
The Jefferson Journal

Stories from Jefferson Preparatory

1st Assembly Of The Year

Christian Estephan & Jazz Singh

The JPHS assembly was a massive success. Students arrived at the cafeteria to experience 2020-2021 school year's first assembly. It was hosted by Juniors, Lily Fenimore and Madison Scroggins with the help of other members from the Jefferson Prep Student Government. Mr. Loewer, the principal, kicked it off by addressing how the launch of the school went well with the new regulations from the CDC due to COVID-19. Next, there was a showcase of what the robotics class built during the first few months of school. Then, all the clubs were announced by their sponsors which were followed by a game called "Guess The Song" which was hosted by Michail Eudaley and Micah Witt. The sophomore class walked away as the victors. The teachers also participated as well, with the winning teacher being Mr. Yingling. The student government team prepared a wonderful event for the students and teachers all around. The school is looking forward to the next assembly!



Clubs Are Here!

Jazz Singh

Clubs are here at Jefferson Prep! Students attend these clubs every Friday. The clubs consist of the following: Magic the Gathering Club, sponsored by Mr. Van De Wille and Mr. Fenimore; Chess Club, sponsored by Mr. Wilson; Book Club, sponsored by Mr. Yingling; Drama Club, sponsored by Ms. Oswald and Ms. Cruise; True Crime Club, sponsored by Ms. Oswald; and last but not least, Adventure Club, sponsored by Mr. Van De Wille and Mrs. Pianin.

9/11 Attack

Alfred Estephan

On September 11, 2001, at 8:45 a.m. an American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 pounds of fuel crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. 18 minutes after that plane hit, another Boeing 767 hit the south tower. One hour after the first plane hit, at 9:45 a.m, another plane crashed into the Pentagon military headquarters. In addition to the other 3, there was a fourth plane that was heading most likely for the White House, but 44 men and women bravely sacrificed their lives in order to keep it from reaching the White House saving hundreds of lives. On this day alone, 3,000 Americans were killed. This attack went through because of the lack of security in the airports; this caused 19 members of Al Qaeda to smuggle in box cutters and knives to hijack the aircrafts. September 11, 2001 was a very destructive and disheartening day in American History, for these reasons we must never forget all those innocent people who lost their lives on this one tragic day.



Constitution Day

Christian Estephan

Constitution Day is a yearly holiday, landing on September 17, 2020, with Americans celebrating the establishment of our government and its values. This document, spanning 4,400 words and authored over 115 days by the seven founding fathers, lays the basis for the government of the United States of America. It sets seven main ideas which are in the Preamble to the Constitution: "to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." The first ten amendments, known as the Bill of Rights, guarantee the freedom of the citizens of this country. Jefferson Preparatory celebrated this holiday by learning about the United States Constitution. In first and second period, along with Life Skills, JP students discussed our Constitution, interesting facts about it, and how it came to be.

An Interview with Mr. Loewer Alex Kleckner

Mr. Loewer is excited to be JPHS's principal this year, and he has some great goals for this year in mind. Mr. Loewer's goals for the year are to create positive relationships with students and parents, to gain about 60 students a year, and to offer more sports and possibly more electives such as flag football. He has been teaching for around 30 years in various positions spending most of his career in Ohio, moving to Arizona only four years ago. He started as a math teacher and continued for ten years. Later, he went into administration for 22 years. He also has been a principal of four different high schools with student populations of 1400 - 2500 students, so JPHS is a bit of a change of scenery for him. One interesting thing about Mr. Loewer is that at one point he held a college baseball record for most losses as a pitcher, 27 losses. JPHS is fortunate to have Mr. Loewer for a principal because he has many years of experience that can help enrich students' educations.



Girls Varsity Volleyball

Aaliyah Madison-Marshall

The JPHS Volleyball Team defeated Trinity Christian on September 29, 2020. The Lady Guardians have been practicing for two hours every day since the beginning of school. Their hard work paid off. Special thanks to Coach Lisa Fink and co-captains, Aaliyah Madison-Marshall and Renee Ferrar. Jefferson's fierce Lady Guardians are only missing one thing, spectators. Please come cheer for them!