

## March 2020

### Coming Up!

Speech and Debate Tournament - March 28

No Classes, Professional Day - April 19

Spring Dance - April 26

Speech and Debate Tournament - March 28

8th grade Fine Arts Field Trip - March 29

Battle of the Books—April 1, 2020

### Sports Schedule

Track vs Lebanon  
April 13

Track Lebanon  
April 17

Track  
April 22

Track at Ash Grove  
April 24

Sps All City at Parkview  
May 8

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# The New Jarrett Broadcaster

## A Message from Dr. Slater, Principal



Dear Jarrett Family,

First semester and the holidays have come and gone, with Spring Break (March 13-20) and 4th quarter (beginning March 23) just around the corner. It is a great day to be a JARRETT TROJAN: attendance is up, discipline is down and student success in the classroom is on the rise! The needle is moving in the right direction. Our momentum is a direct result of faculty/staff and parental efforts. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you, safeguarding a strong finish to the 2019-2020 school year.

We have some exciting events coming our way in the month of March, such as Jarrett's 3rd Annual Pop-Up Art Show, Boys All-City Basketball Tournament, track season, & many other co-curricular activities. In the months of April & May, we find ourselves immersed in Missouri's Assessment Program (MAP) along with the district's I-Ready diagnostic testing. Testing will occur the **weeks** of April 20-24 (ELA MAP), April 27-May 1 (Math MAP), May 4-8 (6th/7th grade i-

Ready), May 4-8 (8th grade Science MAP), and May 11-15 (8th grade i-Ready). We are asking you to partner with us to strategically ensure that your student is well rested and motivated to give their very best effort during these windows of assessment. Our desire is to see all students perform on or above grade level and attain proficiency or advanced status in all of their classes.

Please don't forget to follow us on Twitter, stay abreast of important updates on the Remind App, and peruse the Jarrett website for extra- & co-curricular activities on our Google calendar.

It is truly a privilege to partner with the Jarrett community by investing in the lives of our future leaders. I am reminded daily, it's all about TEAM...Together, Everyone, Accomplishes, More.

Twitter - @JarrettTrojans

Remind App - text @7e4kk6 to this number 81010

Website - [www.sps.org/jarrett](http://www.sps.org/jarrett)

## 7th Grade Boys Basketball win 1st place in City Tournament!



## 6th Grade Poetry

### Lemons

By  
Nyla Graves

Yellow and  
luscious  
Super sour and  
juicy  
Big puckered  
faces

### Sonny

By  
Birdie Johnson

There once was a  
baby named  
Sonny  
His skin is as  
soft as a bunny  
He plays all night  
and day  
Some people  
would say  
My brother,  
Sonny, is so  
funny

### Focus: 6th Grade Student , Birdie Johnson

We have so many talented students at Jarrett including Birdie Johnson, a sixth grader this year. Birdie writes music, plays ukulele, and performs. She has written too many songs to count but she enjoys writing happy and joyful songs. She also practices her ukulele once a week.

She didn't just start knowing how to

play the ukulele it took practice and hard work. In the beginning when Birdie started playing the ukulele she struggled with learning the chords, but that didn't stop her it made her want to work harder.

When asked who inspired her to want to be creative and what goal she has. Birdie respond with " My older sister inspires me and

one goal I have is to perform on a big stage. I look forward to see you perform on the big stage.



### Focus: 7th Grade Student, Aaliyah Cowden

Aaliyah Cowden is our Talented Trojan for 7th grade. She volunteers in the library during JPH and helps out with 3D printing. She's on Jarrett's speech and debate team and plays the violin in Jarrett's orchestra all with a smile on her face. She's been in scouting since Kindergarten when she was a Daisy. She is now a Cadet where she goes camping for two nights and helps out with



the younger scouts. When camping she prefers to help with friendship rocks at the river, or with songs with her

younger peers. Her grandmother has been her troop leader since she was a Daisy which is awesome. She has around 20 patches for activities like volunteering, talking to a professional about something she's interested in, and donating time and food to C.A.R.E. We are very proud to have such an invested student here at Jarrett.

### Focus: 8th Grade Student, Jayden Christian



Jayden Christian is our

Talented Trojan for 8th grade. Her dedication to her work is outstanding and she always walks around with a bright smile. She makes almost all of the posters you see in the halls and puts her utmost effort into them.

