

Midnight Sky Soiree

On May 15th the sun was shining and the students of JHS began to prepare for their night "under the midnight sky." The anticipation started building for people since the ladies began discussing their dresses and since couples paired off and students starting grouping up. However prom day was not all sunshine, as the weather caught some a little off guard with slight winds and a high temperature of only 65° for the day. After dinner, students made their way to St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge to celebrate their prom evening. However, all celebrating momentarily stopped as the announcement

for the crownings were made. Alex Glebe and Megan Pollak were named King and Queen, and the titles of Prince and Princess went to Dylan Quinn and Abby Heroth. The festivities wore on until midnight.

Once the clock struck twelve, students made their way to the Post Prom "Carnival." This was the 23rd post prom party that Johnstown has held. Prom attendees and non-alike filled the high school to have fun! Some aspects to enjoy were the wrecking ball, a four man double joust, wii contests, an old-fashioned photo booth, personalized caricatures, guitar hero, family feud, carnival games, casino games, individual palm readings, a volleyball tournament, karaoke, and the hypnotist. After a night filled with fun, food, and prizes, the JHS students departed the auditorium around 5:30AM with their free purple t-shirts and a slight case of sleep deprivation after a long, but great, night. Story continued on p. 3.



Pictured above: Megan Pollak, Alex Glebe, Justin Salvione, and Dina Alam smile after Prom Queen, King, and Court were announced. Congratulations!

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Dog Fighting

By: Ashley Savage

Why is it illegal to have dog fighting, but legal to have movies that show animal cruelty? Recently the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that "Smush" videos are legal because they are equivalent to hunting videos, and shielded by free speech.

Smush is a video in which an animal is tortured or killed. Videos of dog fighting, or animals being tortured and killed, are plastered all over online. People are even buying these videos for entertainment.

Now it is legal to publish these videos, yet still illegal to tape animal cruelty. For instance you can't

legally tape dog fighting, but you are able to purchase or watch a video of this practice.

The court ruled this because the original law was "substantially overbroad, and therefore invalid under the first amendment." This refers to the 1999 federal law that not only banned illegal cruelty videos, but hunting videos as well. Being too broad would hurt business.

According to CNET News, the Supreme Court said, "there's enormous market for hunting-related videos, in which a living animal is intentionally killed." However, people must be aware that much animal abuse later turns into human abuse.



Key Club



By: Julie Smicinski

Contradictory to its name, the Key Club does not make keys. Instead, they focus on community service and helping the less fortunate. Throughout the year, they have sponsored blood drives and many bake sales.

Currently, the Key Club is focusing on bake sales to raise money. The money raised will go to a charity, which is being voted on by the students. Surveys went out to homerooms last week, so that the student body could weigh in on deciding a charity that the majority see as deserving of the money raised by the Key Club.

Next time you see a bake sale, be sure to stop by and purchase a delicious treat for a good cause.



School's Out BY H.A.R.

Students running
Lockers slamming
School's ending
School's ending
Classes ending
Teachers yelling
School's ending
School's ending
Tests stopping
Students leaving
School's out
For good
Or summer.



Getting to Know You

By: Tristan Clark

Mrs. Walton is another new face in the hallway and classroom this year. We caught up with her, so we could share some interesting things with our readers that we found out about Mrs. Walton.

For starters, Mrs. Walton grew up in Auburn, NY. In case you don't know, this is in the Fingerlakes area. She attended Keuka College, and she received a bachelor's of science degree in Unified Elementary and Special Education. She also continued at Keuka College to earn a master's degree in Childhood Education.

Mrs. Walton recalled, "During my sophomore year in college, I decided that I

would love to teach. I had started out in the field of occupational therapy (OT), but as I began taking my classes, I decided that OT wasn't for me." However she still wanted to work with kids, be in a school setting, and be able to make a difference in students' lives. So, she changed her major to education. She explained, "It was a difficult decision since I had said I wanted to be pursue OT since 10th grade, but it was the best decision I could have made for myself."

