

February

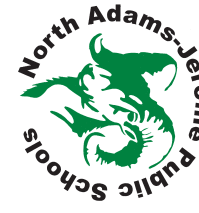
1. JV/VGB vs. Hillsdale Academy 6:00
2. JV/VBB @ Hillsdale Academy 6:00
5. JHGB vs. Pittsford 5:30
7. JHGB @ Jackson Christian 5:30
JV/VGB @ Bellevue 6:00
8. JV/VGB vs. Camden Frontier 6:00
9. JV/VBB @ Camden Frontier 6:00
12. JHGB vs. Hillsdale Academy 5:30
JV/VGB @ Jackson Christian 6:00
13. JV/VBB vs. Jackson Christian 6:00
14. JHGB @ Camden Frontier 5:30
15. **1/2 DAY SCHOOL - dismissal @ 11:38**
MS/HS will run hours 4th-7th
JV/VGB @ Pittsford 6:00
16. **NO SCHOOL**
JV/VBB vs. Pittsford 5:30 (Homecoming)
19. **NO SCHOOL**
JHGB @ Litchfield 5:30
JV/VGB vs. Colon-parents' night
School Board meeting 7:00
20. JV/VBB @ Pittsford 6:00
21. JHGB @ Will Carleton 5:30
27. JV/VBB vs. Tekonsha 6:00
28. GBB districts @ Lenawee Christian
vs. Jackson Christian



IMPORTANT DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Candy Grams For Sale

The elementary school is selling candy grams for Valentine's Day. The cost is \$1.00. If you would like to purchase one for your son/daughter contact the elementary office at 287-4278.



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North Adams-Jerome — Public Schools —

From the Superintendent:



Hello parents, guardians, and community members! We are so excited to announce some of the great programs on the horizon here at NAJ. As you may know, math has been a struggle for many students throughout the years. We are introducing the option to take Algebra I over two years. We are still planning to have a section of Algebra I over one year if the student wishes. We believe this change will reduce “math anxiety” and the students will master more of the material and help them as they take on classes that are more difficult in the future.

For our middle school students, we are looking to give each student the opportunity to have two hours a day dedicated to math education, as well as block English Language Arts/writing courses. Middle school students will have the opportunity to take a daily FFA class, as well as robotics, art, and band.

Our FFA program will expand to 3 classes from 1 class, next fall. We will have Plant and Animal Science, FFA Leadership, and middle school FFA. We are offering Trap Shooting! The coach is Bobby Hart.

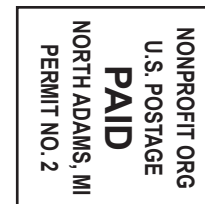
For all lovers of the arts, we are also excited to offer Show Choir! Show Choir is a hybrid band/choir class that is sure to be a great addition to an already stellar music program.

We are also planning to add Psychology, Probability and Statistics, Anatomy & Physiology, and Creative Writing to our fall class schedules.

Our elementary class sizes are some of the lowest in Hillsdale County, with an average of 19 students! If you know people in the area who have students that have left for other districts, I urge you to tell them about the new NAJ! Our overall school enrollment is up 12% this year and we plan to keep growing!

I encourage you to call me, Wes Johnson, Superintendent, at 287-4263, or email at wes.johnson@najps.org! If you have any programs you'd like to see at NAJ, please let me know.

Go Rams!
Educationally Yours, *Wes Johnson*



Greetings,



Seniors continue getting the FAFSA done. Please make sure all confirmation emails for FAFSA are completed and to me by February 7th. We will have the drawing after that so if I do not have your confirmation letter you will not be in the drawing for the laptop computer. In addition, Susan Stout will be here to help with the scholarship essays. Please take this seriously; she is here to help you get the best out of your scholarship opportunities. Scholarships are due March 1st for the foundation. Continue to check in Mrs. Postula's room for other scholarship opportunities.

Juniors, now is a great time to be researching the colleges that you are seriously considering. Spring break would be a great time to visit as well as this spring and summer. Job shadowing is an amazing way to see if a career path is the right one for you.

