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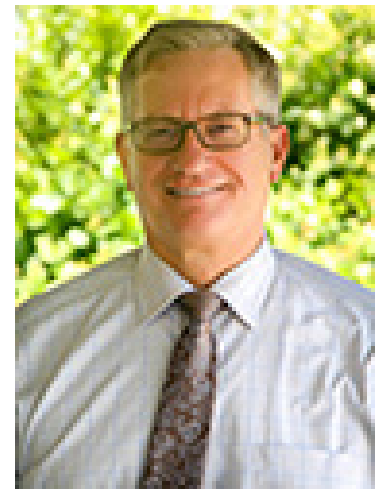
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Squan Hires New Superintendent

Dr. Frank Kasyan
To Lead
Manasquan Schools

By: Julia Valgenti and Sofia Kim



Dr. Kasyan, sits behind his desk in the white Manasquan Board of Education building down the road. But he is not the distant superintendent stereotype we all picture, but someone we can expect to see more often around the school.

He embodies a different archetype than the preconceived notion we hold for a superintendent.

Personable and warm, Dr. Kasyan is welcoming from the minute you walk through his office doors.

He hopes to become a familiar face to the students and staff of the school district. He can be seen in the morning welcoming students or walking through the hallways of the high school. You may even recognize him as the man that greeted you one morning, even in the cold rain.

Dr. Kasyan has been a part of the education system throughout his career. He's held an array of positions from AP history teacher, to basketball coach, to a short period of time spent working in special education. However, Dr. Kasyan is most interested in being an administrator. He believes experience in all aspects of the education system is crucial in order to be an effective and impactful leader.

"My favorite position so far would have to be building principal"

said Dr. Kasyan, "because it allowed me to work closely with students, parents and teachers." Dr. Kasyan has also served as the assistant principal at Brick Veterans Memorial Elementary School and

the superintendent in Little Egg Harbor. But his time as a building principal was the most memorable because, although an administrator, he was able to collaborate with

other members of the school community.

Dr. Kasyan honors collaboration, and believes it is essential for success. He says with conviction, "I promised myself that this year I'll take a very long look at the school district and have you all tell me what *you* need." He strives to be more than a name but rather someone we can talk to.

Aware of the potential isolation that comes with the superintendency, Dr. Kasyan plans to be an active member of the Manasquan community. "Interacting makes it real to me, because it can be a very isolated position, it's just how they structured the job," he commented. But he is not one to conform to the constraints of a desk, "I'm trying to do everything I can to be more personable."

As a senior in Brick, he re-

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Dr. Kasyan's words of wisdom:
"decisions decide destiny."
He reminds students that what you do now will impact your future.

New MHS Innovation Lab Enjoys Grand Opening

By: Sofia Kim

The library is a vision of technology and collaboration. The buzz of 3-D printers mingle with the exchanges between Manasquan firefighters, students, teachers and parents. Mrs. Edwards, the master mind behind this sensational addition to our school, sweeps through the room, and engages with the crowd of over 50 students and community members.

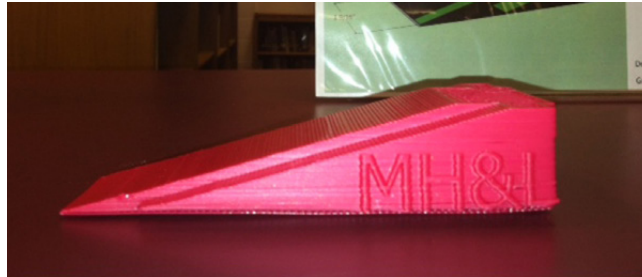
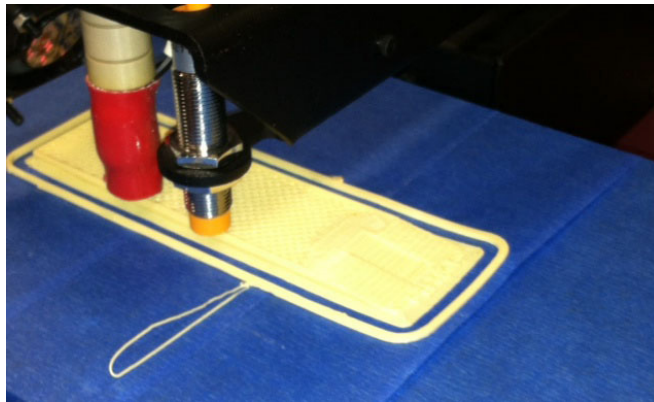
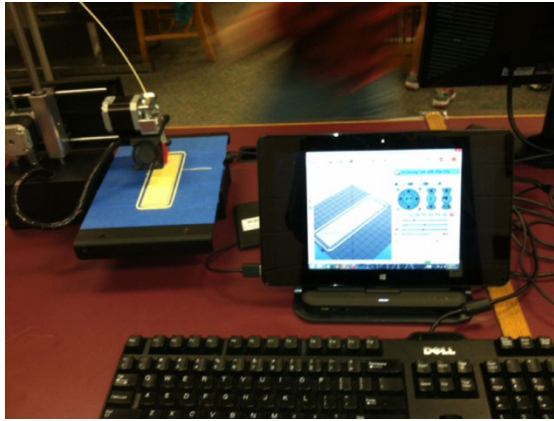
"I'm excited! Innovation Lab offers us a chance to explore emerging technologies. It gives us the ability to take new innovations around us and apply it to real world challenges," said MHS Media Center specialist, Mrs. Edwards.

The library is arranged to be conducive to exploration. Manasquan's own 3-D printer is live and running, student made 3-D printers are on display, and 3-D printed door wedges created by the Architecture and Construction class are being voted on. Jennifer Serbiss from Wall's Camp Evans has even come to share her insights into exploratory research through her display of various inventions displaying an "augmented reality."

The Innovation Lab was made possible thanks to Mrs. Edwards' ambitious endeavors in pursuing a ten thousand dollar grant. She planned on dedicating this money to fund the creation of the MHS innovation lab.

That dream became a reality when she heard the announcer share the winning school's admission statement. She recognized the first four words as her own and knew then that MHS had won. Soon after that she was featured on the popular radio station 94.3 to discuss the school's plans with the winnings. We have Mrs. Edwards to thank for introducing these out-of-this-world creations directly into the hands of students.

Some students have already even accomplished the remarkable



Pictured from top: a computer design, one of three 3D printers, and a door stop with Manasquan fire department's MH&L insignia

feat of building their own 3-D printers.

Senior Steven Coulter describes the process as "fairly simple" after successfully constructing one in his home after only 6 hours of work. You can find his "test robots" and "legs" on display in the library.

Other "Master Builders" such as junior Jack Kruger and freshman Connor Tuzeneu have their finished 3-D printer on display in the library.

Connor was hoping to "get involved as quickly as possible" in his first year of high school. Little did he expect to be a builder of a functioning 3-D printer. Working from a box of

parts, these students built it from scratch "I had to put the pieces together by myself with the guidelines online. I didn't know anything when I started. My knowledge wasn't expansive enough to know what each part was, so I mixed pieces until I found what each piece was for. I had never seen one in person before this".

The Architecture and Construction class has also been working for months for this unique collaboration with the Manasquan Firefighters of 27-1 with personalized door stoppers to use in compromised situations. Firefighter Paul Samuel, a 2nd Lieutenant of the Manasquan Fire Dept, describes this collaboration as a "wonderful project. There was lots of thought put into this. We found two exceptional doorstops. These winning door stops were designed by senior Heather Meyer and junior Damian Chalk."

Mrs. O'Connor summed up the night perfectly. "It was a very exciting night to showcase the new innovation lab. Lots of students showed a lot of interest in wanting to get involved. It opened their eyes to the opportunities they have at Manasquan," she said.

It was an exciting night not only to display the exciting innovations of today and the future but also to celebrate individual success, and to push the boundaries of each student's capabilities and opportunities. Mrs. Edwards has many exciting plans for the future, and she encourages all voices to be heard. "I need students to tell me what they want".

It is incredible what this innovation lab has started. The enthusiasm and pride in the MHS Media Center that night are exactly what we need to fuel amazing student feats, and encourage interest in today's spreading innovations.

MHS Drama Club Brings Laughter to The Jack with *Arsenic and Old Lace*

The fall play has come and gone again, with this year's production being a classic comedy. On October 30th, 31st and November 1st, the Manasquan High School Drama Club will be presenting Frank Capra's *Arsenic and Old Lace* at the Jack Nicholson Theatre located in Manasquan High School.

The play was a deviation from previous years' performances like *The Cave Dweller's* and *The Uninvited*. As Mr. Weisert exclaimed, "It's a classic play, we haven't done a classic Broadway comedy in a while." Unlike the frights and dramatics that the Drama Club has brought to us the past couple years, *Arsenic and Old Lace* struck uproars of laughter from the crowd.

Everyone who saw *Young Frankenstein* last year knows that it was a hoot, but *Arsenic and Old Lace* was different. It contained more subtle, sometimes dark humor. With that said, there was no absence of chuckles. The humor appealed to everyone, adults and children alike.

The plot revolved around the Mortimer Brewster, a drama critic who found out that insanity ran through his family. He discovered that his two sweet old aunts, Martha and Abby, poison lonely old men and considered it a charity. Upon his discovery, Mortimer's life was turned upside down, and even further when his murderous brother Jonathan shows up. All the while, Mortimer constantly struggled to keep his newly-engaged fiancé Elaine from fleeing because of his family's psychotic shenanigans.

Some of the funniest moments included Mortimer forcing an old man out of his deranged aunts' house after he was nearly poisoned by Abby and Martha, Jonathan hiding a body in the window box where the old aunts liked to hide their victims and of course, the moment when Abby opens up the window box to find a different body lying there than the one she put there. Not to forget, both Teddy Brewster, who believed

By: Logan Muir

he was Teddy Roosevelt, and the drunken, stumbling German Dr. Einstein provided a humorous asides.

This year's production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* was a first for many members of the Drama Club. Freshmen Delaney Heffernan and Ella Cardelfe both made their debuts for the MHS Drama Club, and in a stellar way. While playing the lead roles Martha and Abby Brewster, Cardelfe and Heffernan stole the show with their charming, slightly sociopathic humor, particularly Car-



delfe.

Ella Cardelfe was absolutely phenomenal, generating many laughs from the enthusiastic audience. Everything from her believable old-lady accent to her intricate, comical hand movements was perfect. She played her role extremely well and seems to have a bright future ahead of her in the MHS Drama Club.

Other first-timers included Chris di Pierro, Mychael Robert, Connor Hughes, and Brendan Ertle, all who provided a strong supporting cast.

When questioned about his decision to give lead roles to debut members of the Drama Club, Mr. Weisert explained that if students have more years in the club than others, it did not mean that these students are guaranteed a leading role. Simply put, it was all based on who best fit each role. While it may have seemed like a risk to assign some first year actors lead roles, the risk definitely reaped a big reward.

Mr. Weisert happily stated at the end of the show that he was very proud of his cast being able to pull off such a difficult show.

Anyone who missed this year's fall production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* should definitely attend the spring show. This show set high standards for the upcoming spring musical, and the MHS Drama is sure to deliver.

Pictured Above: The full cast of *Arsenic and Old Lace*, seen in the dining room of the fictional Brewster family home; **Pictured below, left to right:** the funny faces of freshman Ella Cardelfe, seen with sophomore Jackson Dunson and fellow freshman Delaney Heffernan; supporting roles included Joe DeSomma's gangster-style Jonathan Brewster, Brendan Ertle's intoxicated Dr. Einstein and Adam Dayton's comic Teddy "Roosevelt" Brewster.



New Art Class Grabs Attention!

Intro to Sculpture Elective offers new genre to students

By: Julia Valgenti

Do you like art but are tired of drawing? Or maybe you're not an artist but want to try something new. If so check out the new Introduction to Sculpture class! Taught by Art teacher Mrs. Treney, Intro to Sculpture focuses on creating three dimensional art using a variety of methods and materials. There is currently one Intro to Sculpture class this fall during second block.

