# The Green and Gold Gazette

#### Halloween Dance

By: Sophie Schweim

The Halloween dance, hosted by Student Government, was both spine chilling and a lively event. The event was filled with many fun and spooking festivities. The school was completely covered in Halloween decor, lights and blasting music. The event put you in an entire Halloween spirit from the beginning! During the dance many headed to the commons to dance and sing along to the music. They also visited the haunted hallway, a hallway filled with gore and scare actors just waiting to jump out and scare you! From the dancing, scares, and everything in between, the Halloween dance will be one to remember.



### Red Ribbon Week

By: Lexi Miller

Red Ribbon Week is a week that Jefferson students say no to drugs by dressing up for each day of the week. Every year, Red Ribbon week is nationally celebrated from October 23rd-October 27th. The students dressed up each day to help recognize the importance of living a drug-free life. Monday was Pajama Day, Tuesday was Sports Day, Wednesday was Decades Day (7th graders wore 70's clothing and 8th graders wore clothing), Thursday was Squad Day (Students dressed up matching with a group of friends.), and Friday was Wear Red to say no to drugs. When asked how the themes were chosen, Ms. Mason said "The students chose the themes for the days." Students said they had fun dressing up and recognizing the importance of staying away from drugs.

### Basketball Record Breaker

By: Lana Brodersen

Alexis Underwood beat the record for the most points in a middle school basketball season. I got the chance to ask her some questions about her basketball life. Her preparation prior to a game is doing her team warmups and listening to music\(Things like "Get Your Head in the Game" from High School Musical.) Her motivation this past season was the passing of her teammate from last year, Aleyah Farrell. Her favorite memory with the team is fast break drills and playoffs. She wants to play basketball in high school and college. She was excited and wanted to finish off the game strong when she got the winning point. Alexis has been playing basketball for roughly five years. I asked Alexis if she would try to beat the high-school record and she said "I am going to try but I still have room for improvement." Congratulations Alexis!!

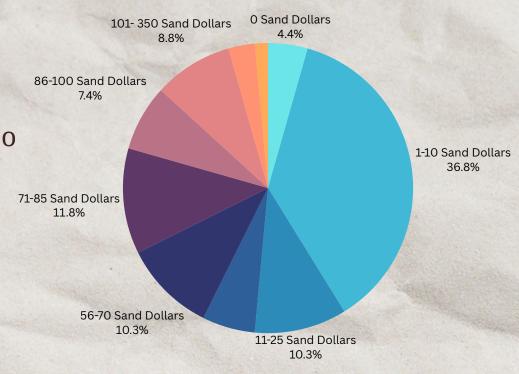


# Surveys

Sand dollar wealth distribution

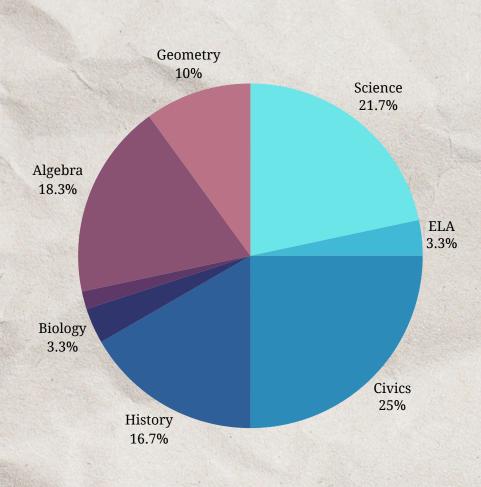
By: Joshua Levine

How many sand dollars do JMS Students have?



### **Favorite Core Class**

By: Camden Nickerson and Troy Wallenburg



# What is your favorite core class?

"I take a lot of pride in teaching civics, I feel that me and Harper are teaching a very important topic that will benefit everyone in the long run" - Mr. T. Scull

### JUSTIN'S JOKES

BY: JUSTIN GREGOIRE

I used to own a taser. It was stunning.

I don't like facial hair, but it's starting to grow on me.

Once I ate at a fancy Italian restaurant. It cost a pretty penne.

What happens when doctors get mad? They lose their patients.

How do you stop a bull from charging? Cancel its credit card.

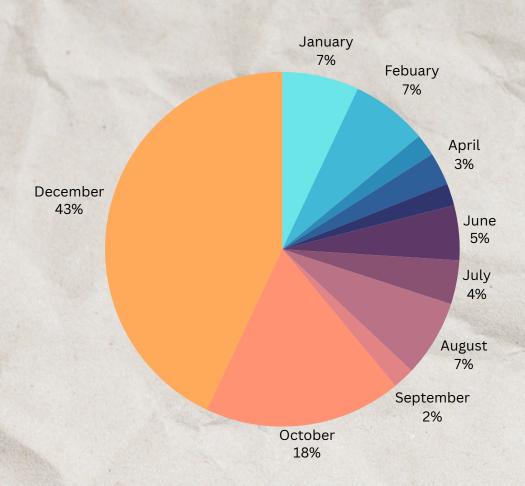
What did the roof say to the shingle? This one's on the house.

Did you hear about the evil hen? It lays deviled eggs.

Why was the broom late to work? It over-swept.