Mrs. Walton made the move to Johnstown from New Paltz, NY. While there, she had worked for Hyde Park School District, and she worked for the Astor Home for Children, which services



students in head start and preschool students with disabilities.

The *JHS Bugle* hopes that you enjoyed your first year here. Thank you for taking some time to share some information about yourself with us!

FOUR FUN FACTS

1. She has 3 children.
2. She loves to watch baseball, and the Red Sox are her favorite team.
3. She likes to play soccer.
4. Her favorite subject in school was math.



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The *JHS Bugle* would like to recognize and thank the class advisors, post prom committee, PTSA, parents, teachers, staff, and all others who assisted in making this night possible by showing a commitment to the JHS students on prom night. Together you helped students have fun and stay safe. Thank you.

Pictured left to right: A group of friends pose for a picture before heading to prom: Kristine Warn, Jake Zidich, Doug Chambers, Jessica Dodson, Tia Dodson, James Lockwood, Jennifer Cummings, and Donny Flansburg.



What's Your Sign?

By: Julie Smicinski

Gemini ♊

(May 21st- June 21st)

Summer is a great time to relax and have fun. Unfortunately, you can't take a brain break until after you've passed all your finals.

Cancer ♋

(June 22nd- July 22nd)

Even if something makes you upset, you shouldn't take it out on other people. Blow off some steam by taking a walk or playing a sport.

Leo ♌

(July 23rd- August 22nd)

Although you are getting older, spending time with your family ever once in a while doesn't hurt. If you're bored, try to talk your parents into a round of mini golf or some ice cream as a family.

Virgo ♍

(August 23rd- September 22nd)

Start studying now for your finals. You don't want to be up late the night before cramming a year's material into your mind.

Libra ♎

(September 23rd- October 22nd)

Take a second look at things. You may notice a pattern or hidden message you didn't see the first time.

Scorpio ♏

(October 23rd- November 21st)

Stop by the guidance office and take one last look at your course choices for next year. Make sure you're taking the hardest courses you can, with some fun electives, of course!

Sagittarius ♐

(November 22nd- December 21st)

Are you responsible? Start showing your parents that you are by doing things without being asked to help out. You never know, you may be rewarded for it.

Capricorn ♑

(December 22nd- January 19th)

Is reviewing for finals boring? Try forming a study group or rewarding yourself for every question you get right. You'll have fun and remember the material.

Aquarius ♒

(January 20th-February 18th)

Even if your final grades are not what you want them to be, you can't sulk about it all summer. You'll have a fresh start next year, so relax for a while.

Pisces ♓

(February 19th-March 20th)

Now that school is over, you won't see your friends until the fall, right? Wrong. Try to take at least a day or two this summer to hang out with your friends and do something fun.

Aries ♈

(March 21st- April 19th)

Hold your head up. Even if you face challenges, have confidence that you can get through it.

Taurus ♉

(April 20th- May 20th)

Make life what you want it to be. You are in charge of your life, no matter what anybody else says.

Stand Tall by Alexis Marlow

Poetry Platform

April was National Poetry Month. Accordingly, the library held a poetry contest. Student poems were posted on the front bulletin board, and students were encouraged to read all of the poems and then choose their favorite. After all of the ballots were tallied, Alexis Marlow's poem, "Stand Tall," was declared the winner of the competition. Everyone who participate showed great effort. Keep writing. Congratulations Alexis!

No One, No Love; No Touch, No Hug
No Soul, Hope Lost; No Feeling, I'm Lost
I've sunken low past no return, I see my fate, and so I've
learned

My heart has burned, and now it's gone
I wish to heal, but I come undone
My sorrow lies within these walls, I need to keep my head
high and stand tall

I start to rise and see the world, not as a burden but to
learn

I try again to live my life, to see things happily, and do
things right

I now see things clear; and sleep better at night
My shoulders are free, and I regain my might
If I continue to stand tall, with my head held high

I will do just fine...

Word in the Hall

By: Heather Graves

What are you looking forward to this summer?