As a hands on class, Intro to Sculpture is meant to provide a different form of art for students not interested in traditional art classes. The art department hopes that the class will provide a unique art experience that many students can enjoy.

To all the students not taking Intro to Sculpture this year, "you really missed out" said Mrs. Treney. When asked how she would describe the class to students, she said it is a "fun, different and exciting class" that everyone will enjoy. Excited about the upcoming projects, Mrs. Treney says the class will be working with a wide variety of materials including clay, wire, cardboard, and found objects.

The class is currently working on a large installation project based off of the work of Claes Oldenburg and George Segal. Segal is an American artist best known for his life size sculptures of human figures displayed in site-specific locations. Some students, including junior Brittney Buechele and senior Nick Sergi have chosen to create figures using plaster craft to mimic Segal's style. The time consuming process includes applying plaster craft to the body and waiting for the plaster to dry and harden. Buechele and Sergi are using a variety of techniques to create hands, feet and even arms to assemble their figures.

Students also have the option to create a sculpture in the style of Claes Oldenburg, who enlarged everyday objects to a comical scale. In addition to soft fabric sculptures, Oldenburg also created colossal art projects for major cities. His most famous creations include "Lipstick on Caterpillar Tracks" at Yale University and "Clothespin", a steel sculpture in Philadelphia. Senior Spencer Kurten is currently working on a six foot spray bottle sculpture using chicken wire and plaster craft. Other projects created in this style include giant pens, pencils, a screwdriver and a paperclip.

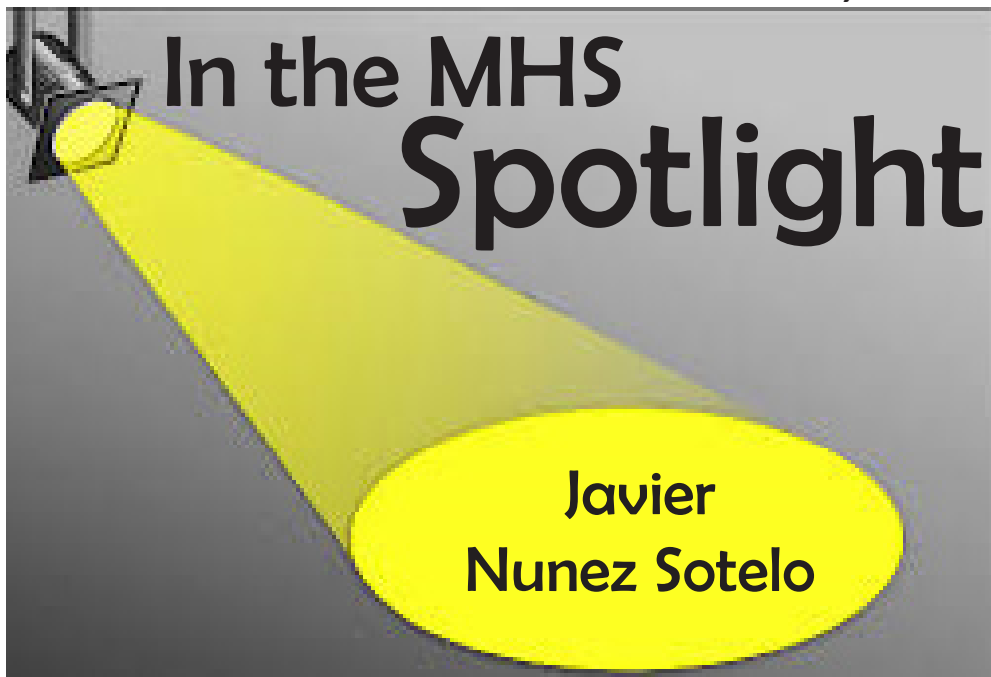
Completed projects including cardboard and wire sculptures can be seen in the display case or the library. Expect to see many other sculptures displayed around the school. Mrs. Treney has many exciting projects planned and hopes to see more people take Intro to Sculpture in the future!

A variety of interesting student creations, ranging from 3D cardboard cutouts that imitate famous paintings to wire arrangements, have inspired the imaginations of students and excited art teacher Mrs. Treney.



MHS Students of the Month

Honored for their outstanding performance in and out of the classroom in the first month of school were (pictured from left to right): freshman Terry Mahon, sophomore Kaitlyn Calabro, junior Joey Waldeyer and senior Caroline Bilotti. Work hard: maybe you'll be next!



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

By: Reed Melchionda



Say Hello to Javier, Exchange Student from Spain

By: Sarah Spears

It's the first day of school. You're a new student and you don't know anything about your new environment, and more importantly you don't know *anyone*. It can all be pretty terrifying but at least you all speak the same language, right?

Javier Nuñez Sotelo is a 15 year old sophomore. He is a typical blonde teenager with blue eyes and a friendly smile. He enjoys playing guitar and soccer, and is a big fan of pork roll and the Green Bay Packers. Sounds pretty typical right?

What makes Javier different is that he is not from America. Javier was born and raised in Seville, Spain. Through a program known as AFS (The American Field Service), he has come here to Manasquan High School so that he can improve his English and to experience what it is like to be an American.

Javier found out about this program through his older brother, Juan, who spent his sophomore year in Manistee, Michigan through AFS. And even though he was going to another country where a different language was spoken, Javier wasn't a bit scared. Although his



first week here was difficult, Javier was comforted by how nice everyone was: "They all kept saying 'hi' to me, even though they didn't know me," he said.

Gradually, school and conversation has gotten a lot easier for him. He finds the classes to be interesting with his favorite being gym, whereas his favorite in Spain was music.

Back in Seville, his school was bilingual and Javier enjoyed going to soccer games and hanging out with his friends. He also would go down to Cadiz on the southern coast to surf. Since he lived in Spain where traveling is

more accessible and his mom is a flight attendant, he has been to a variety of different countries. His favorite place was South Africa because of the Safari and all the different animals there.

Since he is here till July 3rd, 2015 he and his host family, The Valgentis, plan on going to Washington DC, Boston, New Hampshire, Vermont and some other states. He has already visited New York City with Julia, a junior here at MHS, where he really enjoyed Times Square. Javier even confessed that he might someday want to live there.

On Thursday, October 23 at 7:00 PM in Manasquan's auditorium, MHS hosted its annual National Honor Society Candle Lighting Inductee Ceremony.

NHS is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. In order to qualify for induction, students must demonstrate excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. In order to be approved for membership, qualified juniors and seniors needed a cumulative grade point average of a 93 or higher, received five teacher recommendations, and completed 120 hours of community service: 40 from their own service project, 40 from one specific organization, and 40 from any source.

This was a ceremony of honor and elegance to reward its members for their outstanding achievements. Each inductee chose a teacher sponsor to accompany him or her throughout the night. During the ceremony, the inductees read a speech, recognizing their sponsors for the significant impact they have had on the inductees' academic careers.

The Honorary Teacher Inductee this year was none other than Manasquan's English Teacher, Mr. Mawn. NHS member, George Taboada had the honor of delivering Mr. Mawn's sponsor speech. It was filled with vibrance, quirkiness,

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Planning for Squan-a-Thon 2015 is in Full Swing!

By: Nicholle Beese

This March will mark the sixth year of Squan-a-Thon, a 12-hour dance-a-thon to raise money for pediatric cancer. Mr. Battaglia and Mrs. McKenzie created Squan-a-Thon six years ago with the inspiration of Penn State's THON.

Mrs. McKenzie believes that Squan-a-Thon will be the best night of the year for everyone who participates. "There is nothing better than getting involved and giving back to the community," she said.

The Squan-a-Thon team, consisting of six different committees, was chosen by Mr. Battaglia and Mrs. McKenzie in June of last year. They have been putting their heads together to come up with new and fun ideas to spread the word and get everyone involved.

According to the committee, this year's theme is Superheroes with the slogan "Be Someone's Hero". The Entertainment committee and the rest of the team truly believe this slogan captures the essence of Squan-a-Thon and portrays reasons to get involved.

The theme and slogan were unveiled to the whole school on Tuesday, October 7. Dressed up as superheroes, committee members went to every classroom to pass out dancer cards. In addition, the Squan-a-Thon video was shown during homeroom, promoting the event.

"This year is going to be the best yet! I truly love everything about this event and hope everyone takes advantage of getting involved" said Josie Millard of the Dancers committee.

Mr. Battaglia and Mrs. McKenzie took the Squan-a-Thon committee to the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at the Jersey Shore Medical Center on Wednesday, October 29. The committee got a tour of the hospital and spent some time making get well cards, which they then gave to some of the patients. It was an extremely heartwarming and eye-opening experience for the Squan-a-Thon team. "Being able to meet these strong, struggling patients makes me even more eager to get everyone involved with Squan-a-Thon and raise more money than ever before," said Amanda Barry of the Marketing committee. "Kids are suffering, even younger than we are. We can't sit around and wait for a miracle to happen. We need to do something. We need to find a cure," she expressed.

Over the past five years, Squan-a-Thon has raised over \$250,000 for pediatric cancer. Each year has been more successful than the last, with more and more students participating and more and more money raised for children with cancer in the community.

Squan-a-Thon 2015 will be held on Friday, March 20, here at Manasquan High School. All students are encouraged to partake in this event and make a difference! Be someone's hero!

Scenes from Squan-a-Thon's past: jousting, dancing and mechanical bull-riding have been popular activities for participants and guests. What will the fun include this year?



FUZZ BECUZ IS RAISING AWARENESS FOR ALZHEIMER'S

By: Logan Muir

From October 23rd to November 21st, students who donate at least five dollars for Alzheimer's are able to participate in a facial hair growing competition. Those who grow the most luscious beads will be award one of various different prizes.

For anyone not participating in the competition, donations are welcome.

For more details, see Craig Lapham, Eddie Franzoni, Shane Flanagan, or Brendan Kelly or follow @FBecuzz on Twitter.

What's the Password?

MHS's new courtesy greeter handles visitor traffic at the front door of the school

By: Kerry Weiland

You may recognize Mr. Read, or RJ Read as you walk in to the front doors of the school as our school's new "courtesy greeter." He uses the new system called "TPass" that monitors the visitors going in and out of the school.

When a stranger walks into the front doors they are asked how they can be helped. If they only need to drop off something in the office, for examples all your lunches that you forget at home in the morning, or if they need to sign a student in or out of the school, they may walk right in and right out. If they are going past the office, for example they have a meeting with a teacher upstairs, Mr. Read steps in.

There is a small camera presented on his desk that will take a quick picture of the person. Then, through the Tpass system, the software will scan their license to pull up their history, including any restriction orders, sex offenses, etc. Once they are cleared, a slip is printed out with their name, date, and reason for visiting which they must keep on them until they leave the building. Once they leave they may dispose of the

pass and if they return another day, they will get a new one with new information.

The system shows a list of all the visitors throughout the day, an estimated amount of people per day is around 8. Many people may not be used to such a strict system, but regardless of any drawbacks, it is solely to keep us safe; which can't hurt.

What you may not know about Mr. Read is that he is actually a Manasquan High School alumni, a graduate from the class of 2007. He was involved in the school and was a star athlete as the football teams QB! He moved on and graduated from Georgian Court.

His family members are true warriors being that his father is a history teacher here, his mother works in the Board Office, and his sister Michaela Read as an alumni as well, and Molly Read is a senior. He hopes to continue bleeding blue and become a history teacher here! Good luck to Mr. Read Jr, and congrats on his wedding planned for May!



The New Teacher & Former Alumni

By, Reed Melchionda

Joining the ranks of the Manasquan High School faculty in the spring of the 2013-2014 school year, Mr. Craig has been welcomed with open arms to MHS. As a Special Ed, In-Class Resource Mr. Craig has had the task of collaborating with students and teachers in order to provide the best educational opportunities for the students he administers.

Inspired by the amazing teachers he had, Mr. Craig has always dreamed of becoming a teacher. In fact, he continues to love his career: "My favorite thing about being a teacher is being able to be in the classroom every day and helping the kids both inside and outside the classroom."

