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# The Janus School

## Update

Helping individuals with learning differences access their potential by providing excellence in education, research, & community outreach.

## School Picture Day is October 15th, 2010

Order forms for school pictures are included in this week's Envelope. To purchase pictures, fill out the order form, include payment, and send it to Gina in the office by October 15th.

## Homeroom 206 Service Project

A Message from Homeroom 206:

Help support our troops by bringing in items to send to our troops. Andrea's Room 206 homeroom will be collecting items to put into care packages between September 30 and October 8. The homeroom that donates the most items will get a cookie party so please help us and support our troops. A list of suggested items to donate is in today's Envelope.

## November Lunch Orders and Payment Due October 25th

Order forms are in today's Envelope  
and are also available on Edline

Please be aware that the lunch price is rising,  
beginning in November. The price for a  
student lunch will be \$3.90.

## Welcome!

The Janus School is pleased to welcome Skylin Miller and Victor Rubis to our school. Skylin and Victor both joined us last week in the 8th grade. Stickers with their contact information to put in your '10-'11 Student Directory are in today's Envelope. If you need another directory, let Gina know. Welcome Skylin and Victor!



## A message from the Director of Admission & Outreach...

For those of you who couldn't make it to the Edline information session at Back to School Night, and for anyone else who needs a refresher, here are some highlights of what you need to know about Edline.

- Log on to Edline at [www.edline.net](http://www.edline.net) To see your child's classes when you log on, go to *My Classes and Shortcuts*, and choose *View [Name]'s Classes and Shortcuts*.
- Your child's homeroom page, under *Contents*, is where you will find their:
  - Reports (in November, March, & June)
  - Standardized assessment results
  - LD & MD homeroom newsletters
- Upper Division students have grades posted by teachers every Friday. They are posted on each class's webpage, or go to *My Contents*, click *Private Reports*, and all the class grade reports will appear for your student.
- Middle Division students have grades posted only for reading, writing, and math.
- All students have homework posted daily. You can find the assignments on the combined calendar. To view it go to *My Content* and click on *Combined Calendar*. If you don't see anything in the calendar, make sure the *View As* at the top of the page is set to your child's name.
- Each class page has information posted about that class, such as class description, syllabus, and participation and behavior rubrics.
- School lunch menus and event forms are available on the home page of Edline when you log on, under *News*.
- If you do not remember your screen name or password to log on to Edline, contact Michelle at [mstyler@thejanusschool.org](mailto:mstyler@thejanusschool.org) or extension 100.

Each month I speak with families who are desperately searching for a school to meet the academic and social challenges their children face on a daily basis. I am asking you to reflect on your Janus journey and consider joining me for panel discussions at these upcoming Open Houses :

Nov. 4 (7-9pm)  
Jan. 23 (1-3pm)  
Mar. 3 (7-9pm)  
May 5 (7-9pm)

Interested persons should contact Robin Payne at 717-653-0025 ext. 102 or [rpayne@thejanusschool.org](mailto:rpayne@thejanusschool.org)

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## Know anyone who might be interested in renting a section of The Janus School?

Perhaps a scout group who needs the gym or cafeteria for a night?

A sports team who needs a place to practice and play?

A dance or music company that needs a place for a recital?

A science club that needs a science or computer lab to work in?

### Let us know.

Contact Michael Peterson, Director of Finance and Operations at extension 103 for more information or for a packet of rental information.

# October 2010



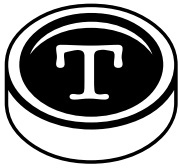
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Frolicking Friday 3:00-5:30pm	2 
3 Lancaster Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia For more info. see pg. 6	4 ④	5 ⑤	6 ⑥ New Student Pizza Lunch	7 ① Update and Envelope Open House 9-11am Read for the Record	8 ② 12:30 pm Dismissal Care package donations due	9
10	11 No School for Students In-Service Day  Columbus Day	12 ③	13 ④ Cybersafety Parent/Student Forum 6:30-8:00pm PSAT day	14 ⑤	15 ⑥ Picture Day Picture forms are in today's Enve- lope.	16
17	18 ① Accreditation Team Visit	19 ② Accreditation Team Visit  Therapy Dogs Visit	20 ③ Accreditation Team Visit	21 ④ Update and Envelope	22 ⑤	23
24	25 ⑥ November Lunch Orders Due	26 ①	27 ②	28 ③	29 ④ Initial Reports posted on Edline and mailed home	30
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Theme of the Month: Respect

# *From the Desk of the Director of Academics*

Staci Jasin



The days are getting shorter and the temperatures outside are dropping, clear signs that the summer has ended and the school year is in action. At Janus, the first 31 days of school have been full not only from the daily routine of teaching, but because Janus demands so much from our students, faculty, and families during this initial phase of the school year.