Jayden's creativity is

something she loves to express which only pushes her forward to do more of what she enjoys. She is a natural -born leader and doesn't think twice about helping others in the best way possible.

## Pop-Up Art Show by Lane Neal

The big show of all crowning middle school art by Jarrett Middle School was Friday March 6, at the 425 Downtown Event Center, between 5:00 and 7:30. There was live music, performances, and even spoken and written poetry. The Pop-Up Art Show was a great activity to take friends and family. Everyone was able to eat cookies and make their own fishing lures, an activity run by the outdoor awareness class.

We were all very

excited about this massive bonding event, but how was it all possible? How was it possible that so many great performances were put together? It's all thanks to the wonderful, teachers, students and willing parents. What you saw was beautiful art and moving poetry, but what we saw was hard working, dedicated students who cared about their school and community enough to get on that stage, nervous but proud. We saw pottery mugs being sold

for only \$5, social media exploding with information about the event, students working to frame their own art, and so much more. These people care so much about their Jarrett pride that they spent extra time after and during school hours to organize and practice singing or get that one final stroke on a marvelous painting. Our students are powered by a drive that cannot be stopped: the burning desire to improve. So, what's holding you back?

## Akhil Natarajan—7th Grade



I chose to create this paper and pencil drawing of an eye with hands around it because I wanted to say that our eyes are important to us. We need to stay away from technology because I think the rays from your phone can damage your eyes. You should only look at your phone for an hour max each day. The hands are taking away the pupil, or your vision. So my picture has a message: Your eyes are important and you need to take care of them!

## Madison Holte—6th Grade

Hi! I'm Madison, 6th grader, and I made this fish because it was the first bass I had ever caught. Before I caught a lot of Bluegill. The paper that I used was an "all mediums" type paper that is 9 X 12 inches. The actual coloring supplies were copic markers, and an off brand white paint-pen. This project took me one day surprisingly and I made it sometime in January. To sum this all up it's just a fish that my turned out so good that it got picked to be in the All School Art Show at the Springfield Art Museum. Thank you to my art teacher, Mrs. Lux!



## 6th Grade Poetry

### Severe Weather

By  
Dixie Pope

Rain pours down  
quickly  
The tornado is  
coming  
"Get to shelter  
quick!"

### Art

By  
Shannon Lovelace

I feel my pencil  
Move across the  
big paper  
I darken the lines  
I use the paint  
for color  
Now I have a  
masterpiece



## Pop-Up Art Show



These three awesome ladies were responsible for Jarrett's 3rd annual Pop Up Art Show. Mrs.

Lux, our Art teacher planned and raised the money to rent our venue. She also worked

with hundreds of students to prepare their art work for the show. Mrs. Loudis and Ms. Silvers arranged all of the talent and helped with set-up. Because of them students were able to showcase their artistic, vocal and musical talents! They all deserve a gigantic thank you!



## The Show!



## Poetry

8<sup>th</sup> graders in Mrs. Timm's English classes discovered while reading *The Diary of Anne Frank*, that many of our old books had pages falling out. Rather than throw them away, they were inspired to create Blackout Poetry with them. This activity happened to coincide with the Art Show, so they made a cool display with barbed wire and an old window frame as a backdrop to their poems.



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## Diversity Workshop: Mr. McBrayer's 7th Grade Social Studies Classes



On February 28th, researchers from MSU came to Jarrett to talk to Mr. McBrayer's seventh grade classes about diversity. These talented researchers from MSU chose three activities to show "strength in differences".

The first activity was literally labeling people. Every student got a label unknown to them placed on their forehead. The other stu-

dents had to dramatically act towards others as they would if the person really was their label. After everyone got a chance to walk around and talk, they took off the labels and ripped them up, signifying that we were not our labels.

The next activity was a seemingly basic tower building activity. Students were split into six groups and sat at a table with supplies. Sounds pretty normal, until you realized the supplies were pretty useless. All the groups had really random supplies to build with, and every group had different items. After taking a look at the towers students build the researcher asked us, "Why didn't you all work together to build a tower? Imagine what you all could have built if you worked together with your supplies!" The class had

groups, but students were never told they couldn't work together.

The students and researchers talked about privilege, and how people are born into life with different things, and how life just isn't fair, and even though we have different resources, we can work together to make something great.



