

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Servitude. I was honored to be invited to share at a local prayer breakfast on "Servitude." This word, a Sunday morning sermon, and senior service presentations have me reflecting on service in new ways. Servitude is, by definition, a lack of personal freedom, as to act as one chooses. Giving up the freedom to act as we choose to serve others is a decision contrary to our human nature. We would prefer to act in a way we choose, usually in a way that is more self serving. The Word tells us, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13.

A recent sermon preached by my pastor, Rev. Randall Bain, caused me to remember a former student and cross country runner who, along with his family, created a summer sand bucket list. His list included activities they would complete by the end of the summer. While running at cross country practice, I got updates on visits to Idlewild, summer hikes, books read, museums visits, etc. With the completion of each activity, it was then crossed off the sand bucket list. Honestly, I don't remember if this family's list got completed or not, but it was a fun summer for them. How does a sand bucket list connect to service? A bucket or sand bucket list is a list of things you want to do before you die or before the end of summer. On that Sunday, my pastor presented to us, "What was Christ's Bucket List?" In this quote by Steve Benzer and in John 13:1-5, we find the answer. "Sometimes I joke about what I'd do if I had one day left to live. Eat junk, go crazy, etc. Today it hit me: Jesus knew. And he washed feet."

At JCS, we want to train, teach, and empower students to serve like Jesus. Our updated mission statement points to a life with deep faith that is reflected in godly character. "Johnstown Christian School equips students to understand God's absolute truth by engaging minds, building character, deepening faith, and creating a community to glorify God." But how do we teach servitude?

What is your first memory of serving? My guess is it involved time with an adult, maybe a parent, grandparent, Sunday school teacher, or another adult with whom you had a meaningful relationship. That's the modeling part of teaching, reflecting the saying, "more is caught than taught." This modeling and working side-by-side allows children to see service in an active learning environment. At JCS, we have provided our youngest learners with the opportunity to participate in many types of service with their teachers to help them understand what service is and begin to decide what service is best for them.

* * * * *

**At JCS, we want to train,
teach, and empower
students to
serve like Jesus.**

* * * * *

In the secondary department, students engage in individual and class times of service. This may be working at a summer vacation Bible school or going with their class to Laurel View Village, Camp Harmony, or many other places in our community. This is a time we pray our students are attentive to the cries of the needy. However, we are keenly aware that we can't respond to every need. But, we know that if each student, and each of us, responds to the cry that connects with them, they can change the world.

One of our seniors' benchmark projects for graduation is a presentation on their service while at JCS. These include a slideshow that highlights the type of service they completed with pictures of them serving, verses that resonate with them about service, application of lessons learned, and words of encouragement to underclassmen. I was so humbled as I heard these seventeen- and eighteen-year-olds talk about how they have practiced servitude. A pastor we partner with, Pastor Jimmy Trotz, summed it up with, "The vision of JCS is exemplified in human form by serving others."

My challenge for all of us in regard to servitude:

- Does your bucket list include service?
- What cry of the needy have you heard and how will you answer it?

I will close with a quote from my devotions and another from Paul.

“As risky as it is, I want your Word to cut away everything in me that does not look like Jesus.”



“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: who existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross.” Philip-
pians 2:5 - 8

Celeste Sprankle

Celeste Sprankle, Administrator

Staff UPDATES



Amber Murray

Amber Murry joined the kitchen staff in March. Amber is the mother of LaToya (age 15), Gianni (1st grade), and Kamiryn (who will start next year in Kindergarten). Amber's favorite hobbies are cooking, gardening, and spending time with her children.

Amber and her family attend Oakland United Methodist Church and reside in Oakland. Amber loves the morals and manners instilled in students at JCS. She appreciates how attentive the older students are with the younger students.

Welcome Amber!!

A New Chapter

This may be the end of a great career at JCS, but the beginning of another great adventure for Mrs. Carr and Miss Courtney.

Thank you Miss Courtney for 15 years!

Thank you Mrs. Carr for 19 years!



Events

Graduation 2022

Congratulations to the Class of 2022. Graduation was held on June 3 at Emmanuel Church. The graduating class was offered over \$1.9 million in scholarships to continue their education. We lift them up as they've made plans (see below) and pray the Lord determines their steps (Proverbs 16:9).