Having attended Manasquan as a student and graduating in 2005, adjusting to MHS was not a difficult task. Although he found it strange seeing the



"What are your thoughts on being called the more stylish Mr. Roach?"
"No comment."

school through the eyes of a teacher rather than a student at first, he has become accustomed to this change of viewpoint. In fact, Mr. Craig claims being a student has made his transition easier because he "already knows where everything is!"

Not only has Mr. Craig adjusted smoothly, but the school, faculty, and students have adjusted well to him. Many of the teachers state that he is a positive and optimistic asset to the faculty staff. Mr. Craig loves his new coworkers, claiming they have "been nothing but supportive and helpful."

When Mr. Craig is not teaching, he enjoys the same activities as any other Manasquan locals. Spending the day at the beach with his friends and family is one of his favorite summer activities.

New Superintendent

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calls admiring Manasquan for being an "ideal community of rich tradition" he commended the "quality of the students and staff, the great spirit in sports and the great focus on education". He wanted to be a part of it. Now, as our superintendent, Dr. Kasyan can say that "It's awesome, I love being here".

FUN FACTS ABOUT DR. KASYAN

Attended Hudson Catholic Regional High School in Jersey City. Transferred to Brick Township High School as a senior.

Attended Merrimack College in North Andover, MA. Received Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Rowan University.

Has copy of Rudyard Kipling's poem "IF" on his office wall. "What would you do if you knew you could not fail" are his words to live by.

Loves to eat and says "his family plans vacations around restaurants."

Would choose SuperSpeed as his superpower, so that he could instantly flash from one spot to another.

Introducing Janitor Diane!

Meet MHS's newest member!

By: Keely Flood

It's no secret that there are some new faces around the halls here at MHS. And yes, we're all missing our happy-go-lucky Kathy, always greeting us as we pass her. But change is inevitable. So who else is going to clean up our messes with a big smile? Cue Diane: Sal's newest sidekick and the latest lady in the janitor's uniform.

In a recent interview, while she was on duty cleaning up the aftermath of the last fourth block lunch, Diane was all positive vibes. She has had numerous jobs before this, and has "been in schools for years." She loves being back in a high school atmosphere because she truly enjoyed her experience. When asked what her favorite/most memorable year in high school was, she replied, "I guess my junior year. I had awesome classes! I had a lot of literary classes that I loved."

With such a big role to take on, we can only wonder how she and our beloved Sal are getting along so far. "Oh, he's great to work with! Such a great guy," she quickly responded. As for the kids and the teachers, "Everyone's been very friendly, really welcoming". Diane said she can already see herself working here for a long time.

Outside of school, Diane likes to stay active. You often can find her doing yoga, riding her bike, or spending time with her two-year-old grandson, Declan. She herself has three kids of her own.

When asked what, in her opinion, is the best part about coming to work every morning, she responded that she loves "having a job where (she) can make a difference". Diane also added that she believes the most important aspect of her job is "helping out whenever needed and being supportive of the staff in general." Trust me, Diane. MHS as a whole would be a mess without you and Sal. You are definitely needed and making a difference!

As for obstacles, Diane wasn't worried about not being accepted or liked by the students and faculty. Her main concern? "Obtaining my boiler's license! But I was able to take a course and I obtained it before I started working. But everything else is easy!" she laughs. We're glad it's been nothing but smooth sailing for you!

By the end of my interview with Diane, I realized that the MHS population may be seeing a different face in the halls each day, but her uplifting cheery spirit is what really counts. "Mrs. Clean" is a sweet, kind-hearted woman with great intentions, and wants nothing but to help out this school and the people in it. Thus far she absolutely loves it here at MHS. Be nice to her! And, of course, welcome to the MHS family, Diane!



Mr. Snyder, the New Math Warrior

by George Taboada

Every so often, Manasquan manages to catch a truly amazing teacher to fill its classrooms with life. Mr. Snyder, the new Algebra I teacher, is one of those great catches.

Jason Snyder grew up in Hazlet, but now lives in Point Boro with his wife and two kids. He's avid about hockey. A Devil's fan, a family man, a dog person: he's perfect for MHS.

If you have him next semester, don't worry. Plenty of Manasquan students agree that Mr. Snyder is an A+ math teacher. Freshman Colin Mastroilli calls him, "a really good

guy."

Mr. Snyder exceeds the credentials needed to teach. He has FOUR degrees (two bachelors, a minor, and an associates) in everything from teaching to mathematics and mechanical engineering.

So why is a former engineer now teaching us Integrated Math? Back in 2007, a family friend persuaded him to quit construction and move into education. That friend, a former teacher in Brick, saw that Mr. Snyder's love of math could be used to teach in schools. Also, he naturally likes to help others. He can be found helping his students during his

lunch block with their homework.

He's gone through what we are going through: the ups and downs of education. He's had great teachers, like Mr. Ferrow, his favorite physics teacher in high school, who tried all sorts of ways to make his class exciting in order to instill passion in his students. And he's had the bad ones. His sophomore English teacher was inflexible. "It was her way or the highway," Mr. Snyder said. He understands that sometimes you turn in a paper late and is prepared to give you a



Mr. Snyder teaches Integrated Math and Algebra I Concepts in room 570.

fair shot in his classes.

Mr. Snyder, with his helpful attitude, mathematical passion and teaching skills, will fit right at home in the Manasquan Community. Welcome.

Students Tackle Issues in the World

The Blue & Gray Editorials

In the United States Today:

Obama's Iraq Turnaround

Washington DC: It has been over a decade since the beginning of the second Iraqi War that ended with the deposal of Saddam Hussein. How is the Republic of Iraq holding up now?

An extremist group known as the Islamic State (ISIS) has captured most of northern Iraq and western Syria, established a new caliphate that has world conquest ambitions, and has perpetrated atrocities that led to even al Qaeda themselves denouncing them as murderers. After the two beheadings of American journalists, President Barack Obama has announced plans to give military support to the floundering Syrian rebel coalition and Shia-led Iraqi government.

Obama, in response to the beheadings, promised an additional 500 troops to be stationed in Iraq along with the other hundreds already there. However, those hundreds of our

soldiers are not there to shoot the bad guys, but to advise the Iraqi military. They are forbidden to participate in combat.

Despite this, Obama issued the stern warning, "...if you threaten America, you will find no safe haven." Things are escalating.

And it seems after the war-scarred 2000s, Americans are beginning to become more and more hawkish again. According to a Washington Post and ABC news poll, over 50% of Americans believe that the president is being too cautious with the crisis in Iraq. Another 35% say that he's acting appropriately. Just under 10% think Obama is acting too assertively.

So the United States goes back to the Middle East to try and stabilize the increasingly chaotic region. It's impossible to

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In the World Today:

Ebola and You

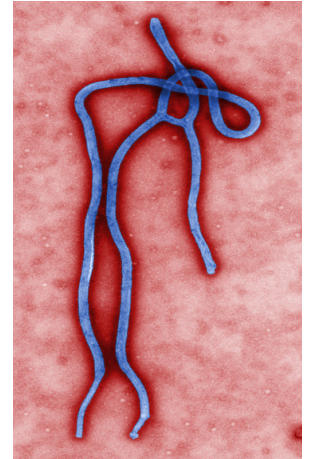
By: George Taboada

West Africa: In the southern, forested region of Guéckédou in Guinea, a small, isolated outbreak of a deadly disease alerted world health officials in December 2013. From those cases, travelers heading to Sierra Leone and Liberia took that virus with them, infecting others. This passage of the illness soon put West Africa and the world in a state of panic.

Now it is almost a year after the initial outbreak of Ebola. 13,567 people throughout the world have been infected. 4,951 have died. Most of the deaths have been concentrated within Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia, but it has also spread to Nigeria, Senegal and Mali. For only the 3rd time in history,

the World Health Organization (WHO) raised the alarm of a "public health emergency of international concern."

Infected people have also reached Spain and



the US, but these have not spawned any further epidemics. Also, both Nigeria and Senegal have, within the past month, been declared Ebola-free.

"Despite the alarm, Ebola is unlikely to become a pandemic. The virus is caught only by direct contact with bodily fluids, such as vomit and blood," The Economist smartly points out. Ebola, unlike the common cold, is strictly confine to spreading through contact with infected body flu-

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Above: Obama addresses the press on his Iraq policy. Below left: Leader of the floundering Syrian Coalition.

Below right: Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi of Iraq



Early Symptoms:

Ebola can only be spread to others after symptoms begin. Symptoms can appear from 2 to 21 days after exposure.

- Fever
- Stomach pain
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Unexplained bleeding or bruising
- Vomiting



For More Information:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>
<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/en/>

Another School Shooting Occurs, This Time in Washington State

By: Keely Flood



The morning of Friday, October 24th, 2014, 15-year-old freshman Jaylen Fryberg opened fire in his high school, Marysville-Pilchuck High School, in northwest Washington State. Three of the four victims, along with the shooter himself, were fatally killed, the other left in the hospital in serious condition. According to The Cascadia Advocate, a news source in the Pacific northwest, this is the 87th school shooting in two years since the horrendous massacre held at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut in 2012.

Fryberg aimed the gun at his four closest friends who sat with him at a lunch table Friday morning at his request. Sources say that in an attempt to open fire on them, Fryberg sent out a non-alarming, casual text to the victims asking them to join him at lunch Friday. They complied, and shortly after they'd gathered and settled, Fryberg took out a fully-loaded .40-caliber Beretta.

Zoe R. Galasso, 14, was the first of the two to die instantly. Gia Soriano, also 14, fatally passed that Sunday at a nearby hospital. Shaylee Chuckulnaskit, 14, remained in critical condition at Providence Regional Medical Center Everett.

Three days later, on Monday morning November 3, Nate Hatch, 14, who suffered a wound to the jaw, was upgraded to satisfactory condition and was awake and breathing on his own, according to officials at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. An-

drew Fryberg, 15, was in critical condition at Harborview on Monday. Both boys were cousins of Jaylen Fryberg.

There has been talk that Fryberg committed these murders over heartbreak due to former girlfriend, Shilene George. No one, including Shilene herself, understands how or why Jaylen would commit such a horrendous act. Sources say the boy and his family were very well-liked and known. Fryberg was a football player and had just recently been 0/.



Students Tackle

The Blue & Gray Editorials

Issues in the World

You Are Not a Test Score

The Truth about the SATs

By: Sofia Kim

SAT morning, a mass exodus of students, dazed like prisoners of war in a zombie apocalypse seeing the sun for the first time. In a haze we grapple with the shift from the caged classroom to the blinding outside world. We try to recalibrate our burnt brains to normal functioning, stretch out our cramped hands, and process what we just walked out of. The heavy stumble out of the whirlwind of timed anxiety, raised blood pressure and brain cramps, has become a pivotal moment in every high school student's life.

Standardized tests have morphed to the teenager's monster under the bed, or the insidious shadows in the closet. From the very first tentative steps as freshmen these ominous parasites have latched onto the back of our consciences. A lingering concern, a source of stifling pressure.

We are pushed through an exhaustive system, one that constantly berates us with "If you want a promising future, you better produce a high test score." Each one of us, our parents, teachers, role models, have all at one point found themselves stuck between the contradicting relationship of striving

to achieve the best scores we can whilst trying to distance yourself and your self-worth from a number.

The SATs started during the First World War as an intelligence test for recruits. (As if 21st century high school students are synonymous with WWI recruits). Following the war, the test was adapted to be used in the college admissions process. The 1933 Harvard president, James Bryant Conant liked the test because he thought it "measured pure intelligence, regardless of the quality of the taker's high school education."

To believe this concept that "pure intelligence" can be bubbled-in, measured, and determined in 225 minutes is to undermine and sell years of experience and education tragically short. How you are able to perform on a given Saturday morning for four hours is not equivalent to the wealth of your academic abilities.

