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OUTSTANDING ATHLETE. ... At the District 10 Unico Awards Dinner, Christopher Raymond, second from right, a June graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, received the Brian Piccolo Sports Award, represented by Clark Unico. He is pictured with, from

left, Joseph Triano, program chairman, George Abruzzo, Clark Unico president, and Anthony DiGiovanni, District 10 Governor. Chris was a member of the football and baseball teams.

Quality stressed for '87-88

ALJ opens doors to 715 students

Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark opened its doors yesterday to approximately 715 students, signifying the end of summer and the beginning of the 1987-88 school year. About 120 freshmen, who participated in an orientation program on Tuesday, are among those students welcomed by Johnson Regional Principal David Carl during the first week in September.

"We are looking forward to a very positive, productive school year," said Mr. Carl, who is starting his first full school year as the Principal of A.L.J. "We plan on maintaining the quality of instruction in our school and we will continue to emphasize skill development in all subject areas. We've had a united effort to make

A.L.J. a better place — the teachers, students and community have all been involved — and I hope that continues this year."

Curriculum modifications for the coming school year include the elimination of AP (Advanced Placement) English as a one-semester course; starting in September, AP English will be offered on a full-year basis only. In Social Studies, the title of the course, World Cultures, has been changed to World History and Cultures, while the American Urban Studies course has been dropped from the curriculum.

Two science courses will also be known by different names, as CHEM Study become Concepts of Chemistry and Biological Science is changed to Principles of Biology.

A new course, Interior Decorating and Design, has been added to the Vocational Education curriculum and will be offered only at Arthur L. Johnson. All students of the Regional High Schools will be eligible to enroll in this course.

The administration and faculty at Johnson Regional are committed to sustaining the efforts which have helped improve the school's High School Proficiency Test results.

In April, 1987, 98.7 percent of the Arthur L. Johnson ninth graders passed the reading component of the H.S.P.T.; 89.7 per-

cent passed the mathematics portion of the test and 90.4 percent passed the writing segment of the H.S.P.T. Basic skills will, once again, be an area of emphasis with the teachers and students of Johnson Regional during the 1987-88 school year.

This past summer, Arthur L. Johnson played host to the first-ever Summer Fine Arts Workshop sponsored by the Union County Regional High School District. Taught by Mrs. Karen Pilkington, a former teacher of Art at Johnson Regional, this seminar was conducted for six weeks in June and July. Intensive instruction in still life, landscapes and portraiture, guest speakers and an art opening featuring the work of the students all played a part in making this inaugural Fine Arts Workshop interesting and successful.

In compliance with the State Board of Education's mandate that each school district have a substance abuse policy which provides for assessment and intervention as it involves students, the Regional District revised its existing Alcohol and Drug Policy last March 31. Also, the District now has full-time Student Assistance Counselor, Mr. Clifford Lauterhahn, meeting with and helping students from all four Regional High Schools and counseling those in-

dividuals who are believed to be affected by drug and/or alcohol abuse. Mr. Lauterhahn had served as a guidance counselor in the Regional District for the past seven years.

Two new teachers will join the faculty at Arthur L. Johnson for the 1987-88 school year. Mrs. Jacqueline Rezza makes her debut at A.L.J. as a teacher of Home Economics and Mr. Paul Kaiser comes to Johnson Regional as a teacher of English who will also serve as an instructor in the Basic Skills Improvement Program (B.S.I.P.).

Physical changes in the building at Arthur L. Johnson include the complete refinishing of the stage surfaces in the Hough Auditorium and in the Drama Room, Room 36. New curtains for the stage in the auditorium have been purchased and should be installed by the end of September.

A series of special assemblies and programs, many of which are aimed at the cultural enrichment of the students, are scheduled for the 1987-88 school year at Johnson. Mark Schoenroth, a representative of the Josien's award and yearbook company, will conduct a seminar on leadership and involvement in school activities for the students of A.L.J. and other neighboring schools on November 20.

On December 1, the New

Jersey Ballet will be coming to Arthur L. Johnson to present an in-school program and an observance of Cultural Heritage Month, featuring assemblies and programs celebrating and honoring the cultural contributions of various ethnic groups. It is scheduled for this year as well as A.L.J. students will also commemorate the Bicentennial of the adoption of the United States Constitution with school wide observances on September 16 and 17.

As was the case last year, there will be a series of dances for the students of Arthur L. Johnson, including the Student Council Homecoming Dance on the night before Thanksgiving.

The 1987 Johnson Regional yearbook, The Lance, will be distributed to members of the Class of 1987 at a "yearbook party" the day after Thanksgiving. And the A.L.J. Student Council has also planned several "Teacher Appreciation Days" for this school year.

Mr. Carl and the department supervisors at A.L.J. are scheduled to attend the Academy for the Advancement of Teaching at Rutgers University during late April, "Career Shadowing Day" which was such a success last April when 25 students participated, will be held again during 1987-88 hopefully on an even larger scale than last year.

Clark Board of Education business

by Pat DiMaggio

The Clark Board of Education recognized staff members for perfect attendance at their regular meeting held on August 25.

Joyce Furness, Charles Cerignola, Tony Davis and Hugh Irving were honored by a resolution that stated, in part, "the board recognizes the importance of good staff attendance and it wishes to make known its pleasure to those individuals who have contributed to their performance with a year of no personal illness days from their duties."

Disabilities in San Diego, California. Board Members Lori Kazanowski and Toby D'Anibola, Jr. voted against this resolution.

—Approved the resignation of Jan Kampel, a Foreign Language teacher of Spanish and French at Kumpf School.

—Moved the following staff members on the teaching guide for the attainment of 30 credits beyond the Master of Arts degree: Paul Westerfield, Marilyn Hawrylak, Barbara Delnero.