Noah Baker	<i>Penn Highlands, Liberal Arts</i>
Julianna Beltz	<i>Training with Footsteps</i>
Christopher Burkey	<i>University of Pittsburgh Johnstown, Veterinarian</i>
Dionte Coleman	<i>Penn Highlands Community College, Criminal Justice</i>
Charlee Eckenrod	<i>Penn Highlands Community College, Psychology</i>
Emma Engleka	<i>Penn Highlands Community College, Early Childhood Education</i>
Abigail Godin	<i>Workforce</i>
Jacob Hartnett	<i>Workforce</i>
Alana Hinton	<i>Penn Highlands Community College/Geisinger, Pre-Health Professions and Nursing</i>
Abigail Holsopple	<i>Altoona Beauty School, Cosmetology</i>
Mary Hostetter	<i>Asbury University, Intercultural Studies</i>
Jacob Huston	<i>Pennsylvania College of Technology, Building Construction Technology</i>
Sarah Huston	<i>Penn State University Dubois, Nutrition/Dietetics</i>
Elijah Kirk	<i>Penn Highlands Community College, Liberal Arts</i>
Emmaleigh Lushko	<i>Undecided</i>
Kasmira Mack	<i>Liberty University, Sport Management</i>
Ethan McDowell	<i>Pennsylvania College of Technology, Construction Management</i>
Gabrielle McGeary	<i>Mount Aloysius College, Nursing</i>
Owen Miller	<i>Messiah University, Cybersecurity</i>
Grace Ressler	<i>University of Pittsburgh Johnstown, Early Childhood Education</i>
Allenna Shellenberger	<i>University of Pittsburgh Johnstown, Nursing</i>
David Struble	<i>Penn Highlands Community College, Political Science</i>
Michael Taylor	<i>Full Sail University, Music Engineering</i>
Tyler Williams	<i>Duquesne University/University of Pittsburgh, Physics and Engineering</i>





robotic mailbox. The RoboJays are grateful for God's provision and the many generous donors that helped raise over \$7500 to make their trip possible.

L to R: Adam Habecker, Levi DiGuardi, Jaydon Yoder, Dorin Cook, Hope Ressler, Oriana Yoder, Noelle Lushko, and Isabella Williams.

Spring Festival 2022

The weather didn't want to cooperate, but it didn't stop the 2022 Spring Festival! We moved vendors inside and added live music. Thank you local worship teams for bringing beautiful music to the day. The 41st Spring Festival was a huge success! We are grateful for all who served and who gave generously to make the day the blessing it was.

Save the date! The 42nd Spring festival will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

~The Festival Committee

RoboJays

The 2021-2022 JCS middle school robotics team, the RoboJays, had an incredible year full of amazing experiences and valuable learning. After placing 1st in the FIRST LEGO League PA Central tournament for the second consecutive year, the RoboJays journeyed to the University of Arkansas for the Razorback Invitational Tournament on May 19-22. Featuring 80 of the top LEGO robotics teams, the team was able to interact and learn from teams from across the globe including Israel, Japan, Spain, and Korea. The team did well in all phases of the competition and was called back in consideration for an award on their project, which details the concept for a

Clemente Museum

Spanish students visited the Clemente Museum where they not only learned about Roberto Clemente's baseball career but also about his great passion for helping others.



Feed the Need

Our third Feed the Need campaign this spring was a blessing! Students spent five weeks asking for sponsorships as a fundraiser to support JCS and our ministry: Engaging Minds, Building Character, Deepening Faith. The fundraiser concluded with an all-school "Packing Party" on Friday, March 4. Students packaged 10,000 meals in just four hours, and it all fit in 42 boxes. Joy overflowed in our building as students worked together to make a difference locally and globally! This year 8,500 meals were shipped to Haiti where local Christian schools serve them in an effort to encourage attendance. While in class, students receive instruction in English, Mathematics, and, most importantly, they are able to hear the GOSPEL, all while being shown Christ's love! The remaining 1,500 meals were distributed to New Day Inc., The Big Table Dinner - Hornerstown, and Johnstown Soup Kitchen.



