

JUGHEADS

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JJ18 Q&A for Rookie Families...

...and Reminders for Veteran Families!

Q: What is Juggle Jam?

A: Juggle Jam 18 (JJ18), **May 20 & 21 at 7 pm at Hopkins HS Auditorium**, is our pinnacle event! It features all six clubs, specialty acts, skits, a Slide Show, and a Senior Presentation. Audiences are *inspired* and *surprised* with JJ's entertainment value.

Q: Does my Jughead have to audition to be in JJ18?

A: No and Yes. Every Jughead is guaranteed to appear in our Opening & Finale, club routine(s), and Slide Show, but "specialty acts" (solos & small ensembles) are determined by auditions in April. Even Ultimate-level specialty acts may not make it into JJ.

Q: Are there extra time commitments involved for JJ18?

A: Entire company (cast *evening* dress rehearsals are **Wed., 5/11 & Mon., 5/16**. (Due to many conflicts on 5/16, we hope to take our cast photo at 6 pm on 5/11.) Please text/email Paul with conflicts (esp. for May 11, 16, 20 & 21), incl. kids leaving earlier than 5:45 pm from regular club rehearsals (9 pm for UC).

Q: How does the process of selling tickets work?

A: Specific information on how to promote JJ18 and purchase tickets through www.jugheads.com will be available in March.

Q: How will you communicate JJ18-related info.?

A: This monthly newsletter; a separate "Final Memo" mailed home in late April; and occasional emails to our group list will keep all parents and performers apprised of JJ18 info. Contact Wendy if you're NOT on the "[jugheads_parents]" group list.

11th Annual EYJA Winter Showcase

March 18, 7:30 pm at Hopkins Little Theater

The EYJA Winter Showcase is set for Friday, 3/18 at 7:30 pm at Hopkins HS Little Theater. Led by our Student Leadership Team headed by **Student Director Carolyn Liddle**, the Showcase is free & open to the public, offering both a valuable performance experience and an entertaining show. Any polished solo or ensemble from any club is invited to perform; prospective acts should **inform Carolyn (or Coach Paul) by Fri., 1/29 (incl. song choice) and preview their routine for Carolyn by Fri., 2/26**. Acts should limit their routines to three minutes (3:00) or less, but they may perform up to 4:00 with special permission. The cast will be confirmed by March 7. *NOTE: The EYJA Showcase is a pre-requisite for JJ18 specialty act auditions on 4/12/16.*



2nd Semester Tuition Reminder

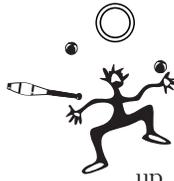
One payment covers Jan. 4-June 3, 2016

Last month, we made a procedural change by combining the winter & spring juggling sessions into one Winter-Spring payment. While there is a greater up-front cost than our former trimesters, this new system alleviates member families' hassle of signing up yet again in March—and for us, creating and processing reg. forms a 3rd time during the school year. Several families have yet to register for Winter-Spring; please do so (by check or online) by **Jan. 16** to avoid a late fee added to base club tuition. **NOTE on 2016-2017:** Next school year, we'll divide the total tuition virtually in half for better budgeting. Hence, the '16-'17 "1st Semester" will be Sept. 6 through Feb. 3 (early reg. discounts thru 6/30/16), and "2nd Semester" will be Feb. 6-June 2, '17 (early discounts thru 1/15/17).

CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Advanced Club

Tight-knit club has deep involvement

A year ago, Advanced had only seven returning members and 23 rookies in this higher-level club. That ratio has reversed this year; with a strong core of returning members who enjoy multi-tiered friendships at least as much as the more challenging juggling standards. Fully NINE (9) members are members of a 2nd weekly JH club (primarily Friday Rec.), and half the club is attending at least one winter juggling festival with us. Taking in stride the fact that St. Stephen's needs to set up for their weekly church dinner on Wednesdays, Coach **Paul** implemented a new tradition of "5 balls for 5 minutes at 5:35" in the Commons in order to increase that particularly challenging skill. Assistants **Cole & Elise** along with Volunteer **Max** are on a campaign of emphasizing more proficient club passing among all members, and Specialist **Betsy** has "everybody doing this"—moving and dancing their way in preparing for another successful JJ18 routine, this year to the theme of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Advanced Jugheads are: 6th grader **Will Anderson**; 7th graders **Thomas Chirpich, Nathan Drabek, Noel Dunning, Nate Pascale, Joey Passolt, Darien Stelberg**; 8th graders **Alex Armbrustmacher, Mimi Beringer, Hans Janovy Meyer, Eli Kenyon, Adam Kraft, Erik Magnuson, Kayla Malmgren, Lily Muehlhausen, Elizabeth Stockbridge**; freshmen **Nick Beneke, Noah Hunsicker**; sophomores **Clay Dawson, Peter Holmquist, Lauren Malmgren**; junior **Evan Chirpich**; senior **Eric Stites** (fall only); Volunteer **Max Schleck**; Assistants **Cole Dunbar, Elise Johnson**; Movement/Choreography Specialist **Betsy Gaasedelen**; and Coach **Paul Arneberg**.