—Appointed Janice K. Laminess as a special education teacher for three hours per diem at \$15 per hour.

—Approved the following workers on a part time basis as Summer Utility Workers: Vincent Sabba, \$4 per hour; Andrew Prilish, \$7 per hour; Charles Cerignola, \$4 per hour; John Duch, \$4 per hour.

—Appointed the following as Home Instructors at the rate of \$15 per hour: Sherri D'Amico, Helen Brandt, Patricia Turner, Judith Burlew, Anne M. Paudolfo.

—Accepted the resignation of Jeanne Good, a secretary in the office of Student Personnel for 21 years.

—Established the salary for the Treasurer of School Monies, Jeanne Decker, at \$2,400.

—Appointed Sophie Scheidt as a substitute teacher.

The board also approved a resolution accepting funds in the amount of \$41,500 under the Education for All Handicapped Children Act. The amount was increased by \$5,000 from an original amount of \$36,500, an increase from \$220 per handicapped child to \$250 and will be used to fund seminars, workshops and supplies.

Catherine DePaola was granted an Emergency Certificate for School Nurse and was appointed as a school nurse at a salary of \$24,880. DePaola was employed as a school nurse for seven years with the Jersey City Medical Center. She is a graduate of St. Elizabeth's Nursing School and Kean and Union Colleges.

In other business, the board:

—Approved a contract between the Board of Education and the Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center, New Brunswick, for services relating to Occupational and Physical Therapy.

—Accepted \$4,763 under the Drug Free Schools and Community Act.

—Accepted two special education students from the Township of Union with tuition assessments made in accordance with established state guidelines.

—Approved a study grant to Florence Shukis for Intermediate Algebra at Union County Community College at a cost of \$133.

—Approved the attendance of Dr. Shirley K. Ikeda at the International Conference on Learning



SUPER STUDENTS. ... These Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School graduates were among those honored at the school's year-end In-School and Out-of-School awards programs. They are, front row from left: Tracy Albrecht (Regional Board of Education Academic Excellence Award as Class Valedictorian, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Garden State Distinguished Scholar, Spanish National Honor Society Hispania Medal and Mathematical Association of America Award); Lori Ann Philpote (Italian Language Proficiency Award, Italian Language Department Scholarship and Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Language Award) and Janet Pisansky (American Association of University Women — Elizabeth Branch Scholarship, Student Council Member with the Highest Academic Rank, Garden State distinguished Scholar, Sons of the Revolution Good Citizenship Medal and Spanish National Honor Society Hispania Medal). In the back row, A.L.J. Principal, David Carl; Karen Dashevsky (LaBourse — L'Oréal Award, Outstanding Crusader Journalist Award) and John Hutchinson, Assistant Principal at A.L.J.

Fourth Annual Unico Bowl scheduled for September 26

The Fourth Annual Unico Bowl football game, pitting the Bulldogs of Dayton Regional High School against the Crusaders of Johnson Regional High School, is scheduled for Saturday, September 26 at Nolan Field in Clark. Kick-off time is 1 p.m.

The winner of this game which is the regular-season and Mountain Valley Conference opener for both squads, will receive a trophy sponsored by the Clark and Springfield chapters of Unico.

Dayton Regional retired the first Unico trophy by winning the last three meetings of the teams including a closely-contested 7-6 victory in Springfield last season.

Unico is a nationwide Italian-American service organization which raises money for charity and scholarships.

George Abruzzo is the President of the Clark chapter of Unico and Bill Cieri is the President of the Springfield chapter of Unico.

Niemiec resigns from Board of Ed

by Pat DiMaggio

Clark Board of Education Member Robert J. Niemiec tendered his resignation to the board at the close of last week's meeting. Niemiec was elected to a three-year term on the board in April.

In a letter to board members, Niemiec said his company had transferred their corporate offices to Connecticut and he thanked the board for their support.

In a special open meeting held after the close of the regular public meeting, board members appointed Thomas Faria to fill the vacancy created by Niemiec's resignation.

Thomas Faria, a former board member, was previously elected to the board for two three-year terms from 1981 to 1984 and from 1984 to 1987. He also served as president of the Board of Education for three one-year terms from 1984 to 1985, 1985 to 1986 and 1986 to 1987. He did not run for re-election in the April 1987 election.

Faria will serve on the board until next April when elections will be held to fill the last two years of the unexpired term.



Robert Niemiec

Seniors offered special benefits with Golden Years

The Union County Regional Board of Education is sponsoring The Golden Years Club for senior citizens (60 and older) who are residents of Clark, Berkeley Heights, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountaintide and Springfield.

Through membership in the club, seniors are entitled to participation in a number of activities including some free courses in the board's adult school; free admission to high school sporting events; free admission to school presentations, such as plays, choruses and musical performances. Advance notification for attendance may be required for some events.

For information about The Golden Years club, phone Nancyann Kopp, director of Adult and Continuing Education at 376-6300, ext. 276 or 277.

ALJ Booster club slates first meet

The Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the 1987-88 school year on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3 of the high school.

Parents with students involved in any sports at the high school, as well as parents of incoming freshmen athletes, are invited to attend.

Plans for the coming fall season will be discussed.

For information call 388-7916.



TRUSTEES APPOINTED AT IGH. ... Executive appointments to the Irvington General Hospital Board of Trustees were announced by Louis A. Ditzel, Jr., president and CEO of IGH. Members pictured from left, are Peter Midas, of Short Hills, reappointed treasurer; Donald Hendrickson of Springfield, to CEO; Eugene Goddard of Irvington; and Frederick Ferguson of Clark, who has been a trustee member for five years. Ferguson is associated with the Hillnor Electric Co., Newark.