In reality the test fails to closely follow high school curriculum. In fact it is widely accepted that the SATs and other standardized tests do not test true academic skills needed in college. In truth, the skills validated in these tests aren't connected with a student's ability to enhance classroom discussions. They demonstrate a very narrow set of skills that are not even necessarily what our

nation or economy needs. Additionally, the idea of college accepting students solely who excel in the SATs detracts from a diverse campus. Simply put, standardized tests do not accurately define your intelligence, college performance, or how successful you'll be. As said in Suli Breaks' song "I Will Not let an Exam Result Decide my Fate", "Test us with tests, but the finals are never final. Because they never prepare us for the biggest test which is survival."

The truth of the matter is, SATs are rooted in a lucrative system where SAT prep is a money pot and the College Board charges for each test. It is a system laced with prejudice, and it boils down to be an inexpensive way for college admission officers to narrow the pool of applicants.

So while we may not be able to change the system, we can change our mindset going in. If you find yourself pulling your hair out over what "anthropocentrism" means or how to find the "closest approximation of the solution of the equation $2^{x-1} = 3^{x+1}$ " know that the SATs do not define your future. In fact more and more colleges are choosing to be "test score optional" and now more than 750 schools don't even require the test.

Needless to say, as with anything you do, put your best efforts forward, but as Mr. Mawn wisely said, "You are so much more than a number on a test." You'll do great!

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for violating the league's substance abuse policy. Looking at these suspensions, many people have lashed out, criticizing the NFL for its judgment.

Is it just for one player to receive a year-long ban for drug abuse while a player who physically beats his partner to be punished with only a two-game ban?

More and more questions are be-

Adrian Peterson (left) and Ray Rice (right) are both NFL stars whose acts of domestic abuse sent shock waves through the NFL and all of American society.

ing asked and there will be answers soon, as the league announced a while back that Robert Mueller, a former FBI Director, will lead an independent inquiry into the league's investigation and how it gathered evidence in the Ray Rice case.

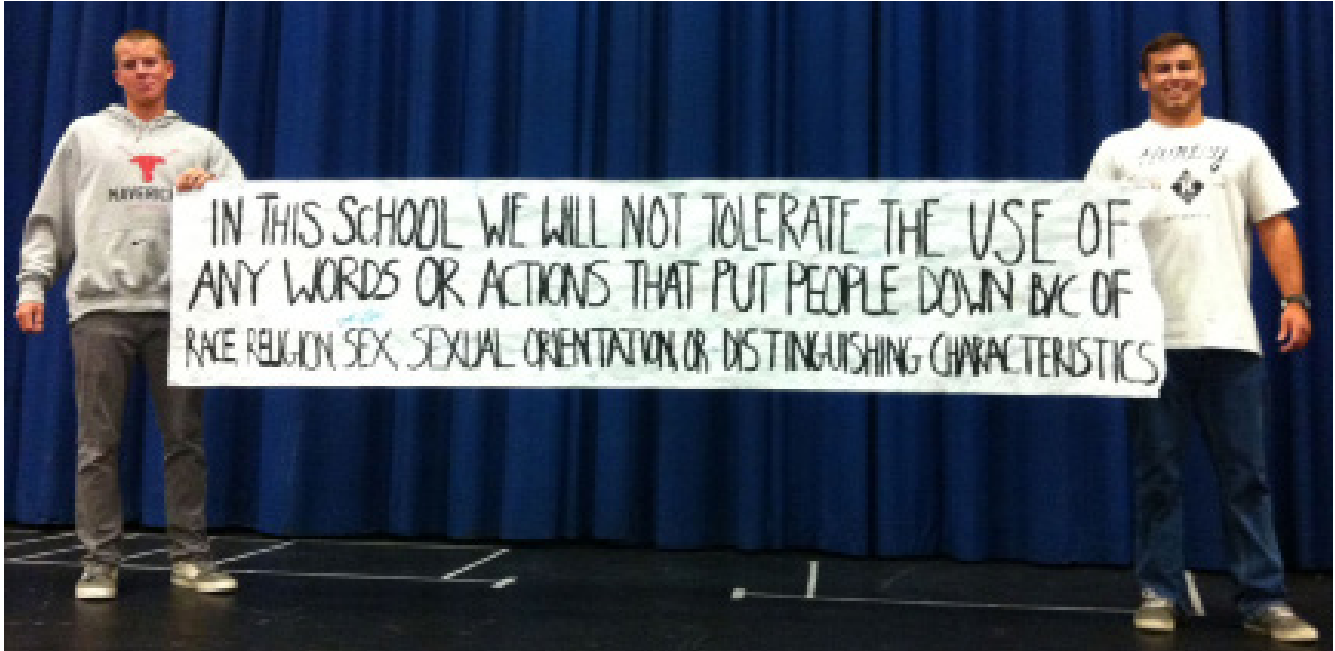
On another note, since the release of the Ray Rice video, the National Football League Players Association (NFL-PA) has established a new drug-testing program, which has since reversed bans of several players involved in drug-associated suspensions.

MHS Celebrates Respect Week October 6-10

Schools throughout New Jersey recognize the first week of October as Respect Week, planning activities to raise awareness for the ways in which all people are treated. With the help of the We Stand Together group, MHS Student Assistance Coordinator Leigh Busco organized a number of activities to achieve this goal. Of Respect Week,

Ms. Busco said that differences are “what makes people beautiful.”

The highlight of the week was the banner made by students (pictured below) that pledged respect for others. The banner was signed by scores of students and faculty, and now hangs in MHS center hall.



Advice for Freshman!

From the seniors



“Have fun your freshman and sophomore years! Do it up your junior year! And just have a blast your senior year!”

–Caroline Bilotti



“Do things you wouldn’t normally do.”

–Spencer Kurten

“You should join as many clubs and activities as you can and make good friends because these are the ones you will have with you for the rest of your life.”

–Mackenzie Queen



Advice for

Seniors!

From the faculty

“Enjoy it while you can because it’s going to go fast.”

–Mr. Hoffman



“Try to make your hobby into a career.”

–Mrs. Kozic



By: Maggie Leddy



Halloween Festivities at MHS

By: Reed Melchionda and Maggie Leddy

On the 31st of October, Manasquan High School students and teachers celebrated their annual Halloween celebration. Despite some calamity, chaos, and confusion, the spirit of Halloween echoed throughout the hallways.

The school came alive with costumes of all types: the funny, the classics, the scary, and the never-before-seen. Halloween is a chance for

people to find their most creative sides; a skill Manasquan High School has seemed to master. This year, the costumes were divided into five categories: Best Individual, Best Group, Most Original, Funniest, and Best Teacher.

There was a wide variety of individuals who were applicable for

winning the Best Individual costume: ranging from classical costumes such as a mime, to more iconic ones such as men dressed as Clark Kent and Superman. However, the student who took first place in this category was senior Nick Galizio who was dressed as Chuck Noland from Cast Away.

In addition to individual costumes

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What's Your Favorite Part of MHS Halloween?



Senior Kolbe Brennan:

"I like seeing the funniest Halloween costumes. My favorite from last year was the Mr. Waldeyer's."

Senior Nicholle Beese:

"I really liked seeing everyone's costumes, and just being together!"



Senior Kerry Weiland:

"My favorite is sitting all together in the auditorium, socializing, and watching the show."

Halloween Festivities

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tumes, many students competed for the Best Group Costume. Highlights from this category were the cast of the Sandlot, Rugrats, and the Wizard of Oz. Nevertheless, for their creativity and impeccable costumes, Kim Coles, Kayla Lyons, Sam Diubaldi, Jessie Duerr, Christine Schwarz, Ryan DeCastro, and Sydney Valles took home the gold for their representation of the Seven Deadly Sins. Kayla Lyons, who epitomized Greed, stated: "After winning last year, we decided that we needed to come up with an idea even better and something that has never been done before."

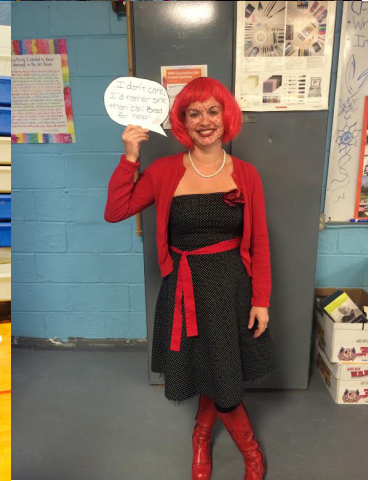
Similar to Best Group Costume, many groups were eligible for Most Original Costume. Costumes spanned from old cartoons such as Cat-Dog, to iconic movies such as the cast of Clueless, and stereotypes such as Gothic Punk Rockers. Although all full of ingenuity, the winners of this category were Ernie Barbero, Rob Hart, Jack Burke, and Sean Padgett, who spun the popular movie "The Wolf of Wallstreet," into "The Wolves of Broadstreet." Senior Ernie Barbero confessed, "This costume was thought of the night before at 10 o'clock. Jack thought of the idea and we all loved it."

Just as important as ingenuity, humor is a primary factor that contributes to the costume-creating process. Prancing throughout the halls were boys dressed as German Bar Maids, and slowly strutting from class to class were teenagers dressed as hunch-back old ladies. Despite all of these, the winners were Kerry Weiland, Julia Graney, Maggie Leddy, and Shannon Schatzman who gave the idea of Senioritis an image. Julia Graney, the brains behind the concept, thought of the idea when she woke up, flabbergasted, at 3 o'clock in the morning, realizing she had fall-

en asleep without completing any of her homework.

Students were not the only ones who participated in the holiday festivities. Many teachers sought to embrace their inner kid. Mrs. Z and Mr. Buss impersonated 1970's detectives, Mr. Craig took on the role of Superman, and Mrs. Edwards crowned herself as a Greek Goddess. The overall winner of Best Teacher Costume, however, was granted to Mrs. Treney for her Pop Artist, Ray Liktenstein, inspired character. As an art teacher at Manasquan, she sought to "embrace the arts and give students a little education in the process."

Halloween has always been a favorite at Manasquan High School. Students love the freedom it gives them and the chance to be something they are not. This year was no different as students explored new ideas and took their creativity to a new level.





Opposites Attract in Rainbow Rowell's novel *Eleanor & Park*

By: Sarah Spears

Eleanor & Park is a novel written about two very unlike teenagers who sit next to one another on the school bus every morning and ultimately fall in love with each other. Eleanor comes from a broken family, while Park lives in a half Korean household. Their differences are what begin to bring them together, while a whole bunch of other things happen in between.

When I first began reading *Eleanor & Park*, I absolutely loved it. Rowell had a very unique sense of diction in that the characters were realistic. She spoke through both characters within one chapter, so it was an entirely more cohesive experience than it would be if the characters switched by chapter.

Towards the middle I began to dislike the book. I found myself constantly wondering when something new was going to happen. It had started to become kind of corny in a sense and it became a lot harder to get through. It was bland and even when things happened, there wasn't anything exciting or shocking about the events-- they were just annoying.

The book does, however, escape from the lull when everything begins to tie itself up. It is dramatic and

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Low-budget *Palo Alto* a Strong Choice for Teens

By: Keely Flood

"*Palo Alto*" is a nothing short story about multiple teenagers and their rough journeys to find who they really are. Not only is it a film of self-discovery, but it also demonstrates high school peer pressure, friendships, and love/lust.

Shy, innocent, inexperienced: these are three perfect words to describe April (played by Emma Roberts). In the midst of her teenage years and the struggles of high school, all April wants to do is find herself. The problem? She's torn between her longtime, grade school crush Teddy (played by Jack Kilmer) and her adoration for her (much older) creepy soccer coach, Mr. B (played by James Franco), who reciprocates those feelings.

Cue Teddy: an artistic, kept-to-himself stoner that drinks excessively and adores April from afar. One night, when the drinking and partying goes too far, Teddy crashes his car while drunk, getting himself a stint of community service at a children's library. Throughout the movie, Teddy will experience what it's like to have a change in pace. He'll see what it's like to face his fears (confronting his love for April), rid of his demons (his bad-influence-of-a-best-friend Fred, played by Nat Wolff), and finish his dark days off once and for all (numbing the pain of reality through drugs and alcohol).

