



Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Athletic Committee Meeting

District Office Conference Room (MS/HS)
5:30 PM

1. Athletics and Activities (Shaffer, Mitchell, Brink)

1. Athletics Update- Bruce Ellsworth, Athletics Director

2. Girls Wrestling Co-Op - Central Greene SD

The administration is recommending entering into a PIAA Girls Wrestling Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement with **Central Greene School District** for its **Junior High Girls Wrestling Program**, following interest expressed by Jefferson-Morgan middle school students.

Jefferson-Morgan does not currently have enough participants to sponsor its own junior high girls wrestling program. This cooperative agreement would provide interested Jefferson-Morgan student athletes the opportunity to participate in girls wrestling while remaining enrolled at Jefferson-Morgan. Parents would be responsible for transportation to and from practices and contests.

The cooperative agreement would be subject to approval by both the Jefferson-Morgan and Central Greene School Boards, as well as the PIAA. Participation will be monitored to help determine the future direction of junior high girls wrestling at Jefferson-Morgan.

3. Extracurricular Personnel: Resignation of Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

4. Extracurricular Personnel: Football Volunteer Resignations

5. Extracurricular Personnel: Girls Basketball Volunteer Coaches

To ensure the safety, organization, and effectiveness of our athletic programs, the Jefferson-Morgan School District requires that all coaching staff—whether paid or volunteer—be formally requested by the head coach of the respective sport and approved by the School Board.

Volunteer coaches are valuable contributors to our programs; however, each must have a clearly defined role established by the head coach prior to board consideration. In addition, all volunteers must submit the required volunteer clearances before participating in any coaching activities. Volunteers must also complete all trainings and courses required for athletic coaches as outlined by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA).

All coaching staff, both paid and volunteer, **must be recommended by the varsity head coach** of the program prior to board approval.

This process helps maintain the integrity of our programs and supports a safe, well-supervised environment for all student-athletes.

2. Executive Session

The Board of School Directors is entering into Executive Session in accordance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act to discuss matters that are legally required to be held in private.

Discussion topics may include personnel matters, legal issues, collective bargaining, safety, or potential litigation.

Executive Sessions provide the Board an opportunity to review sensitive information with the Superintendent, solicitor, or other advisors to ensure informed and lawful decision-making. No official action will be taken during the Executive Session.

Coaching Staffs

Updated September 2nd, 2026

	<i>Not Board-approved yet</i>
	<i>Vacancy</i>

Fall Sports 2027

Varsity Football

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Shane Ziats	Head Coach	Paid
Ron Gallagher	Ast. Coach (Defensive Cord.)	Paid
Jake Rush	Ast. Coach (WR/DB)	Paid
Caleb Gallagher	Ast. Coach	Paid
John Coss	Ast. Coach	Paid
Zachary Gamble	Ast. Coach	Paid
Jake Nace	Volunteer (Defense Gameday)	Volunteer

Middle School Football

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
William Rogers	Ast. Coach	Paid
Alan Yanak	Ast. Coach	Paid
Jason Taylor	Volunteer (OL/DL)	Volunteer

Golf

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Mike Vukmanic	Head Coach	Paid
Michael Lesko	Volunteer Assistant (Supervision)	Volunteer
James Sowden	Volunteer Assistant (Supervision)	Volunteer

Varsity Volleyball

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Laasha Justice	Head Coach	Paid
Madison Call	Ast. Coach	Paid
Preston Wood	Volunteer Coach	Volunteer
Isabelle Bazolli	Volunteer Coach	Volunteer

Middle School Softball

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Chris Graineey	Assistant Coach	Paid
Dennis Sammel	Assistant Coach	Paid

Cheerleading

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Andrea Deveck	Head Coach	Paid

Melissa Faddis	Ast. Coach	Paid
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Weight Coach

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Shane Ziats	Head Coach	Paid

Winter Sports 2026-2027

Varsity Boys Basketball

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
	Head Coach	Paid
	Assistant Coach	Paid

Varsity Girls Basketball

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Rebecca Capozza	Head Coach	Paid
Rachel Rodriguez	Ast. Coach	Paid
Allison Ostrich	Ast. Coach	Volunteer

Wrestling

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
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Troy Barnhart	Head Coach	Paid
James Hanning	Ast. Coach	Paid
Alan Yanak	Ast. Coach	Paid
Tom Palko	Ast. Coach	Paid
Ron Headlee	Volunteer (technique)	Volunteer

Middle School Boys Basketball

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Jimmy Basilone	Ast. Coach	Paid
Heath Muscavitch	Ast. Coach	Paid
David Shrader	Volunteer	Volunteer

Cheerleading

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Andrea Deveckka	Head Coach	Paid
Melissa Faddis	Ast. Coach	Paid

Unified Bocce (sponsorship)

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Mike Lesko	Head Coach	Paid
Michael Thistlewaite	Volunteer	Volunteer

Weight Coach

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
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Shane Ziats	Head Coach	Paid
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Spring Sports 2026

Varsity Baseball

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
	Head Coach	Paid
	Ast. Coach	Paid

Varsity Softball

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Rich Rush	Head Coach	Paid
Jake Rush	Ast. Coach	Paid
Miranda (Rush) McMasters	Volunteer Coach (Gameday)	Volunteer
Daniel Rush	Volunteer Coach (Pitching)	Volunteer

Middle School Volleyball

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Sean Lohrer	Ast. Coach	Paid
Rene Pascoe	Ast Coach	Paid

Middle School Girls Basketball

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Rebecca Capozza	Ast. Coach	Paid
Rachel Rodriguez	Ast. Coach	Paid
Damian Saab	Ast. Coach	Volunteer

Middle School Baseball (Club Sport)

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Jimmy Basilone	Ast. Coach	Volunteer
Heath Muskavich	Ast. Coach	Volunteer

Weight Coach

Name	Position	Paid/Volunteer
Shane Ziats	Head Coach	Paid