Every year is different at Janus, but what strikes me most during the first weeks of school is that the level of intensity and investment never wanes. To be a diagnostic school where we personalize teaching, collaborate with one another, and build our relationships with students and families, we have spent these past 31 days learning about your children in the classroom, reviewing assessment and records, designing classes to meet students' needs, and reflecting on our professional and organizational goals for the year.

Our teachers genuinely and enthusiastically jump right in. Every class at Janus - even in the same content area - is uniquely different because of the dynamic of the students and style of the teacher. Just from observing classes and seeing students carrying their books in the hallway, it is exciting to be part of a school where each of the 11 reading classes at Janus have started the year reading something different - and something just perfect for each student in the 11 reading classes.

This initial part of the year is dense with activity, as well as reflection. We are working as instructional teams to process our understanding of students, set class and individualized goals, and crystallize our thoughts in the initial narrative reports. The initial reports will be completed at the end of the month, and shortly thereafter, the teams will meet in parent-teacher conferences. Before we know it, the end of the first trimester will be here.

But, before the Thanksgiving break arrives, the richness of our classrooms will build. Yummy Snacks, the middle division math class's business, will discover its weekly routine; the Spanish classes will cook and enjoy *churros* and chocolate, and learn about the significance of this late night snack; the seniors will apply Howard Gardner's theories in psychology class; lower division students will be preparing for the Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day performing arts presentation.

While our classes remain varied and fresh, our instruction remains student-centered, and our commitment does not waver. What is different this year is that we are able to showcase our teaching, students, and professional learning community to the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS) and Middle States Association (MSA) accreditation team beginning on October 18th. This visit will culminate our self-study as an organization and to me, could be seen as the large-scale version of the self-study that happens with every student, family, faculty and staff member, and every class at Janus. It is perfect then, that it is happening during this incredible first trimester time.

# Box Tops for Education

Don't forget to collect Box Tops for Education! Box Tops can be found on General Mills products, as well as participating brands such as Huggies®, Ziploc®, Hefty®, and Scott®. The first Box Tops collection date this year is November 1st.



Remember, you can earn Box Tops when you shop online at popular websites like Barnes & Nobles (2.5%), Lands' End (3.5%), Overstock.com (3%), and Expedia.com (\$2.00). Each website gives a donation of up to 8% back on every qualifying purchase. All you have to do is start at Box Tops for Education Marketplace when you do your online shopping.



THE JANUS SCHOOL

Because Not All Great Minds Think Alike

'10-'11

## Open Houses

October 7, 2010	9-11 AM
November 4, 2010	7-9 PM
December 2, 2010	9-11 AM
January 23, 2011	1-3 PM
February 3, 2011	9-11 AM
March 3, 2011	7-9 PM
April 7, 2011	9-11 AM
May 5, 2011	7-9 PM
July 7, 2011	9-11 AM

# Online Safety, Security and Privacy

A Parent/Student Forum

**October 13, 2010**  
**6:30-8pm**

**The Janus School**  
with

**Charlie Reisinger**

**Technology Director**

**Penn Manor School District**

Bring your children and join us on October 13<sup>th</sup> to learn about student privacy, safety and identity issues in the context of social media/networking, online culture and teen trends.

**Save the Date!**

# NEW JANUS EMPLOYEE

Janus is pleased to welcome a new faculty member for the 2010-2011 school year.



## Meet Heather DiMarino

Heather joined Janus as a teacher this past month. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Messiah College. Before arriving at Janus, Heather taught second grade for 4 years in Stamford, Connecticut. Teaching in such a large urban district, she developed a teaching style centered on meeting students' diverse needs. She recognized these needs through diagnostic study of each student and tailored her instruction accordingly. Growing up in PA, she returned in the summer of 2010 and was drawn to the mission and clear vision held at Janus. She is excited to work with Lower Division students and see the progress made by all students at Janus toward being lifelong learners.



# Student Council

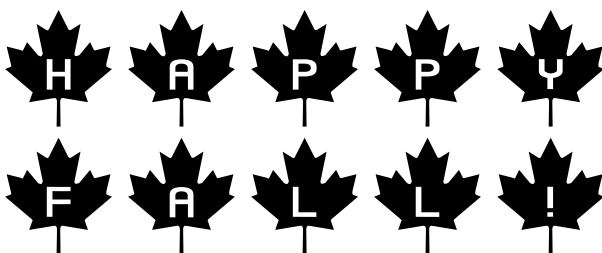
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The requirements for Student Council are (1) be an Upper Division student, (2) maintain an overall "C" average, and (3) be a positive, contributing, and responsible member of the Janus community. Upper Division students who wished to join student council were required to collect signatures of recommendation from the Head of School, Academic Director and their Advisor. They were also required to submit an essay or make a presentation to the Student Council Advisors. By September 7th, the final roster had been determined.

