Headmaster’s Message: Sentinel Strong!

As the calendar year 2020 comes to a close, we have much to be thankful for, amidst the many trials life has thrown us this year. It’s far too easy to dwell upon the many parts of 2020 that we hope never to experience again, and to lament at how hard or unforgiving life can be. Yet I am reminded that God doesn’t promise an easy life, but He does offer a life that is “perfect and complete, lacking nothing” (James 1:4). This is a promise I have been holding onto this unprecedented year. Sometimes I look back and recall a difficult time in our school’s 30-year story, and I can see how JRHS has matured and is now able to hold strong in greater storms.

I am blessed to be surrounded by great people all working together to offer the best in-person education to the fortunate students that come to campus each day. In the recent years, education has become more commodity driven, and less transformational in a young person’s life. The Covid Pandemic has both accelerated and called into question education that is viewed like a commodity. With such unfettered access to transferring information via the internet, educational progressives have posed the question whether teachers will even be needed in the future.

In the year 2020, JRHS is perfectly poised to hold the standard of missional, life-on-life transformational education. I am reminded of the beautiful image that God gave me over 30 years ago when I envisioned JRHS: the teacher with students sitting around a table, studying great, timeless, worthy material that forms the mind and the heart. The Covid pandemic has added some distance and obstructions to our desired mode of education, but I am resolute as ever that the Christian community we create at JRHS is the core of our mission, and nothing the world wide web offers can ever compare to the life formative experience we call, “more than an” (continued on back page...
The Summer months often prove to be a very good time for JRHS to do some campus maintenance or development, and in the summer of 2020, we were in good form. The primary maintenance work was new roofing on the barn and Shiloh chapel. Over the course of a week in late July, volunteers met each late afternoon and evening to strip and re-roof these surfaces. Later in the summer, we were blessed by the Comrie family who rebuilt our damaged front porch stairs. What great JRHS style campus efforts that brought everyone together around a common task!

An exciting campus development project was the construction of our new Sport Court. We found a piece of unused campus behind the barn, and due to the generosity of Severino Trucking, we now have a spectacular half-court basketball and play area. Every day this Fall Semester, right up to the snow fall, students have played hours of basketball and other games. It has greatly enhanced our campus culture, offering a great place of gathering, and organized recreation. We extend a heart-felt “Thank You” to the many donors and volunteers who helped us improve our campus, and thereby our mission this year.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION
By James Song (‘21)

Outdoor Education is a unique program at Jesse Remington High School that allows students to grow in community, physical strength and a positive attitude during outdoor activities.

Throughout the year, once a week, the students have opportunities to try many different outdoor activities such as hiking, flag football, archery, and various other games that get us out into the Great Outdoors. During this season of Covid, we cherished these times to be outdoors, active, and healthy.

Sentinels Basketball

The Sentinels Basketball Teams are underway on what we pray will prove to be a good season. It will undoubtedly look a little different with Covid, but the Sentinels student-athletes are training this month, eager for their first games of the season coming up the week before Christmas. Our awesome coaches Anna (Philbrick) Shalda and Doug Langlois are pleased to announce two new coaches for the girls’ team: Marissa Fuller and Janelle Kameron.
The introduction of Covid into student life has had several side effects on our everyday routines. Some of these have been negative, others positive. We've had to learn to adapt in many different ways.

The pandemic known as Covid-19 has resulted in many negatives such as having to wear masks, having to social distance from our friends, and the possibility of losing our in-person opportunity and resorting to at-home learning like last spring. Masks can cause many complications for people. It can make it harder for people to breathe, you can't see people's facial expressions, and for people that are hard of hearing it is difficult when they can't read lips. And, masks make some people feel safer regarding the invisible enemy, but others believe masks can do more harm than good. Social distancing is another challenging area. Oftentimes this is one that we forget to do because we are so used to being close to our friends. In general, isolation from friends isn't enjoyable. Last spring semester, during the state-wide remote learning, the virtual classes did in fact work, but it sure was not ideal. For most students, it affected their ability to learn and this was not a setting that they thrived in. Being outside of the classroom environment led some students to struggle with focus. This was due to the distractions at home, such as siblings, pets, and other factors. Over Zoom, internet complications posed another challenge. At various points over the at-home learning, most students experienced shaky or failed internet during class time and even hindered turning in homework on the system.

While there were these negative aspects to the shutdown last spring, some positives have resulted as well. This year we have daily health precautions we have to fulfill, and if we can't, we have to stay home and tune into the class via Zoom. This has made the severity of sickness in the school go down quite a bit and has limited the spreading of sicknesses. Normally at this time of year, the flu would be starting to spread but because of all we have done, it has not. And, as much as we did not like the at-home learning last spring, it did make for more time that the whole family spent together.