# Question of the Quarter

By: Aubrey Bailey and Oden Joseph



# What is your favorite month?

"December is my favorite month because of Christmas, Hannukah, winter break, and cold weather." -Joshua Levine

"I like December because it's chilly and there are lots of holidays."-Troy Wallenburg

"December is great because it's Christmas and you get to spend time with your family." -Aubree Corbin

### Happy Days

By: Winter Crown and Adrienne Findley

Mr. and Mrs. Turner have a new dog and his name is Happy. They got him in September when he was almost 4 months old. They acquired him through the organization Southeastern Guide Dogs. The Turners are training Happy to be a guide dog for the visually impaired, but he may also end up being a service dog for veterans with PTSD, or being a service dog for the Florida Fish and Wildlife, Fire and Arson, or the TSA. After he turns one, he will be evaluated to determine what he is best suited for.

Mr. Turner said that life at home with Happy is good but that he is very hyper. He said "Happy has a lot of energy, he walks at least two hours a day no joke." He said Happy was a very well-behaved dog and they really enjoyed him. The reason that they took in Happy was because they lost their dog of 14 years in May, and taking in Happy really helped them and they wanted to "take on a challenge." Happy is very well-behaved in the classes that he is in with Mr. and Mrs. Turner. He loves all the kids and is very energetic. He plays with all the students and all the students enjoy him. Happy has been great so far and the school is "happy" to have him.



# **IMS Teacher of the Month**

### November-Senora Lovera

By: Ro Newberry

Q: Why did you choose to teach at Jefferson Q. How does it feel to be Middle School?

A: The age range and the good reviews about A. I'm honored to be a staff and students. Also, when I first met the teacher of the month principal, we got along immediately.

Q:What greatest efferson Middle School. one of your accomplishments?

A: The 100% passing score in my advanced international Spanish test; it reflects how hard worked at Jefferson? my students work

Q: If you could live anywhere in the world Q. What's your favorite thing about Jefferson? where would it be?

A: It would definitely be here.

Q: What is something you're very passionate A. Science

about?

A: Skydiving.

Q: Do you have a favorite childhood memory?

A: My favorite childhood memory

would be meeting up with my family for to stay. holidays to celebrate.

December-Mrs. Proctor

By: Viviana Crawford-Darnell

teacher of the month? because there are so many good teachers at

Q. How long have you

A. This is my second year.



A. The students

Q. What subject do you teach?

Q. What inspired you to become a teacher?

A. I was a teacher assistant for six years and decided that I wanted to be part of the teacher community.

Q. How long do you plan to stay at JMS?

A. I plan to be here as long as Jefferson wants me

# January-Mr. Turner

By Justin Gregoire

Q: How long have you been teaching at JMS?

A: 9 years.

Q: Why did you want to be a history teacher? A: I took a personality test in college and it said I should be a 5th or 6th grade teacher. I hated it and I tried some other subjects and realized that

I really liked history so here I am now.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: Swimming and dog training.

Q: Who inspires you the most?

A: Mrs. Turner, she is very organized and cute.

Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching?

A: I like seeing kids grow up.

Q: how did you feel when you found out that you were the teacher of the month?

A: I was excited because I got a Lowes gift card.

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#### Future Educators Of America

Interview with Kitana Kline and Harper Zeiler By: Ingrid Alvarenga

There is a new club at JMS and it is the Future Educators of America. The club sponsors are Ms. Banyard and Ms. Greene. I interviewed the club's President, Kitana Kline and Vice-President, Harper Zeiler.

Q:Why did you want to be the president of the club? Kitana:I always wanted to be the president of a club, I thought it would be nice.

Q:What is your favorite thing about the club?

:Kitana: I want to be a music teacher in the future, so I guess I like learning about things that might help me.

Harper: That it isn't as boring as I thought it would be.

Q:Why did you join the club? Kitana:I was in a club last year and it was fun so I wanted to join another club this year. It's also a new club so I wanted to see how it went.

Harper- A lot of my friends were joining and they told me to join too.

Q:Do you like being in the club? Kitana: I do, I think it's better than it was before.

Harper-I like it too, it's really fun most of the time.





# NJHS Veteran's Day Food Drive

By: Camden Nickerson

During the week of 11/6-11/14, NJHS collected food and other supplies for homeless veterans. They collected 10 full boxes of food and toiletries to support homeless veterans in Brevard county and they gave the supplies to the Volunteers of America in Cocoa who gave it to veterans and their families.

### Merritt Island Christmas Parade

By: Mena Hutton

Saturday, November 2nd there was a Merritt Island Christmas Parade. Jms's SGA, band, and cheerleaders all participated in the parade. Everyone in the parade was throwing out candy and some gave stuff like bracelets, stuffed animals, water bottles, and coolers. The Merritt Island High School band and soccer students also participated in the parade as well as other schools like Mila Elementary School, Merritt Island Christian School, and Edgewood Junior/ Senior High School. There were tons of other people participating in the parade. Little kids with their parents waited for candy near the road.



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# **New Teachers**

### Dr. Sean Quinn

By: Preslie Villareal

Q- Why do you want to teach?

A- I like to inspire the future generations.

Q- How do you motivate students?

A- I reminds them about the expectations and enforce them.

Q- Where are you from?

A- I am from New Hampshire and moved to Merritt Island this year.

Q- How many years have you been teaching?

A-13 years

Q- How do you like JMS so far?

A- I thinks it is awesome and there are friendly people.

Q- Where did you teach before JMS?

A- Korea, Afghanistan, Thailand, and Omar.

Q- How is JMS different from your old schools?

A- Better facility and nicer students.

Q- What are your hobbies?

A-I like to read, write, and go to the beach.

