angel told our players that he had enjoyed working with them and would enjoy teaming up with them again. Naturally, we hope to have our own team again next year, but if we can’t, we know we are able to work well with another team and still had a good time playing football!



Girls Basketball by Coach Drybread

7th Grade:

As the girls basketball season progressed, the girls improved in their skill set, their teamwork, and their overall effort. They worked through their share of challenges, game cancellations, and not having any true home games. Players like Brooklyn Masten, Mac Skouby, Minnie Whiseman, Brooklyn Haines, Nyla Graves, Birdie Johnson, among others, showed hustle, heart, and effort day in and day out. Consider-

ing the many obstacles this team has faced throughout the season, this team has the ability to be successful beyond any game result. I can’t wait to see them as they come back to play as 8th graders.



8th Grade:

“Team. Leadership. Determination. These three words epitomize this years 8th grade girls basketball team. Led by Anyae Trotter, Skyler McCann, Maddie Sutterfield, and a handful of others, these girls continue to work hard and fight through the challenges of the 2020 season. This season saw teammates having to quarantine, games getting cancelled for various reasons, and competing with a small and limited number of players. Whatever this group has faced, they faced it together and they did not give up.”

Cheer Squad 2020



The Jarrett Cross Country team enjoyed ice cream courtesy of Chick-Fil-A during a run last fall!



6th graders participated in Spirit Week!



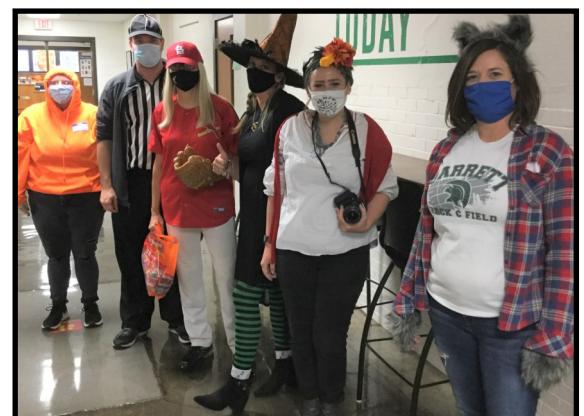
Above: Dr. Slater and Mr. Ivey showing their moves!



Left to right: Mrs. Ratcliff, Nurse Foster and Mrs. Kurtz



Coach McBrayer



Below: Teachers showing their school spirit!