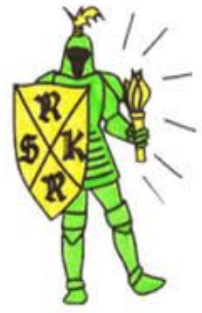


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## Interviewing the Student Council President, Ava!! By Shreya Tekal

*A Student Council President is someone who is open minded, creative, and will know what is best for our school, fortunately we found one with all these characteristics.*

*Ava Borkar is our new Student Council President! Ava is kind and helps everyone in our class and she will be a great student council president. I had some questions for her so we met during intervention and I had a long chat with her.*

*To start off this interview, I asked her why do you want to be the Student council President? She replied, "I wanted to be the President, because I was already a member of student council before. My sister was a secretary, so I had the courage to run for President."*

*The next question I threw at her was, "What new activities are you planning for JM this year?"*

*"New activities that we are planning for JM is mostly what we were doing last year like the Just Dance, the food drives. I was thinking of maybe a bake sale and the money raised can go towards school events or a good charity for people who are in need," she reflected.*

*I think a bake sale is a great idea because it is going for events in JM or a charity for people in need in our community. When she gave me all these answers I started to wonder how she felt before and after the election.*

*She answered. "Before the election I felt really nervous because I knew there were many other candidates and that they may have very good speeches, some even better than mine. When I went up I felt really really nervous and I felt like I was going to mess it up. Turns out that it actually was pretty good. After the election I was*



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*more nervous and the wait seemed very long because we would get the results only at the end of the day when we would go to the lobby. When I was at the lobby and they were announcing the secretary, at first, I was really scared and more nervous than before. Finally the wait was over and I heard my name, I was overjoyed and over the moon, and every one congratulated me. I had WON, I was elected the Student Council President!"*

*The next question I gave her was, since she had experience in student council how was this role different?*

*"I have been class representative in 4th grade. This role is different because you don't get congratulated by the whole school. I really enjoyed being there, and helping out people and helping in events. In council it is different because you normally work with the other elected members like the treasurer, secretary and the vice presidents and you get to make decisions." she claimed.*

*The next question was, is school different for you now than it was before?*

*"School is different from me now than it was before because now that I'm student council President. I get congratulated a lot more especially after the election. Many students from 3rd and 4th grade recognize me as the President. When I wasn't student council president I would just be walking around in the hallway and now students stop and ask me questions. I feel more responsible too. I also feel like there's much pressure on me to set a good example and do things in the right way. If I don't get something right, some people will be judging or criticizing me about not doing my duties in the right manner." She told me.*

*These are the two questions I am thinking are very important in my opinion. I asked her what are the biggest challenges that someone in this position would face?*

*"The biggest challenge that someone in this position would face is conflict resolution. To try and please everyone coming up to me and asking if I could make their ideas happen." She answered.*

*Then I asked her the last question, What is your main goal to accomplish as president?*

*"My main goal to accomplish as president is to take everyone's ideas and combine them into a new fundraiser or activity and possibly get that approved by the student council advisers. I also want to make this year the best one yet by having enjoyable and entertaining events throughout the year." She told me.*

*Time is almost up and we finish our chat. Overall I think we all made a wise decision to elect her as President, she gave me good answers and she is perfect for this role.*

# Incredible Interviews...

## Interview with Ms. Zadroga

By Trisha Panchangmath

I curiously stepped into Ms. Zadroga's room, anxious to know what she had in store to share with JMI! "Hi, Ms. Zadroga," I said.

"Hi! Come have a seat!" she replied. I pulled over a seat, and settled down, ready to write down what she said.

"So, Ms. Zadroga. For your first question, please tell me what made you interested in becoming a teacher?"

"Well, ever since I was a little girl, I used to play teacher with my siblings, and used to always be the teacher. It showed me how wonderful being a teacher really is. In addition, I always admired my own teachers," she recalled, with a hearty smile. "And I have two sisters and one brother, me being the second child," she added.

"That's nice," I replied. She really seemed to love being a teacher. Her grin was from cheek to cheek.

"I also to wish to know whether you have taught before this, as you are new to JMI!" I exclaimed.

"Yes, in fact, I have. This is actually my ninth year teaching. I've taught preschool for 2 years, 1st grade for 2 years, and 2nd grade for 4 years."

"Wow, that's a pretty long time," I commented. Then I took a look around her room. She had famous quotes, and pretty decorations surrounding it. That made me wonder what her favorite thing to do with her students was. So I asked her.