Fred is another unsolved mystery. He's been Teddy's best friend since he can remember. He uses and horribly treats girls. He picks fights. He's dangerous. His mental state is far from stable and, portrayed very clearly in the movie, is a threat to those closest to him. But Fred didn't do this to himself. When we meet Fred's "creepy" father (played by Chris Messina), you can pinpoint the origin of Fred's reasons of why he is who he is. In the end, he's trying to figure just who is really is, along with his friends April and Teddy.

I came across this movie on a boring Friday night at my house with my friend Patricia. She wanted to watch a movie and thirty seconds later we were plopped on the

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The Blue & Gray Book Review

Suzanne Young Intrigues and Entertains in New Novel *The Program*

By: Keely Flood

Sloane knows exactly what it's like to want back something that means so little to people, something as miniscule as a memory. With suicide now a national epidemic, Sloane will do just about anything not to be reported to The Program—the only proven course of treatment—by her peers. Any sign of sadness or suicidal tendencies could land her in a place that, after just 6 weeks, will leave her a blank slate, with little to no recollection of anything. That's right, no idea of who your best friend is, any past relationships you've been in, or really anything for that matter.

The goal of *The Program* is to wipe away any bad memories/feelings of depression to stop the suicide epidemic from growing. Some call it a cure, some call it a death sentence. Unfortunately, Sloane's older brother, Brady, was part of the epidemic, having taken his own life in the water. Not only did he let himself drown, but he did it right in front of Sloane and James; Brady's best friend and Sloane's since boyfriend. This left Sloane with a permanent ache in her heart and a depression that gets more and more difficult to conceal every day. Now, her parents are on a mission to protect the only child they have left from something that could leave them with an empty nest. Sloane's mission? Simple; fake a smile every day until she's 18.

Looking at the cover of this book, I almost didn't even give it a chance to review, thinking this was nothing but a typical, 12-year-old, summer-romance sappy novel. Five minutes

later, I'm at the counter of Barnes and Nobles purchasing the book. Sure, there's some romance in it. Don't let that put a damper on what could be a book you'll never want to put down.

There's so many more factors that go into this novel, such as psychology, science, exploration and behavior. For a while I read this book without an outlook of "This could never happen", but as I continued to turn the pages, the realization that the concept isn't too out-of-this-world made me read on and on. You're predicting and being corrected of what you think is going to happen next from start to end.

For anyone who likes surprises left and right in a novel, buy this book. All-around science lovers, buy this book. Even you, romance lovers, take a whiff. Anyone and everyone is in for a surprise. If you're none of the above, give it three chapters. You won't want to close it, guaranteed!



The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer Enthralls Thrill-seeking Readers

By: Nicholle Beese

Michelle Hodkin's 2012 novel *The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer* is filled with constant twists and turns that make it a captivating story for a variety of readers. It is safe to say that this book was nearly impossible to put down; I finished all 480 pages

in a matter of a few days. This romantic, supernatural mystery was so enticing that each chapter left me aching for more.

The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer tells the story of 17-year-old Mara Dyer, who wakes up in a hospital with no recollection of how she got there. She is told that she is the only survivor of the accident that killed her best friend, boyfriend, and boyfriend's sister. Mara's family decides it would be best to move to a new state for a fresh start. However, Mara's psychological and emotional problems follow her.

Hallucinations and painful nightmares begin to invade Mara's life once she moves to Florida. Along with these invasions comes a beautiful boy named Noah. Although Noah may seem like

nothing but a terrible distraction, he may just be exactly what Mara needs.

Mara's struggle throughout the book was far from monotonous. Hodkin kept my brain alert and aware with each plot twist. Even Noah, a breath of fresh air, has his own story with his own mysteries to solve. These two characters are most definitely what made this book so mesmerizing. They were somehow relatable through their inner conflicts and very easy to fall in love with.

Upon finishing the novel, I needed to know what would happen next. I immediately purchased the second book of the trilogy, *The Evolution of Mara Dyer*, and flew through that as well. Hodkin's last book of the *Mara Dyer* trilogy, *The Retribution of Mara Dyer*, hits the bookshelves on November 4th, 2014. If you are a sucker for romance and enjoy being on the edge of your seat, then *The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer* is the perfect book to cuddle up with.





By: Kerry Weiland

Porta: Not your typical pizza slice!

On the Pizza Porta website they revealed the meaning to their story: "Porta patens esto. Nulli claudatur honesto." (Translated: "May the door always be open. May it never be closed to any honest person.") This authentic Neapolitan pizza restaurant was recently created in the summer of 2011 on Kingsley



Street in Asbury Park. Porta believes in every little detail. They are committed to making their homemade fresh mozzarella everyday along with buying their ingredients from local vendors. They claim, "Our focus on quality and freshness is second to none." Porta is

popular for any event, such as weddings and ceremonies, photo shoots and filming, and after parties. Porta is especially popular for birthday dinners, maybe even your own or your BFF's! For a night out on the town, take a trip to Porta!



Local Urban Kitchen:

Healthy AND Yummy!

"I like to consider LUK the community kitchen. We can all come together and enjoy a good time, some good laughs, and learn something new over some food and drinks," says the owner Maged Fattah. Located in both Point Pleasant and Brielle, LUK is simply put: healthy, affordable, and diverse restaurant that that offers breakfast, lunch, a deli, fresh fruit, juices, and smoothies. Maged Fattah's goal is for anyone, of any kind of eating habits, such as gluten free, dairy free, vegan, carnivore, or allergy type to be able to sit down and have a perfectly unique meal made especially for them. Any alternatives can be made—milk, butter, meat, bread, creams. LUK believes that providing ingredients from local, homemade produce stores will benefit our community and health. She understands the importance of fueling your body and incorporates a wide of array of ancient super-foods packed with vitamins and nutrients. If you have any unique eating restrictions or just want a delicious and nutritious meal, go have a bite at LUK if you haven't already!

Ragin' Cagin: Try a New Taste!

"Stepping into the doors of Ragin' Cajun is like walking into the middle of someone's living room," says the owner Tracie Orsi Godier. Located in Belmar, Ragin Cagin is a raging approach to "traditional" Cajun food. Instead of walking into an authentic restaurant where you might feel awkward or unsure of what to order, you will feel like you are walking into a family dinner party where you feel open for new opportunities with these yummy dishes! They admit that they didn't even know what lard was when they opened in 1992, so they simply left it out which resulted in a healthier meal selection. While chowing

on your appetizer, soup, or entrée, live music is performed on some nights. Once you begin talking to your waitress or waiter your opinion of the traditional Cajun dishes may change; you are able to request certain dietary options and they will guide you through finding the perfect plate that is only filled with the healthiest options in the pot! If your taste buds are up for getting a little spicy, go try out Ragin' Cagin!



"What should I watch on Netflix this month?"

If you've just finished a series and you don't know what to watch yet, or if you are looking to catch up, or you want to watch an old series, here are some ideas for you.

By: Sarah Spears



Start the school year off with *Chuck*

Chuck is a 5 season TV show that aired on NBC from 2007-2011. It follows the life of a man named, Charles (Chuck) Bartowski who works as a part of the "Nerd Herd" at the local BuyMore. In the pilot, Chuck receives an email from a former friend

that downloads "the Intersect", a computer that holds government secrets, into his brain.

I began watching the show when it came out in 2007. I continued to stay dedicated to it up until the series finale. The show is funny with little bits of spy action thrown into the mix. My father recently re-watched it on Netflix this past year, and I found myself enjoying it a whole lot. For anyone that likes situational comedy and/or spy movies, then this could be the show for you.

FADS AND TRENDS OF MHS

By: Reed Melchionda

Lokai Bracelet



Founder Steven Izen, created the concept of the Lokai Bracelet when his father was diagnosed with Alzheimers. During this time, Izen found himself conflicted by the sadness he felt over the diagnosis but gratefulness he felt for the life his father had been blessed with.

The Lokai bracelet is a tangible representation of this “Ying Yang” concept. Embedded within one of the beads is mud from the Dead Sea, the lowest point of the Earth, and in another is water from Mount Everest, the highest point of the Earth. Fastened between these highs and lows are clear beads, signifying that we all have our own story to tell: “Sometimes you’re on top. Stay Humble. Sometimes you’ve hit a low. Stay Hopeful.”

Hair Dye

In a society dominated by conformists and individuals yearning to break free from the societal norms, what better way to assert your individuality than dyeing your hair a not-so-natural color? Students and faculty strolling the halls of Manasquan High School can be met by students sporting blue, pink, purple, or green hair. MHS Junior, Molly Keenan states that she “just felt an urge to dye my hair. I thought it would be a fun thing to do.”



Ice Bucket Challenge

Dominating social media in these past summer months has been the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge which went viral in July. In an effort to raise awareness and funds for ALS research, celebrities, teenagers, and even adults have dumped ice water on their heads and nominated others to do the same. The “frozen” sensation from the ice-cold water is a representation of the physical difficulty ALS patients experience. The Ice Bucket Challenge has been accredited with more than 739,000 new donors to the ALS foundation. On August 29, the ALS Association announced that their total donations since July 29 had exceeded \$100 million.

Pumpkin Spice Lattes

Whereas many people may accredit the coming of fall with the falling of leaves, arrival of pumpkins, and adornment of scarves and sweaters, the loyal Starbucks customers believe fall has not arrived until they take their first sip of a Pumpkin Spice Latte. The Pumpkin Spice Latte, or the PSL, is Starbucks’s top-selling seasonal beverage of all time. Since its introduction in 2003, customers have purchased more than 200 million PSLs. Often nicknamed “The Basic White Girl Drink,” PSLs are definitely a success.



Don’t bring this into your class, though!

Palo Alto Movie Review

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couch scrolling through On Demand. I stopped on this movie title because I remembered hearing Trish mention something about having read the book and it being phenomenal. So without further

ado, we bought it. I didn’t regret the six bucks whatsoever.

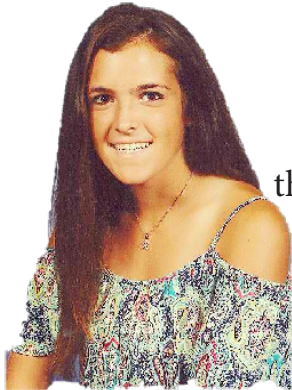
Anyone can watch this movie because anyone can relate to it. High school isn’t/hasn’t been a breeze for us all. We’ve all encountered some typical “high school problem” that we’ve heard about in the movies and in grade school health class. It’s what our generation is experiencing every

day, and they’re struggling.

Take a look into what it’s like for some people around you, possibly the girl sitting two desks behind you in Pre-Calc. Watch the movie! Even if you think you can’t relate, it’ll have your attention to see it through someone else’s eyes. I give it four stars. Don’t knock it ‘til you try it.

FRESHMAN HORROR STORIES

Don't Worry You Are Not Alone



"Freshmen year in June I didn't know the seniors took their finals in the auditorium so I walked in the stage entrance thinking I was going to go to my study

hall. The entire grade just stared at me. I awkwardly walked out and then tripped on the stairs in front of Mr. Capolla and Mr. Cahill.

Reed Melchionda

"Hey, frosh year they gave me a locker that didn't exist."

Julia Graney



-Emily Petillo,
Junior

"On the first day of gym we were doing the shuttle run and I fell on my face in front of everyone"

-Jenn Alvarez, Senior



"First day of me transferring to Squan I went to walk into my first class and I guess walked into an all senior class...I didn't know so I proceeded to sit down. The teacher had to tell me to leave because I was in the wrong class. The seniors laughed as I made my Walk of Shame"

Patricia McKiever,
Junior



"On the first day of school I had no idea where the auditorium was. I just kept walking around the school until I found a senior on my field hockey team to bring me there. I showed up 10 minutes late."

