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*Scenes from a championship: players celebrate; Jaime scores winning run;
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Bidding Farewell to Mrs. Elms

By: Amanda Karp

This year, we say goodbye to one of our beloved guidance counselors, Mrs. Elms. Known for her kind demeanor, warmth, and aptitude for handling student affairs, she will be retiring, and greatly missed by students and faculty alike.



one – too many good things and good people.”

“This will be the first summer since I turned 14 that I won’t be working,” Mrs. Elms said excitedly, a gleam in her eye. “I’m happy to not have a set schedule.”

Mrs. Elms has worked at Manasquan for 16 years, throughout a 28-year career in the workforce, beginning with the graduating class of 2002.

Initially, Mrs. Elms attended Jersey City State College (now New Jersey City University), while working full time, and obtained her first degree in finance. She then worked in a corporate office, doing accounting for a bank for two years.

However, she quit, and cleaned houses and boats in order to attend college a second time – this time at Georgian Court – to obtain her certification in special education.

Her first job in the field of education was at Long Branch Middle School, where she taught special education for 5 years, and then continued teaching for 6 years at Long Branch High School.

Following this, Mrs. Elms went to college for a third time to obtain her second master’s degree in counseling.

Her first foray into counseling was at Marlboro Middle School, where she remained until a position at Manasquan opened up, and she joined the staff in the fall of 2001.

Of her favorite memory of working at Manasquan, Mrs. Elms said, “There are too many to pick

As for her plans following her retirement, Mrs. Elms plans to volunteer at the Mercy Center in Asbury Park, which seeks to provide “hope, help, and healing” to people within the community through education and other outreach techniques.

Mrs. Elms will also become a snowbird, splitting her time between New Jersey and Florida this coming winter, and looks forward to travelling to such places as Italy, Spain, and Portugal.

“She was awesome to work with,” Mr. Hoffman said, continuing, “she will definitely be missed.”

“The students and all the wonderful professionals I’ve gotten to know” have been Mrs. Elm’s favorite part of working at Manasquan and part of her most cherished memories from here. “They’ve been the gravy on the potatoes – and meeting people I wouldn’t have met otherwise, through the Book Club and other various organizations.”

Mrs. Elms has been a kind, caring guidance counselor, always there for her students, and she will be widely missed by all. We here from *The Blue & Gray* wish her the best of luck and happiness in her retirement!



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THE LIBRARY'S RENOVATION MARKS A NEW WELCOMED CHANGE

By: Elizabeth Rooney

The library is a place where many students end up spending their study halls receiving a pass from one of their teachers. For AP students it is where a good chunk of their year will be spent as they study, do their work, and have a break from their full year AP classes every other day. The library fills up quickly third and fourth block as students try their best to be allowed to stay instead of going to their assigned study halls.

The library is a central point for many at the high school, and now it's time for it to be renovated and updated. School librarian Mrs. Edwards has been tirelessly working the last several months to come up with a plan that meets all the needs of what she believes the library should be able to of-

energy friendly as the school continues to advance in the use of technology.

In order to cut down the amount of un-used books the library has Mrs. Edwards and the school put together a book sale to get rid of those unused and outdated books that are only taking up space in the library. The book sale, which was open to the public, took place on Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st in the library.

Mrs. Edwards decided to get students involved

in the remodeling of the library as Mrs. Hoeler's architecture class was put into groups and were asked to redesign the library in what they believed the library needed.

Students from the class came up designs and created a presentation that they then presented to Mr. McCarthy and Mrs. Edwards. In getting a student's perspective, Mrs. Edwards has said that they were able to come up with cool and creative ideas. The students were also able to all agree on what the library needs and put in similar ideas in their designs like new furniture and LED lights.

One creative idea that stuck with Mrs. Edwards who unfortunately won't make it in the library renovations is the idea of a fish tank that would even contain jellyfish. In addition to the students' presentations, Mrs. Edwards and the school received ideas and information from contractors in what the library could become.

The library renovations are much needed. Mrs. Edwards is very excited for the library renovations, and has said that the renovations are needed to make the library fit in a school that is changing by advancing more with technology involved in classes daily.

Mrs. Edwards views the library less as a media center in the future and more as a learning commons. She sees and wants the library to become a place of learning. A place where students meet to work, study, and learn together in one place in the future.

The biggest challenge over-



fer.

The library renovation will be taking place this summer with hopes of it concluding by the end of the summer and before the start of the new school year. The overall look of the library will change during the summer. New paint will be applied to the library and a new carpet will be placed, along with fewer bookshelves and less hard drive computers. There will be new much needed mobile furniture, in addition to a lot more power outlets.

There will be some higher tables throughout the library as well as a new and improve comfy section. They will be new comfy chairs and a couch for students to read and relax in during study halls. Some students may even try to take a quick nap during that time.

The new premise of the library is energy efficient. There will be LED lights and a film that can go over the big windows in the library to keep the library cool. According to Mrs. Edwards the new library will be

all about remodeling the library has been spending money wisely. The renovations are under a private public partnership. Half of the expenses of the library is being paid by the school, and the other half by donations from the Manasquan High School Alumni Foundation.

The Alumni Foundation has really helped the school through this project, by making sure the school gets more for their money being spent, and the fact that most of the work is being financed by the alumni themselves, saving the school money.

In talking about the library and its renovation opportunities the school is being given thanks to the Alumni Foundation, Mrs. Edwards gives one piece of advice to graduating senior, "My one piece of advice is for seniors to reach out to the Alumni Foundation. They can give you so many opportunities in life and help you along the way."

Mrs. Edwards has been working nonstop in making the library as improved as it can be during a time when the school is continually advancing. The library at 20 years old is ready to be renovated and ready to offer only the best for students. Students will soon be able to coming to the library to work, study, and learn in the best way possible, and Mrs. Edwards and the rest of MHS couldn't more excited or happier about this renovation.



Manasquan High School Celebrates World Languages!

By: Bella Jannarone

Manasquan High School celebrated its annual World Language Day on Thursday, May 26th. On that day you may have walked past the cafeteria and smelled different ethnic foods, strolled past the gym and heard chanting and music, or seen students wearing t-shirts with various countries on them, all for World Language Day.



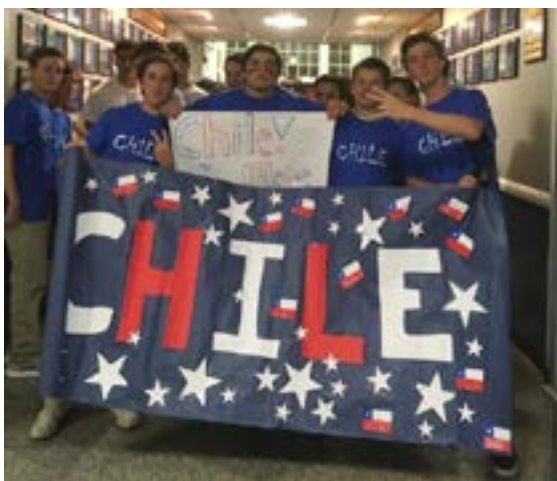
Above: Grady Suer, Camryn McTighe, and Arielle Falkinburg pose in their county's shirts.

ous counties on them, all for World Language Day.

To prepare for World Language Day, many of the language classes leaned about their country's culture and ethnic

foods. Juniors Camryn McTighe, Grady Suer, and Arielle Falkinburg, all from team Peru, made traditional churro cupcakes and crème puffs for the rest of the language classes to enjoy. Some classes designed and ordered t-shirts for the special day.

During first, second, and fifth block on Thursday, language classes gathered in the cafeteria to share different foods from their country,



Above: Members of team Chile pose before competing for the trophy.

while third block students gathered in the gym to compete in the World Language Day games.

The countries competing included, Peru, Chile, Guatemala, Costa Rica, France, Italy, U.S.A., and Spain. Students from Manasquan Elementary school walked over to the High School to be a part of World Language Day festivities. Although the younger kids did not compete in the events, they studied the foreign countries in class and were all cheering on different teams.

All the language classes gathered outside the gym wearing their countries colors and holding posters. Before the games began Maestra Griffith, leader of Guatemala, was sure that her team would take the trophy, confidently saying, "we have Guatemalan pride, and we will win!"

As the teams walked into the gym representing their countries, cheers and chants from fans filled the air. Dara Mabrey, playing for team Peru, said, "the best part about today is bringing all the different classes together and having the elementary school kids come in and be a part of the high school atmosphere."

To set off the event, the gym was transformed into an obstacle course where, "you must run through the streets of Paris, duck through tunnels and climb mountains," Mrs. Eldridge, leader of team Peru explained. Team Costa Rica took the Gold medal for this event, led by junior Will McCarthy.

Next came the scooter race. Each country sent up a team of their 3 fastest scooters' to compete for the gold medal. Each member from the team had to swerve through multiple cones



Above: Juniors Tyler Mrazek and Ella Cardelfe hold up their teams poster.

on the scooter and then pass it on to the next member, who then does the same.

After a close race between Peru and Guatemala, team Guatemala, consisting of Hailie Heintz, Tanner Caccavale, and James Pendergist, took the gold medal for scootering.



Above: Champions from team Costa Rica prepares for the obsical course

To finish off the day, the countries played soccer, elimination style. In the finals, USA faced off against Costa Rica. After an intense four-minute round, Costa Rica took home the gold medal, making them the winners of 2017 World Language Day.

Academy of Health Careers Hosts Annual MHS Blood Drive

By: Rachel Irizarry

On May 19th, 2017 Manasquan High School held its annual spring blood drive, hosted by Mrs. Kozic's Dynamics class and Central Jersey Blood Center. There were a total of 110 participants, which included students, faculty, and parents.

The blood drive started at 8am and ran until 1:45pm, though some were still donating at the very end. If you were a donor, you were given a time to report to the gym to donate. When you first walked in you were greeted by Mrs. Kozic's students.

"Make sure you drink plenty of water and eat good before you donate," said senior Caroline Carter, while signing in people who were about to donate.

Next, each donor was greeted by the Central Jersey Blood Center faculty. They required students to read the rules and fill out a form. Then you took this form to another area where you answered personal questions.

After completing these steps, donors sat and waited until it was their time to see the phlebotomist. Here they checked your temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and iron, before moving on to the final step: donating blood.

To make the whole experience more relaxing, music was played. Those who donated already or were still donating were encouraged to chat with others. This helped those waiting to keep their mind off of giving blood. There were

also water bottles and snacks that were given out to make sure people who were giving blood didn't faint or feel ill.

Students in Mrs. Kozic's class stayed for the duration of the blood drive. These students were here to give support to those who were a little nervous about donating. And they handled many other responsibilities to help promote the blood drive as well.

Mrs. Kozic explained that "My class is here to stand by someone if they need them. My students also went across the street to the second and fourth grade to ask if any of the children's parents would like to donate. They also went to 94.3 to promote the blood drive, which was a great help."

Every year Manasquan High School has the blood drive, and it has always been a success. This year was no different. With this many people donating their blood, it will save about 310 lives. If you would like to donate you can go to Central Jersey Blood Center's website or sign up next year. You will not regret it!!



Above: seniors Emily Magrini (left) and Caroline Carter (right) working the blood drive by getting ready to sign donors in.



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MHS Honors Vietnam Vets

By: Bella Jannarone

Thanks to Mr. Fagen and Sean Gleason of the Manasquan VFW, Manasquan High School was able to hold their third annual Vietnam Veteran's Day. The Daughters of the American Revolution, a non-profit organization, contacted Mr. Fagen three years ago to set up the event.

The first year, eight veterans came and three of them have returned every year since. And the day is growing, as this year 24 veterans attended the event.

Mr. Fagen believes that both the veterans and students benefit from this event. The veterans tell their stories, which is fun for them, and healthy for them too. The kids get real life descriptions of what they normally read in textbooks. It's a positive experience for both.

On Thursday, May 25, the veterans gathered in the library, ready to talk about their past with students. Some of them brought pictures, letters, equipment and uniforms from the war. One of the veterans, Bob Johnson, brought in pictures from the war that he took, some having messages written to his family on the back.

The day is all about students thanking and connecting with the Veterans and listening to their experiences as soldiers. My Fagen commented on the positive experience: "The kids learn a lot of firsthand knowledge." Throughout Thursday, many classes came down to talk with the veterans along with some students from the elementary school.

Junior Jaime Mulligan went down to the library on Thursday to talk to the veterans. One of the veterans, Don Walsh, shared a story that really caught Jaime's attention.

Don was drafted into the navy because of his ability to swim 41.6 miles around the city of Manhattan. Don recalled his training as a navy seal to be so hard that, "not even the fittest athletes in the world could complete this training." Mr. Fagen recalls that Don is one of the three vets

that have returned to the event all three years.

After talking to Don, Jaime said, "I realized what the true meaning of a soldier is, how hard they have to work and the dedication they must give."

Many students engaged in long conversations with the vets, like senior Dylan Lembo, who talked to the same vet for an entire block listening to his story.

Thursday's event was a huge success because it gave our school the opportunity to thank and honor the veterans while hearing first hand stories of the Vietnam War.