Early/Middle College (HCEMC) applications are due by February 6th. Please make sure I have all applications and recommendations to me by this time. Also, remind those that are doing a recommendation that I need them to me by February 6 as well.

We are already through the first semester and on marking period 3. We have testing coming up in April, which is right around the corner. Parents, please continue to encourage your child(ren) to finish strong and stay ahead of their homework. Thank you, parents, for all you do to support us in helping your children. As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me at cathy.hall@najps.org or 517.287.4214.

Thank you, *Cathy Hall*

RUMMAGE SALE

The fifth grade rummage sale will be held on March 10th. We are taking donations for the rummage sale now. If you have items you would like to donate please send them in to Mrs. Swihart.



Exciting news from our yearbook adviser! You can now upload pictures from your own phone or camera to be used in the yearbook! Go to www.yearbookforever.com enter our school name and click on community upload and use the code **rampage** (the name of our yearbook.)

You can also now order your 2017-2018 North Adams-Jerome Jr./Sr. High yearbook by going to www.yearbookforever.com, click on "Buy a Yearbook" and search for our school. The cost is \$40.00 and the deadline is May 31st.

If you have questions about the community upload or ordering a yearbook, please see Mrs. Postula.

Seniors:

Senior picture (vertical) and baby picture deadline is Friday, May 4, 2018. Turn in to Mrs. Postula. These will be returned to you with your diplomas or earlier. We will be completing the senior mock elections and senior wills in class sometime soon.

Senior parents:

If you're interested in placing a senior ad in the yearbook to congratulate your senior, the quarter-page size is \$100. Please contact Mrs. Postula at mpostula@najps.org.

WINTER HOMEGOMING Friday, February 16th

The theme for homecoming this year is *Disney movies*. Homecoming activities will take place between the junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball game. On Thursday, Feb. 15, for our half day, the students in the high school will start out the day watching the Disney movie that their class picked for their theme. Following the movie at approximately 10:00 will be the pep assembly with many fun activities planned.

Dress up days are as follows: Thursday, Feb. 8 – Theme Day; Friday, Feb. 9 – Career Day; Monday, Feb. 12 – Pajama Day; Tuesday, Feb. 13 – Twin Day; Wednesday, Feb. 14 – Wacky Tacky Day; Thursday, Feb. 15 – Green & White Day. The homecoming dance will follow the game until 11:30 pm.

FFA NEWS



The North Adams-Jerome FFA has sausage and bacon for sale! The FFA members fed out two hogs that the Jay Brink family generously donated to the FFA chapter and now the fruit of their labor is a whole bunch of sausage and bacon that is now available for purchase! The cost for sausage is \$3.00 per pound and bacon is \$4.00 per pound. The bacon is in limited supply, but we have plenty of one-pound packages of sausage. You will not believe how good this homegrown sausage tastes! Contact any of the FFA members or the NAJ high school office at 517-287-4214 or Bobby Hart at 517-398-2997. The proceeds of the sausage sales will go toward funding the FFA members to go to the State FFA Convention in East Lansing.

The FFA class is now preparing the greenhouse to grow some flowers. We are excited about the possibility of filling up the greenhouse with beautiful blossoms! However, in the meantime, Sheep Production is in full swing in the FFA class as we are waiting on a half dozen ewes to lamb in the barn. We have six expectant moms out there ready to have babies any day now. The sheep belong to third grade teacher Mrs. Hensley and her husband. They brought their sheep to the FFA barn so our students could have a chance to watch the lambing process. The students have been checking on the ewes every hour during school and are excited about new life in our barn.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and encouraged the NAJ FFA program. We appreciate the community standing behind the program, we could not do it without your support, and we applaud the students who work hard on all of the projects!

Bobby & Melissa Hart

We are looking for used books from students who have dual enrolled in the past and who would be willing to donate them to the school. If you have any you would be willing to donate, please contact the office. We are hoping to build a library that students will use who are currently dual enrolled. Thank you for your help!