"I enjoy having a morning meeting with my class, as it sets the tone for the day and it helps me know my students better. I did a quick scan of her room again, and realized how organized the room was. It came across my mind to ask her how she liked to organize her room.

"Well, I prefer to organize my classroom based on my students' needs," she replied.

"Nice! That's a good idea. So, what's your favorite subject to teach, Ms. Zadroga?"

"Um, I would say math, since I love teaching new strategies to solve problems, and simply because I like numbers," Ms. Zadroga concluded, looking at her math charts hanging around the room.

"Great! Math is my favorite subject, too! What's your favorite quote?"

"Ooh! I love lots of quotes, but my absolute favorite is the quote, 'Teachers who love teaching teach children to love learning'", she exclaimed, picking up a sign behind her that read the same quote she mentioned.

"Well, I really love the way you decorated around your classroom. Is that a hobby of yours?"

"Yes, in fact it is, along with working out, shopping, and making crafts!"

"Cool! My hobbies are decorating and making crafts as well!" I said cheerfully, noticing a book lying on her desk. "What's your favorite thing to read, Ms. Zadroga?"



"Oh, I really, really, REALLY enjoy reading, but my favorite things to read are fitness articles and magazines."

"Those are wonderful informative pieces of writing! Do you have any pets?"

"No, I don't have any pets," she informed.

"Do you like being outside?" I questioned.

"Oh, yes, absolutely! I love being outside. Specifically, I love being at the Jersey Shore.

"That's terrific! Where did you grow up, Ms. Zadroga?"

"I grew up at Jersey City and I moved to Edison nearly a month ago," she replied.

"Now, for my last and final question, I'm going to ask you an important question. What is it that inspires you?"

"Lots of things inspire me, but the most inspiring thing by far to me is seeing children engaged in their learning, without even realizing it! I love knowing that my students have fun while they're learning!" she stated, this time, with an extraordinary smile on her face.

"Thank you so much for your time, Ms. Zadroga! I really appreciated having a chance to talk to you and get to know more about you. Bye!"

"Thank you for coming to interview me, and have a great day!" And with that, I left Ms. Zadroga's room, but not with curiosity. This time, I left with a sense of satisfaction, knowing that my curiosity was fulfilled.

## Interview with Ms. Critelli

By Anuja Sharma

All of us know Ms. Critelli as our music teacher, but has anyone stopped to get to know her? Ms. Critelli is one of the new teachers who joined our JMI all-star community in September. A couple of days ago I emailed Miss Critelli and asked her a few questions about herself. One of the questions I was most curious about was:

"If you could travel to any time period to visit a famous musician when and who would it be, and why?"

Miss Critelli replied with, "I would go to Vienna, Austria around 1785-90 to visit Mozart. I really love singing songs from Mozart's operas and he composed some of my favorite ones during that time. It would be really cool to meet him!" To me, it is really cool that she had a composer in mind and knew why (I wouldn't be able to choose) !

Next, on a completely different note, I asked her, "What made you join the JMI Community?"

She simply responded and said "Edison had fantastic students who became awesome musicians! I wanted to be a part of what makes Edison so great!"

Going along with the topic of students I asked Miss Critelli if she had a preference of an age group to teach and why? "My favorite age group to teach is elementary (kindergarten through fifth)" she answered, "I have so much fun singing and playing musical games with students!"

The next question I asked was " What instrument did you play in school and if you could change it what would it be?"



Miss Critelli replied and said that she played the clarinet in school and along the way she picked up new instruments. She also added that she could still play the clarinet to this day and she is happy that she started off with it.

One of my favorite questions I asked is, "Is there any type of music you don't really enjoy? Has your opinion changed?" because sometimes even musicians don't enjoy certain types of music so I wanted to know!

Miss Critelli responded and said "I am not the biggest fan of country music, I avoid it at all costs! However, some of my close friends are big fans of country music so I gave it a try. It's still not my favorite, but I will listen to it when I am with my friends.

One of the more basic questions I asked was "What is your favorite music and why?"

"My favorite types of music are musical theatre and classical music. I love musical theatre songs because they were made for singing - there's a song for every occasion!" Miss Critelli answered "I also really like classical music because each composer and piece of music is so different. Every time I listen to a piece of music, there's something new to discover!" This was really cool to hear because now when I listen to different classical music I listen and realize how different each piece of music is!

One of the last questions I asked was actually an extra question and it was "When you are upset or stressed do you play or listen to music.... does it help you calm down a bit?"