THANK YOU to our Corporate Sponsors

— GOLD LEVEL —



A DEBT RELIEF LAW FIRM

— SILVER LEVEL —



MS Drama Club

The JCS Middle School Drama Club presented their skit "Don't Let the Grouches Steal Your Christmas" by reminding us that the true meaning is not about decorations, lights, food, and presents. The real meaning of Christmas is all about Jesus.

Club Members (left to right): Kloe Harris, Anna Lushko, & Elisabeth Thomas

MS Drama Club Advisor: Mrs. Diana Yoder



District 6 Chorus Festival

Three students represented Johnstown Christian School at the PMEA District 6 Chorus Festival held at Northern Bedford High School on February 10-11, 2022. Abigail Holsopple, Grace Ressler, and Mary Hostetter joined their voices with more than 170 musically talented students from Somerset, Cambria, Blair, & Bedford counties.

Dr. Rachel Cornacchio, Associate professor of Music and Director of Music Education at Messiah University, directed the honor choir. All three girls advanced to the PMEA Region III Choral Festival in March at Altoona HS.

PMEA Region III Chorus Festival

Two students represented Johnstown Christian School at the PMEA Region III Chorus Festival held at Altoona High School on March 24-25, 2022.

Abigail Holsopple and Mary Hostetter joined their voices with more than 170 musically talented students from eight counties in PA. Dr. Ryan Beeken, Director of Choral Activities at Wichita State University, directed the honor choir. (Grace Ressler qualified but was unable to attend due to sickness.)

Congratulations girls!



Art Show 2022

Congratulations to the following Best in Show winners from our March 25, 2022 JCS Art Show.



Isabelle Lushko - Elem

Avery DiGuardi - MS

Emmaleigh Lushko - HS





6th Grade Band Fest

The 2022 PMEA 6th Grade Band Fest, held at Conemaugh Valley High School on Friday, April 1, was a huge success. Danielle Coleman and Noelle Lushko were two of 174 students who filled the stage for a standing-room-only, 7 PM concert. A percussion ensemble also performed at the concert. The guest conductor was Dr. William Stowman who teaches Trumpet at Messiah University along with being the Chair of the Music Department.

Drama Presentation of *Seussical the Musical*

"Oh, the Thinks you can Think!!" Well, the Johnstown Christian School Drama Team has done it once again!

The JCS Drama Department performed the musical *Seussical* on April 7-9, 2022, to packed crowds and loyal fans! The audiences were wonderful, the set was amazing, and the acting and singing were simply fantastic! Nineteen high school students took on acting roles or behind-the-scenes crew positions to bring to life all of the Dr. Seuss characters that we loved as a child. Through creative sets and costumes, we were transported back to our childhood, remembering many well-known and well-loved stories! It was a great night of music and fun for the whole family. A big shout out to our drama supporters! We couldn't do it without you!
~ Diana Yoder, Drama Production Manager

Front: Charlee Eckenrod

2nd Row: Sybella Mack, Allenna Shellenberger, Ella Lushko, Kasmira Mack

3rd row: Grace Ressler, Abigail Holsopple, Alana Hinton, Sarah Huston

4th Row: Solenna Mack, Shiloh Swart, Emmaleigh Lushko, Owen Miller, Noah Baker, Jacob Huston

5th Row: Clara Harper, Noah Hurt, Tyler Williams, Olivia Lushko



Choir Tour

The JCS Tour Choir and Handbell Choir enjoyed five days of ministry at the end of April! They shared the music and message, "God's Light Shines Through" to congregations and communities across Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Illinois. They were able to reconnect with JCS Alumni who attended the concerts, met up with several family members, renewed old friendships, and made new friends along the way. Some of the songs the choirs performed included "True Light," "Mountain Mover," "For the Glory of Your Name," and "Lay Aside Every Weight." The powerful message through the songs and scriptures they shared touched the hearts of the choir members and congregations that worshipped with them!