Throughout the experience of Covid, I learned many things. I learned to be grateful for the ability to have an in-person education because Zoom was very difficult to learn in and did not go well for me. I also learned to appreciate school from the Seniors of 2020 who had a very different end to their Senior year, and now I definitely don't take school for granted.

Covid highly impacted a lot of people's lives last year and still is impacting our lives. I think the negatives of Covid helped us to appreciate the positives and helped us to be grateful for what we had before Covid.
This year, Jesse Remington welcomed a new project class led by Miss Wilder-
man: genealogy. In the class, students learned more about their ancestry. To
find out who was in their family tree, students interviewed family members as well as researched public records.

The class was successful enough in learning who they are related to that every student could name who from their family line was the first to come to America. Interestingly, one student found out their family came to America on the Mayflower. Once students learned who their ancestors were, they were challenged to go deeper by imagining what it was like to walk in their shoes. Students were given writing prompts every class that gave them the opportunity to think about what it would be like to experience another person’s situation from a different time period.

Miss Wilderman learned that one of her ancestors traveled by ox cart from New Hampshire to Alabama in the 1820’s and felt compassion for them as she imagined that the journey was not easy. Overall, the mission of the class was for students to gain knowledge of who lived before them, grow in empathy by understanding how they lived and what challenges they faced, and to compare this to their own lives, producing gratefulness for the luxuries of today and giving them courage to face their own challenges like the ones before them did.
JRHS SENTINELS: Fall Soccer Summary

By Austin Seo ('21)

Jesse Remington High School provides students with a high quality of education, while also providing passion exemplified through sports. Especially this year, we encountered a complex and difficult environment with the Covid-19 pandemic, but sports like soccer have provided us with enjoyment and a great way to strive forth as a team.

Our school’s soccer team offers a lot of teachings to us under the guidance of Coach Doug Langlois and Assistant Coach Adam Stockin. First, we learn the importance of community by maintaining good relationships with teammates. Second, we learn teamwork and competition which are two of the best outcomes in soccer, the success of both teams, not just personal, but by acting together with a team to attain a certain goal. Third, we learn hard work and passion. Sports like soccer cannot be enjoyed to the fullest without effort and enthusiasm from the players and coaches. This success can only be achieved if each of the players makes the effort to sacrifice themselves for the betterment of the whole. Overall, although there was no championship to end the soccer season, it was still a formative and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Did You Know?

If you are more than 72 years old and must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you may be able to save money on your taxes by turning that distribution into a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The QCD provision is one of the biggest breaks in the tax code as it allows your gift to be made with pre-tax dollars, even if you do not itemize deductions as may now well be the case given the changes made to the tax code in recent years.

Please consider joining with others who are supporting JRHS through a QCD and save on your tax bill at the same time!
The 2020 Humanities Faire compiled a series of stunning scenes that portrayed the major world events of the Victorian Era.

Even during the Covid era, we forged on with this legacy JRHS project event. We were given a series of prompts that outlined the major events of the era and were tasked with creating scenes that would properly represent them. In early September, we formed six groups and began doing our research, writing our scripts, designing our sets, and preparing games for the guests.

One group portrayed the scientific advancement through the 1889 World Fair, as well as medical improvements in the 19th century. The faire transitioned to the events in scene two, which encapsulated life during the American Civil War.

Scene three exemplified the religion and philosophy of the Victorian Era, specifically through great preachers like D.L. Moody. Upon the conclusion of this scene, the games and activities began, with options like Indian Archery, Cart Rides, and the Morse Code Game. Scene four began soon after, exhibiting the art, music and writing of the Victorian Era. The audience transitioned quickly into scene five, where the culture surrounding royalty like Queen Victoria was explored.

Finally, scene six consisted of parts from the Wild West and the events surrounding the Alamo, culminating in an epic bar fight. The 2020 Victorian Faire was a resounding success, portraying history in a wonderfully unique way, and we thank God for allowing this to prosper again this year.
As many already know, one of the finest staples of Jesse Remington High School is Koinonia which is commonly known as the Greek word for “fellowship”. Especially this year in the midst of COVID-19, Koinonia has been a great component to the spiritual life and community of Jesse Remington. Every Wednesday at 7:30 the students break off to learn from God's word and spend time together. This year my group was led by Mrs. Philbrick, with the other groups being led by Mrs. Hyvonen, Mrs. Stockin, Ms. Galatis, Mr. Sohmer, Mr. Croley, Pastor Steve, and Mr. James, with Mr. Cyr heading up the whole operation. We are studying the book of 2 Timothy, with our main focus being this year’s theme, “A Useful Vessel” which focuses primarily on the passage 2 Timothy 2: 20-21. This verse encourages us to be a worthy vessel in God’s eyes by becoming honorable through diligent and good work, by cleansing ourselves of our sins, and following God with a clean heart. Koinonia has always been close to my heart because it forms and continues to provide a close and trusting relationship with other students. It’s a place where we can be honest with one another and truly have accountability in matters of the faith.

