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GCMS Kidsday Reports Interview “J.T.” Miller

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The Garden City Middle School *Kidsday* reporters took a road trip to the MSG’s training Center in Tarrytown, New York to meet and interview Jonathan Tanner, “J.T.” Miller (center), who plays left wing for the New York Rangers. Under the supervision and leadership of the *Kidsday* editor, Pat Mullooly, the students from Mrs. Nardone (standing, right) and Mrs. Roberts’ (standing, left) ELA class were excited to also get to watch the entire Rangers team practice and run skating drills. “The practice didn’t seem interesting at first,” said one student. “But then the players got intense, and I was a little shocked when the pucks started flying through the air.” To say the least, everyone, including the teachers, were excited.

After “J.T.” skated off the ice, he greeted the students and answered all of their questions. One student was inspired by the fact that “J.T.” began skating when he was

about two years old. “I thought that since he learned to skate so young, that I could keep trying and be successful at something if I start now, too.” The young journalists learned about the foods “J.T.” eats, how he exercises, what other sports he enjoys, and even what he does when he’s not playing hockey. “It was great to learn that his mom travels to all his games,” said another student.

After the interview, “J.T.” posed for pictures with the kids and autographed some Rangers’ shirts, caps and jerseys. The day was a huge success. One *Kidsday* reporter summed it up nicely: “The day was great and the interview was very cool because we heard “J.T’s” responses about his life and didn’t learn it from the Internet.”

Keep a lookout in April for the articles these *Kidsday* reporters wrote about this experience!