Johanna Keosseian
Senior



"I thought the Thanksgiving game was home freshman year but it was actually at Wall so I sat there for an hour and didn't know why the school was empty. My dad had to come pick me up."

Annie Farragher
Senior

Rock Revival?

Up and coming artist brings classic but fresh sound

By: Logan Muir

When I listen to the radio, like most of you out there, I get tired of hearing the same songs, the same beats, the same bass drops over and over again. That's why when I heard Benjamin Booker crank out a tune on WXPB, my attention was indeed caught.

Benjamin Booker, a 25-year-old singer/songwriter based out of New Orleans, reminds us that the classic rock and roll sounds that our parents grew up listening to are not dead. In his self-titled debut album released in August, Booker brings out the hard roots of rock, and oh boy does it sound good.

The whole album is a heap of fun. From start to finish, listeners will undoubtedly be rockin' out to these fresh tunes. Songs such as "Have You Seen My Son?" and "Violent Shiver" establish a grungy tone while others such as "Happy Homes" bring out a more classic, bluesier attitude. So at the least, listeners will be nodding their heads.

Booker's sound, while unique in today's day and age, is very recognizable. Booker's style is similar to those of artists



Benjamin Booker is known for his fun and hard-rocking live performances.

such as Chuck Berry, The Ramones, and Jack White (he toured with White, actually). Booker and these artists all share the same fast-paced, raw rock sound that people have grown to love.

If you're looking to update your

music library soon, Benjamin Booker is a must-add. Whether you're planning on jamming out or just enjoying some new sounds, you won't ever regret getting this new album.

The Head and The Heart: Your New Favorite Soft Rock Acoustic Indie Folk Band

By: Logan Muir

Me being an acoustic, folk-loving music listener, it's hard for me not to be biased about The Head and The Heart.

This Seattle-based indie folk band began its rise to fame in 2010 and instantly invited its listeners into a lovely world of soft rock. They offer a blend of acoustic sounds with a pumped-up attitude. Following lead man Jonathan Russell on the guitar, The Head and The Heart possesses a strong unity between all the band members. They successfully link their beautiful vocal harmonies with the sound of their instruments.

Some of their most popular songs include "Lost in my Mind" and "Down in the Valley", both songs that slowly but surely gain momentum as the tune progresses. What starts off as a simple single acoustic guitar strumming softly gradually transforms into a harmonized, loud epic towards the end. This is a common theme in many of their songs, as "Gone" and "Ten



Thousand Weight in Gold" also follow the same path.

Soft acoustic songs are not all of what The Head and the Heart are comprised of. Their song "Shake" off Let's Be Still, their second studio album, is undeniably a rock song. It makes you, well you know, want to shake.

The Head and The Heart has it all: a mix of light acoustic melodies along and louder, rockin' tracks. What else could you ask for? Well, I'll tell you: not much.

Eleanor & Park

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and exciting towards the end, which I really enjoyed. However, I feel like it could have ended a little stronger. I feel as though Rowell was trying to do a lot with her story, but bit off more than she could chew and it came off as corny.

Overall, I really enjoyed the story, but I wouldn't call it an all-time favorite. The diction was enjoyable and it created clear mental images of what was going on. It was a cute story that has the ability to draw readers in. I would say it was well worth the read even with its small problems. I recommend it to anyone who likes realistic fiction or John Green types of literature.

10 Tips of Advice to Get You through High School

By: Maggie Leddy

You're not going to get anywhere with a bad attitude. Positivity will get you far in life. So walk into school every morning with a positive outlook on things and a smile on your face. Your "good vibes" will rub off on your peers and will contribute to making it a better day for everyone.



Get involved! Did you hear about a club or activity that interested you? Try it out! It doesn't matter if it's something you've never done before. Everyone has to start somewhere. Get out

there and find something that you like. You'll meet new people and have fun doing it.



You are cool... just don't try to be cool. Nothing says "insecure" quite like following the pack or trying to show off. Be yourself. Don't make yourself into something else just to fit in with the "cool kids".



You'll have good days and bad days. In reality, not every day is a good day. So if you have one of those troubling days where it seems like the world is crashing down on top of you, DON'T SWEAT IT. It's going to get better, just give it the time to. Take a breath, watch some TV, and relax. It's a bad day, not a bad life. There's always tomorrow.

Your teachers are there to help you.

Don't immediately think your teachers are evil just because they assigned so much homework the first week. Their job is to teach you, and that's what they're doing. In college you won't have the same access to teachers for questions so take advantage of it here. Create a good student-teacher relationship with them so they know you're interested in doing well. They would much rather give extra credit points to a kid that they enjoy having as a student.



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"Pretty good report, isn't it? Do you think I can make some serious moolah with this?"

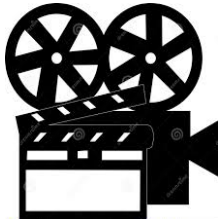


People change. The best friend you have freshman year may not be the same person you want to hang out with anymore junior year. That's fine. People outgrow each other, it's a part of our human nature. Don't get hung up about it. Instead, focus on creating new friends. There's plenty of fish in this "Big Blue" sea.

Grades matter, but they don't define you. Yes, grades are important factors that will decide what kind of classes you can take and where you'll get into college. However, they don't control you. Don't let the stress of getting perfect grades take over. You'll miss out on fun things that high school has to offer. Additionally, if you're struggling academically don't get down on yourself. Not everyone is going to be the next Einstein.



Don't base it off the movies. Just disregard all of the high school expectations that you have from watching "Grease" and "High School Musical". We do not have random outbursts of singing here. High school is completely different for everyone. Make your own movie plot!



Don't be afraid! Don't let the fear of failing stop you from going after something great! Academically, socially, or personally the rule applies. It's something that you should learn in high school so you can have it mastered later in life.



It goes fast. It's the scariest thing. One minute you're walking in the doors as a freshman on your first day and in the blink of eye you're a senior getting ready to be thrown into the real world. You have four short years to make a name for yourself. Use them wisely. Make every moment count. You don't want to look back on High School twenty years from now wishing you had done things differently.



Lovers of History Inducted into National History Honor Society

By: Reed Melchionda

On Sunday, October 19, at 2:00 PM at the Women's Club in Manasquan, MHS hosted its annual National History Honor Society Induction.

National History Honor Society is a club that prides itself on its connection with the rich history intrinsic to the town of Manasquan. Therefore, after the celebratory induction, the attendees were invited to the Manasquan Historical Society on South Street for a tour, as well as donuts and cider.

This year, the society had the honor of inducting thirteen members: Noah Drake, John Driscoll, Julia Hohenstein Molly Keenan, Brian Lembo, Brooke Mason, Patricia McKiever, Grey McMahan, Shane McNamara, Madeline Monaco, Shawn Nolan, Sienna Richert, and Liam Tobin.

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and an abundance of humor. As George stated, no other staff member was as worthy as "The Man, The Mawn, The Legend, Mr. Mawn himself" (as George put it).

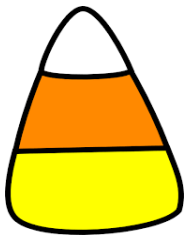
The ceremony concluded with a speech from this year's Honorary Guest Speaker, Megan Flannery. Megan is a Manasquan Alumni of the Class of 2009 and is a graduate of Towson University. As an Advertising Account Manager, she delivered an inspiring speech encour-

aging the new inductees to follow their dreams and passions in life.

This year, NHS had the privilege of inducting 21 members: Gillian Black, Brittney Bvechele, Haley Crecca, Noah Drake, Megan Gianforte, Rachael Gray, Julie Hohenstein, Ryan Jensen, Alex Kurtz, Brianne Lauria, Patricia McKiever, Lily McNamara, Maddie Monaco, Ilsa Papunen, Mia Pelly, Shannon Schatzman, Megan Scranton, Liam Tobin, Julia Valgenti, Alexandra Warren, and Reed

October 2014 Horoscopes

By: Keely Flood



Taurus (4/20-5/20)

The focus of your resources shifts from monetary means to communication abilities. You will find that what you say has two sides, you'll talk more, and think about issues never considered before. This is an expansion of your mental processes. What you think, you'll do, and what you do, you'll think on more deeply. From the physical to the mental is your path now. Study yourself.

Cancer (6/21-7/20)

Whereas you've always stood with the group called family and/or friends, you will, for the next 2-1/2 years, stand seemingly alone. I say "seemingly" because your support will be not of this realm (not in form), but the Spirits who guide your Way and that subtle voice of God encountered only when deeply alone. This is the Voice of the Silence should you need an introduction. Leadership will come from within. With help.

Libra (9/23-10/22)

You need a deeply creative outlet (art, dance, writing, etc.) in order to adequately decipher your sense of self shifting all over the place. Do not take this personally. In order to evolve, we must feel lost, not at ease, and at times in pain. What's attempting to emerge is a new state of mind since that's where reality has its origins -- in the mind.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19)

Things are heating up between you and your special someone, but make it a priority to make it a two way street; in other words, show equal amount of affection. Work is hectic, but don't slack off. Make lists of what needs to get done, set goals, work hard, and once all is done, sit back and enjoy your success!



Aries (3/21-4/19)

The next 2-1/2 years will shift you from physical realities to monetary possibilities creating a great restructuring in values and land. You are to think of the future in terms of security, business, profession, and the group and/or family you belong to. Do not consider yourself confused. Think instead of a new emerging blueprint precipitating. Hold your hands out in order to receive it. You then become magnetic.

Leo (7/21-8/22)

Seems that you've been working alone for some time now. Perhaps over a year. Well, there will be a deep yearning to begin to find your group, initiate new friendships, and seek others with the same mental substance and interests. This shift, from alone to group, will occur slowly. In the meantime, seek Aquarians and Pisceans to help define this change. The future will be such a surprise.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21)

New ideas for sources of money, new ideas concerning what's of value to you, and a vision of riding over the plains in search of mountainous peaks to enlighten yourself will fill your mind. This is progress for you, Scorpio, because you'll emerge out of the cave of your being, wear new colors, and deepen your outer experiences, the results of which are to be spiritual self-revelations.

Aquarius (1/20-2/19)

This is a time to get things off your chest and out of your mind. If your own advice isn't working, take a minute to seek the open ears of someone you trust with your messy plate. This is a time to make family time a priority, as things are starting to set you off track. Take a breath, your path will soon move forward.



Gemini (5/21-6/20)

You might find that your internal discipline meter is high while your outer self seeks the usual pleasure and enjoyment. Any forlorn hopes may make an appearance. Use them by transforming them in your imagination into potential future activities. All is not lost. For better equilibrium, schedule Monthly massages. Your wide-mindedness will be challenged.

Virgo (8/23-9/22)

October is your month! Job opportunities will come your way towards the middle of the month. Pay close attention to those close to you, as someone may be going through something you're not aware of; something they conceal too well. If this person slips up, be the one to take them aside and let them know you're there.

Pisces (2/20-3/20)

Love is in the air, Pisces! Relationships are at an all-time high (in quality, of course), and you couldn't be more content with those surrounding you. But keep in mind that this is a time to put personal goals and social interaction in the goal box. Don't let a little lust blind you from what else is important.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/20)

As your home life becomes topsy turvy, your daily life may feel radically shifted into a new dimension you don't quite understand. And then there's the field of relationships and who knows what's happening there. It's all quite confusing.

No matter since it's your profession that's becoming solid and structured and expanded. Concentrate only on this aspect of your life.



Aries



Taurus



Gemini



Cancer



Leo



Virgo



Libra



Scorpio



Sagittarius



Capricorn



Aquarius



Pisces

Fall FASHION

By: Nicholle Beese

Going back to school is a dreadful concept, however, not many can deny their love for back to school shopping. Students are enthusiastic about showing off their new wardrobe each year. After a hot summer comes a cool fall, and sweaters and jeans seem like a warm invitation to us all. Shaking off the summer weather, students of MHS model the latest fall fashion styles of 2014.

