

**December 9, 2011**

1. Congratulations to **our Volleyball Team!** Our Eagles earned a chance at the state title last month. Though they came in as the state runner-up, we could not have been prouder of them. They have shown the true spirit of Jamestown all season, battling to the very end. Way to go, ladies!
2. Our **extended learning time** is a half-hour slot each day when students and teachers can catch up on important classwork and spend more time on specific student needs. The activities are varied. One of the great opportunities that students have during ELT is access to **student to student tutoring** provided by many of our honor societies. What a win-win way to show the power of a school's community of learners!
3. Coming up soon:
  - a. **Band and Orchestra Concert**- December 13, at 7:00 PM, in the auditorium
  - b. **Choir Concert**-December 20, at 7:00 PM, in the auditorium
4. Yes, we have the **auditorium** back! While the construction work continues on the small gym addition, we can now use the auditorium for all of our gathering and performing needs.
5. Congratulation to two of our band students! **Zack Waltrip and Stephen Perkins** were recently selected to the US Army All-American Band. These fine young men were chosen out of thousands whose names were submitted. Having two All-Americans from one high school is unusual and speaks to the quality of our musicians under the direction of Steve Turner.
6. Speaking of talent, have you visited the school recently and viewed the art beautifying our walls? Our **student artists'** creativity is sometimes breathtaking. Thanks to our visual arts teachers Peter Pritchard, Melissa Furr and Jordan Smolko.
7. Do you like to keep in touch with your student throughout the day? Please refrain from contacting them by mobile phone during school instructional hours. This can be disruptive to instruction as we seek to enforce the division's **restrictions on cell phone usage by students**. We will be glad to pass along any messages to students through our front office.
8. We are reaching out to **our military families** this month. In partnership with our PTSA, we are hosting a reception for them here at JHS on Dec. 20, directly after school. We know the unique challenges facing our military families and want to provide a time for these students to feel supported.

9. Jamestown has two more teachers who have completed the requirements for **National Board Certification**. Sheila Glennon (English Department) and Barry Miller (Health and Physical Education Department) recently met these challenging standards.
10. Our **next PTSA meeting** is scheduled for January 10, 2012, at 6:00 PM, in the principal's conference room.
11. We still need an **After Prom** chair. Can you help provide a safe place for our students after prom night? This is a longstanding tradition that must not be allowed to lapse. Call me if you are willing to head up this very important event.
12. Finally, we focus a lot on **service to our community** here at JHS. Our students have really responded all year long. Two examples:
  - Let me quote Richard Ambler, **Key Club** sponsor. "With all the negative press surrounding teenagers, the JHS community should know that we have some very special young adults. This Saturday while we are all busy fitting in what we could not do during the week, 148 of our JHS Key Club members will be volunteering for 9 events totaling 400 volunteer hours! Williamsburg is a better place because of our teenagers' willingness to give of their time!"
  - And from our **French Club** sponsor, Marie Ashworth, we learn this. "French Club and French Honor Society active members have donated over 483 items to the SCA Thanksgiving food drive. They have also donated new socks, small toiletries and holiday cards to prepare gift bags for Eastern State Hospital elderly patients and for Avalon clients. These are just a few examples of the many acts of service and generosity done by our young people in order to make a difference in the community."

**Go Eagles!**