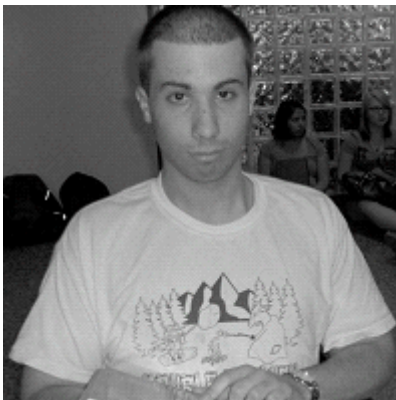


...go to college.
Becky Powers
Class of 2010



...not come to school.
Caroline Hall
Class of 2012

Well, I can't wait to...



...get my driver's license!
Troy Thomas
Class of 2011



...go golfing.
Jerry Groom
Class of 2013

Senior Plans



*Where is everyone going next year?
Well, The Bugle is here to let you know!*

*The following students will be headed to classes at
Fulton Montgomery Community College:*

Dina Alam, Psychology
Grace Atkins, Medical Assistance
Ashley Bates
Noah Broiles
Corey Brunetto
Spencer Cole will begin at FMCC and then head to USC.
Tony Cook, Engineering
Alexandra Crankshaw, Childhood Education
Jennifer Cummings
Kayla Dingman, Vet Tech
Courtney Dutcher, Early Childhood Education
Anthony Keba
Matt Kronk, Liberal Arts
William B. Schrader, Engineering
Samantha Sleezer
Shianna Snell, Medical Assistant

Other community college attendees include:

Craig Darling, Onondaga Community College,
Architecture
Ashley Spagnola, Registered Nurse
Chris Wzyzkowski, Hudson Valley Community College

Attending specialty schools or other programs are:

Elizabeth Bronk, Lincoln Culinary Institute,
Culinary Arts
Andrew Jung, Wyotech University
Joshua Konifka, Mildred Elley, Massage Therapy
Amanda Leto, Boces Program
Nicole Mackey, Johnson and Wales University, Baking
and Pasty Arts & part time employment

These students plan to head straight to work:

Emily Babcock will work then go to community college.
Tiffany Boyer
Kasey Carpenter
Trevor Turcotte will work then go to tech school.

**Good luck to all of the
Class of 2010 Graduates
with your future plans!**

● *These students plan to attend the following SUNY schools:*

Benjamin Claus, SUNY Cobleskill, Culinary Arts
Brooke Danylak, SUNY Cobleskill, Equine Studies
Trevor Goderie, SUNY Plattsburgh
Chelsea Goodier, SUNY Plattsburgh
Elliott Hockey, Alfred University, Mechanical Engineering
Matthew Kennedy, SUNY Cobleskill
Adam Kline, Alfred State, Heavy Equipment Operations
Rebecca Kosowicz, SUNY Plattsburgh,
Childhood Education
Lindsay Lizio, SUNY Oneonta
Jeff Roth, SUNY Cortland
Karly Vdoviak, SUNY Cortland, Kinesiology

Attendees of other four year schools include:

Taylor Baird, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute,
Architecture
Emily Bearden, St. John Fisher College, Nursing
Chris Bell, University of Rochester
Kelly Brown, Penn State University, Business
Mary Jane Carville, Nazareth, English
Kendra Cooper, Loyola University, Financial
Management, Minor: Accounting
Ashton Day, UNH, Physical Therapy, Exercise Science
Mike Gifford, Le Moyne, Political Science
Derek Hayner, Hartwick, Medical Technology
Erica Hecht, St. John Fisher, Pharmacy
Rianna Herring, Utica College, Psychology
Tommy Horning, Hartwick, History Education
or Pharmaceuticals
Ran Isei, Fashion Institute of Technology,
Fashion Design
Sakura Isei, Fashion Institute of Technology,
Fashion Design
Mike Kelly, Hartwick
Stephanie Klausen, Quinnipiac University,
Broadcast Journalism
Allison Kollar, Utica College, Public Relations
Amy LaMont, College
Toria Rubinstein, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Anna Suierzowski, Marist College, Accounting
Evan Swedick, Clarkson University,
Aeronautical Engineering
Katherine VanDenburgh, Hope College, Chemistry

● *The following students plan to serve our country:*

Trevett Carr, Army
Tyler DeMagistris, Marines
Holly Kaczor, Navy
Dakota Sweet, Navy
● *Your service is appreciated.*

Greetings Ms. Palmiotto

By: Cheryl Walsh

Ms. Palmiotto is a new counselor here at JHS. While she serves the students toward the end of the alphabet (L-Z), she really enjoys meeting and getting to know all students. Ms. Palmiotto took some time out of her busy day to meet with us, and we would like to thank her for her time.