Below: A poster hung in the library for the event that reads, "We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude." Right: Junior Tom Nam poses wearing gear that soldiers wore in Vietnam.



Scholarship Fundraiser Improv for Ron A Smash Hit Once Again

By: Shane Connelly

The Jack was packed on Saturday, May 13th for the sixth annual Improv for Ron event, and there wasn't one person who didn't laugh out loud throughout the fantastic show put on by the students and alumni.

The event was great in every aspect. It started off with Mr. Harvey greeting the excited crowd and introducing the students and the alumni who anxiously waited to kick off the show. Even Mr. Harvey was a bit too eager to start, as he nearly forgot to bring up Ron's sister Mary for her singing of our National Anthem.

After Mary's wonderful rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner, the improv games began. Right off the bat, the crowd bought in when the players played a game called "Inventing Proverbs." The group of students and alumni were broken up into two different teams with the goal of creating a proverb one word at a time.

Junior Luke Morgan and Senior Dan Mulay get a little close for comfort in a game of "Park Bench."



Seniors Tim Moloughney and Tommy Meyer share a lovely moment in "Freeze & Justify"

Tilly Marks, one of the twenty-one players, says, "Once you hear the first laugh, it's not so scary anymore." For most of these students, it's their first time performing in front of such a big crowd. Tilly added that she had "done some small shows" in the past, but she was "more nervous than usual" before going on stage in front of a crowd of nearly 400 people.

The players participated in a total of ten unique improv games. Each one was laugh-out-loud funny, and it was obvious that the students and alumni were having a great time up there on stage.

Senior Jack Lueddeke, who's currently in Mr. Harvey's Intro to Acting class, said his favorite moment of the show was alumnus Jack Master-son's performance in the "Help Desk" game. His classmate Dylan Lembo agreed and added that former MHS student Ryan Coulson "was the most

entertaining."

Spencer Westcott, a senior who watched his friends perform from the crowd, poked fun at his pal, admitting that his favorite part was when "the crowd turned on [Dylan] Lembo" after he said he wasn't a big fan of pork roll sandwiches, a classic Jersey Shore delicacy.

After the final game, the performers all took a bow, and the tone shifted to a serious one as Mr. Harvey introduced Ron's mother Eileen. Eileen talked on the reason why we all gathered in The Jack that night: to honor Sgt. Ronald A. Kubik. Ron was a student, an adventurer, and a war hero, and his memory lives on forever.

To close the show, Ron's uncle Dan spoke to the crowd. Dan was a firefighter who fought fires during the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He was a

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Even Mr. Glenn got involved during "Press Conference," posing as Mr. Mawn of the Blue and Gray!



Improv for Ron: The Inside Story

By: Tilly Marks



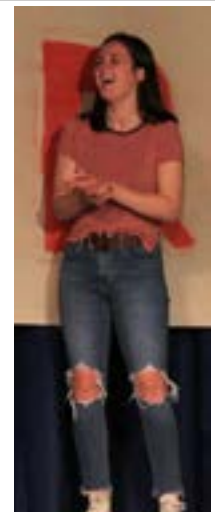
The first time I went to see Improv for Ron, I was in eighth grade. It was the funniest thing I had ever seen performed by students. This year, when I was asked to be on stage and perform with a bunch of other talented students, I was ecstatic.

I've been doing improv with Mr. Mawn and Mr. Harvey at the rec center since I was in the seventh grade, so you could say I know what I'm doing. My fellow performers Kelli Finn, Colleen Hessinger, and Galiana Garcia have also been going to the classes for a while - Galiana has been doing it longer than I have.

Even the kids from Mr. Harvey's Intro to Acting classes, who had only done improv for a couple of months, are all outstanding. Improv is not as easy as it looks, so give some props to the guys and gals that went up on stage.

Going into the week before the show, I was pumped. I was helping to sell tickets during lunch, hanging up posters, telling my friends and family about it, promoting

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the show and telling everyone how funny the performers are - all that good stuff. It was my top priority - this year we wanted Improv for Ron to be a huge success.

On the Thursday before the show, all of us that were going to be performing - the high school students and the alumni - met up at the rec center to get to know each other a bit better and play some improv games to warm ourselves up for the big night. It probably was one of the best nights of improv I've ever had. We were all super energized and everybody had something hilarious to say.

After that night, we were all confident in ourselves. We knew we could get on stage and not make fools of ourselves and we knew that we all worked together pretty well.

On Saturday morning, the day of the show, I started to get nervous. My cousins and my grandparents all came over and had dinner before the show. I was already dressed and ready to go out the door because I wanted to have time to wind down

and not have to rush out the door. At this point I wasn't even really that nervous. It was like a nervous excitement - I couldn't wait to get to the school and see everyone.

I arrived at the high school at around 6:45 and met up with the rest of the crew. We went into the then-empty auditorium and met Ron's mom and sister and had a little pre-show pep talk. Afterwards, we all went into one of the classrooms and did some warmups as people started filing in and filling up seats in the auditorium.

Warmups were insane. Everyone was energized and ready to get on stage and be weird and funny and be themselves. It was awesome. After that, I knew we were going to have a fun night.

I wasn't truly nervous until I walked into the packed auditorium. It seemed as though every single seat was filled and there were still people coming into the auditorium. To distract myself from the immense amount of people, I went around to find my friends and family and talked with them in the minutes before the show was about to start.

My nervousness was prolonged because I wasn't one of the first people to get up on stage. After you get your first laugh, you can start to relax, but I was sitting there waiting in anxious anticipation for the moment I was supposed to get onstage. It wasn't so bad, though. Listening to the other

guys on stage and laughing at their hilarity was enough to take the edge off my anxiety.

After the others sat down, it was our turn to get on stage. Harvey ran through the list of silly names, then he came to me: "Tilly 'She's All Heart' Marks." I was flattered to have been given such a sweet name. I love all the comedic nicknames, but my own really touched me (and also made me laugh).

The first game I played was Freeze and Justify. When it was my turn to go, the first thing I decided to do was use my beloved Russian accent and say to my good friends Galiana, "I knew it, you sold my goat!" The laugh I got from that was enough to break my nervousness. After that first laugh, the rest of the night was a breeze. Well, for the most part.

The only moment on stage when I really doubted myself was during the Cocktail Party game. It seemed like no one was laughing and our scenes were going nowhere. After watching it on video afterwards, it wasn't as bad as I had thought, but on stage it felt terrible.

Other than that one moment, I had an amazing time on stage - both performing and watching my friends goof around while I sat out. After the show, the things people said to me were really nice. It felt good to know that people enjoyed the show and that we got such a good turnout. It was honestly one of the best nights I've ever had - and it was all for a really good cause. I hope in the future to still be involved with it and I can't wait to see who else will get their chance to perform in Improv

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big part of Ron's life. Ron idolized his uncle, and Dan helped shape Ron into the brave man that he was.

The show concluded following the touching words from Ron's uncle. It was a beautiful ending to yet another excellent Improv for Ron event, which provided many laughs and maybe some tears for everyone in the crowd.

The event raised over \$4,500 for the Sgt. Ronald A. Kubik Memorial Scholarship. Two students will each be awarded \$1,000 for winning the scholarship, and the rest of the money will be put towards future scholarships so that it can continue long after Mr. Harvey and Mr. Mawn retire.

If you didn't go out to see Improv for Ron this year, I strongly encourage you to attend next year. It's a great show for a great cause, and you'll without a doubt enjoy yourself. And if you're the acting type, be sure to take Mr. Harvey's Intro to Acting class to get a chance to get involved in the production of the show!

Jordy Martinez leads the "Flock Dance," a perennial favorite at Improv for Ron.



Variety Show:

Squan's Got Talent

By: Rachel Irizarry



On May 12th, 2017 Manasquan High School held its 10th Annual Variety Show. The night was filled with singing, comedy, dancing, and instrument playing. With fourteen performers, the crowd was in for a special treat.

Before the show got started, Mr. Weisert announced the judges and the MC for the night. Mr. Harvey was the MC, while MHS graduate Emily Neiberlein, swim coach and math teacher Mr. Murin, and secretary Mrs. Gerlach served as judges.

Everyone was anxious for the first act, and Mr. Harvey announced that sophomore Colin Waldman would be singing first. The crowd, amazed by his voice, responded enthusiastically, and after that they were sure ready for the other performers. Juniors Delaney Heffernan and Gillian Roberts performed next.

Then Emily Kave, a sophomore, sang and played her guitar with dedication and passion that stood out. Following that, we had Aiden Lyons, a sophomore, perform a dramatic reading called "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow".

Next, Orla McBride, a freshman, played the saxophone. She is a member of the MHS band. As she was playing, the audience recognized some familiar songs and started to sing along. She was fantastic.

Orla was followed by David Havens, a senior, whose talent was different from the ones who had already performed. David told jokes. Making the crowd laugh is a goal of people who are comedians. Sure enough that's what David did.

Who could follow a comedian? Michael Lurch, a senior, took on that challenge. If you didn't get a chance to see him in *Fiddler On the Roof* - well now was your chance. He got up on that stage and started singing while playing his ukulele.

Another comedian followed Lurch. This time it was sophomore Alex Kave. Instead of telling "knock knock" jokes, Alex took a differ-

ent approach, talking to the audience in a down to earth way, like he was just talking to you or me. His style worked, as the crowd responded with lots of laughter.

With the show almost over, the crowd was pumped and ready to see more talent. Next we had singing duo Erin McBride, a freshman, and Brendan Gillespie, a senior. Before they started Brendan informed the crowd that Erin just learned the song about three hours prior. Once they started to sing, it sure didn't seem like she had just learned it. She was fantastic.

Brianna Murdoch, a junior, was up next. She also sang. Although she was nervous and with that came one tiny mistake, she killed it. She redeemed herself and sang on. Her voice sounded amazing.

The first group of the night was up next. This group of four included Jill Wescott, a junior, Ibeth Hernandez, a sophomore, Evelin Gonzalez, a freshman and Aimet Salinas, a sophomore. They performed a "Color Guard" routine. Following their performance was Adam Dayton, a senior. He played his electric guitar. Adam had a few bumps in the road trying to make sure the sound was good but once he started to play, there was no stopping him.

With a dance routine we had duo Jordy Martinez, a senior, and Milian Henriques, a senior. To start their routine Milian came out and explained that his partner didn't show up and that he would dance alone. So he did. While the music was playing it suddenly stopped and Jordy came out from behind the curtain. The crowd went crazy. They started to have a dance battle. At the end they made up and Jordy did his signature dance move - the cartwheel into a spilt. With this, they got a standing ovation.

With only two acts left the crowd was getting excited to see who would win the money. DJ DeSomma, a junior, was next. He was a comedian who cracked up the crowd.

With the crowd impatient to



Above: Milan on Jordy's back after they found out that they won the \$100 COLD HARD CASH!

see who would be the winner, the finale act was twin duo Rachel and Rebecca Irizarry. They lip-synced as well as danced to Fifth Harmony's "That's My Girl" and "Boss". With the crowd clapping and cheering them on, it was clear they were having fun. All of their dance moves were on point.

But their act fell a little short, and so did many other amazing acts that night. Only ONE could win the \$100 cold hard cash (the bill was frozen in a block of ice). The judges had a tough decision to make. There were some great performers, and each and every one of them had the guts and confidence to go up on that stage. Not everyone would do that.

Ultimately, the winners of the 10th Annual Variety Show, the block of ice, and the \$100 were..... Jordy and Milian.

Great job to everyone who performed and congratulations to the winners!



“Yerds” From Room 101

by: Bailey Redy and Maddy Ryder

From the beginning of the year to the end, the yearbook committee works hard creating an amazing book for the school to enjoy. By looking through the book, the yearbook staff hopes that each student reflects on the pictures they see throughout, and remember the great past year they had at Manasquan High School. For seniors especially, the staff tries to create a book that has a theme in which embodies the grade as a whole.

The staff began their yearbook career as juniors. Through applications and a meeting with Mrs. Onorato, the yearbook advisor, they were each individually chosen to be on the staff. The juniors this year were Ella Cardelfe, Cameron Carton, Tyler Walker, and Stephanie Miles. They were trained and introduced to the yearbook world by the seniors, which consisted of: Maddie Dettlinger, Abby Rice, Maddy Ryder, Carly Steets, Isabella Mead, Julia Clayton, Maggie Flynn, Tim Mologhney, and Kyle Abbott.

The staff members were each assigned a specific title to hold for the rest of the year. There were two editors in chief, two copy editors, two mod editors,

one feature editor, one name editor, one media creator, and two people to put all of the advertisements in the yearbook.

Every mod, feature, headline, sub head, copy, and caption that are on each page are carefully created and thought about by the page creator. It could take weeks just to finish one page. The creator must interview a number of people; they must ask good questions that lead to a lot of information, they must be creative to think of fun hooks, cool picture ideas, and feature or mod topics. To make a page that will be seen and remembered by everyone in the school can be stressful, and it takes a lot of work and effort.

