

THE ROYAL REPORT

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Did You Know?

27% of JCCS teaching staff are JCCS Alumni. Eight out of our 30 faculty are alumni devoted to teaching our students. We are grateful that so many alumni have chosen to serve our students and our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Giving Tuesday

December 2, 2026

Join others in this National Day of Giving by investing in JCCS to help build future Christian Leaders!

* Homecoming Weekend

January 9-11, 2026

Cheer on JCCS Royals at a basketball game, reminisce with friends, and join us for various activities & prayer!

* Spring Musical

March 26-28, 2026

Let's pack the theater for our annual spring musical and show your support for our students!



Welcome to our Quarterly Newsletter!

Partnership, Transparency, and the JCCS Family

Thank you for being a part of the JCCS Family. There are great opportunities awaiting our Jefferson County Christian School. We are excited to launch this new way of staying connected with our school community. Each edition will highlight the wonderful things God is doing in and through our students, staff, families, and alumni. Here you'll find updates on school events, student

achievements, and opportunities to grow together in faith and learning. Our prayer is that this newsletter encourages you, keeps you informed, and strengthens the bond we share as a Christ-centered school family. If you want to share information for consideration to be included please reach out to jparker@myjccs.org

Message from the Administrator

Mr. Scott Abercombie

I am excited to share the ways God is working in and through JCCS. We are grateful for your prayers and support that make this mission possible. Together, we will continue to partner in training young men and women to impact the world for Christ.



Who is JCCS?

Faculty and Staff of JCCS

Scott Abercrombie – Administrator

Allison Adams – Music Teacher, ***Class of 2024***

Greg Byers – Maintenance

Roger Caldwell – Security

Doug Calhoun – Health Aide

John Cessna – Custodial

Leslie Clements – Art Teacher

Ashley Conn – Pre-K Teacher

April Crew – Educational Aide

Allusion Curtis – Educational Aide

Carey Ferralli – Accountant

Lisa Foster – English Teacher

Cameron Gribben – Educational Aide, ***Class of 2024***

Michele Gribben – HS Science Teacher

Natalie Groman – Cafeteria

Amanda Harms – 1st Grade Teacher

Mary Jane Harrah – Intervention Teacher

Sierra Hyndman – 3rd Grade Teacher

Janet Johnson – JH/HS Math Teacher

Addie Kaczmarek – Clerical/Office, ***Class of 2021***

Gabrielle King – Elementary PE Teacher

Carolyn Knabenshue – 1st Grade Teacher

Julie Lewis – Building Principal, ***Class of 1999***

Donavon (Marty) Martin – HS History Teacher

Katherine Martin – Operations Manager

Rachel Meneely – Educational Aide

Jennifer Parker – Advancement

James Pine – STEM Teacher

Sandy Pine – Kindergarten Teacher

Susan Potvin – Guidance Counselor

Cara Rhodes – Educational Aide, ***Class of 2011***

Diana Rice – 2nd Grade Teacher

Maggie Rogers – Educational Aide

Terra Rogers – 4-6th Grade Reading/Bible Teacher

Dan Sells – Athletic Director/PE/Health Teacher,

Class of 2009

Randy Sells – Bible Teacher

Tessie Sells – PE/Health, Science Teacher

Misty Sole – Clerical/Office

Isabella Staley – 4th-6th Grade History/Writing Teacher

Laura Weber – Library Teacher, ***Class of 2010***

Heather Wood – 4th-6th Grade Science/Math Teacher

Rachel Wood – French/English Teacher, ***Class of 2009***



L-R: S. Grimm, K. Anderson, R. Gribben,
G. Menelly, not pictured, A. Quillen

Message from the Board of Directors

Welcome!!

The Board is excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for our students at JCCS. This newsletter will help share information and future plans with our families and friends. We are planning to unveil our 5-year strategic plan in the coming months. We look forward to sharing this vision with you that will lay the foundation for the future of JCCS.

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

—Proverbs 22:6

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Service Update

Make a Difference Day - October 3, 2025

"These things I command you, that you love one another" (John 15:17) is our theme verse for the year. Showing love for one another is lived out through serving, and that is what the Jr High and High School students did with "Make a Difference Day".

Students from the Jr. High and High School worked to make a difference by participating in the Ohio Right to Life March, volunteering at the Aim Women's Center, Sienna Skilled Nursing Home, the Village of Wintersville, Urban Mission, Mingo Junction First United Presbyterian Church,

the Friendship Room, and JCCS. They cleaned and sanitized, moved boxes and furniture, worked flowerbeds, made lunches, visited and played games with the elderly, raked leaves, recycled cardboard, and vacuumed floors and so much more as a way to show their love for others.



Twenty students went to make a difference in Columbus at the Ohio Right to Life March and to provide a voice for the voiceless.



Students volunteered to help the Aim Women's Center in Steubenville by washing and sorting baby clothes.



Some students volunteered to serve the Village of Wintersville, helping with clean-up and beautification of the village.



The students volunteered to assist the Friendship Room by making lunches for the hungry.



Alumni Spotlight

Matthew Hutchison, 2003

Matthew Hutchison graduated from JCCS in 2003, after helping his fellow Royals, coached by Mr. Sells, win their first-ever ACSI State Soccer Championship in 2002.

As a junior, Hutch applied to the United States Military Academy and impressed the Congressional Interview Committee with tales of "leadership" and "adventure" on a school trip to France led by Mrs. McGurn. During his senior year, to complete his admission packet, he had to have a final medical evaluation in Columbus and just barely made it back in time to perform in "My Fair Lady," directed by Mrs. Bullard, who had convinced him he could sing. Because of that encouragement, he currently sings tenor in the 40-member choir of his church, First Baptist of Augusta. By the Lord's personal and powerful providence, Matt achieved admission to West Point and graduated as part of "the long gray line" in 2007. He has since made the Army his career and is currently stationed at Fort Gordon, where this past June, he was installed as the Battalion Commander of the 782nd Military Intelligence (Cyber) Battalion in charge of 700 soldiers across three states. As a lieutenant colonel with a Master's degree in Cybersecurity from Carnegie Mellon University, he has written speeches for generals thanks to the writing skills he first learned in Mrs. Courtney's English classes. In 2011, Matt married Jena, also a lieutenant colonel, who serves as Battalion Commander of the 124th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment with the Georgia National Guard. Together, they have three children, Henry (12), Luke (9), and Jane (7), all of who happily attend Community Christian School in Augusta, Georgia.



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Message from the Principal

Mrs. Julie Lewis

The 2025-2026 school year is off to a great start! As I walk the hallways, I'm seeing students who are engaged in academics, enjoying experiments and activities, and forming friendships that are Christ-centered. The teachers are diligently pouring into their students both spiritually and academically by challenging them to "do all things to the glory of God". Christian education is a privilege, and I'm thankful to be a part of it here at JCCS!



Our mission is to provide an education that pursues academic excellence while nurturing our students' Christian character and pointing them towards their Kingdom purpose.