Let's start with the basics. Ms. Palmiotto grew up in Scotia, and she went to Siena College. While in Loudonville, she completed her undergraduate degree. After Siena, Ms. Palmiotto headed to Sage Graduate School. While there, in addition to classes, Ms. Palmiotto diligently interned at Guilderland High School. This was a great experience, because it helped her prepare for her desired work field of choice.

Aside from her academics, Ms. Palmiotto is also very talented when it comes to her extra curricular activities. What's her secret talent? Well, Ms. Palmiotto has been a dancer since she was three. She took lyrical, hip hop, tap, jazz, and ballet



classes. She was on a dance team, and once she even danced on the television show CR6.

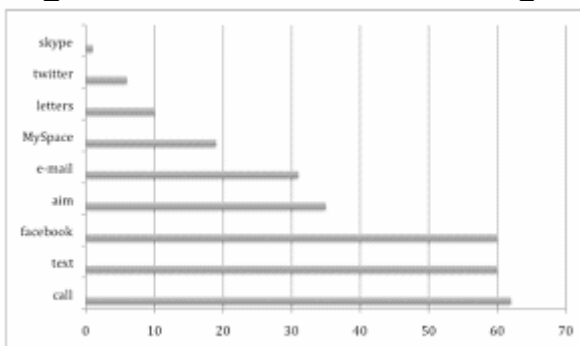
However, Ms. Palmiotto doesn't have free time to dance while at work. When she's not in guidance, you can find her at Freshman Class meetings. This advisor duty also helps to keep her busy at JHS. If you will be a sophomore next year, and you haven't met her yet, then you might consider attending a class meeting.

After all, the more the merrier, right? Or you can always swing by the guidance suite to say hello! Either way, next time you see her, make sure you welcome her to our school.

FUN FACTS

1. During school, she really enjoyed English.
2. She loves to read mysteries.
3. Ms. Palmiotto is a lifeguard.

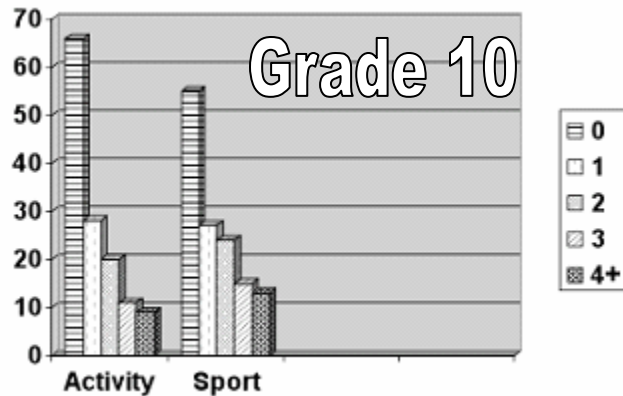
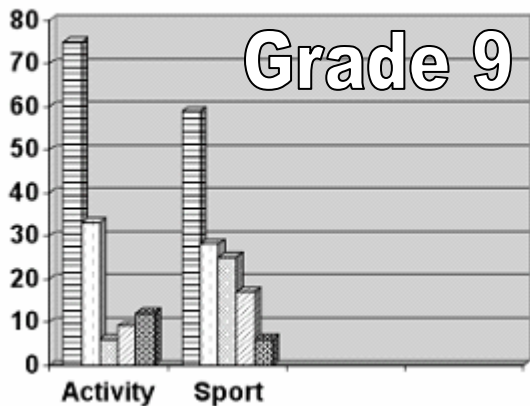
Contact Methods



Several seniors will be moving on, hopefully only temporarily, from Johnstown in the fall. This prompted our newspaper staff to raise the question: How will you keep in contact with your friends, family, and loved ones after high school?

