



Headmaster's Message

When we prepared for this school year in the Summer of 2019, we were so excited to “Stay 2020 Focused” and “Look Ahead” to the year 2020. Colossians 3:1-2 was the scripture that inspired us and became our prayer theme for the school season. It wasn't too far into 2020, when we learned that COVID-19 had entered the United States, then it wasn't too long after that the virus hit us here at home. How would this Pandemic affect our focus, goals and outcomes?



On Monday March 16, at 10am, JRHS went to a 100% remote learning environment. Over the weekend of March 14 and 15, JRHS Faculty members met and experimented with various methods that would best support the continued delivery of the JRHS program of study to our families. On Monday morning following a time of prayer, we launched our Remote Learning Program.

These past three months were trying times, and JRHS found itself in the middle of a defining moment. We determined with God's help and blessing, that we were going to not just survive, but that we would thrive through and beyond this, and emerge as a stronger, better school.

With tools such as the internet, Zoom and Google Classroom, JRHS was able to deliver excellence in education in real-time. Teachers held full and meaningful classes with their students, while everyone remained safely at home. Our faculty set schedules where they were available for tutoring for students who needed a little extra help with the Remote Learning transition.

We continued to hold Chapel on Friday mornings. We had special guests and Alumni join us from around the world! We also had times of fun during lunch where students and faculty participated in games like Trivia and Codenames. *(continued on back cover)*

Campus Improvements



Thank you to all who support our school with time, talent and resources to make these campus improvements possible--we are grateful!

Summer is prime time to make progress on campus maintenance and developments, and this year we have several projects on the ticket:

Development: 1) Increase the technology base at JRHS preparing us to continue to offer excellence of education during the next phase of Covid; our goal is to be fully prepared for both on site and remote learning for all or select students. 2) Implement cleaning and health protocols and equipment to increase the likelihood of a coronavirus safe environment. 3) Build a small play court in the back lawn of the school to facilitate basketball and other court games, offering our students an improved and safer place to recreate.

Maintenance: 1) Leaking barn roof: the south face of the barn roof is in desperate need of new shingles. 2.) The front stairs of the porch: the main access to the school has recently shown significant rot, necessitating replacement. 3) Exterior trim painting of school buildings

Do we need some HELP? - YES! There are two main ways to help: donate or serve! If you are interested in helping to make JRHS a safer, better place, then contact Jeff Philbrick today to lend your hands or resources.

Chairman of the Board: Ed Whitman retiring after 8 Years of Service

If you have attended a JRHS event in the recent years, it is likely you have been blessed by the presence of Board of Directors Chairman, Ed Whitman. Ed attended the Mission Celebration as a guest several years ago, and recalls becoming completely sold on the mission of JRHS. From there, he was recruited for the Board, and has now served 2 full and meaningful terms. In a previous life, some of us knew him as "Pastor Ed", and he brought that gracious, professional, pastorly and even grandfatherly component to not only the JRHS Board table, but to the many events he attended as the biggest fan of JRHS. During his time with us, perhaps the trophy of accomplishments was the day JRHS earned accreditation through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Thank you Ed for your years of service to JRHS!



JRHS Strategic Plan 2020-2024



BUILDING ON THE SOLID FOUNDATION

The 2020 year is a Strategic Plan rollout year for us, delayed and challenged a bit by Covid. But, nonetheless, the ideas and plans are in place, and much of it we are marching towards even through the challenges.

Look to be invited to a “cottage meeting” this late summer or fall when we will get our chance to share the story. An overview of the Plan resides here: <https://www.jrhs.org/strategic-initiatives>. The main categories under which we put forth goals include Advancement, Marketing and Enrollment, Governance, Faculty and Program, Technology, Finance, and Campus

Development.

Raising support for JRHS to augment the tuition income is an ongoing need. We cherish the ever growing number of Financial Partners to JRHS, for which we are very grateful. This next year, we are planning to reach a new high watermark of financial support, necessitating a fund-raising need beyond our previous “comfort” level: \$132,000.

We are relentlessly pursuing our goals of improving our school and programs and remunerating our faculty and staff better every year, and we look forward to how God will use our efforts to His glory.

JRHS Sentinels: Basketball Summary

SENTINELS

If you missed the JRHS Sentinels Basketball finals this year, you missed some nail-biting, edge of your seat while holding your breath action, and losing your voice kind of night!

Our Sentinel Girls played their hearts out against Laconia Christian Academy. Both

teams put up a great effort and there were some intense moments. We are excited to say the girls won the Championship to bring home the First Place Trophy.