What most people don't know is that making a yearbook is like a business. If staff member are late to deadlines it

costs them money to extend it. If a page is already submitted but then must be revised, it costs money. The cover of the book with a custom made design makes a dent in the committee's bank account. In order to make the best book possible everyone on the staff and both advisors, Mr. Minotulli being the financial advisor for the staff, must be good with money and deadlines. Everyone involved must be focused and passionate about the book. Just like a company closing down, so can the yearbook from lack of effort and intelligence about money and organization.

Although the year is filled with hard work from all staff members, they also have fun. Almost once a month the staff orders from Fins for lunch and enjoys eating lunch together and chatting. They also go on staff outings outside of school. They have gone to movies, Al-laire State Park to walk around, or out to eat as a group. Through this quality time spent together the staff have created a family like bond that makes working together during class much more enjoyable and productive.

Above: 2017 MHS Yearbook, released on Friday, June 9. Left and right: the staff.



Cockatiels Seek Loving Home

Macie, a gray male (left), and Birdie, a yellow female (right), have been a couple for over 19 years. They are looking for a loving home together.

If interested, contact Mrs. Elms 732-774-6944



Surf Team Hosts Their 14th Annual Surfers Ball

By: Maddy Ryder

The Manasquan Surf Team definitely knows how to host a fantastic party. On May 20th the surf team had their 14th annual Surfers Ball at Bar Anticipation in Belmar, and it was a huge success.

The purpose of this night is to raise money for the team's trip to San Clemente California for Nationals, which occurs every June. The A Team is allowed the opportunity to compete in California against a ton of other high school surf teams from all over the country.

The night was filled with live music, a great buffet of food, games, raffles, auctions, and many fun photo opportunities with the "wave" photo booth set up and made by team parents.

The event began at 4:00 pm and ended at 8:00, but parents and members of the team were there bright and early that day to set up, and stayed late into the night to clean and pack everything away. A lot of effort was put into this night and it definitely did not go un-noticed.

The event started filling up right as 4:00 came along, and with 500 plus tickets sold for pre-sale, everyone involved knew it was going to be a big and busy night. But that number of 500 only grew when many more people showed up at the door



Coach Buss and his daughter pose for a fun picture.



The surf team poses for a group photo at Bar Anticipation.

the night of the event to buy tickets.

When entering you were greeted by some team members and parents that took your tickets and gave you wrist bands for entry. Then you turned the corner and a wave of people appeared, some at the bar talking, while others were surrounding the band down on the sand portion of the outside area of the venue. There was also a table set up with team gear and accessories such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, magnets, stickers, and hats being sold. Surrounding the sand area of the venue were cabanas filled with couches and TV's for people to sit, eat, chat, and listen to music. Behind all of that was the buffet of burgers, hot dogs, chicken, salad, corn, and many more delicious options.

There were 100 different raffles to enter that were all circled around a huge table, which was surrounded by people carefully selecting which bucket they would place their ticket in, hoping to win their most desired item. There were also gold tick-

ets being sold for \$5 each, only 10 people would be the winners of those, and the prizes were much larger, such as bikes, surfboards and a \$300 airline voucher. Lastly there were 4 different silent auctions for 4 amazing surfboards. The highest bid was \$750 for the Gunn surfboard, won by Sara Hegna, a surf team alum. The winners were all announced at the end of the night, there were not many people leaving empty handed!

The two bands that preformed were Slap Jack and The Brett Favre Experience, both keeping the audience entertained the whole night. The Brett Favre Experience consisted of current team member Cole Hallman and team alumni Kevin Maldjian and John Russo. They weren't the only alumni around that night though.

When looking out at the venue one could see parents, friends, family, and alum to the team. The diverse crowd truly showed how many people support and love the Manasquan Surf Team. The success of the night was obvious to everyone, and the team is definitely in for an exciting and fun filled trip to nationals in June!



Cole Hallman and Kevin Maldjian preformed with the Brett Favre Experience.

Students Get Recognition with Academic Awards

By: Amanda Karp

On Tuesday, June 6th, at 6pm in the auditorium, students and parents alike were joined together along with members of the staff and groups of charity to celebrate the student's academic accomplishments.

Everyone was dressed sharply as awards and scholarships were distributed amongst the students.

Following Delaney Heffernan's rendition of the Star Spangled banner, the program began with remarks from Principal Coppola; the night was off to a great start as Mrs. Fenlon and Ms. Jaeger, the NHS Advisors presented their introduction.

They introduced the Departmental Awards, which included winners such as: MaryGrace Iorio, Jack Luedekke, Kate Callahan, Jeff Petrulla, Nicole Zito, and Ally Kaden. After this, the Special Recognition Awards were presented, which were the NJ Science League Physics Recognition Award and the Academic Team Recognition.

Succeeding this, there was the first batch of scholarship awards presented, with a multitude of winners including: Ally DeForge, Chris Driscoll, Brona Nielsen, Kyle Benja-

min, Emily McLaughlin, and Brinley Schmidt.

Then, fifty-eight seniors were given the Board of Education Award for their academic achievement, and this included some such as: Ben Barry, Caroline Carter, Lucia Donadio, Cady Formichella, Jackie Kurtz, Daley McCallum, Abby McHugh, Jada Scimeca, and Katie Zhang.

After these students were awarded, four speeches – reflections of freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior year – were given by Quinn Gilbin, Dylan Lembo, Abby McHugh, and Emily McLaughlin, respectively. In between these four speeches, more scholarship awards were presented.

Penultimately, the Varsity Scholar Award recipients were recognized, some including: Mara Bennett, Summer Farren, Melissa Fischer, Karly Grogan, Shannon Kirk, Tilly Marks, Brendan Reilly, and Ally Vernaglia.

Concluding the night was the recognition of both the junior and senior NHS members. Congratulations to all those who were awarded scholarships and other awards.

Below: Students heading off-stage after receiving their awards.



Graduation Season is Upon Us

By: Sarah Higgins

June 1st, The Academy of Health Careers had its graduation where they sent 49 students off into the world. We as students sacrificed our lunches to be a part of this great program and to help us further our careers. We busted out butts in Dynamics of Health Care in Society, Anatomy and Physiology, Intro to Nutrition, Nutrition Across the Lifespan, Medical Terminology, and Emergency Clinical Care. We took tests through Rutgers University in order to receive college credits, to help us further ourselves. These graduates deserve the recognition and the fullest of experiences in the future.

2017 Health Careers Academy Graduates

Mackenzie Baeszler Nursing
 Alexandra Bennett Health Studies
 Brady Bresnahan Hospitality
 Nicole Caroselli Nursing
 Caroline Carter Physical Therapy
 Alissa Cielecki English
 Julia Clayton Pre Veterinary
 Annabella Condoluci Nursing
 Justin Condoluci Pre Medical
 Natalie Conte-Shropshire Biology
 Kelli Finn Pre Medical
 Melissa Fischer Biology
 Evelyn Gallagher Dance
 Minor Nutrition Studies
 Logan Harms Undecided
 Joshua Hauge
 Colleen Hessinger Biology
 Sarah Higgins Athletic Training

Minor Holistic Medicine
 Rachel Irrizary Pre Medical
 Damaso Jaime Undecided
 Michael Keenan Nursing
 Samantha Lyons Biology
 Emily Magrini Speech Pathology
 Christian McCloskey
 George McCormack Nursing
 Michael McGovern
 Carter McNamara Cardiothoracic Surgery
 Mary Mencer Business Administration
 Jack Miles Biology
 Kelly Negra Undecided
 Salma Nicolas Guzman Psychology
 Ashlee Nykyforuk Nursing
 Joseph Ostberg Osteopathic Medicine
 Joao Pereira Business

Kathryn Petrone Exercise Science
 Declan Reichey Occupational Therapy
 Shannon Richards
 Cassidy Sabins Nursing
 Shawn Saulys Nursing
 Brinley Schmidt Occupational Therapy
 Adam Schreck Special Education
 Paige Sierra Nursing
 Summer Smith General Education with Public Health
 Ana Taboada
 Matthew Thermann Physical Therapy
 Carly Vodola Pre Veterinary
 Kieran Watters
 Julia Whalen Nursing
 Denver White
 Yan Yu Wu Business
 Kathryn Wynd Zoo Science

The Blue & Gray

SENIOR FEATURES

Seniors Enjoy Class Trip

by: Annie Heenan

On Friday June 2nd, Manasquan High School's senior class enjoyed a nice day off on their senior class trip. The senior class had a vote to where their trip would be. The options were either going to the Atlantic Club and hanging by the pool, or go to Six Flags Great Adventure and go on the rides. After the student council tallied up all the votes, the Atlantic Club won!

The morning of the trip the seniors prepared for a beautiful day by the pool. They packed their bags with towels, bathing suits, sunscreen, sunglasses, and running shoes. Around 8:30 a.m., the 150 seniors who signed up for the trip got called down to the cafeteria to check in for the day.

The seniors got split into four different teams, to participate in "color wars" The color wars consisted of many different relay races in the back field. The seniors had to wear their colored bandanas which were; pink, green, navy, gray. Because there were so many seniors, they had to split up into four different buses to head over to the Atlantic Club.

Once the buses pulled into the parking lot, everyone ran up to the hill

to claim a spot by the pool. The students put their sunscreen on, and got prepared for their day by the pool. Most of the girls were tanning, while the boys jumped in the pool for a swim. There was even a DJ, that played music right by the pool.

At 9:30, the color wars began. Everyone stopped swimming and tanning, and headed to the back field to participate in some competitive relays. The teams split up and began to talk strategy. The first relay was the three legged race. Many seniors were struggling, but the pink team was able to get first place. The other relays consisted of; balancing a water balloon on a spoon, a water balloon toss, and the tug of war.

After the color wars were over, everyone headed back to the pool area. More people started swimming and relaxing in the hot tub. The temperature began to rise, as many students started to feel sunburnt.

As the workers of the Atlantic Club, set up the lunch buffet, the seniors became very antsy to get their food. The lunch included; cheeseburgers, tater tots, fries, sandwiches, wraps,

and fruit. When the food was all set up, everyone ran to get a spot in the long buffet line. Many of the seniors enjoyed the amazing cheeseburgers.

Many kids enjoyed their food at the picnic tables and the rooftop area. After everyone digested their lunch, many students continued swimming and tanning. About an hour after lunch, the buffet turned into an ice cream bar. There was vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, and cookies in cream. There was also over ten different toppings.

After everyone finished their ice cream, it was time to start packing up. Everyone had to get leave the pool area and go down to the back field, for one last game of tug-a-war. The pink team destroyed every team in the tug-a-war. Once that was over, the DJ announced the color wars results. Green team got 4th place, navy team got 3rd, gray team got 2nd, and the pink team got 1st.

After the color wars results were announced, the class of 2017 headed back to MHS. Overall, the senior trip went extremely well. The seniors enjoyed their day off by the pool, hanging out all together in their final days here, at Manasquan High School.



Sisters, Mara and Alex Bennett, with friend, Cole Stevens, enjoy a nice day by the pool.




Left to right; Isabella Mead, Lucia Donadio, and Kate Callahan hanging out in the pool.



Front to back; Nicole Zito and Kristin Lange relaxing on the beach chairs.

Senior Quotes

If seniors at Manasquan could feature their own "senior quote" alongside their picture in the yearbook, here's what they would say:



"If you like water you already like 72% of me"

- Marina Zupko



"This wasn't like High School Musical at all"

- Maura Farragher


"God, I love high school"

- Marty McHugh




"Thank God"

- Josie Gargiulo




"You can catch flies with honey but you catch more honeys being fly"

- Dan Del Guercio


"I don't even go here"

- Kieran Watters




"Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible; and suddenly you will be eating a spicy hot Cheeto"

- Milan Henriques



"You're only young once, make the most of it"

-Jada Scimeca



Senior Memories

By: Annie Heenan

Seniors are approaching their final days here at Manasquan High School. Many seniors feel like the first day of Freshmen year was just yesterday. Over the last four years at MHS, many seniors have made friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. Here are some senior's favorite memories at Manasquan High School.

"My friend Riley Martin and I have done the leap frog relay at the homecoming pep rally since freshmen year. Senior year we were the last leg of the relay, and we won. It was awesome."
-Daley McCallum

"Doing Squan Swim for four years."-Summer Smith

"Winning the talent show my senior year."-Jordy Martinez

"Winning the lacrosse state championship vs. Rumson my junior year."-Jarrett Birch

"Junior Prom. I had so much fun!"-Sam Lyons

"I enjoyed going to concerts with my friends throughout high school." Isabella Mead

"Playing senior assassin with the senior class."-Cady Formichella

"Cheering at all of the Thanksgiving football games."-Julia Barry

"Doing the tennis team with my friends."-Cassidy Sabins

"Going to the beach with all of my friends in the Summer."-Logan Harms

"When the kid caught the bathroom on fire the 2nd day of school sophomore year."-Jada Scimeca

"When the Heights boys sang "Man in the Mirror."-Brona Nielson

"Winning the football state championship."-Joey Ostberg

SENIORS THANKING TEACHERS

By; Rebecca Irizarry and Megge Sanchez

Have you wanted to thank one of your teachers because they helped you along the way or they pushed you to reach your full potential? Well, we went around the senior class and asked some of them to thank their favorite teacher. Here are some of their responses.