Seventy seniors completed our survey, and the number one contact method was the telephone. Calling ranked just above texting, which happened to tie with Facebook. Surprisingly, letters beat out Twitter. However for the most part, the options that technology has to offer seem to be making it easier for students to maintain relationships, even after leaving high school. Overall, this is a very good thing for the families and friends who have graduates who will be moving away.

Participation Trends



Activities and sports are a large part of some students' lives. While teenagers are busy keeping their grades up and working part time jobs, several students also seem to find time to participate in extra curricular activities. To further understand the participation trend of our student body, the newspaper conducted a survey to see exactly where the numbers fall.

A total of 135 freshman completed the survey. Of those students 56% of 9th grade students were not involved in any activities, and 44% of students were not involved in any sports.

Although more than 6% of students are involved in 4 or more activities, and 4% are involved in four or more sports.

Students seem to become more involved in 10th grade, because out of the 134 sophomores completing the survey the non participating students dropped to 49% in activities and 41% in

sports. Meanwhile, students active in 4+ activities increased to 7%, and students participating in 4 or more sports increased to 10%. This increase in participants may be due to being more adjusted while completing their second year at the high school.

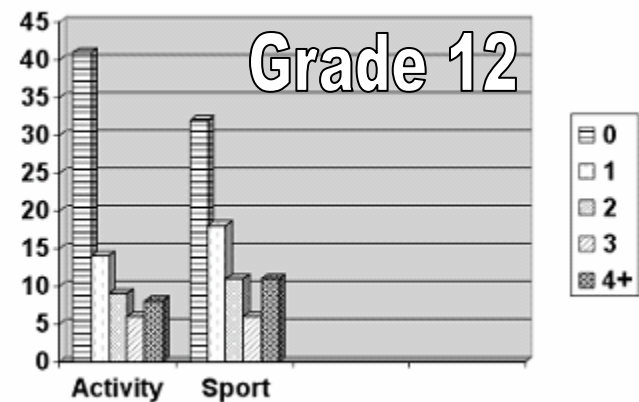
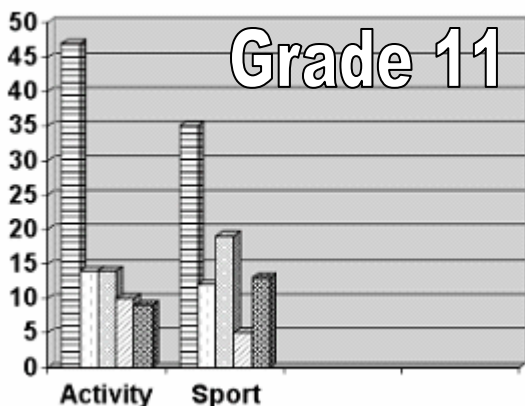
Of the juniors, only 84 completed the survey. Of those responses, 56% did not participate in any activities, and 42% did not play any sports. While these numbers unfortunately increased, it may be due to the large amount of state testing and college prep work, such as the SAT, that students begin focusing on during their junior year. This is also an age where students begin picking up part time employment.

So, several facts do play into these participation trends. While it seems as though the eleventh graders are less active, those who participated in 4+ activities and sports continued to climb

to 11% and 15% respectively. This leads us to believe that the active students become more active throughout their high school years.

Of the seniors, a mere 78 were willing to share information about their extra curricular activities. Similarly to the juniors, 53% did not participate in activities, and 41% did not partake in sports. Although 10% were involved in 4+ activities, and 14% of students played 4+ sports their senior year. If students do not engage in activities or sports their junior year, then maybe it is hard for them to regain involvement during their final year in high school.

The Bugle would like to remind students that joining activities and sports can lead to good friendships, lots of fun, and stronger college applications. If you have some free time, you should at least consider joining a club or sport next year that fits your interests.