Here are some quotes from JCS students about 2022 Choir Tour:

"One man I talked to started telling me about the rough couple months his church had been going through. He told me that a few people had passed away and that was really hard for their church. He was asking God for something to help bring them back. He told me that our choir was that something." Ally Burkey

"The focus of this trip was to minister and shine for God, and so during the concerts, you really can see and feel God working. I got to have a conversation with one person about salvation and how life gets messy and can sometimes get in the way of your time with God. God put me in that place at that time to use me. He works in amazing ways." Emma Engleka

"We got to stay with host families again this year, which I am very happy about. I heard many stories about how God had impacted the lives of the people we stayed with. These stories were amazing to hear, and I loved getting to know what all God has done for them. It also allowed me to meet and connect with people who I wouldn't have met otherwise. Choir Tour was an amazing

experience, and I am so thankful that I was able to be a part of it." Grace Ressler

"I loved going on Choir Tour, and it had a very positive impact on me. It helped me step out of my comfort zone in host family homes and be able to experience God's great love and faithfulness to us. Those we sang to and those who hosted us were very thankful that we came and were encouraged by us. I had a great time serving on Choir Tour." Unity Miller

"Thank you, Lord, for a wonderful trip for Your glory!" ~Kristen Lloyd, Choir Director

Band Concert

The JCS bands teamed up with the Somerset County Community Band once again for the

2022 JCS Spring Band Concert. Band students from grades 4 to 12 performed in various large and small ensembles. The concert concluded with an ensemble of more than 50 musicians when the JCS band students joined the members of the SCCB. Musical selections ranged from a band adaptation of "Amazing Grace," to highlights from *High School Musical* and even music from popular Pixar movies. It was wonderful to see the gym full of family and friends supporting and cheering the culmination of these students' hard work, support of the parents, staff, and administration!

~Steven Fassnacht, Band Director



Achievements AND Accolades

JCS Speech Meet

Congratulations to the following students who won a Superior Ribbon at the Elementary Speech Meet on Friday, March 18, 2022.

POETRY

Grade 1 - Bayleigh Bracken
Grade 1 - Jackson Giardina
Grade 1 - Eben Golla
Grade 2 - Sean Fassnacht
Grade 3 - Annabelle Brezovic
Grade 4 - Jeremiah Beveridge
Grade 6 - Elyza Barta
Grade 6 - Levi DiGuardi
Grade 6 - Kloe Harris

BIBLE

Grade 3 - Zachary Berkebile
Grade 3 - Branson Lehman
Grade 5 - Malachi Dean
Grade 5 - Preston Sulosky
Grade 6 - Benjamin Hansen
Grade 6 - Keyahno Richardson-Toney

FABLES AND FOLKLORE

Grade 2 - Gavin Custer
Grade 4 - Bryston Gardner
Grade 4 - Isabella Kotch
Grade 4 - Anthony Burkey

PATRIOTIC ORATION

Grade 6 - Isabella Williams

DRAMATIC BIBLE PROSE

Grade 6 - Noelle Lushko
Grade 6 - Oriana Yoder

National Spanish Exam

Congratulations to several Spanish students from Johnstown Christian School who attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2022 National Spanish Examinations.

In 2022, Johnstown Christian School had sixteen students participate in the National Spanish Exam. Students from JCS earned a total of one gold and five honorable mention medals.

GOLD MEDAL:

Lydia Hostetter ('25)

HONORABLE MENTION:

Sara Blough ('24), Ella Lushko ('25), Sybella Mack ('25), Ellie Speigle ('25), and Solenna Mack ('24)

"Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious," said Lisa Greenman, National Director of the Exams, "because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 73,000 students participating in 2022."

In order to receive a medal, students must be among the top performers in all testing categories: vocabulary, grammar, reading, and listening. Johnstown Christian School also recognizes students for their excellent performance in the individual categories of vocabulary, grammar, reading, and listening.

EXCELLENCE IN VOCABULARY:

Allison Burkey ('24) and Isaiah DiGuardi ('24)

EXCELLENCE IN GRAMMAR:

Joshua Berkey ('25) and Zoey Stanton ('24)

EXCELLENCE IN LISTENING:

Isaiah DiGuardi ('24)



The National Spanish Examinations are administered each year in grades 9 through 12 and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Students from Johnstown Christian School have a long history of high achievement on these exams and were taught by Mrs. Jillian Walker.