Dear Mrs. Larkin,

Thank you for being the most personable teacher in the school and allowing me to get into photography. I won't forget you after I leave.

Sincerley,
Dillon Dunwoody



Dear Mr. Hyland,

Thank you for pushing me out of my comfort zone. If it wasn't for you making me sing, I wouldn't be auditioning for shows and singing at graduation.

Sincerley,
Rachel Irizarry

Dear Mrs. Morris,

Thank you for letting me use the chocolate chips for the scone lab.

Sincerley,
Mauna Farragher

Dear Coach Voskian,

Thank you for opening up the weight room at 6 a.m. You have been a true role model for me.

Sincerley,
Joey Ostberg



Dear Mr. Glenn,

Thank you for being so inspirational and funny! You always made chemistry a fun class and taught us a lot!

Sincerley,
Maddy Harkness

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

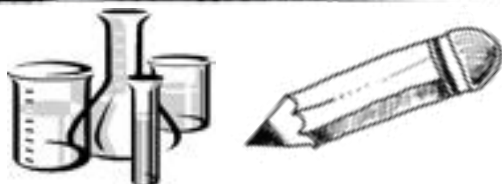
Thank you for putting up with my shenanigans.

Sincerley,
Jake Young

Dear Mr. Wasnesky,

Thank you for always having positive vibes and always having a fun class environment.

Sincerley,
Jake Wooley



Dear Mr. Driscoll,

Thank you for always making our class discussions the best and most memorable.

Sincerley,
Damon Tito



Dear Mr. Murin,

Thank you for taking the time to help me understand and actually enjoy math freshman year.

Sincerley,
Abby Rice



A College Decision Made A Weight Lifted off my Shoulders

By: Elizabeth Rooney

By now seniors have made the college decision that they have been faced with for months. Everyone wants to know where you get in and where you have decided to go whether it's your friends, family, or teachers. It is the burning question that has been directed towards you non-stop.

At times you may have felt overwhelmed and worried that you were going to make the wrong decision, while at other times you may have wished people would stop second guessing your own decision. Whatever the case, you have now made that crucial decision about your future.

How you have come to that decision and why differs from person to person, and for some the decision wasn't so easy as others. What it comes down to is the person you are and the person you want to be.

How each student has come to this resolution differs and have each gone about it in different ways. For many it has



been going to visit the schools, and getting the feel for them. By visiting they are able to figure out if this school is the right school for them, and if they can see themselves going to school here.

However, just visiting the school isn't always the case. Some students have more to think about other than if the school is the right fit for them. Some think about how far the school is from home. Some students don't want to be too far away from others while others want a great distance between home and college.

Others ponder the type of program they would be in. Whether or not the program is the one they want, and one they can see themselves pursuing a future

from.

Even the money the school may be offering compared to other schools they got accepted to is something students also consider. College can be quite expensive and students consider what the best school is that has the resources and expenses that they can afford.

For me going into the month of April I was torn about my college decision. I was able to narrow it down to two schools, but couldn't possibly know what

my decision was going to be. I knew I had less than a month to make it, and I knew I couldn't necessarily make the wrong decision choosing between two amazing schools, Penn State and Clemson, but still it ate away at me.

I had gotten into my top two schools, but the decision haunted over me. In the past months I had been to Penn State numerous times and was starting to really see myself going here. However, when I found out I got into Clemson I started to second guess everything I knew.

The only thing I knew to do was to make a final visit to Clemson to hopefully make my decision

clear to myself. So, that is exactly what I did. I left for spring break early and headed down to Clemson. I hadn't been to Clemson in a year, but it was just like a remembered.

I stayed at a hotel on campus, and went to dinner in the town of Clemson and walked around. The next day I attend I facility and program tour of the landscape architecture pro-

gram that I got accepted into, and got to walk around campus.

Last time I was there school was not in session. This time school was in ses-



PennState

sion and you get a whole different feel to school when there are students walking around. At Clemson I got a sense of the atmosphere and what it would be like to be a Clemson Tiger and it made me think seriously on my decision.

Following my trip to Clemson, I made a list of what each school has to offer. When I was making this list I realized the schools we pretty much even in what they offer. The programs were both great programs and are the same amount of time spent in school. The tuition is the same for me to go to either one. They both have similar dorms and campuses, and offer study abroad.

What it really came down to was how I felt when I want to school and what program route I decided I wanted to take. In the end after hemming and hawing I had made my decision. I couldn't get over the feeling I got when I was at Clemson, and the program I got into wasn't the necessarily the program I wanted, but after learning about it and taking the tour at Clemson I felt as though it was the right one for me.

It's been a long year, searching for colleges to apply to, applying to them, waiting for responses, and finally making a decision. I don't second guess my decision one bit. For me I needed to see the schools one more time and learn about their programs to make the decision that determines my future. It's different for everyone, and I couldn't be happier with



COLLEGE CHOICES

By: Julia Barry & Annie Heenan

We did our best to track down every member of the class of 2017, and find out where they're going to school next year. Of course, not everyone goes to college; some of our classmates will go to work, travel, or enter the military. But the majority will continue on to college next year, and here's where they're headed! (Apologies if we missed you!)

Kyle Abbott-
College of Charleston

Brady Bresnahan-
Stockton University

Carter Condoluci-
Navy

Frankie Faasen-
Augustana College

Sara Aloupis-
Loyola University Maryland

Dylan Burke-
Champlain College

Shane Connelly-
Penn State University

Alex Fallon-
Brookedale Comm. College

Mackenzie Baeszler-
University of Montana

Joe Cajas-
Monmouth University

Natalie Conte-
Brookedale Comm. College

Summer Farren-
UCLA

Ben Barry-
Middlebury College

Kaitlyn Calabro-
Virginia Tech

Connor Critchley-
Keene State College

Patrick Felstedt-
Drexel University

Julia Barry-
University of Delaware

Kate Callahan-
Brown University

Liam Cuozzo-
Purdue University

Lauren Fielder-
Going into the army

Sam Bauer-
Penn State University

Nicole Caroselli-
Brookedale Comm. College

Adam Dayton-
American Musical and
Dramatic Academy

Kelli Finn-
Fordham University

Francisco Bautista-
Brookedale Comm. College

Devan Carroll-
Quinnipiac University

Ally DeForge-
Wagner College

Melissa Fischer-
Clemson University

Michael Beck-
Brookedale Comm. College

Caroline Carter-
Quinnipiac University

Dan Del Guercio-
Flagler College

Dan Fiske-
Brookedale Comm. College

Andy Beer-
Millersville University

Nate Chapman-
Lynn University

Alex Dettlinger-
University of Rhode Island

Maggie Flynn-
University of Alabama

Kyle Benjamin-
Rutgers University

Olivia Chevance-
Loyola Marymount University

Maddie Dettlinger-
Auburn University

Jenn Forcillo-
University of Vermont

Nick Benjamin-
Stockton University

Alissa Cielecki-
Arcadia University

John Devereux-
Rider University

Matt Forcillo-
University of South Carolina

Alex Bennett-
Monmouth University

Stella Clark-
Northeastern University

Lucia Donadio-
Villanova University

Cady Formichella-
Penn State University

Mara Bennett-
Rutgers University

Julia Clayton-
Delaware Valley University

Chris Driscoll-
The College of New Jersey

Jon Furson-
James Madison University

Jarrett Birch-
Furman University

James Cole-
New Jersey Institute of
Technology

Dillon Dunwoody-
Marist College

Evelyn Gallagher-
Point Park University of
Dance

Leandro Bongiovanni-
Brookedale Comm. College

John Comnesso-
Brookedale Comm. College

Mike Dylla-
Brookedale Comm. College

Victoria Galvan-
University of South Carolina

Nina Branch-
Salve Regina University

Annie Condoluci-
Brookedale Comm. College

Clark Ellicott-
Pratt Institute

Never too Late to Learn Life's Lessons



By: Mike Rafter

Recently, I have had some extra time on my hands and out of the blue I decided to watch a cartoon. As a kid, I loved cartoons, and I figured some light-hearted entertainment would be a nice change of pace. The only modern cartoon that seemed to be reviewed unanimously positive was a show on Disney XD called Star Vs The Forces of Evil.

Created by Daron Nefcy, here is the description of the show: *"When magical princess Star Butterfly receives a royal magic wand for her 14th birthday, she proves to her parents that she is not ready for the responsibility that comes with it. As a result, they send her to a place that doesn't have magic -- Earth -- in hopes that she will gain maturity. Upon her arrival, Star is given a family to help guide her, so she moves in with the Diaz family, which includes teenage son Marco. Star takes Marco with her as she battles villains -- both in their high school and throughout the universe -- as she attempts to protect her powerful wand."*

Frankly, the show was originally made for young girls, but that didn't stop me from watching it, and am I glad that it didn't.

After binge-watching the entire first two seasons in two days and then re-watching it two more times subsequently, SVTFOE has become my favorite cartoon, if not favorite TV show, of all time. I say all of this for two reasons:

1. I would recommend checking the show out, even if I am biased, it is one of the best modern cartoons out there.
2. I'm glad I did not let my insecurities stop me from enjoying something

While I could rant and rave about my first point and dissect every episode of the show (and I wish I could because that's how passionate I am about this topic) I want to talk

more about the second point. And how I almost did not watch the show.

As of writing this, I'm eighteen years old, and when I was looking into SVTFOE, I thought it would be 'weird' for a grown man to watch a kids show. I was aware of the bad rap that bronzies got for liking a kids show, and I did not want to end up in a similar situation. After a week of pondering whether or not to actually watch the show, I eventually decided to watch it in private, so nobody would know.

Even after falling in love with the show instantly, I felt uncomfortable with my new-found hobby. As happy as it made me, something still felt off. It was not until I found like-minded people online did I start to feel more comfortable. No longer did I feel like the social outcast anymore. Finally, I felt happy being happy.

I tell this little tale to say you should never feel uncomfortable with something you like. Do I like a kids show? Yes, so what. It may still be a little weird, but if it is something that you enjoy, it should not bother you or take away from anything. SVTFOE season 3 is coming out in July and I absolutely plan to watch it, except this time I won't feel a silly stigma while watching. For once, there is a sign of freedom in what I am doing.

As for the show itself, again, I would recommend it, but also, it has led me to say a sentence I never thought I would say: "Star Butterfly is my favorite Disney princess" -Mike Rafter 2017. And you can quote me on that,

because what I enjoy no longer bothers me, and it shouldn't bother you either.