She answered..."I do use music to help me when I'm stressed or upset about something. There's always a song that will describe how I feel or will make me feel better!"

The final question I asked which was maybe the most basic question was "Why did you become a music teacher?" I know everyone has a reason to pursue a career and I wanted to know why Miss Critelli chose her's.

"I decided to become a music teacher because I really love music, singing, and teaching. Putting them all together just seemed like the perfect idea! I also had a few music teachers in the past who inspired me to become a teacher just like them." She responded.

While doing this interview I learned a lot about Ms.Critelli and I had a lot of fun doing it and I hope she enjoyed answering the questions!

## Interview with Mr. Morales

### By Saanvi Kataria

You all know our new gym teacher, Mr. Morales. Though, you only know him as a teacher who works in JMI but have you gotten a chance to actually know him?

Mr. Morales is one of our new teachers at JMI. Because he is new to JMI, I wanted to learn more about his background so I decided to interview him.

My interview started by asking him "Why did he want to become a gym teacher?"

He responded with, "I started coaching Little League when I was 19 years old and loved it! I realized making a profession out of teaching and coaching young children was a great passion of mine. Watching a child perform something you taught them is so rewarding."

The next thing that had come to mind was, "Did you have a role model growing up?"



Mr. Morales responded with, "Yes, my baseball coach Mr. C. He was so committed to the growth and development of his players, that it made me want to be like him."

Next, I asked, "What is your favorite age group to teach and why?"

He simply responded with, "My favorite age group has to be 3 years old. I'm biased because my daughter is 3!"

I realized that since he was a gym teacher, he probably had a favorite athlete so I asked, "If you could talk to any athlete who would it be and why?"

Mr. Morales responded with, "Michael Jordan. Would love to pick the brain of the best of all time!"

After I asked him, "Why did you want to be part of the JMI community?"

He responded with, "I always heard such great things about the students of JMI."

Then I asked, "What was your favorite sport growing up?"

Mr. Morales simply responded with, "Baseball."

Then I wondered about his background so I asked, "Have you had any jobs in the past if so what were they?"

He replied with, "I was an assistant manager at Party Fair in South Edison for 7 years."

After I asked him, "What is your favorite unit that you teach in JMI?"

Mr. Morales responded with, "Basketball because the kids seem to have a lot of fun with it."

The next question that came to thought was, "Where did you grow up?"

He simply responded with, "Edison, N.J."

A question I had in mind was his family so I asked, "Do you have any pets and/or siblings?"

He replied with, "I have one cat named Melo. I also have a brother, named Nick."

Finally, I asked my most important question, "What inspires you?"

He thoughtfully replied with, "My grandmother. She had to raise 4 girls on her own because my grandfather passed away at an early age. She did an amazing job and lived until she was 95 years old! I can only hope to do as well as her with my daughter and live that long!"

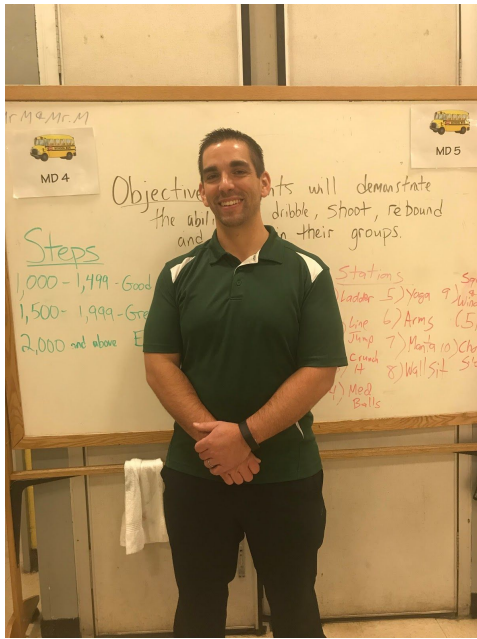
## Amazing Assemblies...

### *Wingman Assembly*

By Mitali Deshmukh

IT WAS AN EXCITING MORNING FOR THE THIRD GRADERS AND THE FIFTH-GRADE WINGMAN AMBASSADORS. IT WAS THE WINGMAN ASSEMBLY!