Varsity Basketball

Congratulations to both Varsity Teams who advanced to the ACAA (Allegheny Christian Athletic Association) tournament.

Girls Varsity entered at the #1 seed and were champions of the ACAA West Conference. They finished in 3rd place at the tournament.

Front Row: Lydia Hostetter, Charlee Eckenrod, Kasmira Mack, Alana Hinton, Solenna Mack, Allison Burkey

Back Row: Abigail Holsopple, Unity Miller, Ellie Speigle, Sarah Huston, Grace Ressler, Shiloh Swart, Aaron Viscusi



Varsity Boys entered as the #2 Seed and finished 5th at the tournament.

Front Row: Elijah Williams, Sam Ribaric, Jacob Huston, Michael Taylor, Jeremiah Taylor, Kaiden Acosta

Back Row: Coach Taylor, Jacob Taylor, Christopher Burkey, Isaiah DiGuardi, Dionte Coleman, Noah Baker, Coach Cooper



All-County Soccer

Congratulations **Mary Hosetter ('22)** and **Kasmira Mack ('22)**, who made Honorable Mention for Somerset All-County Soccer Awards.



Congratulations to **Ethan McDowell ('22)** who made First Team.

Conference All-Star Team

Congratulations to **Sarah Huston ('22)**, **Kasmira Mack ('22)**, **Unity Miller ('24)**, **Dionte Coleman ('22)**, and **Michael Taylor ('22)** who made the Conference All-Star Team. They played in the East-West Classic on March 7, 2022.

District 5 All-Star Game

Congratulations to **Dionte Coleman ('22)** who represented JCS in the District 5 All-Star Game Monday, March 28, at Chestnut Ridge High School.

Baseball Co-Op

Congratulations to the following who students participated in Conemaugh Township Varsity Baseball:

Dionte Coleman ('22), **Jeremiah Taylor ('25)**, **Michael Taylor ('22)**, and **Aaron Viscusi ('23)**.

All-County Basketball

Congratulations to **Unity Miller ('24)** who made Second Team for the Somerset All-County Girls Basketball Team.



Track and Field Co-Op

Seven students participated in Conemaugh Township Track and Field: **Lydia Hostetter** ('25), **Mary Hostetter** ('22), **Ellie Speigle** ('25), **Isaiah DiGuar-di** ('24), **Sara Blough** ('24), and **Unity Miller** ('24).



Congratulations to the following athletes who earned wins at the District 5 AA Track and Field Championships at Northern Bedford on May 18, 2022:

Mary: 1st in 100m • 3rd in 200m

Ellie and Mary: 1st in 4x100m relay

Lydia and Unity: 3rd in 4x800m relay

Ellie and Unity: 3rd in 4x400m relay

Isaiah: 5th in 4x400m relay

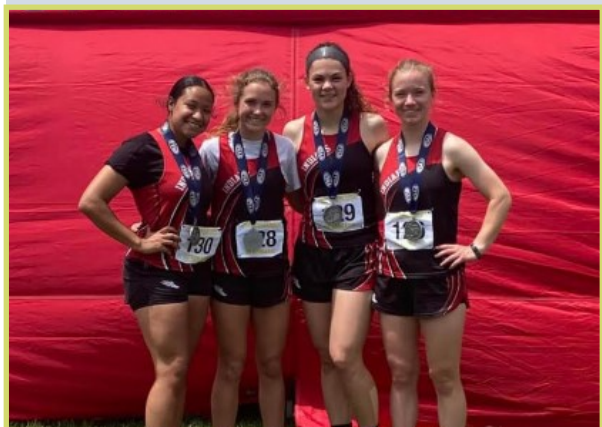
Ellie: 6th in 400m

Mary and Ellie and the 4x100 team advanced to the state competition.

Congratulations to state medal winners!

Ellie and Mary: 2nd in 4x100m relay (*also in picture—teammates Asia Zwick and Izzy Slezak*).

Mary: 8th in 100m



Archery

The archery team had a good year of growth. Congratulations to the following archers who advanced to states and represented JCS well.

Front Row: Amelia Shaffer, Allison Burkey, Sarah Huston.

