Joseph City Schools Principal Board Report

Junior High and High School Highlights November 10 2026

Board Meeting	November 10 2026
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Reporting Period	Updates since the October 13 2026 report

Report Summary

Secondary focus: This report highlights recent junior high and high school science learning, student activities, and final fall athletics seedings. The classroom examples show students applying concepts through design, modeling, observation, and experimentation.

Classroom Learning Highlights

Earth and Space: Students used limited classroom materials to design the tallest structure that could withstand an earthquake simulation on a Chladni plate. The challenge required students to test, revise, and evaluate design choices as the shaking intensity increased.

Biology: Students created fictional organisms with assigned traits and then built food webs to examine interdependence in ecosystems. The activity helped students see that food webs are connected networks rather than simple pyramids.

Chemistry: A Halloween Blue Bottle lab gave students a visual example of a redox reaction as the solution changed from dark blue to clear. The lesson connected observable change to chemical concepts.

Environmental Science: Students used a Phoenix Zoo biomimicry kit to examine how designs in nature inspire human inventions. The observation lab prepared students for the Island Escape Challenge, a high school curriculum activity shared with the Phoenix Zoo educational curriculum team.

Applied Chemistry: Students worked through the reasoning required to balance a challenging chemical equation, reinforcing the importance of careful analysis and collaboration in chemistry.

Student Activities

Performing arts: The JCHS Swing Choir performed at the George Gardner Swing Choir Festival. The fall music concert was rescheduled for November 4, giving students another opportunity to perform for the community.

Junior high engagement: Student Council organized the first junior high dance of the year, with strong student participation and school spirit.

Wildcat Way Students of the Month

October recognition: These students were selected as the October Wildcat Way Students of the Month for demonstrating the positive values and contributions that strengthen the junior high and high school community.

School Level	October Honoree	October Honoree
High School	Justin Gardner	Jackie Richards

Junior High	Carter Dixon	Isabelle Kuhse

Athletics

Final 1A seedings: The table records the final 1A seeds and ratings posted by AZPreps365. Volleyball completed its first-round state match on November 3.

Program	Final Seed	Power Point Rating	Record	Final Posting
Football	No. 7	57.0713	5-3	October 16
Girls Volleyball	No. 11	3.9918	10-7	October 31

Volleyball state tournament: The No. 11 Wildcats competed at Patagonia Union in the first round of the 1A state tournament on November 3. Patagonia Union won the match in three sets.

Sources

Joseph City Schools live feed for classroom and student activity highlights. AZPreps365 final 1A football seedings posted October 16, final 1A girls volleyball seedings posted October 31, and the 1A girls volleyball state tournament bracket.