Our Sentinel Boys played a tough Consolation game against Mount Zion Christian Schools. It was an intense 4th quarter, and we are proud to say they won and brought home the 3rd Place Trophy.



Did You Know?

If you are more than 70.5 years old and must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you may be able to save money on your taxes by turning that distribution into a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The QCD provision is one of the biggest breaks in the tax code as it allows your gift to be made with pre-tax dollars, even if you do not itemize deductions as may now well be the case given the changes made to the tax code in the last year



Please consider joining with others who are supporting JRHS through a QCD and save on your tax bill at the same time!

JRHS gets Creative with Year-end Senior Events

Making the best of these unprecedented times to give our Seniors a special ending to high school.

When it was announced this past Spring that Remote Learning in NH was going to continue through to the end of the school year, and large gatherings could not take place until further notice, every Senior was left wondering if they would have any of the special year-end events that the JRHS Seniors before them had experienced.

The Seniors were already feeling the impact of their cancelled Mission Trips to South Korea and NYC. Suddenly, the reality of ending their four years of high school without a Senior Banquet, Senior Retreat, and Graduation was sinking in.

As things in NH began to re-open, JRHS began brainstorming. We were determined to give our Seniors a happy ending while also being mindful to follow our Government leaders and honor the state's guidelines established for gatherings.



We held our Senior Banquet at the Joy House Pavilion. Each family sat at their own picnic table and each table received delicious take-out orders from Candia Woods Golf Links. Then we set up our chairs in family groups on the lawn to hear each family share a personal message about their Senior. It was a beautiful afternoon.



The Senior Retreat was held at Camp Sentinel (how appropriate) in Tuftonboro. When we arrived, camp staff performed COVID safety screening and the facility allowed enough space for us to spread out. The Seniors had a great time!

Lastly, we held our Graduation back at the Joy House Pavilion. Families brought their chairs and respected other families' spaces. Headmaster Philbrick delivered a timely message, each Senior shared a testimony from their heart, and then received their diplomas.

Immediately following Graduation, Friends & Family of JRHS who were unable to attend the ceremony, gathered for a parade on Stevens Lane to personally congratulate the Seniors. It was a joyous time of fellowship and well wishes. It was so great to be in the presence of one another again, even with some space between us.

Months ago what may have seemed like a "mess", God turned into a message. He provided beautiful weather for these special outdoor events. Perhaps these 2020 Senior Events will be remembered for their uniqueness, their intimacy and being outside in God's creation. We are thankful to the Faculty and Staff who worked diligently to put these events together in a short period of time, and to the Seniors and their families who embraced these ideas and made them a success! What a year to remember!

Project Based Learning at JRHS during Remote Learning Weeks

If you have followed JRHS for any length of time, you know that Project Based Learning is a hallmark of the educational program since our inception in the early 90's. With Remote Learning expected of us due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we were faced with a great challenge - how can PBL be delivered to individual students in an at home environment. Through creative hard work, the JRHS Faculty launched some remarkable Projects that met and exceeded the mission, despite the challenges.

ECOLOGY:

Science Teacher, Susan Wilderman, led the charge on this one. We took advantage of the flora and fauna near where the Students lived. Each week we focused on a different ecological topic from: Invasive and non-native plants to beaver challenges and blessings, and focused on the different returning song birds to our area. Students enjoyed weekly outdoor challenges, ultimately growing in observation skills and appreciation for the diversity of wildlife in our backyards. We ended our time with a focus on Restoration Ecology. Who knows, maybe one of these students will become a leading ecological researcher!

GEOGRAPHY:

Our "new guy" and World Scholar, Christopher Knecht, created a dynamic forum for his students to learn of places and cultures. We had the opportunity to study and hear about life "around the world" and develop our Biblical worldview as we heard brothers and sisters from various nations share their experiences and the state of faith in their different countries.

MUSIC THEORY AND COMPOSITION

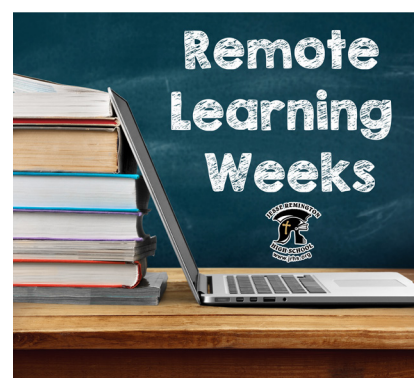
Our resident Musician, Ellie Samuelson, graciously contributed to the cause with this first ever project. Each week, we studied a different music fundamental/element and students found unique and creative ways to implement each topic into a weekly composition. Students started with reading note names and rhythms on the music staff, and ended with composing intricate melodies, harmonies and chords all the while using a variety of different music softwares. To end our last week, students were tasked with composing a new piece for someone specific. Some composed their pieces for a friend or family member. One even dedicated their piece to their dog! It was a wonderful experience to see

students' virtual creations really come to life!