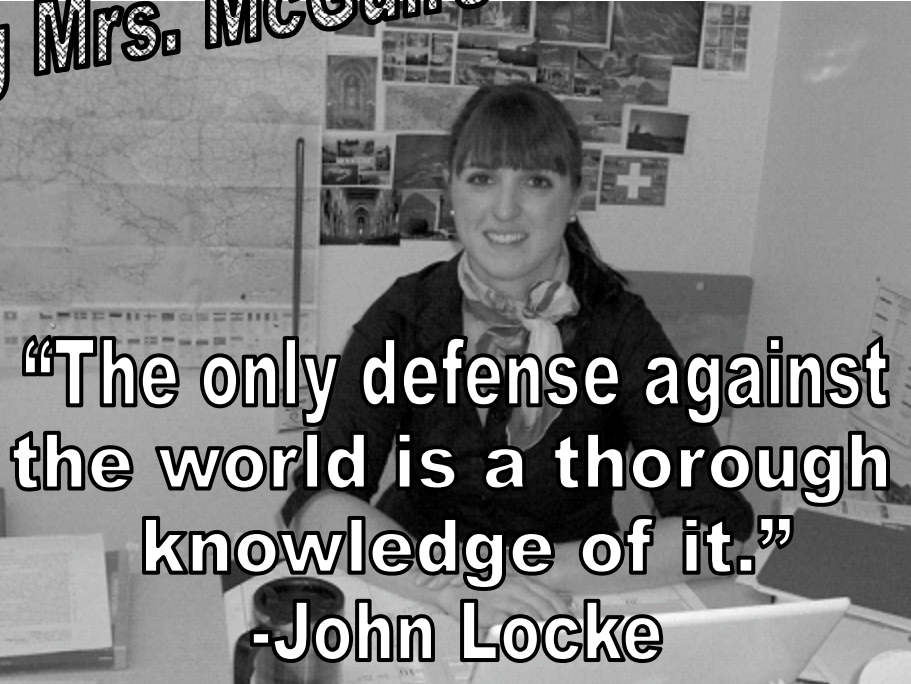
Meeting Mrs. McGuire

By: Tristan Clark

Mrs. McGuire is a new face in the social studies department. After Mrs. Kane's unexpected departure in January, Mrs. McGuire was more than happy to accept the open position at Johnstown High School. Take a minute to learn a little more about this new teacher.

Mrs. McGuire grew up just an hour away from Johnstown, in nearby Lake George. After high school, Mrs. McGuire attended Nazareth College, in Rochester. There she received her undergraduate degrees in History and Art History. After earning her degrees, Mrs. McGuire decided to pursue teaching. There were several reasons for prompting this choice in her life. To begin with, Mrs. McGuire stated, "In college, I fell in love with history." While some people do not know how history matters to them, Mrs. McGuire discovered why it mattered to her. It became her mission to help others understand history, through her love of teaching.

With this knowledge, Mrs. McGuire pursued an MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching) from Union. Mrs. McGuire did spend some time teaching in Schenectady, before heading west. After her time at Schenectady, Mrs. McGuire could have been spotted in Buffalo, NY! However, we are glad



"The only defense against the world is a thorough knowledge of it."
-John Locke

that she found her way back east to Johnstown, and *The Bugle* would like to welcome her and thank her for taking the time to complete this interview.

FUN FACTS

1. While in school, her favorite subjects were photography, history, and philosophy.
2. While her favorite song is by Grateful Dead, she also enjoys the music of The Beatles.
3. She owns an extensive Barbie collection!
4. Mrs. McGuire enjoys sports, and she is an avid skier and volleyball player.
5. She has two Springer puppies.

Competition for a Cause

By: Tristan Clark

Annually, the National Honor Society raises money for a cause. With the help of homeroom teachers, students donate money and raise "Pennies for Patients." While giving a penny may seem small, when several people donate pennies, the funds begin to rise.

This year, two main homerooms were in the running for the breakfast prize, along with several other teacher promised rewards. However, Mr. Litz's homeroom came out on top with an end total of approximately \$330. Mrs. Bacon's class also raised a considerable amount. Coming in second, her homeroom pulled together \$125. In total, the National Honor Society raised over \$1,000. Thank you to all who donated.