COLLEGE CHOICES

Sarah Galvin-
Penn State University

Galiana Garcia-
Brookedale Comm. College

Ivan Garcia -
Brookedale Comm. College

Josephine Gargiulo-
Rutgers University

Quinn Giblin-
Villanova University

Brendan Gillespie -
Brookedale Comm. College

Dalia Gonzalez-
Brookedale Comm. College

Karly Grogan-
University of Miami

Marc Grogan-
Brookedale Comm. College

Mitch Grogan-
Brookedale Comm. College

Owen Hall-
Vermont Tech College

Cole Hallman-
Hawaii Pacific University

Clare Hamilton-
Louisiana State University

Maddy Harkness-
West Chester University

Logan Harms-
High Point University

Shawn Harriman-
University of Tampa

Josh Hauge-
Brookedale Comm. College

Ashlynn Hayes-
Massachusetts College of
Art and Design

Annie Heenan-
Monmouth University

Chris Heilos-
Mount Saint Mary's

Colin Hersh-
Rowan University

Mary Herzberg-
Brookedale Comm. College

Colleen Hessinger-
Rowan University

Sarah Higgins-
Brookedale Comm. College

Tyler Hobbie-
College of Charleston

Seamus Hogan-
Belmont Abbey

Nicholas Howe-
New Jersey Institute of
Technology

Michael Hyde-
Santa Barbara Comm. College

Marygrace Iorio-
Brookedale Comm. College

Rachel Irizarry-
Ocean County College

Rebecca Irizarry-
Ocean County College

COLLEGE CHOICES

Aimee Jaegar- Brookedale Comm. College	Dylan Lembo- The College of New Jersey	Christopher McHugh- Winthrop University	Brona Nielson- Manhattan College
Damaso Jaime- Coast Guard Academy	Jack Long- Catholic University	Martin McHugh- Penn State University	Jack Nolan- SUNY Maritime College
Devin Jensen- Merrimack College	Jack Lueddeke- Gettysburg College	Ally McLaughlin- Brookedale Comm. College	Parker Norton- University of Alabama
Allison Johnson- University of Maryland	Michael Lurch- Brookedale Comm. College	Emily McLaughlin- University of Miami	Ashlee Nykyforuk- Brookedale Comm. College
Ally Kaden- Babson College	Samantha Lyons- Manhattan College	Carter McNamara- Brookedale Comm. College	Joseph Ostberg- Nova South Eastern University
Amanda Karp- Ramapo College	Emily Magrini- Misericordia University	Isabella Mead- University of Colorado at Boulder	Dylan Ownes- Brookedale Comm. College
Matthew Kavanaugh- Brookedale Comm. College	Gerald Maher- Rowan University	Mary Mencer- Monmouth University	Dylan Pacetti- University of Alabama
Michael Keenan- Brookedale Comm. College	Edmund Mallett- Denison University	Thomas Meyer- Salisbury University	Cera Paslawsky- University of California at Santa Barbara
Padraig Kerrigan- Maine Maritime	Vaughn Mance- Brookedale Comm. College	Jack Miles- Rutgers University	Brian Paturzo- University of South Carolina
Elizabeth Kingman- Farleigh Dickinson University	Colin Mannion- Virginia Tech University	Peter Mills- SUNY Maritime College	Saul Paz-Garnica- Brookedale Comm. College
Shannon Kirk- Mulhensburg College	Matilda Marks- Brookedale Comm. College	Holly Moloney- Auburn University	Catharine Pendergist- Brookedale Comm. College
Aaron Kocienski- Florida Institute of Technology	Riley Martin- Lynn University	Timothy Moloughney- Brookedale Comm. College	Joao Pereira- Brookedale Comm. College
Ethan Kotar- Brookedale Comm. College	Jordy Martinez- Brookedale Comm. College	John Moran- Montclair State University	Edward Perez- Rider University
Jacqueline Kurtz- Penn State University	Sebastian Martinez Rubio- Santa Barbara Comm. College	Daniel Mulay- Brookedale Comm. College	Nicholas Pierro- East Stroudsburg University
Benjamin La Macchia- Rhode Island School of Design	Catherine Masonius- Wagner College	Matthew Mulrenan- Temple University	Thomas Pollock- Ocean County College
Sarah Lambert- Brookedale Comm. College	Patrick Masseli- Brookedale Comm. College	Connor Muly- Old Dominion University	Michael Rafter- Brookedale Comm. College
Sarah Langan- Brookedale Comm. College	George McCormack- Brookedale Comm. College	Gianna Murphy- Brookedale Comm. College	Bailey Redy- Coast Guard
Kristin Lange- The College of New Jersey	Jack McCrink- Brookedale Comm. College	Kelly Negra- Brookedale Comm. College	Declan Reichy- Seton Hall University
Joseph LaRosa- George Mason University	Michael McGovern- Brookedale Comm. College	Salma Nicolas Guzman- Brookedale Comm. College	Brendan Reilly- Fordham University
James Leather- Brookedale Comm. College	bigail McHugh- Binghamton University		

SENIOR PRANKS

Senior Pranks have always been a hilarious tradition throughout many high schools and is taken as a way for the graduating class to have some going-away fun in their last few weeks of school. In the past Manasquan hasn't been lacking in these pranks, as every few years the seniors pull together a gimmick to play on the rest of the school.

While these pranks can be funny at times, they can also get out of hand. I went and asked a few teachers about the funniest senior tricks they can remember happening at Manasquan, and this is what I found



out. A few years ago seniors released little white mice in the school, letting them scurry about and cause chaos. One of the biggest pranks in Manasquan was when they moved the entire graduation ceremony chairs from inside to the outside. Last year the seniors decided to take a nap in center hall – which ultimate-

BY: Sarah Langan

ly didn't last long. In the past seniors have also parked in the teacher's parking spots, and had all their phones go off at the same time.

Some other senior pranks that have happened at different high schools across the U.S. is when the upperclassmen hired a mariachi band to follow around a principle, and build a pillow fort in the hallways. Also putting little cups of water in the hallways, filling classrooms with balloons, and putting their school for sale on Craigslist.

St. Rose Senior's decided to play a classic prank this May and have the boys and girls switch uniforms for the day – they made to change to their appropriate uniforms or else they would get written up.

So will our class have a senior prank? And if we do, what will it be?



COLLEGE CHOICES

Abigail Rice-
Auburn University

Brinley Schmidt-
Elizabethtown College

Shannon Richards-
Mychael Roberts

Adam Schreck-
West Chester University

Mychael Roberts-
Brookedale Comm. College

Jada Scimeca-
University of North Carolina
Willmington

Logan Roddy-
James Madison University

Thomas Sheehan-
Notre Dame

Bianca Romer-
Brookedale Comm. College

Paige Sierra-
University of Delaware

Elizabeth Rooney-
Clemson University

Summer Smith-
University of South Carolina

Evan Runfola-
Navy

Jason Snyder-
Mount Ida College

Madeline Ryder-
The University of Tampa

Matthew Snyder-
King's College

Cassidy Sabins-
The University of Tampa

Carly Steets-
College of Charleston

Megge Sanchez-
Brookedale Comm. College

Brielle Stevens-
Cosmopology School

Charles Sarnasi-
College of Charleston

Nikki Stevens-
Montclair State University

Shawn Saulys-
Augustana College

Evan Storer-
Rutgers University

Ana Taboada-
University of Texas

Matthew Tantillo-
University of South Carolina

Thomas Tantillo-
Florida State University

Bryan Tapia-
Farleigh Dickinson University

Dustin Tarleton-
York College of Pennsylvania

Matthew Thermann-
Scranton University

Leah Tilton-
Montclair State University

Damon Tito-
West Chester University

Joseph Tonkovich-
University of South Carolina

Sydney Valles-
Caldwell University

Ally Vernaglia-
University of Delaware

Carly Vodola-
University of Delaware

Michael Vonfrolio-
Philadelphia University

Kieran Watters-
Brookedale Comm. College

Spencer Westcott-
College of Charleston

Julia Whalen-
James Madison University

Timothy Whipple-
Brookedale Comm. College

Denver White-
Monmouth University

Thad Wiseman-
Albright College

Jake Woolley-
Ramapo College

Yan Yu Wu-
Hunter College

Kathryn Wynd-
Delaware Valley University

Jake Young-
Brookedale Comm. College

Katie Zhang-
Rutgers University

Nicole Zito-
Brookedale Comm. College

Marina Zupko-
University of Delaware

ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN

By: Amanda Karp

It's finally that time of year. Graduation is right around the corner, and then soon after that, it'll finally be time for to head off to college.

I've found that in the past month, I've been looking back on the past four years of high school a lot. These four years have seen many changes in my life – moving, getting a dog, getting jobs, making friends and leaving others behind – it's been a whirlwind.

After these past for years, I'm ready to move on. But being someone who's incredibly sentimental, and who also loves to voice my opinion even when it isn't necessarily wanted, I figure I'll leave you with some things I wish I'd realized sooner:

What other people choose to do does not have to define what you do. It's difficult to grow apart from friends, even more so when they're doing things you're not interested in. It might hurt, but focusing on your own interests over theirs will benefit you in the long run. Do not shape yourself for other people. Do it for yourself.

Get involved in your passions. It could be the littlest thing, like beading or bowling or cooking or acting, but whatever it is, get involved. There were a lot of opportunities I missed out on because I felt embarrassed, and



that if I did something considered out of the norm, people would shame

me. But if you love what you do, it shouldn't be impacted by what other people think. If it makes you happy, do it.

Speak up. I spent the majority of three, even my four years, at high school, as a silent observer. I never really spoke my opinion – that



was reserved for select classes like English or my AP history courses. But it was so stupid for me to not answer a question, or to say something, even if it was wrong, because I would've learned something.

Set limits. This is something I didn't learn until May of this year, and I wish I had learned it the first day at high school. We give so much of ourselves to school, our parents, our friends, our social media – and on top of all that with school activities and homework and a life in general, it drains you. It's hard to do, especially with friends, because you need a break, and to be by yourself, but you also want to be there for them. However, your needs have to come above theirs. It may seem harsh, but your self-care is the one that matters most.



wearing makeup or not. People are both self-involved and incredibly observant, but by the graces of society, have the smarts to mind their own business and know not to make comments about appearances. It's incredibly freeing, to not wear makeup and to wear sweats to school. Enjoy it.

I could list more, but I figure that five should do it.

The most important thing to do, however, is to give into the urge to use the cliché I promised myself I wouldn't use, and tell you to do things that make you happy. Do things that bring you fulfillment, and joy. (Don't do anything illegal, okay? That's not what I'm trying to encourage. (But if you do, which you shouldn't, don't get caught.))

I will also not use the cliché that life is too short to be anything but happy, because life is long and I know all too well that there will be times when you're nothing but sad and life is one big ball of gloom.

But when that happens, seek out your support network – parents, friends, your animals, therapists. I cannot advocate enough



how necessary it is to take care of yourself, mentally and physically, and there are always going to be people there for you when you need it.



I hope the years you have left in high school, and even in your life, are filled with an abundance of good things.

No one cares (or notices). Let me tell you, as someone who used to refuse to wear sweatpants or go to school without makeup on their face – no one is going to make a comment about what you're wearing, if you've shaved, if you're



SQUAN SENIOR ASSASSIN

By: Tilly Marks

If you thought the end of the year was stressful, things just got a little more intense with MHS's first ever Senior Assassin.

Senior Assassin is a fun, competitive game between participating seniors. After paying the \$5 entry fee, teams of three are assigned "targets" which they must "eliminate" via water gun in order to progress to the next round. The ultimate goal is to be the last team standing and win the cash prize.

My team and I came a little late to the party. It consists of me (Tilly Marks in case you overlooked who wrote the article – no hard feelings if you did), Colleen

Hessinger, and Galiana Garcia.

Typically, the Senior Assassin overseers prefer the number of teams to be even so that two teams can be paired up to eliminate each other. Our team made the number odd so we ended up in quite the situation.

It's a tad bit confusing, but stay with me here. My team had to eliminate the team of Ben La Macchia, Logan Roddy, and Damon Tito, Ben's team had to eliminate the team of Brinley Schmidt, Mad-dy Harkness, and Ally DeForge, and Brinley's team was out to get us. The tricky thing about this was we weren't allowed to eliminate the people out to get us so we had to be extra careful. I'm glad to say that our team came out on top (even though we lost one of our key players, Colleen).

Our first victory was taking out Logan Roddy. We snuck into his yard and waited in the bushes by his driveway for him to come home from work – we knew he would be coming home soon because we had a man (or woman) on the inside relaying the info to us. We waited in the shrubbery for about 15-20 minutes. At one point, Logan's dog, Lucy, came out and started barking at us. We thought we were finished, but luckily we prevailed and Lucy was brought back inside the house without giving



away our position.

About 5 minutes after that, we heard a car slow down in the road. It was our boy Logan pulling into the driveway. We all readied our water pistols as he turned the car off. Colleen was positioned in the bushes right next to his car. It was pretty hilarious. He had no idea we were right next to him, waiting to pounce.

As soon as I heard the door open, I jumped out of the bushes and "shot" Logan with my water gun. He was pretty surprised, but he was a good sport about it. We told him about how his dog wouldn't stop barking at us. Overall, it was a good time. At least until Colleen was taken out by Brinley and Maddie. I was quite frustrated by that, but it was only a minor setback.

At this point, all three teams were tied up. Ben's team had taken out Ally, Brinley's team had gotten Colleen, and we had just eliminated Logan. We knew we had to take out someone else. Damon was impossible to get to (we tried, and failed, many times, to get him, but it never worked out – we even faked a promposal, but nothing worked). This meant we had to get Ben.

Colleen and I decided it was time to eliminate the wonderful artist. We enlisted the help of our friend,

THE GROUND RULES:

- 1) Work, inside your car, and school grounds (including sports activities) are no-fire zones – the student parking lot, however, is fair ground after school
- 2) Houses are fair ground as long as you are invited in by an adult of the house (no sneaking in there all Tom-Cruise-in-Mission-Impossible style)
- 3) Water guns only! (no water balloons, hoses, sprinklers, etc.)
- 4) Safety items! If you are wearing a safety item, you cannot be shot (goggles, hats, floaties, war paint – whatever the overseers say is the safety item, that'll keep you from getting eliminated)

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Sen·ior·i·tis

noun-

a supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance.

by: Bailey Redy (the expert)

Some students say senioritis starts long before senior year. Mr. Mawn says he saw my symptoms junior year in English III. Senioritis is an excuse to slack in school for many seniors. For some, it's real. Many students are preparing for the next four years of their lives in college or away from home and don't feel that school is the first priority. They find more interest in looking ahead into their future than doing Pre-calc. or English homework. Senior year schedules are very different compared to previous years. Instead of taking Chemistry, Spanish 3, English 3, and Accounting all in one semester junior year, seniors have the option to take easier classes like ceramics, crafts, and basic foods. Maybe a more laid back history class like Vietnam. Many seniors make an easier schedule for themselves so they have time to prepare for the year after they graduate. The cure to senioritis? June 21st at 6 pm on the Vic Kubu Warrior Field.

The Big Question for teachers and students at MHS: How does Senioritis effect you?



*Left: "I don't give a **** about school anymore. I can barely wake up in the morning!" - Al Dettlinger*



Above: "I have suffered from this disease since I was a wee little girl" - Melissa Fischer

Right: "A great man once told me, 90% of anything is showing up. Where are all of the seniors?" - Mr. Napolitano



Right: "I have 42 absences." - Evan Runfola



"Left: I havent done one of Mrs. Kozic's assignments this year." - Adam Schreck (inside joke)

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yard and had Jordy knock on the front door, but that didn't work out. Then we went to the side. Colleen and I hid below the stairs and waited for Jordy to get Ben to step out. As soon as I heard him take a step outside I popped up and shot him. Ben was also a good sport. However, he did feel a bit betrayed by Jordy (understandable).