Back Row: Mr. Burkey, Aaron Viscussi, Elijah Williams, Christopher Burkey, Tyler Williams, Jacob Huston, Mr. Sprankle.

JCS Athletes Playing at Collegiate Level

Congratulations to the following senior athletes who will play at a collegiate level:

Dionte Coleman: Basketball at Penn Highlands Community College

Mary Hostetter: Soccer at Asbury University

Sarah Huston: Basketball at Penn State University Dubois

Ethan McDowell: Soccer at Pennsylvania College of Technology

Alumni NEWS

Engagements

Robert Antesberger ('17) engaged to Chasity Faith on June 1, 2022.

William Blackford ('17) engaged to **Kayla Yoder ('19)** on February 13, 2022.

Caleb Simms engaged to **Lindsey Horner ('16)** on September 29, 2021.

Marriages

Joey Sepp ('17) married **Nellie Kabler ('17)** on July 2, 2022.

Births

William ('06) and **Michelle Blough**
Daughter, Reagan Elaine, on April 7, 2022.

Brian ('06) and **Whitney (Graham) ('06) Grove**
Daughter, Rowen Mary, on March 7, 2022.

Dylan ('12) and **Jocelyn Hudson**
Daughter, Carmendy Blaire, on June 3, 2022.

Josh ('07) and **Sarah (Hollingsworth) ('08) Varner**
Daughter, Marianna Grace, on May 6, 2022.

Memorials

*"Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you all."
-2 Thessalonians 3:16*

It is a joy to receive gifts that are sent to acknowledge a loved one. We are very grateful for the gifts received from the following:

In Memory of

JOCELYN CROFT

*Dan and Brandee Croft
Ron Westover*

In Honor & Memory of

GERALD & NORMA LLOYD

Gerald Lloyd

In Honor of

CATHY SPORY

Lois Alwine

In Memory of

NOAH & ELMA MAE YODER

Ron Yoder

Notice BOARD

Stay Connected!

Johnstown Christian School is on Facebook and Instagram. Join us for updates throughout the week. The Facebook feed is also on the home page of our website www.johnstownchristianschool.org.

Please call 814-288-2588 or email kmack@jcsfamily.org with alumni news.

ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL OR LIVING LEGACY FUND

If you would be interested in pursuing either a Memorial Fund or a Living Legacy Fund in order to honor a loved one, contact Celeste Sprankle, Administrator, at csprankle@jcsfamily.org.

Johnstown Christian School

Telling the next generation about
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord
Psalm 78:6



Thank you for considering a gift in your estate plan for JCS. Including JCS in your future plans leaves a legacy that will bless our ministry for generations to come.

WHY IS AN ESTATE PLAN IMPORTANT?

An estate plan ensures your desires and values are honored and that your assets will go to the people and organizations you select.

WHAT IS A PLANNED GIFT?

A gift that utilizes charitable planning strategies to maximize your charitable impact and achieve your personal planning goals.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT JCS WITH AN ESTATE GIFT?

You can name JCS as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan, insurance policy, bank accounts, and/or establish an Endowment fund. These future gifts are changeable during your lifetime.

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

A fund that is invested permanently, and part of the income is spent annually to support the ministry; the fund grows over time and provides financial stability to the ministry.

HOW DO I NAME JCS IN MY WILL OR ESTATE PLAN?

JCS is a 501(c) (3) non -profit.
Our ministry is identified as:
Johnstown Christian School
125 Christian School Rd,
Hollsopple, PA 15935
Federal Tax ID: 25-1005200

I INCLUDED JCS IN MY ESTATE PLAN, WHAT'S NEXT?

Please let us know!

We want to acknowledge and celebrate your future gift!

If you have any questions about this type of giving or wish to talk about your desire to give, please contact our Business Manager, Ms. Amy McDowell
(814) 288.2588 or amcdowell@jcsfamily.org



JOHNSTOWN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
125 Christian School Road • Hollsopple, PA 15935-8419
www.johnstownchristianschool.org

NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
JOHNSTOWN, PA
PERMIT NO. 5

MATT
5:16



Let your **LIGHT** so shine
BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR
good deeds & glorify
YOUR FATHER in Heaven

*Engaging Minds * Building Character * Deepening Faith*



JCS 21-22