Student Council members who wished to serve in official capacities were given the opportunity to run for office. In both Upper and Lower division lunch periods, the aspiring officers presented their campaign promises to the student body. Voters were given the opportunity to choose one name. Since there was a tie for fourth place, a runoff was held among the Student Council members. From the final four, Student Council elected the following slate of officers:

- Gavin Dobyms - President
- Aaron Bryant - Vice President
- JJ Macdonald - Secretary
- Leslie Henderson - Treasurer

Student government is divided into three committees that address the primary goals and responsibilities of Student Council: social, leadership, and community service. Council members were able to join the committee of their choice. Student Council is held every cycle day 6 of the school year.





# Pragmatic Pearls

*Join us here every Update for some pearls of Pragmatic Language wisdom from Giny Mackey, Speech Pathologist.*

Listening skills are so critical to communicating with other people. Encourage your child to be a good listener by stopping what they are doing and looking at the person who is speaking. Think about the words that are being said. Good listening:

- Helps us to know what to do or say when it is our turn
- Gives us information
- Enables us to connect with another person and share an experience
- Helps us to get other clues, such as facial expression, body language and gestures.

## The Janus School Emergency Phone Numbers

In the event of an emergency in which The Janus School has no power or our (717) 653-0025 phone number is not operating, there are two alternate phone numbers that you can use to contact The Janus School. Please be aware that these two phone numbers are two cell phones that are kept here at school and are only turned on in emergency situations. These two phones are kept turned off at all times unless needed in an emergency.

(717) 327-6365

(717) 327-6364

Reminder...

October 8– **12:30pm Dismissal**

October 11– **No School for Students**

## Happy Birthday!



**Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky– Oct. 5**  
**Clara Laube– Oct. 14**  
**Valerie Domoto– Oct. 16**  
**Gary Gifford– Oct. 21**  
**Royce Rivard– Oct. 22**

## Parent Volunteers Needed

The Janus School is looking for some parent volunteers to help out at the front desk on certain days in the 2010-2011 school year. The volunteer will help answer the phone and operate the front door between 8:00am and 3:00pm.

If you can help on any of the dates below, even if it is just part of a day, please contact Gina Martin. Thank you for your help!

Nov. 19

Dec. 3

Dec. 10

Jan. 7

Jan. 21

Feb. 4

Feb. 28

Mar. 25

Apr. 1

Apr. 8

Apr. 15

May 13 (8-11:30am)

May 20

June 3

# Congratulations!

Congratulations to these students for their accomplishments:

**Leslie Henderson-** Leslie rides horses and was awarded the Champion of the Year for the pony division for 2010 at the Long Acres equestrian center in New York. That means that Leslie was the best rider in that area of New York and got the most points from attending various horse-back riding and jumping shows over the past year. Congratulations Leslie!



**Aaron Bryant**— Aaron is a member of the Donegal High School Cross Country team. At last Tuesday's meet, Aaron ran his best 5K time yet of 20min 18secs which qualified him to compete at the Lancaster-Lebanon League Championship this month. Great job Aaron!



This year some students will be participating in Jumpstart's Read for the Record. Jumpstart's Read for the Record is designed to highlight the importance of early education. They are also attempting to set a

World Record for the "Largest Shared Reading Experience" ever! Jumpstart is hoping to break their own record by having 2.5 million children reading Ezra Jack Keats's *The Snowy Day* together on October 7. Participating students will not be identified in any way, the school only submits the number of children that participated. If you would like more information, feel free to visit [www.readfortherecord.org](http://www.readfortherecord.org).

# Professional Development

*Read about the workshops that our staff and faculty have attended these past few months.*

## Board of Trustees Workshop

Deborah Kost

On Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, Board members, Elaine Stanko, Larry Keating and I attended a thought-provoking workshop with Pat Bassett, President of the National Association of Independent Schools. Pat presented an overview of the basic concepts of independent school governance, including the roles and boundaries for the four major players in independent schools: the Board of Trustees, the head of school, the faculty and the parent body. Sample board policies, benchmarks, and case studies were presented during the workshop.

This session was an invaluable opportunity for trustees to fully learn and understand their integral role as Board members in independent schools, such as The Janus School. Elaine, Larry and I benefited from this "governance refresher" and, as always, Pat covered the issues of the moment. Pat knows independent school governance and has the uncanny ability to reach all who attended this informative workshop.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

*For all students*

Thursday, November 4 9am-5:15pm

Friday, November 5 9am-5:15pm

Monday, November 6 8am-5:00pm

Please call Gina or email [gmartin@thejanusschool.org](mailto:gmartin@thejanusschool.org) if you have not already scheduled your November parent-teacher conference.