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2022 SPRING ATHLETIC AWARDS

Clark Public Schools

On Tuesday, May 25, 2022, the Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Department held their 2022 Spring Athletic Awards ceremony. The evening, sponsored by the Crusader Athletic Booster Club, was held in the ALJ High School auditorium.

All the spring athletic teams and their seasons were highlighted by their coaches while handing out letters and awards to the student athletes. Over 128 varsity athletic letters were handed out throughout the evening, as participation in athletics at ALJ High School continues to grow.

The program continued with the Student Athlete Award, which was presented by the Athletic Director of ALJ High School, Mr. Gus Kalikas. The Student Athlete Award is given out each athletic season to a student athlete that is not only a champion on the field, but in the classroom as well. The 2022 Spring Student Athlete award recipient was Aidan Ford with a 4.68 G.P.A.

The Crusader G.P.A. Challenge is awarded each season to the team that finishes with the highest overall G.P.A. amongst athletic teams seasonally. They will be presented with certificates, have their team memorialized on a plaque, and be invited for a "Breakfast with the A.D." to celebrate their actions both in the classrooms and on the fields.

The winner of the 2022 Spring Seasonal G.P.A. Challenge, with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.75 is the Softball Team. Members of the Softball Team: Gabriella Muretta, Jillian

Duffy, Brooke Hilton, Krista LaBianca, Shannon Lancellotti, Madden Puerari, Isabella Todaro, Lacey Vill, Maria Dante, Gianna Frino, Grace Cassidy, Samantha Gonzalez, Alexa Grasso and Alison Wysocki.

The evening continued with the announcement of the Best Teammate Award winners. The BTAs were: Baseball – Paul Castro, Golf – Biagio Bonanno, Lacrosse – Jack Bencivenga, Softball – Alison Wysocki, Tennis – Owen Broadwell, Boys' Spring Track & Field – John Brighthouse, Girls' Spring Track & Field – Tatum Dobbins.

The evening culminated with the announcement of the Team Most Valuable Players. The MVPs were: Baseball – Connor Thorn, Golf – Anthony Cundari, Lacrosse – Nicholas Pingor, Softball – Maria Dante, Tennis – Matthew Cassidy, Boys' Spring Track & Field – Aidan Ford, Girls' Spring Track & Field – Sarah Scepkowski.

The Athletic Director, Gus Kalikas, had this to say about the event "The Spring Athletic Awards was a wonderful event that allowed the administration, teachers, coaches, parents, and student athletes a chance to reflect on a wonderful spring athletics season while honoring our student athletes for their remarkable accomplishments. Our teams, coaches, and student athletes continue to raise the bar both in the classrooms and on the athletic fields and the Clark School District could not be more proud of their performance this past spring athletics season."

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(above, l-r) Spring BTA Award Winners, Spring MVP's, Spring G.P.A. Winner - Softball

(above) Spring Athletic
Award Winner
Aidan Ford

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ALJ HOSTS NJ HAWKS

Clark Public Schools

On Wednesday, June 1, 2022 the Johnson Softball team hosted the NJ Hawks in an exhibition game. The purpose of the game was to

help the Hawks practice and prepare for future games in the Special Olympics. The game was fantastic and filled with several great plays by both teams.

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(above) Players included from the NJ Hawks Team: Angelica Romero, Caitlin Madden, Alec Jones, Tasean St. Clair, Peter Krieger, Gabrielle Gilio, Trey Walker & Erick Dodd. Players included from the Johnson Softball Team: Maria Dante, Kayla Kershaw, Allison Biondi, Samantha Gonzalez, Madden Puerari, Alexa Grasso, Gabby Muretta & Mia Amaral

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KILMER TO ATTEND USA ALL AMERICAN GAMES

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ALJ SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

Clark Public Schools

Arthur L. Johnson High School held its Senior Awards Ceremony on May 31st to recognize outstanding student accomplishments. Seniors were honored with several awards and scholarships recognizing outstanding contributions in the areas of academics, athletics,

community service, and beyond.

Superintendent Edward Grande stated, "The outpouring of support from the larger communities of Clark and Garwood for our soon-to-be graduates for their successes in the classroom, field, and stage is truly heartwarming to see."



(above) Education Foundation of Garwood Scholarship winners Peyton Collings, Leo DeSantis, Lauren Roland and Sarah Scepkowski.

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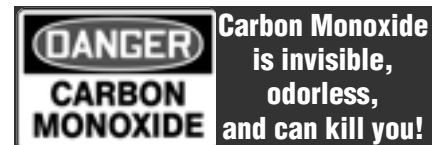
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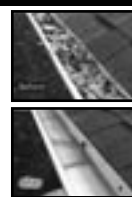
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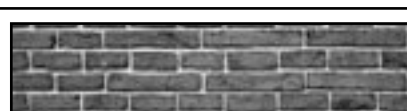
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Submitted by John Doolan

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Well over 100 guests attended and our event was a tremendous success. On Sunday June 12th, we were able to present Rob, Amanda and Nora with a check for \$8,000 which we hope will help them during this difficult time.

Many Brother Knights from both Councils worked very hard behind the scenes to make this worthy fundraiser a success and we are also grateful for the support that we received from both the Cranford and Garwood communities.

Special thanks to Battalion Chief Stratton and his team for bringing the two fire vehicles to serve as a backdrop for our check presentation.

The Cranford Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Fraternal Organization dedicated to our four Core Principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. The Cranford and Garwood Councils support many charities and civic causes locally, state-wide, and nationally and are committed to being a viable part of our community.

For information about joining the Cranford Council, please contact our Grand Knight Jerry Conheeney at 908-416-3464 or visit the Council website at cranfordknights.org.

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July 1, 8, 15, 25 and 29

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Play What’s in the Water

The week of July 5, 11, 18 and 21

Check out our white board as you walk in the Library each week for new hints about “What’s in the Water”. It will be something new each week. Make a guess about what’s in the water. Correct guesses will be entered in a random drawing for a prize. A winner will be drawn each Friday. The winner will be contacted on Monday.

Pirates Lost At Sea

July 5 at 10 am

Join us for a thrilling action packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island. Throughout the story volunteers from the audience will help conduct several hands-on science experiments that AAAR sure to amaze you. This program is brought to you by the Library in collaboration with the Garwood Summer Recreation. The event will take place during Summer Recreation. You must be registered for Summer Recreation to attend.

Virtual Kids Crafts

July 6, 13, 20 and 27 @ 2 pm

Pick up craft supplies each Wednesday and follow the Facebook tutorial at 2 pm. Registration is required for craft kits and is limited to 15 participants. Sign up on the Library website’s events calendar or by phone. Kid’s Craft will take place once a week in July.

Float In Movie

July 7 at 2 pm

Children will create a seafaring vessel then watch an Ocean Adventure movie. Popcorn will be provided. For children entering second grade and younger.

Reptiles and Amphibians Show

July 12 at 2 pm

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Water STEM

July 14 at 2 pm

Water science fun with boats, skittles, food coloring and baked goods. For kids in 2nd grade and older. Registration required.

Book Discussion Group

July 18 at 1 pm

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July 20 at 10 am

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Shark Attack

July 29 at 10 am

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July 29

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Summer Reading Party

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GARWOOD SENIOR CLUB EXCURSION

The Garwood Senior Club enjoyed an excursion to The Brownstone on May 17th, 2022.

They enjoyed lunch and entertainment. A good time was had by all!

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BINGO NIGHT

A BINGO Night was held on April 5th at the Knights of Columbus. It was hosted by the Mayor and Council as a part of NJ Local Government Week. Refreshments were served and prizes were awarded.

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