We have had many insightful and challenging chapels and chapel speakers this semester. At the Fall Mountain Retreat, we were blessed to have Matt Huffman with us for three thought provoking chapel services. He taught on Ecclesiastes, and he expounded upon how nothing in the world can bring satisfaction to the human heart but God. Life is a vapor or vanity, as Solomon put it, as all human work will accomplish nothing for us when we die. Yet, we can find joy in life when we see it not as something to be gained from and placing our hope in the pleasures we have, but when we place God in His proper role as the only one who can satisfy us and accept all we have in life as gifts from God which make life enjoyable. Another great chapel we have had is the one recently led by Joshua Burns. He used Genesis 1 and 2 to guide his teachings about God’s provision and protection of man. We have heard thus far from Steve Baker, Josh Bradbury, Matt Huffman, Jeff Philbrick, Dave Spinale, Mark Sohmer, Dave Denis, Greg Kelly, and Joshua Burns. We look forward to hearing from some of the same speakers and welcoming new ones into our chapel services as we continue to learn and grow together by God’s grace.
THE JRHS SENTINEL SOCIETY

The Sentinel Society is a growing network of alumni, parents, and friends who are committed to the mission of Jesse Remington High School, and by their gifts and regular prayer support, foster the development of the school and support its students. Sentinel Society support is the cornerstone of our giving programs. Among our most committed and loyal donors, Society members value Jesse Remington’s mission. Their giving promotes academic excellence, spiritual formation, care for our faculty and staff, student and campus development, and scholarships.

Currently, we have 37 committed Sentinel Society members. Their committed giving and support are a great blessing and encouragement. If you are interested in joining the growing list of Sentinel Society supporters please reach out our Business Manager, Scott Shillaber, (sshillaber@jrhs.org) or join online to make recurring gifts at www.jrhs.org/sentinel-society and click on “Pledge my Support.”

Members’ gifts make a significant impact in the delivery of the JRHS education, and we are grateful!

GREAT STRIDES FOR NEW RIDES

Our current fleet of vans were appropriately named “Alpha” and “Omega,” meaning “The Beginning” and “The End.” Their essential life began quite some time ago, and now their useful life is nearing completion. If these vans could talk, they would tell you of all of the thousands of miles they've enjoyed with students, faculty and staff on many memorable Fall Mountain Retreats, All Day Hikes, Athletics practices and games, Mission Trips, inclement weather days across campus, and the countless OE adventures in between!

Our goal with “Great Strides for New Rides” is to raise $25,000 for the purchase of much-needed new vans. Learn more at www.jrhs.org/strides-for-rides.
This year has been the most difficult and complex year for all of us. After the Covid-19 pandemic began to directly affect our society, it became an especially trying year. Some people lost their jobs, some people lost their homes and even lost loved ones. However, I believe that God has provided us with a difficult environment and given us the opportunity to become better Christians by learning the value of the little things, the value of our family, and the overcoming of difficulties by having difficult experiences. This fall term, we have been taking all classes in person, unlike many other schools. We are all working together to try to prevent Covid-19 by upholding various protocols, such as sanitizing hands and workspaces, masking when in close contact, and we all have followed it well, therefore we have been able to go to school with few problems this fall. Obviously, it is difficult to wear a mask and adapt to the new system, but all of us have stepped up and learned to overcome the challenges.

**Headmaster’s List with Distinction:**
Gabriel Michalman; Julia Jacott;

**Headmaster’s List:** Marah Langlois; Esther Cross; Annika Kamerman; Grace Jacott; Morgann Clegg; Davis Palmer; Theia James; Andrew Archambault; Rebekah Belliveau; Bess Deacon; Isaac Nicholson

**High Honors:** Silas Jeanes; Tim Carlson; Erin James; Michelle Ogley; Jacob Comrie; Isaiah Cross; Lilly Hansen; Hailey Chapman; Joey Philbrick; Adalie Kamerman; Nate Archambault; James Song

**Honors:** Thaddaeus Cyr; Jenny Zhu; Lukkas Hyvonen; Aidan Jeanes; Sam Carlson; Keziah Cyr; Austin Seo

**Honorable Mention:** Karma Hignett; Thomas Priebe

**Commendable:** James Mason; Camden Stockin; Nate Croley
THIS JUST IN!

Introducing our new Campus Map! Emily Galatis ('15) spearheaded this project, working with Graphic Designer and fellow Gordon College Alumna, Jenna Dawson on creating a map that showcases the major elements of our beautiful campus.

