

The Above and Beyond 'Thunder Clap'
Recognition for the Week of January 13th:

Jared Penkert



Hometown Pride:

I am more than proud to be a part of this community because of how much it comes together during a time of need. An excellent example of this is Ruby's Pantry, where numerous members of the community unite through the kindness of their hearts to help those in greater need than their own. There is also a great love expressed here, especially during Lake Martha Days when numerous individuals come together to celebrate one of our city's greatest traditions!

Bleacher Report (activities):

Sports: Cross Country, Track

Clubs: Above and Beyond, FBLA, Culture Club, Environmental Club, Student Council, NHS

Thunder Role: "With the understanding that you have an influence, it's crucial to realize your actions are watched and noted. The best service someone can do for those watching is to simply be a positive example for them to reference. Not only is this done by making good choices but by showing appreciation and acknowledging others around you and the positivity they up bring as well."

Topic Thunder: "Refusing to give in to drugs and alcohol is critical in developing positive habits for the future. Knowing others are looking up to you in some way, shape, or form must be considered with actions to do with these temptations. If you imagine yourself as academically inclined or an athlete, there is simply no room for such a negative decision. Don't allow short term satisfaction to ruin your long term goals."

Scouting Report (quotes from teachers): "Jared is a hard working student that tries his best on assignments and is always willing to add to classroom discussions. Thanks for adding your insight Jared!" – Mrs. Steinke

"Jared has to be the most spirited and positive thinker I know. He eagerly participates in class discussions and isn't afraid to voice his opinion, even if what he has to say might not be the most popular way of thinking about an issue. That's an admirable trait!" – Mrs. Beasley

"Jared is one of the most pleasant and polite individuals I know! I have always admired his very calm and sincere personality. Jared also has a lot of patience and talent for the creative process. I have been so impressed with his work in the art room. He is just a joy to teach, and I know he will build himself a strong and very bright future ahead." – Mrs. Covelli

"I appreciate all that Jared does to make our school a better place to be!" – Mr. Stoik

"Jared is a courteous person with an upbeat attitude that makes him very easy to work with. He is very respectful and willing to help when asked." – Mrs. Meeks

Fan Deck (quotes from peers): "Jared cheers on everyone in cross country."

"Jared is a genuinely good guy."

"Jared does well academically."

"Jared is smart and not afraid to speak up for what is right and help anyone that needs help."

"Jared is the voice of the Thunder in the morning and always does the right thing."

"Jared is an outstanding person, always kind, and always is there if you need a friend."

Hometown Hero:

"My hometown hero is Mr. Bowerman. Throughout my years of middle school and high school, it has become clear to me how much he cares for each student's success. I've always felt pleased my two years of AP courses were spent with someone who puts a great deal of thought into his words. Looking back at such a challenge will give off a warm light because of him. I'll never forget the efforts he took in easing the harshness of due dates with such an overwhelming workload. Above all, I truly feel Mr. Bowerman will always be someone I can go to for advice."