THE WINGMAN AMBASSADORS WERE STANDING IN A LINE, WAITING PATIENTLY FOR THE THIRD GRADERS TO ARRIVE AT THE





MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM. AS THE CLASSES STARTED TO COME IN, THE WINGMEN STARTED TO SMILE AND WAVE. SOME WERE NERVOUS, OTHERS WERE EXCITED. MRS. COSCARELLI, MS. HUNTER, AND MRS. O'BRIEN WERE IN CHARGE OF THE ASSEMBLY. FIRST, THEY LET THE WINGMEN INTRODUCE THEMSELVES. THEN, THEY TOLD THE THIRD GRADERS ABOUT THE WINGMAN PROGRAM AND WHAT THEY DO. THE TEACHERS ALSO TOLD THEM ABOUT THE ACTIVITY THEY WERE GOING TO DO, WHICH WAS ROCK, PAPER, SCISSOR, CHEER!

SO LET ME EXPLAIN THE GAME; ALL THE WINGMEN WOULD GO TO THEIR ASSIGNED CLASSES AND EACH CLASS, SEPARATELY, WOULD PLAY ROCK, PAPER, SCISSOR, SHARE WITH A PARTNER. WHOEVER WON IN THAT PAIR WOULD JOIN ANOTHER PAIR AND THE WINNERS WOULD PLAY. SO A GROUP OF 2 BECAME 4 AND 4 A GROUP OF BECAME 8 AND SO ON. BUT THE PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T WIN WOULDN'T JUST STAND AROUND DOING NOTHING; THEY WOULD CHEER THEIR CLASSMATES ON.

THE TEACHERS LET THE WINGMEN GO TO THEIR CLASSES AND THE THIRD GRADERS TO DO THEIR FUN ACTIVITY. PRETTY SOON IT GOT REALLY **CRAZY** AND **NOISY**! THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM WAS LIKE A ZOO, WITH ALL OF ITS ANIMALS LET FREE.

WHEN EVERY CLASS HAD A WINNER, IT WAS TIME TO START THE ROCK, PAPER, SCISSOR, CHEER CHAMPION. THE THIRD-GRADE WINNERS CAME TO THE FRONT OF THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM. THEN THEY PICKED A PARTNER AND STARTED THE ROCK, PAPER, SCISSOR, CHEER CHAMPIONSHIP. THE WHOLE THIRD GRADE CHEERED ON THEIR FRIENDS, WHICH MADE THE WINNERS FEEL CONFIDENT. THERE WERE 2 PEOPLE LEFT. THEY PLAYED AND SNIGDHA, FROM 3-6 HAD WON THE ROCK, PAPER, SCISSOR, CHEER CHAMPIONSHIP. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACTIVITY WAS NOT TO FEEL BAD THAT YOU DIDN'T WIN, BUT TO CHEER YOUR CLASSMATES AND TO MAKE THEM FEEL CONFIDENT TO WIN.

BUT THE ASSEMBLY WASN'T OVER, THERE WAS STILL A JUST DANCE LEFT. MRS. COSCARELLI PUT A JUST DANCE CALLED CELEBRATION. AFTER PLAYING THE SONG TWICE, THE ASSEMBLY WAS OVER. EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME!

## *Firefighter Phil Assembly*

By Nisarg Akolia

On November 12, One of the memorable assemblies took place. It was the firefighter Phil assembly. As everyone sat down firefighter Phill set the stage. As we all settled in, Ms. Abatemarco came in and raised her hand and the student's raised their hand too. The students were advised to be quiet for firefighter Phil.

Firefighter Phil introduced himself. He was a really kind person. He told the children a little about himself. Before he started to teach the children about fire safety. He asked the children how they were doing. The children were so excited about the assembly.

First, firefighter Phil taught the student's all about fire safety. He told the student's that it is important to know all about your fire safety. He advised the student's to check their smoke detector once a month. Also, he advised the children to know where you will meet in case of a fire. The children were told how to react in case of a fire. The children were divulges that don't take anything with you if a fire has started. The only thing you should bring is yourself.

After that, firefighter Phil brang out a puppet. Firefighter Phil divulge the puppet that he had to take a quiz to become a firefighter. Also if he was stuck on a question the children could help the puppet. The questions were all about fire safety. All the questions the puppet was answering were wrong but funny. There were about 15 hilarious questions. One of the questions was what should you do if a fire happens. The puppet answered the question wrong so one of the children were picked on. The child said that you should stop, drop and roll if a fire occurs. That answer was correct.

Firefighter Phil showed us a book all about fire safety. It had stuff all about how you can be safe if a fire begins. It also told you what you should do if a fire begins. The packet had a story about using fire safety. Then he said his farewell until next year. It was a great assembly for everyone.

And More!!

## Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The Meltdown Review

By Pranav Shankar

You may have at some point heard of the book or movie called "The Diary Of the Wimpy Kid". The latest book from the series is, "The Meltdown". I will be reviewing this book to give you an idea on it. The author of this book is Jeff Kinney. The series, The Diary of the Wimpy Kid describes Greg Heffley's adventures along with his family and friends. He also has a lot of fun along with hard times in them. This is the latest book out of the series. In this adventure, Greg is dealing with winter. Greg and his best friend, Rowley face a lot of adventures during the winter months. There





are two teams in the Surrey neighborhood. The first team is on the hill of Surrey street, which is where Greg lives. The other team is on the bottom of the hill. Both of the parts of the streets have advantages and disadvantages. In the the winter though, the hill is where the fight happens. Greg and the other people that live on the hill try to fight so the people below the hill cannot sled on the hill. The people on the hill do this for a reason though. The reason is the the kids at the bottom of the hill do not let anybody even step in their property. So this is basically revenge. There are many such incidents that kept the book entertaining. I think the story was great! I have a few things to tell you about what I thought about the story. The author had a really description on how the weather was in winter. There are the same characters in the book as always so there are no new characters introduced in this book. But, there are new problems and adventures. The author also did a great job showing and not telling which means he did not just state what happened but added details with descriptive words. I felt like I had to keep reading the book until it was finished. I have read seven books from the series and I think in my opinion that they are all very **AWESOME**. One of the books, called Cabin Fever is similar to this book because it is also set in winter. In the Meltdown, a few things were different than all the other books. This was different because the main characters were Greg and Rowley. They also had to fight with their friends too.

**How will they survive this hard winter?**

**If you would like to read the book, you can look at the details below**

Book: Diary Of The Wimpy Kid- The Meltdown(color is purple)

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Recommended Age: 7 and above

Where you can buy it: Scholastic book fair, Barnes and Noble, etc.

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\*\*\*\* - Target gives you a poster with the book sometimes

## The Thanksgiving Feast!!

By Dhruhi Patel

Thanksgiving is an American holiday which has been celebrated from generations to generations. The autumn season brings people worldwide, to thank the accessories in our lives making every moment enjoyable, and to thank our loved ones for supporting us every day.

Many people out there are not as fortunate to have food to eat and a roof over their heads. That is why every Thanksgiving, we feast at JMI to show that we care, and we share.

This Thanksgiving at JMI brings a delightful feast that is free of cost, and helps us thank our food and homes. It was November 20, 2018 at JMI when the PTO held a grand feast!



Some of the delicacies that was handed out by parents, teachers, and Mrs. Abatemarco, was fresh corn, mac-n cheese, turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, and for the sweet treat, corn muffins! That just made my mouth water!! On the side, we had apple juice, to tie everything together!

This Thanksgiving just got a whole lot more special with JMI, I really will miss our yearly feasts with the JMI community.

## *The Wild Wildfires*

By Rohit Kalla

When you think of wildfire, what do you think? A small fire that goes away? Well, California's originated wildfire, "Camp Fire", is nothing you have seen before. It has been destroying well over one thousand homes. You might think this is your regular wildfire, but it's not even close to what you think.

You might ask, *What is a wildfire?* According to Google, "A large, destructive fire that spreads immediately over woodland or brush." We could even prove that by seeing images of wildfires. Overall, it's a fire that's massive, deadly, and spreads around forests.

Wildfires could be tiny ones, only continuing approximately a day. On the other hand, they could be deadly ones, like "Camp Fire". Tiny ones ordinarily cause very low damage and they claim usually 1 life. Nothing compared to severe ones though. They could last for months, claiming roughly 80 - 100 lives! They also leave about 100 - 150 people injured. Overall, you could see why this wildfire is remarkably dangerous!

As of November 28, 2018, "Camp Fire" had claimed 88 lives. If "Campfire" grows, we would only see the death toll go up! Either the fire needs to stop, or we humans need to find a way to stop the fire, which is prominently doubtful. We just need to hope that the fire would stop like any other wildfire. It has also claimed famous celebrity houses, such as Gerard Butler, a well-known actor, and Miley Cyrus, a popular singer. This confirms even high tech houses really don't have a chance at surviving this catastrophic event.

Overall, this fire is raging, and I mean **raging**. It has an extremely low chance of stopping anytime soon. Even though we know it isn't stopping soon, we need to take action. You could donate money to non-profit organizations that put money into trying to stop to fire. The more money that is funded, the better chance there is for stopping the fire. We also need to give credit to all of the firefighters who work extremely hard to try to put out



	the fires. We need to help put out the fires, and it probably isn't going to happen anytime soon.

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