JUGHEADS Community News

- **WELCOME** to 2nd grade rookie **Elling Dyrud**, who helped Monday Rec. reach the 20-member mark after a slower start!
- **EDINA RELEASE DAYS REMINDERS:** Due to holidays, Monday Rec. will NOT meet on 1/18 (MLK, Jr. Day) or 2/15 (Presidents' Day). However, on *Edina-specific* winter release days, these clubs **WILL** meet: **Monday Rec. on 1/25; Elite Club on 2/16; and Friday Rec. on 3/4.** While this departs from our tradition of *not* holding clubs when Edina Schools are *not* in session, this new policy accommodates non-Edina students (who attend club on their own release days) and allows for more club consistency while still taking off holidays and Edina's Winter & Spring Breaks. As always, Jugheads may attend make-up days for *any* missed clubs; text Paul with notice or questions.
- **MEGA CAMPS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED on 1/18 & 1/25** due to low enrollment. This also accommodates holding Monday Rec. on 1/25 during normal club hours (2:45-6 pm).
- **MONDO Juggling & Unicycling Festival** at Concordia U. in St. Paul marks our 22nd year attending as a group! Look for forms at JH (or request one via email) to join us on **2/13** for all day juggling, workshops, Pizza Luce, and a show at Central HS. (Camp experience & Rec. standards recommended but not required.) Earlybird discount (and T-shirt/hoodie ordering): 1/12.
- **Next Officer Meeting:** 1/9, 9am-Noon @ **Johnsons'** home.
- **Missed Dec. B-day: Danny Keuning**, 10 on 12/27.
- **JANUARY B-DAYS:** **Barrett Abena**, 9 on 1/10; **Zoe Hunsicker**, 12 on 1/11; **Gabby Nowak**, 11 on 1/13; **Elise Johnson**, 17 on 1/18; **Rebecca Moore**, 10 on 1/19; **Addy Carson**, 12 on 1/21; **Ella Zawoyski**, 12 on 1/21; **Laura Logan**, 11 on 1/26.

Paul's Platform: "American Ideals and JUGHEADS: A 2016 Series"

Introduction. I've never served in the military, held political office, or otherwise proven to be a super-patriot, but I'm a common man who loves our country nonetheless. The very existence of this one-of-a-kind entrepreneurial endeavor called JUGHEADS, LLC is a testament to several American ideals that I hold dear. That was why I chose red & blue as our JH colors in 1999, and it's why I'm dedicating 2016 to a 10-part column series celebrating American ideals as reflected in this youth juggling company.

Part 1: Overview/Life. At a recent Monday Rec. meeting, I covered four main topics: the Vikings, the MONDO Festival, our JJ18 routine, and introducing our newest member. As I wrapped

up, I asked the club, "Which of my announcements was the most important?" Two astute middle schoolers replied it was the one regarding our new member. I agreed, saying that if it weren't for the people that make up our club rosters, we'd have no company!

Expanding on this trivial example of a profound lesson, **life** was so important to our founding fathers that it headed up the list of selected rights in The Declaration of Independence: "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*" Life is first and foremost among our country's ideals—paired with its source, our Creator.

In many countries throughout history, and indeed today, life is cheap at best and expendable at worst. Billions of God's image-bearers are consigned to unjust socioeconomic status ranging from serfdom to caste systems to aristocracy to slavery, with little or no hope of advancement in (or escape from) one's societal standing. More on the ideal of Happiness (Opportunities) in March; for now, I assert that despite our country's sins (past and present), we remain the best example of a nation that dignifies individual human lives regardless of power, position, or pedigree.

Irrespective of one's political views on immigration, I believe that the nature of America's founding, largely informed by Judeo-Christian values, makes ours a country to which people flee. We're a beacon of hope for the "tired...poor...huddled masses yearning to be free" as inscribed on Lady Liberty. And while I strongly favor the vetting process and other steps preventing illegal and nefarious immigration, it's awesome that the U.S. continues to be life-empowering for many millions. (More on Liberty in February.)

Our system of justice, at its best, is set up to protect the weak. Again, we have flaws, but considering world history and the dark places of the world, one need not reflect long to realize that the tired, poor, disabled, young, old, weak, and oppressed are (or should be) protected in America. (More on Justice in October.)

Like America, JH went from a set of upstart clubs ("colonies") to an independent company ("nation") as it developed from 1994-2005. I founded JH with the worldview that every child is created in God's image and is inherently valuable regardless of age, ability, or so-called "quality of life." America is one nation with 50 states and 322 million citizens; JH is one company with six clubs and 120 members. My sister's church in Duluth has a motto: "Love God. Love people. Period." That's a celebration of life, and that's what we try to do every day at JH—thanks in large part to the rights that have been championed in America since 1776.

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