

JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Families & Staff:

As we ready for our December 19 to January 2 winter break, I wish to share a few thoughts before all are off to enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

As we approach this holiday season, our talented students have been maintaining a positive and high-profile presence within our community.

Johnstown-Monroe musicians and singers were prominently showcased during the recent Johnstown Chamber of Commerce "I'll Be Home for Christmas" celebration. Our Big Red Band delighted the thousands lining Main Street downtown for the annual Santa parade and have had numerous other performances, including a future performance at Disney World.

Just a few days later, more than an estimated 1,500 community members visited Johnstown Elementary for the PTO's annual Grades K-5 Winter Art Show.

This past Sunday, our Choirs offered two public performances of their annual Christmas Concert, this one celebrating the theme, "Let It Snow." On Monday, the Choirs under the direction of Brianna Warner repeated their performances for several groups of students and staff, as well as, at the Ohio Statehouse.

Our buildings also have been filled with fans of our winter sports teams.

In addition to various holiday-themed spirit activities held this final week before entering winter break, our elementary students also had a very special visitor, Johnstown Mayor Donald Barnard. Our mayor's visit is the latest illustration of the strengthening of already strong ties between our schools and local government leadership. These close and valued connections are always important, especially now as our community continues to plan and prepare for the opportunities and challenges posed by Intel and other development expected to follow.

Our Board of Education and school administration continue to carefully plan for a likely return to the ballot this May with two funding issues that will not increase taxes, but will assure we have the critical resources required to continue to offer quality education for our existing students now and in the months and years ahead.

Lastly, I wish to thank our students, families, staff and the greater Johnstown-Monroe community for the warm welcome, support and much-appreciated feedback I have received since joining the district in August as Superintendent. This first portion of the school year has truly been an enriching and rewarding experience. I thank you all and I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in 2023.

I wish you and yours safe and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

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