With that, we advanced to the next round. I think we kind of used up all of our energy on that first round, though, because so far we really haven't done much after that. When you go hard, I guess you have to pay the price later on.

If you would like to keep up with the rest of the goings-on of the Squan Senior Assassin, I recommend following the Twitter Squan Sr. Assassin (@sr_assassin). You can see some pretty good pics of your friends getting "killed," as they like to say on the Twitter account, with water guns.

I'm sure there are plenty of great stories coming from the shenanigans of the game – definitely ask your friends involved about the weird stuff they did to eliminate someone.

Anyways, good luck to the rest of the teams and happy hunting!

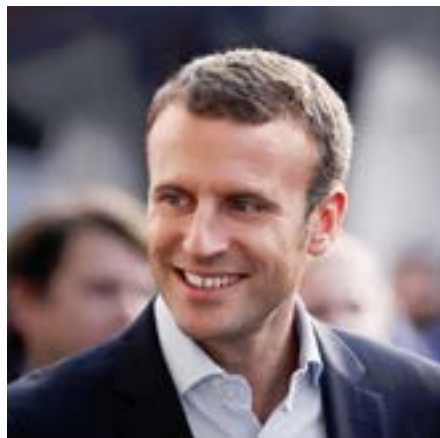
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EMMANUEL MACRON WINS FRENCH PRESIDENCY

By: Amanda Karp



Above: Emmanuel Macron

The French presidential election of 2017 has finally ended after two weeks of elections. Its primary election was held on April 22nd and the 23rd, and its secondary election was held over the course of two days – May 6th and 7th. This election was important in that it determined the relationship that France would have within the European Union (EU) and with its relationship to the U.S.

The candidates previously in the running were François Fillon, Jean-Luc Mélenchon, and Benoît Hamon. These men each polled with under 20% of the vote, and were thus cut out from the second round of the two-round system that France has in place when no person receives a majority of the vote – in this case being in the range of 40-45%.

The two candidates that received over 20% of the votes were Emmanuel Macron and Marine Le Pen.

Within the initial election, Macron won 23.9% of the vote. He is a political novice, having formerly been an investment banker and a senior civil servant as the Minister of Economy and Finance. Macron was previously as-

Below, left: the controversial Marine Le Pen; below, right: the winner, Macron, at his victory speech at the Louvre



sociated with the Socialist Party before founding his own progressive political movement entitled: “En Marche!”, or “Forward!”. He is also a centrist who supports the EU.

One of the reasons that Macron appealed so widely to the population of France was because of his more centrist views, which in a time of such divisive views coming from the left and right, his middle-of-the-road stance is proof that extremism on either side doesn't have to be the answer to political processes.

On the other side, Le Pen won 21.4% of the vote. She was the leader of the National Front, a political party in France that is centered on right-wing populist and nationalist ideals, but resigned after coming in second in the run-off, in order to focus on her campaign. She is also a member of the European Parliament for the Northwest of France.

Le Pen appealed to voters in similar ways that Trump did. She has rigid beliefs on immigration – especially concerning those emigrating from the Middle East, and of the Islamic faith – and the nationalist ideal of putting the people of France first.

Macron, however, triumphed against Le Pen, and won 66.1% of the vote, with Le Pen only capturing 33.9% of the vote.

Macron's win comes during a time where nationalism and populism have, for lack of better word, become popular, and his decisive win over Le Pen shows that France shares beliefs that are more in line with a centrist view.

With his beliefs having decidedly pro-EU, it comes as a great reassurance following Britain's move to withdraw from the EU; Le Pen's plan to reinstate the franc, as well as to renegotiate France's place within the EU would have caused much more upheaval had she been the one to claim victory.

However, Macron's win will allow to NATO to flourish, he believes in sharing intelligence with America to gain a stronger ally with Trump in office, and seeks to further expand trading with more liberal trading deals.

Overall, it will be a matter of time before we see what actions Macron will take in office, but based off of the ideals he has campaigned on, there will be a rising support for action in the EU, creating new trading deals, and talking various economic issues.

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GOOD MORNING KATIE CONWAY!

By: Rachel Irizarry



When you are a kid, you dream of what you want be when you grow up. Some people may want to be a teacher, play professional sports, or even become a doctor. Would you ever think of becoming a segment producer for one of the biggest morning shows on ABC, Good Morning America? Katie Conway sure never imagined that she would be working for GMA.

Being where she is now took a lot of hard work and dedication. Katie was born and raised in Ocean Township, and ever since she was little, she had always dreamed of being just like Katie Couric (one of The Today Show hosts). She always had an interest in news, especially highly publicized court cases and investigative news. She used to watch cable news instead of cartoons.

Sure enough, she followed her dreams! She went to Ocean Township High School and then after she went to Fordham University. There she studied Journalism, Business and French. She has a bachelor's degree in communications.

When it came to her junior year in college, she had already interned at different media companies. During her junior year she interned at "The View", which is another ABC production. Following that, in the fall of her senior year Katie was working at GMA. In January, about a five months before she graduated, Conway was working as a production assistant for GMA on the weekend overnight shift while finishing her last semester of classes.

Being on the set of GMA you would think it's the same routine every day. In Katie's case, it's not! Kate responds by saying "It is different every day. Live TV is unlike anything else. There is a special energy in the studio knowing that you only have one shot to get it right."

There are usually two types of routines that she experiences. If she has go onto the set one day she will arrive around 8:00am. Once she arrives she will pitch any ideas that she has to the production staff, and if the staff likes them she will research the topic or give the anchors

their agenda for the day. Did I mention that the anchors have to arrive around 3:00 am to get ready for the show? They do this so they can get prepared for the show since it's a two-hour show. As you can see, it takes a lot of hard work to produce a short show.

The other type

of day Conway would have is if she has to travel. Katie ALWAYS has a bag packed just in case she needs to go anywhere. She does this so that she can be the first reporter to be on the scene. You always want to be the first one so you can have the juicy details. Some of the stories she usually covers include, Superbowl, Summer Olympics, terror attacks, or major crimes. She can travel as close as Ohio or as far Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Conway says that the best part about her job is talking to people from all walks of life. Her favorite celebrity she has meet is Julie Andrews. Katie explained that Andrews is the most real person and she is humble for a celebrity.

Katie doesn't get any time for herself. This is what the job comes with. Yet she loves traveling for GMA and seeing all of the different sites and people. She admits that she loves what she does and wouldn't change it for the world.

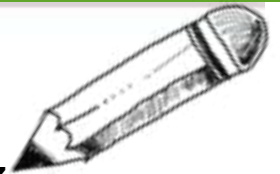
Katie has only one piece of advice for those who want to go into this profession. She states, "Be prepared to work hard and sacrifice. I gave up a lot of social time in college to start working in this industry. While I was doing that, my friends were still enjoying senior year. Be ready to put all of your time into this, but it will eventually be all worth it."



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10 STUDY TIPS



By Megge Sanchez

Join a Study Group

-Forming a study group can really help motivate you study. Explaining difficult concepts out loud will help you figure out what you understand and what you still need to work on.

Know Your Distractions

-It's important to know what will distract you the most and to AVOID THEM AT ALL COSTS!

Take regular breaks

-Give your mind a break. Eat a snack, take a walk, or even better, take a nap. This will help prevent burn out and keep your mind ready for your next study session.

Make use of flashcards

-Flashcards aren't only for vocabulary. Figure out a way to get your information onto the cards.

Set a time schedule that works best for you

-Know your body. Study when you are at your most alert.

DO NOT study everything the night before

-Studying your subject in small chunks will help you memorize more than to cram everything at once the day before.

Don't memorize words, Understand them

-Pay attention to the ideas you're learning, don't try to remember what the words look like. If you know the concept, you'll recognize it on the test no matter how it's worded.

Ask questions!

-If you don't understand something, go up to your teacher and ask them for help.

When taking notes, don't write them word for word

-Use your own words, it will help you think

THINK POSITIVE

-Being positive about school work makes everything much easier.

One Love Manchester

Ariana Grande Holds A Benefit Concert for the May 22nd Manchester Bombing.

By: Maddy Ryder



Above, Left: Miley Cryrus (right) joins Ariana Grande (left) on stage for a song. Above, Right: The crowd cheers along the performers.

Devastation swept the city of Manchester, England the night of May 22nd 2017. At about 10:30 pm a bomb went off outside an Ariana Grande concert, killing 22 and injuring many concert goers. The rest of the night was filled with confusion, chaos, and devastation for everyone involved and around the world.

After many days of investigation police have currently made 17 arrests that are connected to the bombing. Six of them have been released without charge and 11 still remain in custody. Police also announced soon after the attack that ISIS claimed it as their doing. They also discovered that the suicide bombing was carried out by 22-year-old Salman Abedi who was a Manchester native.

This horrific event hit the world as a whole hard. Everyone took to social media to post about their different experiences at the concert, how their coping with loss and shock, and sharing their deepest condolences to the families who were affected by the deaths.

One person that was extremely effected by this event was Ariana Grande herself. Every performer wants their concerts to be a safe and fun place for their fans to come together. So after this, she couldn't help but feel somewhat responsible. Instead of staying silent on the issue, she

took it into her own hands to reach out to fans via social media to discuss what happened and explain how she is doing. She then announced that on June 4th she would hold the "One Love Manchester" benefit concert in which all the money raised would go to the families affected by the May 22nd bombing.

The concert had multiple well known singers preform their own songs, covers of well-known songs, and even preformed duets with Ariana. These celebrities included: Miley Cyrus, Justin Bieber, Mac Miller, Katy Perry, Coldplay, Niall Horan, Imogen Heap and many more.

The concert was streamed live on many different platforms so

people around the world could watch and donate. Before the show Ariana Grande visited multiple fans that were injured from the bombing at the nearby hospital. She spent hours talking to them and their family members. She also made a stop to see and meet the mother of a girl named Olivia who passed away at the horrific Manchester explosion.

The benefit concert began with Ariana's hit "Break Free." She immediately started the show with a happy and upbeat attitude, ensuring that everyone was there to have a good time. The show then proceeded with more performances by Ariana, and then other major celebrities. Each celebrity gave a speech before their performance expressing their love for the city of Manchester. Ariana

also joined in singing one of her songs with a local Manchester high school choir.

In total the event raised 13 million dollars for families affected by the bombing. With love and support from her family, friends, fans, and the city of Manchester, Ariana was able to pull off an amazing show in only 12 days after the attack.

Police are still currently trying to find leads on the attack and how it was executed.

Fans hold up their hand-made posters for the concert.





CHRISTOPHER “BIG BLACK” BOYKINS DIES AT AGE 45

By: Bailey Redy

Reality Television Star, Christopher “Big Black” Boykins, passed away on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017.

Boykin was born in Raleigh, Mississippi. He served in the United States Navy.

In a skit for a DC Shoes movie, Dyrdek hired Boykin to be a bodyguard in order to protect him from security guards. In 2004, they played their characters again in *The DC Video: Deluxe Edition DVD*.

From November 2006 to April 2008, he and Dyrdek starred in the reality television series ‘Rob & Big’ on MTV. Boykin broke two Guinness World Records for peeling and eating three bananas in 1 minute and for the most powdered doughnuts eaten in less than 3 minutes (5 donuts in 2 minutes, 45 seconds).

Boykin launched a clothing brand, Big Black, in 2007. It marketed items such



as T-shirts and hats that bore his catchphrase, “Do Work.”

“My heart is broken. I don’t want to write this post,” Rob Dyrdek wrote on Tuesday. “I don’t want to believe this is reality. I am so thankful for you. We truly were brothers that lived an unexpected unforgettable adventure. I just can’t fathom that it would end so suddenly.”

His ex-wife, Shannon Turley, said the actor had been hospitalized in Plano, TX, for several days while doctors monitored his condition. She said that medical specialists warned he would be placed on the list for a heart transplant soon.

The late Christopher “Big Black” Boykin’s daughter will reportedly be financially well off, TMZ reports. According to the outlet, the Rob and Big reality star set up a

college fund for his 9-year-old daughter, Isis. Big Black will be greatly missed by all ‘Rob & Big’ fans.

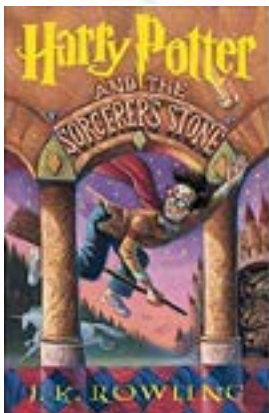
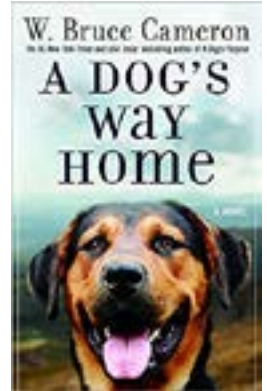
Books to Keep you Reading this Summer

By: Elizabeth Rooney

Before you have to read your summer reading books for school you might as well enjoy reading something for yourself this summer. Here are just some popular books you may see others reading this summer that are perfect for an enjoyable, quick summer read.