JRHS is celebrating the blessing of a recent $25,000 gift from one of our Ministry Partners! The gift will be used to help us meet our Annual Fund needs and to add to funds raised for our van campaign, which we plan to conclude by early summer. When asked how they would like to be recognized, they replied “what we have is from God to be used for His glory.” We are so thankful for God’s blessings through His people!
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?  By Emily Galatis ‘15

Zachary Bacon, class of 2016, attended Jesse Remington for all four years of his high school career. After graduating from Jesse, he went on to attend Geneva College where, as of November 21st, 2020, he officially graduated with Bachelor’s degrees in both Civil and Mechanical Engineering. Now, he is pursuing jobs local to NH while also preparing to take the Fundamentals of Engineering exams for his completed areas of study.

Though there are so many experiences at Jesse Remington that have impacted Zack, he specifically calls out the AutoCAD class offered as being influential to his pursuit of Civil Engineering. “Ever since [taking AutoCAD], my love for all Autodesk software has grown and has become a large portion of my technical skills.” He also acknowledges how important the teachers are to shaping a student’s success acknowledging Mrs. Trudeau’s impact on his love of math. “She became a second mother to us all. Her math classes allowed me to understand and gain a love for math that I had not known before having her as my teacher.”

Zack also acknowledges how the teachers impacted his own spiritual life as it was not uncommon to discuss Biblical theology even outside of the classroom. Not only is it something he continues to discuss with others today, but he even returns to JRHS to continue engaging in those Theological discussions with past teachers alongside his best friend and fellow alumni, David Elliott.

When looking back at his time at JRHS, Zack’s love of music began to flourish here. Between the JRHS choir and a musical, it is evident that Zack enjoyed music while at Jesse, but it has also carried over into life after Jesse. He took this love with him to college, where he spent four and a half years in the choir at Geneva as well as two and a half years as part of a double barbershop quartet. He also participated in many musical events. “Today I plan on expanding my musical abilities while finding opportunities to make use of them.”

Zack’s prayer for JRHS is that this year has been a year of learning for the teachers and students at Jesse.” It has been hard on all of us, but trials are brought to bring about the formation of character and resilience.” He also prays Jesse finds its God given lesson and can become a stronger, more loving school because of the trials of the year.
This year we have had the honor to welcome a new teacher to the Jesse Remington community, Miss Marissa Fuller. She is a wonderful choir director, English teacher, and an especially excellent Spanish teacher. In May of 2016, she graduated from Crown College in Knoxville, Tennessee with an undergraduate in Music and English, and with a secondary in education. From there she returned to her hometown of Londonderry to teach where she had once been taught, at Victory Baptist High School as a Spanish, English, and Music teacher. Two of her favorite memories at JRHS include the Fall Mountain Retreat hike up Mt. Washington with JRHS students and the Humanities Faire, during which she played Jane Austin. Her motto for this year is “Stay Sentinel Strong”. Her favorite activities to do outside of school include playing the piano, taking walks in the woods, and game nights with her family. Her goals for the future are to finish her graduate degree at Pensacola, as well as build an excellent Spanish curriculum for JRHS. She also strives to cultivate more relationships in the Jesse Remington community.
The 2020 Fall Mountain Retreat, while proving to be different because of the Covid Pandemic, still upheld its widely known reputation for developing formative spiritual, relational, and personal growth. Eagerly anticipating these things, we embarked on this trip setting out to Dan Hole Pond in Tuftonboro, New Hampshire, where Camp Sentinel was ready and eager to host us.

On the first day, we settled into our cabins and enjoyed the cool refreshing water of the pond on the hot September day. We also played some great yard and court games. Enjoying Camp Sentinel provided meals, all to act as an entry into the three day excursion.

As the day came to a close, the students and faculty heard from our retreat speaker, Matt Huffman, who challenged us with the book of Ecclesiastes on the vanity of life, but ultimately how God brings true meaning and purpose to our lives through Christ Jesus.

