

Judge, public defender host educational game at school

St. Lucie County Court Judge Thomas Walsh and the 19th Judicial Circuit public defender, Diamond Litty, hosted an entertaining and educational "Jeopardy" game for more than 100 sophomores at John Carroll High School on Nov. 9.

The American history students were quizzed on the nuances of the United States Constitution. The timing for this exciting history lesson is ideal, as President George Washington declared Thanksgiving the first legal holiday, which is just a few weeks away.

Ms. Litty is a John Carroll High School alumna and a member of the school's advisory board. American history teacher Becky (Stafford) Jones is also an alumna and was thrilled to see her students being tested on the knowledge she has instilled in them from their recent studies of the Constitution. This interactive lesson allowed the students to get involved in the subject by answering questions, and in turn, receiving candy.

It was evident the John Carroll students were captivated with the presentations as a result of amount

of hands that were raised. The students had numerous questions for the experienced professionals at the end of the game.

"Everything we covered today really reinforced what Mrs. Jones has taught us here at John Carroll," said Hunter Sullivan.

"I would like to see myself in the courtroom one day. I think I would make a great judge," said Diana Lanza. She stayed afterward to speak with Ms. Litty and Judge Walsh to hear more inspiring words. Judge Walsh took the time to discuss careers in political science with several fascinated students.

Judge Walsh and Ms. Litty have hosted this educational game for many students in schools around the county, and were elated to make their first appearance at John Carroll with their son, Blaze Walsh, among the captivated audience of students.

"I like to provide this game to make learning history fun and interesting," Judge Walsh said.

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John Carroll High School students Hunter Sullivan, Diana Lanza and Jordan Silver were particularly intrigued by St. Lucie County Court Judge Thomas Walsh and the 19th Judicial Circuit public defender Diamond Litty's presentation at JCHS, and stayed afterward to hear more inspiring words.

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