A Dog's Way Home *A book for animal lovers!*

From the same author that wrote *A Dog's Purpose* this book shares the story of Lucas Ray who finds a dog Bella, and takes her home with him even though Bella isn't allowed in his apartment. Bella becomes glue to Lucas' side and it becomes more difficult to hide her from the neighbors. Lucas begins to sneak Bella into the VA where he works bringing joy to veterans until Lucas is found out by Animal Control and sent to a foster home. Bella sadden by the separation between them sets out on a dangerous four-hundred-mile journey of the Colorado wilderness. A story for all dog-lovers about loyalty, companionship, and finding your way back home.

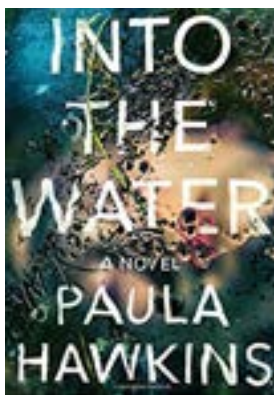
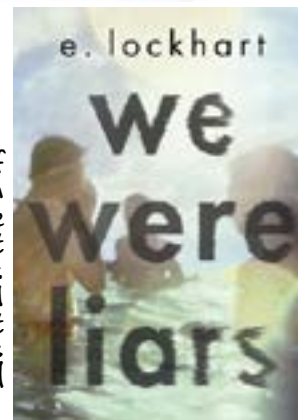


Harry Potter *A childhood favorite of many!*

Always a favorite many enjoy re-reading Harry Potter and revisiting the wizarding world that they escaped to and fell in love with so many years ago. If you were to ask any Harry Potter fan they have probably re-read the series four or five times already. Some people read it again to revisit the story line, others miss the characters, and some just went to read the books that were a part of who they were as a kid. By re-reading this famous series, readers delve back into the fantasy of Hogwarts making them wish it was real, and take in all the details they may or may not have noticed before. A quick enjoyable read for many, the world of Harry Potter is a great summer read to escape from all things realistic and feel like a kid once again.

We Were Liars *An enjoyable quick read with a shocking twist!*

Cadence is part of the Sinclair family. An extremely wealthy family that own a private island, Beachwood Island, off the coast of Massachusetts. They go there every summer and where Cadence and her cousins have grown up through the bad and good times within the Sinclair family, Cadence looks forward to each summer and spending it with "The Liars" (her cousins Johnny and Mirren, Johnny's mother's boyfriend's nephew Gat, and herself). They are all about the same age, and are all extremely close. The books focuses on two summers Cadence's 17th and 15th summer. During her 17th summer she returns to Beachwood after a summer away, and her 15th summer is about an eventful summer that has left her dealing with chronic headaches, unable to remember what happened after a traumatic event to end the summer. Cadence slowly begins to recall the events that occurred that summer as she finds out who she is and where she stands in her family. A suspenseful enjoyable read that you won't be able to put down once you picked it up with an unexpected ending, it has become one of my all-time favorite books.



Into the Water *A mysterious and newly released novel!*

A single mother and a teenage girl both turn up dead at the bottom of the river that runs through down two months apart. They are not the first ones to fall victims to river. A 15-year-old girl is left behind by her parent and friend. Her mother's sister, a stranger to the girl is now taking care of her. Her aunt ran from the town and said she would never come back. With women and girls dying in the river for centuries the police get involved catching many in lies as they try to figure out what happened. A suspenseful story, with twists and turns you may or may not have seen coming is a summer read for anyone wanting a good thriller to read.



Grab You Popcorn, Amy Schumer's At It Again

By: Lauren Fielder

With writer Katie Dippold responsible for movies such as *The Heat* (2013) and *Ghostbusters* (2016), as well as several episodes of the TV series, *Parks and Recreation*, it is no surprise that the new blockbuster movie, *Snatched* starring Amy Schumer and Goldie Hawn, was an all-around hilarious movie.

After getting dumped by her boyfriend, Emily (Amy Schumer) finds herself with an extra ticket to her non-refundable vacation in Ecuador. Desperately, she convinces her tentative mother (Goldie Hawn) to accompany her on her journey into South America. Little do they know, the exotic region they stay is not as safe as they thought, and they end up getting caught up in some terrifying, yet comical, situations.

Along with main characters Amy Schumer and Goldie Hawn, the film features Ike Barinholtz from *Suicide Squad*, Joan Cusack from the *Shameless*, and the well-renowned stand-up comedian, Wanda Sykes. The surprising mix of different comedians made for a unique atmosphere that really contributed to the ambiance of the movie.

More specifically, Amy Schumer's performance was espe-

cially impressive. Her role as a bold, outgoing young 20-year-old with a self-deprecating sense of humor seemed to be tailored to her natural comedic personality. Likewise, Wanda Sykes and Joan Cusack, who played the parts of extremely bizarre tourists staying at the same resort, made the perfect pair - adding in comedic relief throughout the movie.

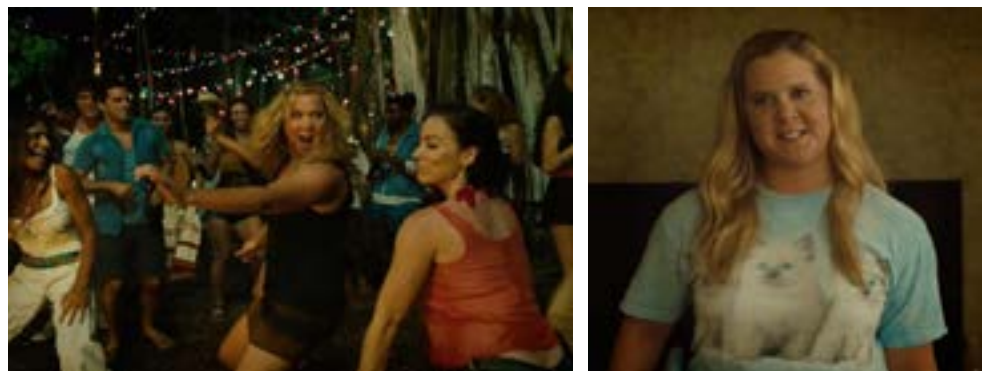
The film totals to about 1 hour and 30 minutes - long enough to be enjoyable with a satisfying conclusion, yet short enough to keep the viewer focused and entertained. The plot is easy to follow, although the more memorable parts of the movie are the silly skits going on alongside the plot.



Above: Joan Cusack (left), Amy Schumer (middle) and Wanda Sykes (right) play out a dramatic scene

Although it is not excessively inappropriate, this is probably not the suitable film to watch with younger children as it does include some cursing and inappropriate themes.

With writer, Katie Dippold's sense of humor, Amy Schumer's flawless acting, and the hilarious cast of various comedians, *Snatched* is a movie that is well worth the cost of your movie ticket.



Above: Some of the scenes from *Snatched* featuring Amy Schumer

ARE YOU LEFT OR RIGHT BRAINED?

Which side of YOUR brain is more dominant? Are you more organized and systematic, or creative and intuitive? Find out with this test!

By Megge Sanchez

Which subjects do you prefer?

- A.) Math or similar academic classes
- B.) Music or similar art classes

Is it easier for you to remember people's names or faces?

- A.) Names
- B.) Faces

Your desk or where you work is

- A.) Neat and organized
- B.) Cluttered with stuff you might need

You prefer

- A.) Total quiet while reading and studying
- B.) Music while reading and studying

You like

- A.) Using the "tried and true" method.
- B.) Creating new methods.



If you have more "A" responses, then you are left-brained dominate.

This means you...

- are very rational
- Analyze people and situations
- Are a sequence thinker
- Use logical reasoning
- Like to work with things that can be seen or touched

If you have more "B" responses, then you are right-brained dominate.

This means you...

- are more creative
- are usually emotional
- Handle situations easily
- like to think abstractly
- enjoy the arts (music, art, drama, etc.)

Look at the chart and say the COLOR not the WORD

YELLOW BLUE ORANGE
 BLACK RED GREEN
 PURPLE YELLOW RED
 ORANGE GREEN BLACK
 BLUE RED PURPLE
 GREEN BLUE ORANGE

Left - Right Conflict

Your right brain tries to say the colour but your left brain insists on reading the word.

FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR "SIDES"

- The right side of your body is controlled by the left side of your brain.
- The left side of your body is controlled by the right side of your brain.
- Most people are left-brain dominate, even people who are left-handed writers.
- The left side of your brain controls speech, reading, writing, and math.
- The right side deals with spatial relationships, abstractions, and your feelings.

Concerts Coming This Summer

By: Rebecca Irizarry

Do you have nothing planned for this summer? Do you want to have a good time with your friends? Do you want to see some of the most well known singers or bands? If you said yes to any of these questions then you should go see one or more of these bands or singers.



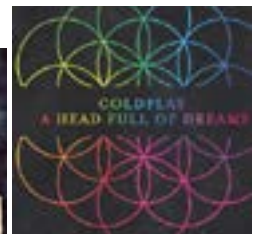
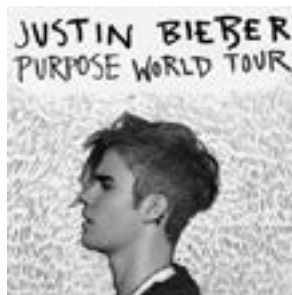
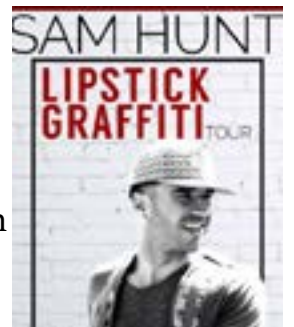
BB & T Pavillion:
 June 17- Florida Georgia Line
 June 18- John Legend
 June 23- Lady Antebellum
 July 14,15- Zac Brown Band
 July 22- One Republic
 August 1- Linkin Park
 August 18- John Mayer
 August 25-Jason Alden



MetLife Stadium:
 August 1- Coldplay
 August 23,24- Justin Bieber

Prudential Center:
 June 4- The Weekend
 July 2- New Kids On The Block
 August 17-Shawn Mendes
 September 15- Bruno Mars

PNC Bank Arts Center:
 June 15- Sam Hunt
 July 7, 8- Zac Brown Band
 July 16- Luke Bryan
 July 28- One Republic
 August 11- Lady Antebellum
 August 17- Florida Georgia Line
 August 19- John Mayer



Prudential Center



THE GUARDIANS ARE BACK!



By: Sarah Langan

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2, directed by James Gunn, was released on the 5th of May, and is an amazing movie for all ages to enjoy. Accompanied by clever humor, astounding special effects, a great cast, and soundtrack; it really is something you can't miss. It introduces a new villain, and brings back old characters, and revives conflicts from the past movie – with so much more.

As someone who isn't a big superhero movie fan, I was surprised to have enjoyed the first movie as much as I did, and the second one as well. With a mixture of comedy, action, romance, and an adorable baby Groot – I highly recommend checking it out if you haven't already, (but you should watch the original beforehand!)

Chris Pratt and Zoe Saldana star in this film as Peter

Quill (Star Lord), and Gamora. Along with them is Dave Bautista as Drax, and Bradley Cooper's voice as Rocket, the not-so-raccoon raccoon, and Vin Diesel voicing baby Groot. They make up the ultimate team called the Guardians of the Galaxy, going to different planets and galaxies facing quarrels no one else will.

This one more dramatic and gives the backstory of the lead, something the first movie was lacking of. Because of this, it really wasn't as funny as the first one, but it unquestionably had its comedic moments.

Filled with brightly colored special effects, and an awesome soundtrack – including songs like: Mr. Blue Sky by Electric Light Orchestra, Fox On the Run by Sweet, and The Chain by Fleetwood Mac (and more).

Still, I did not think it was as good as the first movie's soundtrack, but it definitely suited the film, and was enjoyable.

The center conflict comes with meeting Quill's father, but that's not the only thing that happens. Gamora's sister comes back seeking revenge, and Rocket and Groot find themselves separated from the crew with a surprising new ally, having to once again break out of a messy situation.

The main theme in this film is definitely the importance of family, and who you considered to be in yours. Quill finds out who he really is/where he's from, and Groot has a dance sequence in the first five minutes. So, what's not to enjoy?



Summer Styles

By, Bella Jannarone

As the days get hotter, the time comes to empty your closet of all those bulky sweaters, jeans, and boots. These 2017 summer trends will keep you looking fashionable and cool on those dreadfully hot days.



Every Manasquan High School student knows the struggle of 90-degree weather outside, but shivering in class. Wondering how to stay warm in school and not overheat outside? The answer is simple, layers. Match a t-shirt with a warm flannel, throw on a pair

of shorts, and slide on your flip flops for those hot June days. If your outside, wrap the flannel around your waist to stay cool.