The last activity was making a web. The group was split into two circles and each group's leader had a ball of yarn. Another researcher would read a statement, and everyone who related to that statement raised their hand and was passed the ball. The result was a pretty cool web, and getting to know everyone!



Everyone seemed to enjoy the activities. It really demonstrated the fact that diversity isn't just race, or even physical appearance! Everyone is different whether it be inside or out, and everyone has something to put forward on our hypothetical table that is life, and we all have to work together to make something amazing!



## The Counselor's Corner

### Scheduling for next year:



8th Grade is scheduled and ready for high school! 6th and 7th Grades, it's your turn. We will be scheduling for classes very soon. 6th graders you will get to choose from some new music courses; Guitar, Ukulele, Percussion, and Music Composition. You will also get to choose the oldies but goodies; Band, Orchestra, Choir, Art, General Music,

Outdoor Awareness, Fitness Adventure, and Computer Applications and App Creators. 7th graders, you will get to choose from the following classes: Band, Orchestra, Choir, Art, Music Technology, Outdoor Awareness, Fitness Adventure, Aerospace and Robotics and Speech and Debate. We are really looking forward to helping you get a jumpstart for next year!!

### GSA by Cricket Saddler



One of Jarrett's most accepting clubs is **GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)**, which was started in late 2017 by Ms. Kara Davis, the school's 7-8th grade counselor. The club is open to all students who attend Jarrett Middle

School and Ms. Davis is proud to be part of it.

The club meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7:30 AM before school starts. Every Wednesday morning, students in the club can go to Room 112 and are provided with breakfast. Everyone then sits down in a circle and talks about pride or situations, and sometimes there is a guest speaker.

Ms. Davis says she wants it to be a place where all people feel welcome. She says that a counselor from another school inspired her to create GSA. "I got the idea from him. He hadn't started GSA at his school yet, but I thought it was great and I got inspired to make my

own GSA here at Jarrett." Students in GSA, including me, think it's a very eye-opening experience.

It is interesting to find out about what is going on around you and hearing other people's perspective. I'm personally impressed that some students are so strong and confident about themselves and are able to share their opinion to such a large group. I think it is incredible that some students don't look at GSA like a gay straight alliance, but rather a safe place to meet with other students! I've made new friends and even seen students who are just there to listen.

## Music by Cricket Sadler



Music is important. According to an article in Newsweek online, February 19, 2020, titled **MUSIC MAY MAKE CHILDREN SMARTER AND DEFINITELY BOOSTS THEIR WELLBEING** by Dawn Rose, playing an instrument helps with problem-solving skills and management of emotions. Students who individually play an instrument have less anxiety as well as better aim and force in motor skills, ability to solve new problems, use logic in the middle tough situations, and solve puzzles.

These are all good reasons why you might consider signing up for a music class next year!

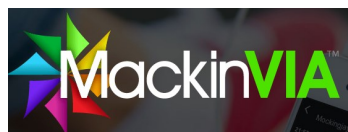
## Orchestra



Orchestra has been busy this year. They were able to show it when the 7th and 8th graders played the pieces *Shadow Mountain* and *Dance of the Tumblers*, and 6th graders played *Dragon Dance* at the concert on February 25th. They also played these pieces for competition on March 3rd. Where they earned a "2" rating. Orchestra students will tell you this is an awesome class!

## Library Corner by Mrs. Martin

### NEW DIGITAL AUDIO BOOKS



Can you Hear me now? You can if you check out some of the newest titles in the Jarrett Library! We just received over \$900 worth of digital audio books. These are books you listen to either on your phone or Chromebook or other device...and they are new for Jarrett. In the past we've had hard copies of books, e-books, and a few Playaways and CD's. But, as everyone keeps telling me, students like to use their phones! Hopefully the next time you see a student with their phone out and their earbuds in, they are listening to one of the awesome new digital audio books.

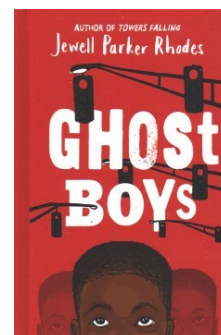
These books are easy to find on OPAC,

our Jarrett Online Public Access Catalog. You can also download the app to your phone.

What new titles? Four are Truman Award Nominees for 2020/21: ***Ghost Boys*, *Lifeboat 12*, *Mascot*, and *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl***. Other titles are books that have been very popular in hardbound copies. These include: Jason Reynolds' books ***Ghost* and *Long Way Down***. Kwame Alexander's books ***Crossed* and *Booked***, as well as these two books that are narrated by the author: ***Swing* and *Solo***.

