



## ALUMNI CORNER – WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### **JARED COOPER**



Jared's been slightly busy since he left Westmont; there isn't much our third child doesn't do.

Jared will be entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Black River Middle School and when not in school, participates in a multitude of activities. Jared was part of a Destination Imagination team, which finished 1<sup>st</sup> in New Jersey and 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation. DI is a volunteer-led, educational nonprofit organization that teaches 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and STEM principles to kindergarten through university level students through creative and collaborative problem solving challenges. More than 150 teams competed at different age levels. In addition to DI, he is part of the Art of Dance competition team, plays soccer for FCUSA, plays lacrosse, piano, enjoys skiing, does gymnastics, and last April portrayed Charlie in Bragg's rendition of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Last year at Bragg, he also participated in Tech Club, band (saxophone), chorus and the entrepreneurial club TREPS, as well as the Chester Science Fair. In fact, at the age of 5, while still at Westmont, Jared declared he wanted to earn the Science Fair longevity award in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and has been testing and presenting experiments ever since.

With his family, Jared has traveled to England, Paris, Germany, Italy, Mexico, the Caribbean, out west for skiing, the Grand Canyon and this summer spent two weeks on an adventure trip in Peru where he hiked Machu Picchu. Always curious to travel, he has an extensive travel bucket list including Australia, California, as well as revisiting Korea where he was born, since he doesn't remember his first three years there.

Jared is clearly not short on energy or personality. Math and Science are his favorite subjects, and he is forever googling new science tricks to try at home. His favorite memory from Westmont days is spending time in Extended Day, as well as time with Mrs. Sandrue, whom we've had the pleasure of running into on occasion in town.



Written by a very proud mom