MUSEUM TOURS:

The three part leadership team of Matt Hannan, Cheryl Crawford and Pastor Steve Baker, brought our students around the world. Students virtually viewed Mount Vernon, significant landmarks in Israel such as the Mount of Olives, studied photography with the Olympic Museum and the sculpting process in Venice, toured the Vatican with all its opulence, traveled to space, studied aviation and war by visiting the Anne Frank Museum, and one of our own student's Museum of Valor all the while making connections to their Humanities and Bible coursework.

In the end, not only did we go forth with PBL, but we even found that God brought us additional attendees from around the state and the world to participate in these on-line projects.



CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MINI-COURSE

Alumnus Thomas Philbrick ('11) was finishing his third year of Law School during the Quarantine, and graciously brought a powerful and relevant study of the US Constitution to our students.



Each week, students prepared for class by reading sections of the US Constitution, and other important court cases, which were then used as the basis for learning about the US Constitution. Thomas

skillfully incorporated the study of important historical court cases and related them to current events.

This class opened the eyes of the students to the continued relevance of the US Constitution as it relates to the issues that we face today.

This class culminated in a final project where each student presented on a topic that interested them as it related to what they learned in this class.

Thanks to Thomas' dedication and commitment to serving JRHS, we just might have some budding lawyers and politicians in our midst!



Thomas Philbrick
MSU Law School '20
Juris Doctor Degree

Honor Roll 2019-2020

Headmaster's List with Distinction:

Gabriel Michalman; Morgann Clegg;
Davis Palmer; Julia Jacott; Elissa Colombo;
Amanda Crawford; Kate Jeanes

Headmaster's List: Grace Jacott; Gabriella Sohmer; Jacob Comrie; Joey Philbrick; Isaiah Cross; Hailey Chapman; Aletheia James; Lukkas Hyvonen; Sam Carlson; Besse Deacon; Rebekah Beliveau; Andrew Archambault; Isaac Nicholson; James Song; Austin Seo; Andrew Higgins; Ben Menard; Amy Uscinski

High Honors: Dakota Cormier; Nate Archambault; Ruth Menard; Nate Croley; Camden Stockin; Keagan Morgenthal; Elizabeth Galatis

Honors: Jenny Zhu; Lilly Hansen; Keziah Cyr





Josephine Biney
Class of 2017

Where are They Now?

By Emily Galatis '15

Josephine Biney, our first international student from Africa, attended Jesse Remington from 2015 until 2017 after attending school aboard 3 different Mercy Ships. Currently, she is in her third year at Montgomery College in Maryland majoring in nursing and she is thoroughly involved in the community around her college, as she is part of her church's worship team and a variety of clubs on campus.

It's no surprise that Josie is studying to be a nurse. Her best class while attending Jesse Remington was Anatomy and Physiology which was where her interest in the human body and how it works grew and developed. The desire to become a labor and delivery nurse, as well as to work with kids through medicine, was encouraged deeply through this class. At one point in high school, Josie remembers thinking she would not be able to enter in the medical field due to her weak math skills. It was through the encouragement of Mrs. Trudeau, that Josie saw the real possibility of being a nurse. "[Mrs. Trudeau] shaped the way I thought of myself and always encouraged my class that when we use the right strategies for school by seeking help constantly, utilizing our time in class, and holding the right mindsets about ourselves and the classes we are taking,

we can reach the goals we have set for ourselves as students. . . Mrs. Trudeau taught me that it is possible for me to become a nurse if I am diligent, constantly seek help and have the right mindset even in the hardest courses."

When looking back on her time at Jesse, Josie sees Jesse Remington as influencing many portions of her life now. As a high schooler, she served on the worship team as a percussionist. Now, she serves as the only guitarist on her church's worship team. She also notes that Jesse helped encourage strong spiritual disciplines as she remembers the morning devotionals done daily at Jesse.