The second day of the retreat was all about hiking, and this year at Camp Sentinel, we found new trails to enjoy in the Ossipee area. In previous years Jesse Remington students have mainly inhabited the Presidential mountains, but this year only one brave group took on Mount Washington through the Ammonoosuc Ravine Trail, while others trekked mountains that were closer to Camp. We were all able to be in awe of God’s handiwork, and His love for us not only just through His beautiful creation, but the relationships that formed throughout these hikes.

The final day of the 2020 Fall Mountain Retreat was largely focused on reflection, and spending personal time with God. Mr. Huffman challenged us to a one hour solo time, with nothing with us except our Bibles. Finding a peaceful spot around the vast Camp Sentinel, and being freed of all other distractions, we were able to focus our hearts and minds on God. This was followed by a time of communal participation in the Lord’s Supper. Before lunch, we enjoyed more of the beautiful camp, such as kayaking, rock climbing, corn hole, frisbee, archery, and more. After a final lunch, we departed for home to have a restful evening remembering the wonderful and lifelong memories of the 2020 Fall Mountain Retreat.
Andrew Archambault has been a student at Jesse Remington for three years. Through the portfolios, collaborative activities, and personal struggles, he has learned to love and appreciate the friends that God has given him through JRHS. It is his prayer that he never forgets the faculty that have dedicated this season of their lives to the development of the next generation. Needless to say, his favorite aspect of the school is the people who together are Jesse Remington High School. After graduation, he plans on attending a sports focused Discipleship Training School offered by Youth With a Mission, Los Angeles. From there, he hopes to springboard into full-time ministry. His favorite section of Scripture is David’s plea for forgiveness found in Psalms 51 because it acts as one of his prayers on a regular basis.

Rebekah Belliveau has been a student at Jesse Remington since her sophomore year. In those three years, she has grown to love spending time with fellow Christians and has thoroughly appreciated the encouraging attitude of the teachers. In her relationship with God, she takes great comfort in the fact that “it is by grace [we] have been saved, through faith -- and this is not from [ourselves], it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8). Upon the commencement of the 2021 fall semester, she plans on finding her place in a new community at Cran dall University in New Brunswick, Canada, where she plans on majoring in both theology and psychology.

Elisabeth “Bess” Deacon has attended Jesse Remington for all four years, with the first one and a half as a part-time student. Of the entire school experience, she values the relationships she has built over the years. As the future rapidly approaches, she takes comfort in the fact that God holds her future in His hands. She does not know exactly where God wants her, but she knows that she will follow God wherever He leads her. In an attempt to become the best woman of God she can, she tries to model her life after Proverbs 31 and reminds herself that the only beauty that is lasting is a love for the Lord (v 30).
Julia Jacott is a fourth-year student at Jesse Remington who has fallen in love with every aspect of the school and its mission, especially the ski club, the Sugar Shack project, and the community experience. During this time of finishing high school and applying for college, she is unsure as to where God is leading her, but she is willing to follow Him wherever He directs her. She has made it her personal goal to “conduct [herself] in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ” (Philippians 1:27) and strive to become more like the God of the universe.

Isaac Nicholson has been a Jesse Remington student for all four years of high school. His favorite parts of his high school experience, by far, are the hikes (the overnight in particular) and the community. As the future steadily approaches, he knows that, for him, it holds a place at Colorado Christian University. There he plans to major in nursing and explore and enjoy beautiful Colorado. His favorite verses make up the well-known Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). Wherever God calls him to fulfill this mission, he knows that he is called to live for Christ.

Eozin (Austin) Seo is an international student from South Korea and began attending Jesse Remington in the February of his freshman year. With the passage of time, Austin grew in his knowledge of and love for art. After graduation, he plans on pursuing that passion with a major in Graphic Design. Whatever God has in store for him, he will never forget the friendships and the accomplishments achieved together. To keep his life focused on God throughout college and what comes after it, he reads 1 John 2:16 as a reminder to avoid the passions of the flesh.

Yoojin (James) Song is an international student from South Korea and has attended Jesse Remington for his career. As an international student, he faced the extra struggle of learning English and keeping up with all of his classes. The aspects of Jesse Remington that he values most is the community and the life-long relationships that it allowed him to form. Looking towards the future, he plans on attending the New Hampshire Technical Institute for two years, then transferring to the Illinois Institute of Technology to pursue a major in architecture. Through all the trials and uncertainty of life, he takes comfort in the promise of Jeremiah 29:11 and the fact that God ultimately has good in store for him.
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education, a life in the making”.

So, we will do social distancing and masks and Zoom and all we need to do to keep JRHS Covid safe. But, here's to 2021, and back to the classic, valuable, and personal education that has blessed and challenged hundreds of students over the years.

Stay Sentinel Strong,

Jeff Philbrick
Headmaster