Boys' Fashion

The boys of MHS most definitely have their signature outfit: button-up shirt, khakis, and a fine pair of vans to top it off. This simple style can be seen on almost every boy walking up and down the hallways, and is perfect for the chilly weather to come.

John Russo, Senior



"Funky" Pants

A majority of the girls at MHS own what some people call "funky pants", and I'm sure each and every girl that has worn them can agree they are not only comfortable, but extremely stylish. With a plethora of unique patterns, these pants can brighten up any outfit.

Melissa Fischer, sophomore



Overalls

The girls of MHS have managed to bring something back that was not so popular in the fashion world: overalls. Now made in many different styles, shapes, and sizes, overalls have slipped into clothing stores and caught the eyes of eager buyers.

Maria Dubicki, Senior



Flannels

Cute, casual, and comfortable. Flannels are the perfect addition to any outfit and make an overwhelming appearance during the fall season.

Makenzie McGowan, Senior





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Field Hockey: Wins and Losses are not the Whole Story

By: Kerry Weiland

“We’re all together as one family,” says senior and captain Zoe Pelly. The girls’ field hockey team has always been one of Manasquan’s most energized, and tradition-based teams. Head coach Pam Cosse has trained the field hockey team for 6 years now, and has Mackenzie Grogan, Johanna Keosseian, and Zoe Pelly as her senior captains this year. The team’s record so far is 3-10-1, but the girl’s positive attitudes foreshadow a quick recovery.

Johanna Keosseian, the team’s goalie, excitedly raved about a recent game against Saint John Vianney. In the midst over time, the score at 1-1, the girls were determined to win. In the heat of the last minute, Mackenzie Grogan assisted the ball to defender Emma Petit who ran out of her position to offense and scored the winning goal! A surprising, proud, and intense moment for the teammates!

The girls must have pumped themselves up before the game, right? Zoe Pelly says that they have pasta parties the night before games, where they of course eat so much food, but also play funny team bonding games like “big booty” and



MHS Field Hockey Warriors celebrate a goal

“terror-dactyl” where even the coaches get up and dance out of their comfort zones. There are no cliques or disbanded groups, they’re all one. They all respect each other no matter what their ability level is.

On game days they usually dress up with a special and different ribbon each game. Before heading out to the field, they bang their sticks on their lockers to “get everyone rowdy” says Zoe. They have a specific playlist that they play on their speakers that gets them pumped up, either on the bus to an away game or at the home field. As they walk down onto the field, a domino effect happens as they chant, clap, and feed off of each other’s energy.

As the season came to an end, the girls went off to the state championships. In the first round of Central Jersey Group II on Monday, November 3rd, the girls faced their rival team, Point Pleasant Boro. They played in last year’s first round as well, so the intensity was in the air and the girls were determined to win. They left with an epic win, by the score of 3-0! And though they lost in the second round, by 7-0 To Rumson Fair-Haven, the girls were still happy about their exciting win in the first round.

Whether the seniors are doing the “java dance” during the JV games, or prepping ribbons and lemon water, the girls feel like this season has made them the closest. Beating Pt. Boro was a feel good moment for the team that stuck together through the hard times and enjoyed each other so much.

Junior Emma Petit shows her stick-handling skills





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Cross Country Running Strong

By: George Taboada

The cross-country team enjoyed an explosive start down the track this season. At their conference in Holmdel Park, the guys beat out 6 other teams and the girls ran some of their best times yet.

And the season was just getting started. At the Shore Coaches Meet the boys came in 6th out of 22. While talking to Mr. Schwarz, the coach of the boys team, he told me that the two teams act as one. He and rs. Gilbert, the girls coach, work both sets of runners together. They are working hard together, trying to bridge the time gaps from the lower to the upper tiers on cross-country.

That may be tough considering how incredible their times are. At the Shore Conference, Kyle McDermott ran 18:22.12. Craig Lapham was right behind him with 18:24.22. Liam Tobin, James Boyle and Joe Desomma came in a bit further, but by no means far, behind the two. Just four minutes later, Brona Nielson passed the finish line at 23:38.32. Then came Katie Bardsley (23:41.12) and Sydney Osso (23:44.49.)

When asked of her goals for this season, Sydney Osso wants to break 20 minutes. She added with full confidence, "Mrs. Gilbert can get me there."



W e ' v e got some excellent runners such as Kyle McDermott, Brona Nielson, and Craig Lapham. Sydney Osso is running her first year in cross-country and is already within the top 3 girls. James Boyle, another first timer in the club, is also placing just behind the seniors in practically every race.

Mr. Schwarz and Mrs. Gilbert have some up and coming runners up their sleeves as well. People like Madison Harkness, Kristen Lang, Joe Desomma, Shane McNamara, and Kathryn Wynd are all expected to join the stars on the 3 mile track.

Even better news is that Manasquan placed 11th out of 30 teams the qualifier. Still ahead is the Group II State Championships, which the team has qualified for.

Above, Left: Senior Kyle McDermott speeds around the track in an intense practice run; At Left: runners endure another tough practice run

Boys Soccer Season Comes to an End

By: Julia Valgenti



With the season coming to a close, the MHS boy's varsity soccer team had a great start, followed by a strong season, but unfortunately, a disappointing end.

Holding second in the Central Conference, the team was in good shape to qualify for the Shore Conference tournament with a 7-4-1 record.

On November 3, the boy's season came to an unfortunate close with a 2-1 loss against Governor Livingston in the opening round of the Central Jersey Group II state tournament. Enrique Perez scored the

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Warriors Football struggles with inconsistency while showing many flashes of greatness

By: Logan Muir

When it comes to Manasquan High School sports, no other sport amounts to the excitement of Manasquan Football. With the band blasting, cheerleaders cheering, and crowd clapping, the Wigwam becomes the center of life and enthusiasm in the Manasquan community.

The Big Blue Warriors are closing in on the end of the 2014 season with a record of 3-5.

While the team's record is certainly nothing to be ecstatic about, the Warriors have shown glimpses of greatness, demonstrating that a big-yard gain is possible on any given play. With many offensive weapons such as senior wide receiver Max Hawkins and senior running back James McAlary, this is no surprise. Against the Holmdel Hornets, the Warriors fumbled on the first play of the game, turning the ball over. On the very next offensive play for Manasquan, Hawkins caught an 85-yard bomb in stride and ran the ball

in for a touchdown.

On October 2nd, the Manasquan Warriors faced the Ocean Township Spartans. In a tightly contested battle that ended with a final score of 14-7 and a Warriors victory, James McAlary earned much of the credit for the win. McAlary, with the help of Squan's offensive line, pounded Ocean for 224 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries. During the game, McAlary broke loose for a 53-yard touchdown run and a 50-yard touchdown run.

Although these big plays have kept Manasquan alive in most of their games, inconsistency has been a detrimental factor through the first half of the season. In many games this season, it has been a tale of two halves for the Warrior's offense.

James McAlary carries the ball for a gain against Ocean Township.



Against the Raritan Rockets, Manasquan dug themselves into a deep 27-point hole in the first half, not igniting anything on offense. In the second half, however, Squan came surging back, tying the game 27-27 in the fourth quarter. While Squan in the end lost the game 41-34, the deter-



Tanner Cowley sacks the quarterback against Monmouth Regional.

mined comeback showed how significant the difference between two halves of Manasquan Warriors Football can be.

While the offense has had its struggles, the Warrior defense has been playing at a high level. Led by a strong linebacking core consisting of Tanner Cowley, Matt Paturzo, and John Morris, the defense has come up with several game-clinching interceptions and sacks.

If the Warriors establish an identity and play more consistently they still have a chance to salvage a .500 season, and make us proud with a Thanksgiving day victory over Wall. It might not be a state championship, but there is no doubt it would be a satisfying end to an up and down season.



Girls Soccer Earns First-round Win in State Tournament

By: Sarah Spears and Sophia Kim



MHS Girls' soccer team has made us proud. Their commitment, hard work, and talent have led them to exciting wins and a locked in position for Shore Conference.

They kicked off the season with change; new, young coaches, new varsity players and a new team dynamic. The girls showed their spirit with their ability to adapt and thrive. Coach Onorato, the new varsity coach, says, "The entire coaching staff was shocked at how quickly they showed their potential. They had great team chemistry from the start."

Soon enough, their potential was supported by genuine ability. Win after win, the girls earned an intimidating reputation. They finished the season with a record of 11-9 in a tough league, and their conference record was 8-5. They've been "taking on big teams like Holmdel and Rumson Fair Haven which has proved a lot, because no one expects it from us," Coach Onorato added.

Beating their rival Holmdel was a turning point in the season. In their huge win, the girls proved themselves against a team that previously had beat them 3-1. In the second game not only did the girls pull through in a win of 2-1, but they also showed how ca-

pable they were of pulling together, pushing each other and proving their true abilities. And despite two losses to Rumson-Fair Haven, the girls proved themselves in those games as well.

In the game against RFH, the girls went into double overtime. Although they lost in the final seconds, Coach Onorato told the Coast Star that "they played their hearts out and gave Rumson a run". Simply going into double overtime was as huge feat because in previous games RFH had defeated them. This most recent loss dropped their score back to 6-6, but they built it back up in other games against schools like Saint John Vianney.

The high point in their season undoubtedly came in the state tournament, when they upset Spotswood in the first round. Spotswood, seeded 7th, could not keep up with the speed and determination of the Warriors. Led by senior Aubrey Jones, freshman Dayna Van Pelt and sophomore Kaitlyn Calabro, the girls blew out their opponent by a score of 4-0. Calabro scored two goals and Van Pelt scored as well, while Jones assisted on two of the scores. Coach Onorato praised the team's focus, teamwork and effort in the victory.

In other words, they've decimated their "underdog" status. Qualifying for the Shore Conference tournament was a victorious feat that had not been accomplished in five years. Coach Onorato credits their success with their "strong Leadership shown by the seniors, and great freshmen. Everyone contributes".

However, their season came to a conclusion when they played against Governor Livingston on November 7th. According to Coach Onorato, "We didn't come out as strong in the beginning, but we picked it up in the 2nd half." The girls demonstrated their perseverance and grit by holding it to a tight game and only losing by one goal. In the end, the score was 2-1 favoring Governor Livingston.

The girls ultimately played their hearts out from the beginning up until the very last seconds of the season. As Coach Onorato put it, we are "nothing but proud" of them.

The team has been able to ride out their beginning learning curve, and play together in a way that not only pushes each other but also reinforces the Manasquan name. Their hard work has really paid off this year.



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MHS Cheerleaders are a Team with Traditions



The cheerleaders smile after a Manasquan victory against Ocean Township.

By: Reed Melchionda

As the football season progresses, it is up to the cheerleaders to keep the Warrior Spirit vibrant and alive throughout the school. It is the cheerleaders who are the glue that holds together the Squan Pride and motivate not only the football players, but the entire town as well.

The cheerleaders are a team of traditions. For generations, they have united in order to ensure the Squan spirit reverberates throughout Manasquan. Before home games, the cheerleaders dedicate their Friday nights to decorate the houses of the senior football players

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sole goal for the Warriors against the Highlanders, but the team was not able to pull through in the end and keep their season alive.

Head Coach Tom McGill says that this year's team is a "very good group of guys." With 8 seniors, 14 juniors and a few underclassmen, the team is a mixture of newcomers and returnees with a wide range of talent.

This year's top scorers were seniors Eddie Franzoni with ten goals and Enrique Perez with six assists. In their key overtime victory against Matawan, Franzoni scored 2 goals, including the game winning goal to lead the Warriors. Junior Brendan Kelly also scored and goalie Brian Comer contributed with ten saves.

The team will miss senior Enrique Perez, who serves as the Warriors "main offensive threat." Perez, who in the past was relied on heavily to score goals, was supported this



year by a variety of talent on the team. Juniors Beau Bradley, Mike Lyons and Francisco Bautista have had their fair share of goals this season. In addition, defenders Brendan Kelly, Joe Warner, Parker Black and Noah Drake helped "keep the defense intact." With many returning players next season, boys soccer has a bright future.