Josie's prayer for the students of Jesse Remington is that they will come to know and understand the importance of the foundations being built in them to prepare them for the world they will experience after high school. For the staff and faculty, she prays they understand God has placed them where they are right now for a reason and that God will provide their every need to sustain and give them the strength to keep growing the gifts, and potential in each and every student.

The BIG DAY Must Go On!

Although not part of their original plan, a Global Pandemic was not going to stop these couples from saying “I DO” before God! Congratulations to these three wonderful couples!



Mr. & Mrs. Hannan

Matt Hannan is our JRHS Bible Teacher. He married Heather on April 16th!



Mr. & Mrs. Wong

Moriah (Harris) Wong is a 2016 JRHS Graduate. She married Michah on May 31!



Mr. & Mrs. Shalda

Anna (Philbrick) Shalda is a 2013 JRHS Graduate. She married Duncan on May 24!

The 2020 Campaign for New Financial Partners: Looking Ahead

In January, we launched the “Looking Ahead” Campaign. We are seeking additional Partners in the Society, those who choose JRHS as part of their overall ministry investing. To help frame this campaign, we are praying for at least 20 new Partners, giving \$20, \$200, or as the Lord leads, per month during the 2020 year. At this time of writing, we are pleased to announce we have secured 8 new Partners, with pledged gifts totalling more than \$700 per month to the Annual Fund.

Currently, JRHS has about 110 people who support, with gifts ranging from 5 to more than 5,000 dollars. In recent years, gifts to the Annual Fund have been around \$125,000, which is about one quarter of the annual budget. Financial Partners include 3 former teachers, 13 alumni, 18 Alumni families, 16 current leaders within the school, 12 current school families, and 47 Friends who choose to invest in JRHS with their gifts. The purpose of The 20/20 Campaign is to invite New Investors to add to the work going on at our school in Candia NH. JRHS, which is now touching the world, needs a Second Generation of Financial Partners who will pray for and support the next 20 years of God’s story. <https://www.jrhs.org/2020-vision>



Congratulations Class of 2020



Elissa Colombo

*1 Corinthians 16:13-14
2 Timothy 4:5*



Amanda Crawford

Proverbs 3:5-7



Gideon Cyr

Ecclesiastes 9:10a



Elizabeth Galatis

Zephaniah 3:17



Andrew Higgins

Isaiah 40:31



Kate Jeanes

Isaiah 55:12



Ben Menard

Deuteronomy 31:6



Keagan Morganthal

Philippians 4:13



Amy Uscinski

Esther 4:14



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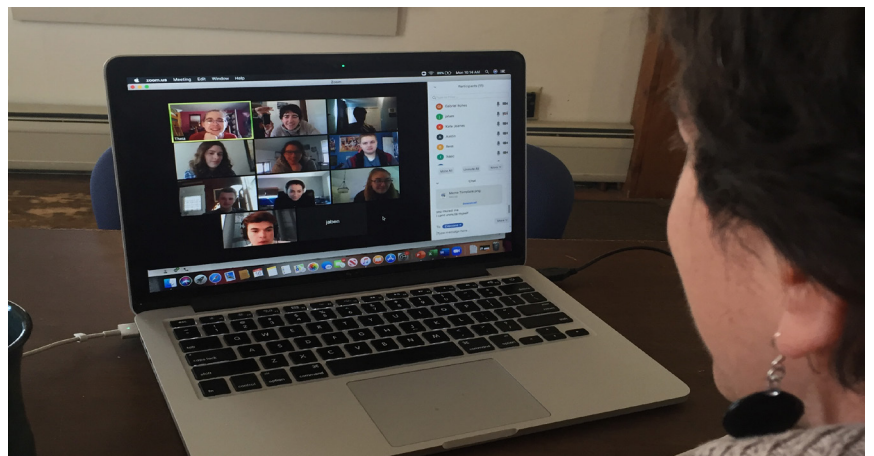




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At JRHS, Christian Community is important. If we can take anything away from what we have experienced these past few months, it is to not take being together for granted. Remote Learning was not the most ideal situation for a school community like ours, and certainly not the ideal situation for graduating Seniors, but God has seen us through. He has done great things amidst a crisis, and shown us how important it is to cherish the times we have together in Him. We have not lost "sight" of our Mission, JRHS is still very much



Miss Wilderman's Virtual Classroom

"2020 focused"....laser-focused!

Thank you to the staff, faculty, students and parents who made Remote Learning Weeks a success at JRHS! We know it wasn't easy, but we believe we are

stronger as a result of the experience.

Sincerely,

Jeff Philbrick,
Headmaster