Why buy audio books? These are perfect for Spring Break because you can listen to the books while riding in a car, sitting at an airport or chilling at home.

Give them a try!





## Track Season

The 2020 track season has begun.

The team met for their first practice on Monday, March 9th and their first meet is April 7. It promises to be a great year again. Coaches Timm and Reznick are the 7th and 8th grade girls coaches and Coaches Wood and McBrayer are the 7th and 8th grade boys coaches. They are, naturally expecting their teams to excel and are pretty happy



about the numbers of students going out for track. Between 50 and 60 students are expected to compete.

New for this year is pole vaulting.

## Basketball 8th grade by Coach Oliver



This year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team has been such a fun team to be a part of. My favorite part of the season was seeing each player improve game after game. After losing 3 starters from last year's 5<sup>th</sup> place team, we were a little worried, but I was happy to see that players had really stepped into leadership roles and had grown in their individual skill sets. With Kris Young, Gehrig Eoff, Tre Paige, and others stepping up to fill key roles from game to game our 8<sup>th</sup> grade team really impressed the Jarrett community. When we are playing as a team and working our hardest, we are one exciting team to watch! I have truly enjoyed coaching this group! Congratulations to the 8th graders on their 4th place finish!

## Basketball 7th Grade by Coach McBrayer

"Stay hungry, stay humble" has been the mantra for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team at Jarrett in 2020. These extremely gifted young men have been devouring the competition around Springfield all season long.

Led by talented scorers like Eli Govan and Keion Epps, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Trojans basketball team knows they can be more than just a talented ball club.

They have been playing great basketball all season, but their eyes are set on winning a city championship. Our style of play has been fast-paced and our offensive prowess is only matched by our defensive intensity. With dynamic plays coming from athletes like Dehrio "Bubby" McCaskill and TayShaun "Rue" Wells, and the combined shooting ability of Carlitos Sanchez and Jordan Pittman, it's no wonder that the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team has had a stellar season, with more success to come in the future.

**Added note: The picture shows the score of their final game against PV! This team ended the year undefeated and took 1st place in the City Tournament. Congratulations!**





## Holiday Ideas

### Valentine's Day by Luca Ryder

What's is Valentine's Day for students at Jarrett?  
**By Luca Ryder**

What is Valentines Day like for a middle schooler? Valentine's Day is... well, let's just say "interesting". Whether you're single or not, Valentine's Day is the holiday of love! There are many legends for its origin but there is one thing everyone can agree on: it started with Saint Valentine, who was a Catholic priest before he was a saint.

When Claudius II decided that single men were better soldiers than men with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing that it

was wrong, decided to defy him and continued to marry men and women in secret. When he was found out, he was sentenced to death.

The first valentine was sent by Saint Valentine. He sent the love letter to a young girl (Possibly the jailer's daughter) who would visit him. He ended it with "your dearest Valentine" And they still use that expression today. A few students say Valentine's Day is a day to care about your significant other, while others say it's a time to be lonely. I think it truly is whatever you make it. I think Valentine's Day is a day to focus on your loved ones more than any other day!

### Spring Break Ideas

Indoor water park

Zoo

Roller Skating

Ice Skating

Arcade

Wonders of Wildlife

Rutledge Wilson Farm

Discovery Center

Bowling

### St. Patrick's Day Ideas



Both of these colorful desserts use a white cake mix. Start by following the directions on the box and bake according to the instructions for either cupcakes or 9 X 13 cake pan.

If making the cupcakes, ice them using canned frosting and decorate with rainbow colored AirHeads Xtremes, gold covered candy like the chocolate caramels shown, and finish them with colorful sprinkles.

Prepare and bake cake according to package directions, using a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Cool on a wire rack 1 hour. In a small bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water; stir in cold water and set aside.



With a meat fork or wooden skewer, poke holes about 2 in. apart into cooled cake. Slowly pour gelatin over cake. (two 6 oz. packages of lime jello dissolved in one cut of boiling water) Cover and refrigerate.

In a large bowl, whisk 1 cup milk, and one small package instant vanilla pudding. Mix 2 minutes (mixture will be thick). Fold in whipped topping. Spread over cake. Decorate with sprinkles. Cover and refrigerate until serving.