NEW FACES

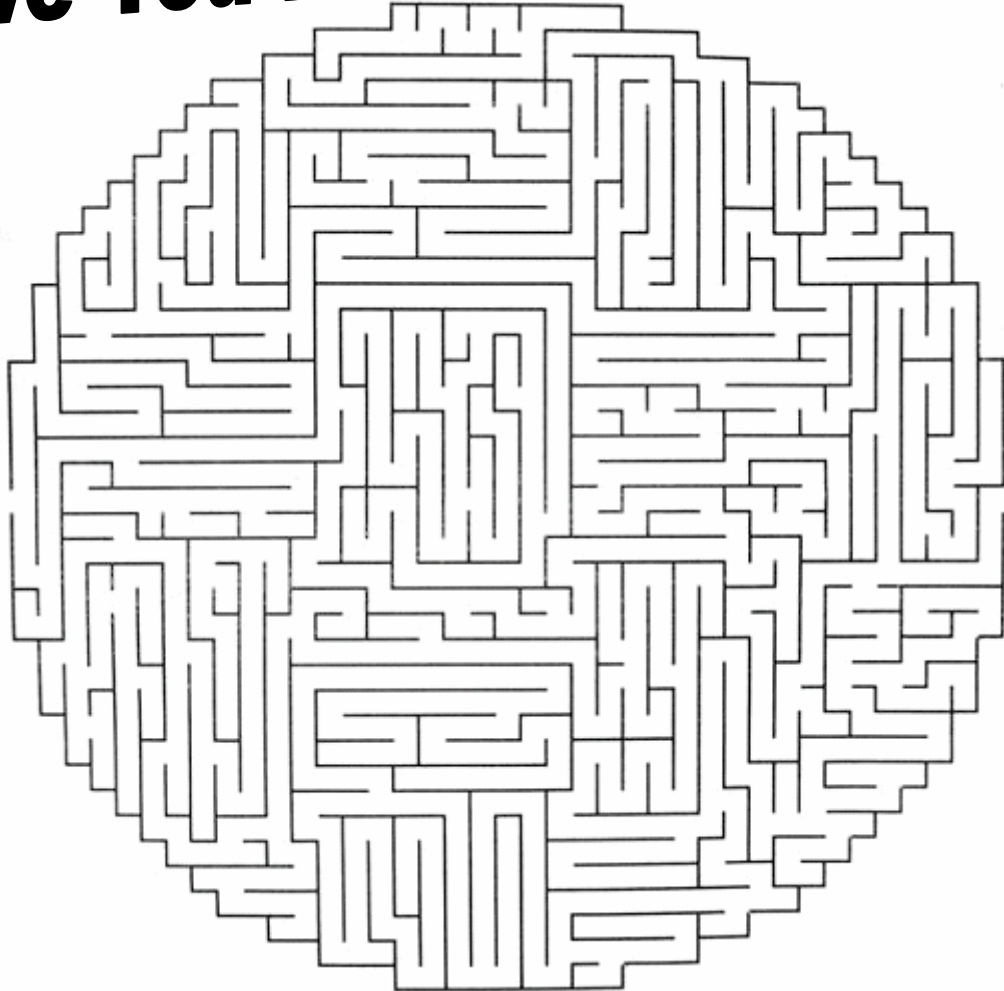
Have you noticed other new faces around JHS? Chances are, you have! While we were unable to feature everyone, we would still love to welcome all of the new GJSD employees to JHS! Here are some more people who are also new to our district and the high school:

Ms. Bolebruch, Part Time Science Teacher
Ms. Dinger, Part Time Art Teacher
Ms. Ostrander, School Secretary
Mr. Robare, Director of Athletics

We also want to welcome the new staff members that have joined us this year. We hope that the teachers and staff members alike have had a wonderful year that continues on into the future!



Have You Met Your Maze Match?



Staff/Contributor

Recognition:

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Heather Graves, Co-Editor
Cheryl Walsh, Co-Editor

**Thanks for helping to make
this issue possible!**

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Mrs. Walton