Winter Sports Coming Soon!



Will the swim team continue its excellence?

Will the girls basketball team win another Shore Conference title?

Will boys basketball return to prominence?

Will girls bowling win another state championship?



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Ashlynn Hayes Makes the MHS Gymnastics Team Recognized

To those who are unaware: MHS *does* have a gymnastics team. But you aren't to blame! With little publicity, it's a surprise to many to hear about this little-known, under-wraps team.

Led by first-time coach, MES sixth-grade English teacher Mrs. Jillian Berra, the gymnastics team consists of just four girls: freshmen Isabella Jannarone and Jessica Waldeyer, sophomore Ashlynn Hayes, and junior Abigail Schwind.

During an interview with Ashlynn, I got the details on the team, its success, and Ashlynn herself.

"This is my first year on the high school gymnastics team, but I've been doing gymnastics since I was about seven," she replied when asked how many years she's participated. Looking toward her next/last two years here at MHS, Ashlynn says she hopes to continue competing and representing MHS. "It's a lot of fun and the girls are really close," she said.

As for how the team is currently doing, Ashlynn responded, "We're doing pretty good With only four girls on the team, we're doing pretty good right now." The team has previously had 8 meets and has taken victory over 3 (with a team of four girls, that's impressive!)

By: Keely Flood

But why the heck have none of us heard anything about one of our own school's teams? It could possibly be due to the rapid decline of people trying out. "I don't exactly know what the normal number of competitors on each team is, but last year only one girl tried out. She's on the team with us now, but then the year before they had about 9 to 12 girls on the team. Other school's definitely have a lot more girls on their teams," Ashlynn said when asked about the unusual size of the crew.

With only one or two more meets until the season is over, these dedicated, hard-working girls have made a big year out of little foundation. Make MHS proud, show some big Blue-and-Gray love, and cheer the girls on at their last upcoming meets. Way to make us look good, ladies!



Cheerleaders

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posters, toilet paper, streamers, and glitter. Even for away games, the cheerleaders compile goodie bags filled with sweets and home-made goods to show the support the school has for its football team.

As Co-Captain Karly McNamara states, "One of my favorite parts of being a cheerleader is our before game rituals. As a child, I would always remember the cheerleaders coming to decorate my house for my older brother who played football at Manasquan. To me, decorating is not only to build enthusiasm for the big

game; it is the continuance of a legacy."

In fact, most cheerleaders feel that it is this love and companionship that unites them together to become a team. Like any other activity, no cheerleading team can survive without trust. If a flyer cannot trust her spot to catch her as she falls, no stunt would succeed. According to Senior Co-Captain, Makenzie McGowan this unity and trust is even found off the field: "We are not just a team on the field. During the season, we become a family. We are together all of the time whether it is for practice, poster making, or an Applebee's trip after another Squan victory."

With the season only half way through and the big Thanksgiving game against Wall approaching, the cheerleaders still have a long time to keep the Warrior energy heightened. Although, in a town like Manasquan, this is not a difficult task. In fact, the true catalysts of this school spirit are not only found in the cheers and stunts of the cheerleaders, but in the fan section as well. Junior Olivia Chevance believes, "We don't only motivate the fans, but they motivate us as well. Sure, it is the job of a cheerleader to bring the fans alive but we play off the energy of the crowd. It's so easy to cheer for such a receptive and enthusiastic audience."



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MHS Surf Team Wins States!

By: Maggie Leddy

Manasquan: This year we are proud to present the 2014 MHS surf team, which involves 51 surfers. Out of these 51 surfers, 29 of them are returning from last season and 21 are new participants (including 17 freshman.)

The team is coached by math teacher, Mr. Buss. Practices are held at Brighton Avenue in Spring Lake. "I think it's our strongest team yet, based on numbers, based on talent, based on scores. Most importantly these kids are now starting to treat this as a real varsity sport," said Mr. Buss in an interview for the Blue and Gray.

Previously, the Warriors competed against Wall to open the season. With great conditions and 4-5ft waves, the surfers defeated the Knights 162-50. Senior Cooper Fortney came in first place for the longboard and shortboard men's final. Sophomore Bailey Redy was awarded 2nd place and Michael Hyde was awarded 3rd. In the woman's final, senior Jessie Duerr took first place.

On October 19th the team



set off to LBI to compete in the NSSA State Championships. "We're going to have to step up our game, surf well, and leave our hearts out in the ocean," said senior Pat Pompillio in a private interview before the team competed.

For the first time, the MHS Surf Team won 1st place for the NSSA High School Championships. Cooper Fortney, Bailey Redy, Pat Pompillio, and John Campo made it to the semi-finals for longboard, with Fortney taking 1st place in the finals, as well as 1st place in shortboard.

The "A" team is now preparing to compete in California this coming June for the NSSA National Championships. The school and community recognize this as an outstanding achievement for the team and wish for the best in what comes next. It was a great season.

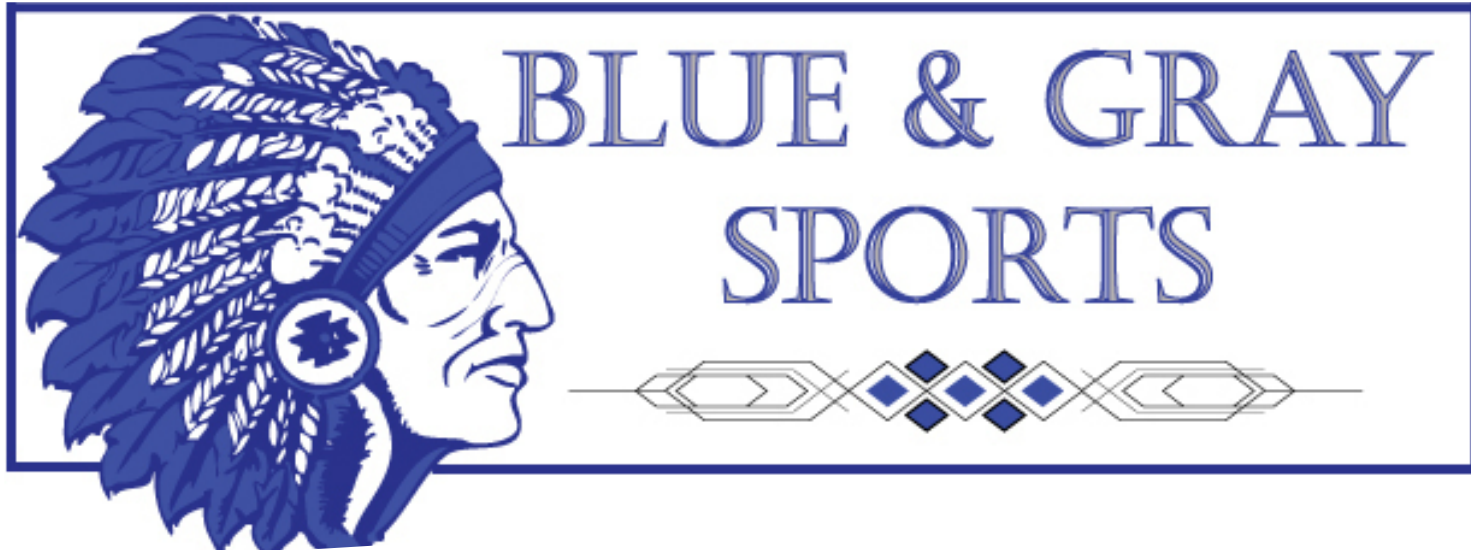


Above: A victory wave for the seniors

Left: Post-victory gathering of teammates on the beach

Right: Coach Buss catches a moment of peace.





Another Successful Season for Girls Tennis

Led by junior Brianne Lauria, Monmouth County singles champion

By: Nicholle Beese

The girls' varsity tennis team, coached by Mr. Ravioli, has been very successful during the 2014 fall season. With a current record of 13-5, the girls are continuing to live up to their goals and expectations for the year.

"We have a really strong line-up this year. I am honored to be the captain of such a wonderful group of girls" says senior, Erin Beaton. Erin has been a varsity player since her sophomore year and was gratified to be chosen as this year's captain.

The team consists of strong, resilient players who all contribute to the team's success. Junior Brianne Lauria plays first singles. Freshman Calli Sabaitis plays second singles. Sophomore Brie Kozlowski plays third singles. Sophomores Ally Kaden and Holly Moloney play first doubles. Senior Erin Beaton and junior Jessica Gerard play second doubles.

Brianne Lauria defeated Keren Khromchenko of Manalapan in a super tiebreak to win the first singles section of the Monmouth County tourna-

ment. Khromchenko claimed the first win, 6-0, but Lauria came back and won the second 6-3. With her strength and determination, Lauria won the super tiebreak 10-6. The team and her coach are extremely excited for her and are proud of her accomplishments throughout the years. They truly believe she deserved that win.

Rumson and Holmdel have proven to be the toughest opponents, being the only teams who have beat Manasquan thus far. However, Rumson tasted defeat at the hands of the Manasquan girls on Friday, October 16. The girls played their absolute hardest and best, wanting nothing more than to crush one of their top rivals. In honor of this huge win, Coach Ravioli and the team went out for a celebratory dinner. Simple things like this really convey the unbreakable bond that the team and coach share. "Nothing



Pictured above: Brianne rips a forehand shot in a match earlier this season.

compares to doing what you love with the people you love!" says Erin.

The girls' last match of the season will be held on Friday, October 24 against Shore Regional High School. It is truly bittersweet for the team to be finishing up such a great season. Seniors Erin Beaton and Mary Dolan have been incredible role models for the younger players, and they are now ready to pass their torches to the upcoming seniors. Next year cannot come soon enough!



Squan-a-gram

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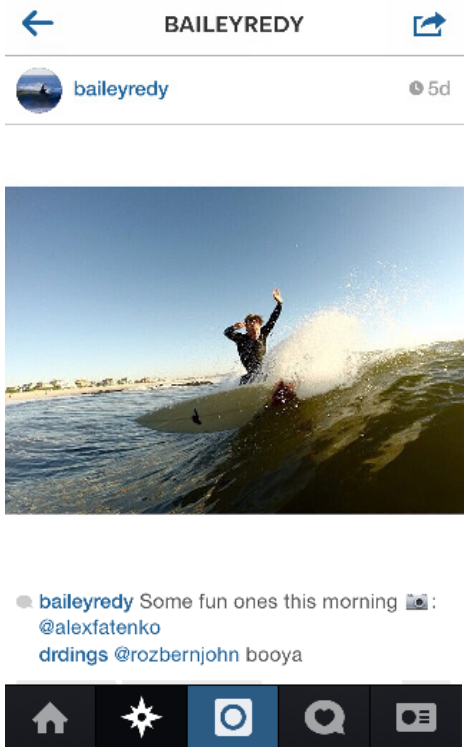


You can spot junior Rachael Herman at the Academy of Dance in Point Pleasant dancing her dreams away! She picked up her dance shoes at a young age and says that she has and will be doing it for her whole life. She hopes to go to college as a dance major and then possibly open up her own studio when she is older. Keep dancing and dreaming Rachael!



Freshman Thomas Beaton has been adventuring in the water and forests for about ten years. He found a love for sailing at a yacht club in Mantoloking. He enjoys sailing with his friends and family, along with his sister Erin. He is also a fan of camping in the summer.

Whether he's riding for MHS Surf Team or for just a fun session with his friends at Manasquan Inlet, sophomore Bailey Redy is always in the ocean. He discovered this talent when he was younger and has been catching waves for about 10 years. He will continue to compete beyond our surf team and looks forward to working with Summertime Surf School again in the warmer months!



As a necklace fanatic, senior Emily Woodfield found herself spending big bucks at stores such as J.Crew or Rare Cargo to wear with her stylish wardrobe. The price tags weren't going to keep her away from her love for jewelry so she came up with an alternative: to teach herself how to make them herself. Stop Emily in the hall if you want a homemade necklace such as this one featured on her insta!

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