Everyone knows that staying cool at the beach is nearly impossible in August, but

wearing a light crochet bathing suit cover-up will help. This summer is all about bright colors and vintage throwbacks, so throw on that eye-catching cover-up with round sunglasses on your way to the beach. Shoes are optional!



Jumpsuits and rompers may be a little formal for beach days, but are perfect for hot summer nights. For a vintage look, match a denim jumpsuit with a pair of platform shoes to create the perfect 70's throwback. A floral print romper with a plunge neck is an essential this summer. Pair the romper with a funky necklace to make it a little more formal!



A print that your bound to see a lot this summer is gingham. Whether it's a retro one piece, or a simple sun



dress, this pattern is ideal for summer 2017. Yellow is the prominent color of this summer, so match that gingham sundress with bright yellow sandals.

This summer, t-shirts are no longer boring. This trend is all about plain white t-shirts with political and social slogans written right across the chest. At Paris Fashion Week, a Dior model strutted down the runway wearing a shirt t-shirt that had the message, "We Should All Be Feminists." Match a graphic tee with distressed denim shorts for a comfy and casual outfit.

Summer 2017 follows a lot of trends from the 60s and 70s, so make sure to hit up your local thrift store before buying new clothes. Take fashion risks this summer and make these trends your own!

Top 11 Summer Essentials

By: Sarah Higgins & Amanda Karp



15 REASONS WHY CHICKEN NUGGETS ARE BETTER THAN BOYS

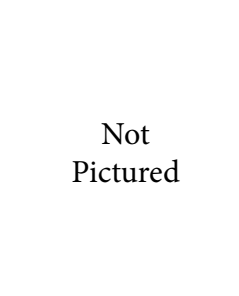
By: Amanda Karp & Sarah Higgins

1. Chicken nuggets will always be there for you when you need them most
2. Chicken nuggets don't play video games
3. Chicken nuggets will always pay attention to you
4. You can't dip boys in honey mustard and eat them like you can with chicken nuggets
5. Chicken nuggets don't care how much you weigh
6. Chicken nuggets don't have a type
7. What you see is what you get with chicken nuggets
8. Chicken nuggets don't mind hanging out with your friends
9. Chicken nuggets will feed you when you're hungry
10. Chicken nuggets will listen to your stories
11. Chicken nuggets will listen to you complain
12. Chicken nuggets aren't moody
13. Chicken nuggets don't forget important dates
14. Chicken nuggets will let you have as many dogs as you want
15. Chicken nuggets don't lie



SENIOR BIRTHDAY'S FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

By: Rebecca Irizarry



Not Pictured



Daniel Mulay- 6/1

Brona Nielsen- 6/7

Stella Clark - 6/8

Jacqueline Kurtz- 6/9

Daley McCallum- 6/10

Patrick Felstedt- 6/11

Shawn Harriman- 6/12

Jeffrey Petrulla- 6/12

Thomas Sheehan- 6/17

Caroline Carter- 6/17

Brady Bresnahan- 6/19

Gerlad Maher- 6/22

Jason Snyder- 6/25

Quinn Giblin- 6/25

Matthew Snyder- 6/25

Padriag Kerrigan- 6/26

Bailey Redy- 6/27

Colin Hersh- 6/27

Kyle Abbott- 6/29

Kathryn Wynd- 6/29

Conner Critchley- 6/29

Bruce Bogan- 6/30

Micheal Beck- 6/30



HOROSCOPES

By: Amanda Karp

Aries

Someone who you haven't talked to in a while will reach out to you, and you should talk with them.

Taurus

The conflict you are dealing with will be resolved, however it may take time for others to see things your way.

Gemini

Though friends may be unavailable for events, it does not mean that they don't care about you.

Cancer

Make sure that your priorities are in check, and that you're taking part in activities that will help your growth as a person.

Leo

There will come a time when you need to make a choice between two things, and the former is the better option.

Virgo

The best way to live a more fruitful life is to accept the challenges that come your way.

Libra

A person who you thought you knew will reveal their true colors, so be warned.

Scorpio

An encounter with someone new will set you down a new path - and it is up to you to decide where this path will take you.

Sagittarius

One of the keys to success is learning from failures, and asking others for help in future endeavors.

Capricorn

Though it is difficult to admit fault in a mistake, owning up to your error will earn you the respect of others.

Aquarius

It is sometimes uncomfortable to interact with people who have exited your life, but putting on a brave face and talking with them may help.

Pisces

The time has come to make a change in your life, and though it may be intimidating, it is necessary, and will have a good result.

A Year in Review: Manasquan Sports Prove They're Still The Best Around

By: Shane Connelly

It's been a fantastic school year for Manasquan High School sports. Our school teams raked in a total of six state championships throughout the fall, winter, and spring seasons, nearly beating MHS's record for most in just one year.

It all started in the fall. The MHS surf team proved once again that they are a force to be reckoned with as they earned their third straight state championship. Keaton Fortney got first place in the men's longboard competition, and newcomer Morgan Iglay won the girls' title. Senior Sebastian Rubio earned fifth in the men's shortboard competition, a competition that Keaton Fortney got third place in. Mr. Buss will be looking to continue the streak next season, but as for this year, the surfers kick started the school's championship run.

Then, the Warrior football team chalked up a 10-2 record on the way to yet another state championship. Coached by Mr. Price, the boys enjoyed dominant wins against Long Branch, Barnegat, Ocean, Middletown North, Matawan, and RBC in the regular season before tearing apart the competition in the playoffs. The largest margin of victory came in the state championship game versus Bernards. The Warriors dominated the Mountaineers by a

Manasquan football is returned to its winning ways this year.



Manasquan's girls continued their championship reign this year.

score of 42-6, earning the second title of the 2016-2017 school year.

Next came winter sports, which brought three more state championships for the trophy case. First came the boys bowling team's title run, led by seniors Austin Devereux and Chris Heilos as well as sophomore Kyle Bauter. The team only lost two games during the season, both of which came against St. Rose. The trio advanced to the Shore Conference Tournament, where they placed second, earning the best finish in the tournament in school history.

Mr. Murin's dominant girls swim team once again crushed opponents on their way to back to back championships. They ended their season with a perfect 12-0 district record, and an impressive 14-1 overall record. Kathryn Petrone, Sarah Brennan, and Maria Schobel dominated in their match for the title versus West Windsor-Plainsboro South, and the girls brought the title back to MHS, marking the fourth of the year.

One of Manasquan's most powerful teams is our amazing girls basketball team. Throughout the past four years, the girls have been fantastic, and this season, the last for seniors Stella Clark, Victoria Galvan, Annie Heenan, Addie Masonius and Nikki Stevens, was another one for the record books. The girls, ranked #2 in NJ.com's Top 20 teams in the state, ended their high school

careers with their fourth championship victory, an extremely impressive feat for them and the team around them.

Finally, Manasquan's most recent victory came from the baseball team. The boys fought hard all season to qualify for states, and once they reached their goal, they turned up the heat. The team won when it mattered most and made it to the championship game, where they faced off against West Deptford. In a tight game, senior Connor Muly managed to pitch a shutout, allowing only three hits and striking out six batters. Damaso Jaime scored the winning run in the 1-0 game thanks to Alex Galvan, who went two for three on the day. The win marked the first championship since 1986 for Manasquan baseball, and the sixth and final title of the magnificent 2016-2017 school year. They followed that exciting victory with two more triumphs, ending the season as the overall Group II state champs.

There's no doubt that this year has been one of the best in school history for our athletics. For the seniors on each team, they ended their high school careers in the best way possible, and for everyone here at MHS, it's something that we'll all remember and yet another reason to have pride in your school.

The boys bowling team had a remarkable season and made school history.





Boys Lax Wins First Shore Conference Title Ever!

By: Bailey Redy

Joe Tonkovich, also known as Tonk, isn't a name you think of first when you think of a game win for the Warriors. Although this underdog is leading the team in assists this year with 34, you might think of the Birch brother duo ripping goals or the unstoppable goalie skills of Tom Pollock. Tonk was in the right place at the right time to score Manasquan's winning goal with 44 seconds left in the biggest win and first Shore Conference Title in Manasquan Lacrosse history.

Manasquan's 8-7 win ended miraculously with 3 swift passes from James Pendergast to Jarrett Birch, Jarrett to Canyon Birch, then to Tonkovich for a lofty goal just outside the crease, for the win.

"Senior year to get the win and have the game-winning goal, it's a great feeling," Tonkovich, who scored twice in the win, said. "It's awesome."

Rumson-Fair Haven opened the 1st quarter with a quick three goals from Charlie Curran, Bryan Hess and Colin Pavluk to put Manasquan in an early deficit.



Above: Coach Cunningham prepares his Warriors for the game of their lives. Below: Warriors celebrate their first Shore Conference Title.



Manasquan regained form in the 2nd quarter. After a late 1st quarter goal from Pat Felstedt, the Warriors struck for three goals in the second quarter, two from Devan Carroll and one from Jarrett Birch, to take the lead at 4-3.

Tides turned in the third

quarter when Rumson boys found the back of the net three times to take a 6-4 lead until the end of the third quarter when Canyon assisted Tonkovich to narrow the loss to one goal.

Jarrett tied the game with 5:30 remaining in the fourth quarter. Senior Devan Carroll followed with his third goal of the game giving the Warriors a 7-6 lead.

With just a minute left, Rumson's Charlie Curran tied the game, 7-7.

When tension was rising and the game came closer to an end, the Warriors stepped up and worked together to put the ball in the back of the net, for the biggest win of their careers.

"This was as good of a game as I've ever been a part of," Coach Cunningham said. "We definitely earned this tonight,

but Rumson did just as much and very easily could have won this."

The boys look forward to a possible rematch against the Rumson Bulldogs in the Group II State Final where the Warriors will seek to defend the title on May 25th.

The Generation of Super-Teams is Killing the NBA

By: Shane Connelly

To the surprise of absolutely no one, the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Golden State Warriors will be facing off in the NBA Finals for the third consecutive year. These two super-teams have coasted through the entire season in anticipation of a championship rematch, and now it's finally set to occur.

There's no denying that this matchup should provide some great basketball, but shouldn't we as fans have more to look forward to than one series in June? Let's face it. The NBA playoffs have been downright boring this year, and any signs of change aren't obvious at this time.

Who's to blame for all this? Well, veterans have always been known to chase rings in the twilight of their careers, so it makes sense that they'd hop on a successful team such as the San Antonio Spurs, the Cavs, or the Warriors to try to get that coveted championship before heading into retirement. But to find what sparked the super-team era, we'll have to look back to a decade ago.

In 2007, the Boston Celtics traded for sharpshooter Ray Allen and later All-Star big man Kevin Garnett. These two joined forces with Boston's star Paul Pierce to form the original "Big 3." Then in 2010, LeBron James, the best player in the NBA, announced his decision to "take [his] talents to South Beach" and join his friends Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh on the Miami Heat, once again forming a dominant team of All-Stars.

The super-teams won one and three NBA titles respectively, and their success certainly caught the attention of the rest of the NBA. Executives realized that their teams needed more than just one superstar to get an NBA title.

That leads us to where we are now. The Cavs and the Warriors have rosters outlined by some of the best talents in the NBA and vets who can still contribute on a nightly basis. Kevin Durant's summer decision to join the Warriors, a team that already

consisted of stars such as Steph Curry, Klay Thompson, and Draymond Green, all but ensured a return to the Finals. The Cavs mostly kept their core group but added veterans Kyle Korver, Deron Williams, and Derrick Williams to the mix, giving them a more experienced bench.

Like I said, it should make for a great series. However, it's pretty disheartening being a fan of the 28 other teams in the league and knowing that unless you land a few superstars through the draft or free agency, you're pretty much competing for third place.

The Boston Celtics this year have given Cleveland the most trouble in the playoffs and that was just one game in which the Cavaliers were off their game. The lack of competition is bad for the league. For example, the Washington Wizards and the Boston Celtics' Eastern Conference Semifinals series went to 7 games, which normally would make for some great TV, but it's importance is significantly nullified when you realize that this game will only decide who the Cavs are going to beat before heading back to the Finals.

Sure, like any other sport, you can never fully count a team out on any day, but unlike in football, which has single-elimination playoff games, it's pretty uncommon for the better team to lose, especially in a 7 game series.

That's not to say that playoff series are boring, as there have been many historically great series over the years, but in order for the NBA to reach the level of parity of the NFL, something has to change. It's much easier to break up the super-teams rather than change a historic piece of NBA history.

Is it possible for the NBA to disperse its superstars for a more even playing field? Will the stars do it themselves? Are we in for a generation of super-teams? The answers are unclear to all of these questions, but one thing is for certain: it feels like ages ago that David Stern blocked the Chris Paul trade to the LA Lakers for "basketball reasons."

Prepare For Impact: D3O's Product is the Latest Advancement in Impact Protection



By: Shane Connelly

One of the latest advancements in the scientific realm is a unique chemical compound that could be a game changer for blue-collar workers, contact sports players, and even the United States armed forces. The substance is a non-Newtonian fluid which hardens when impacted, and it has the potential to prevent severe injuries in sports and in the workforce.

The company behind this product, D3O, has been working with what they call "advanced polymer chemistry" in order to perfect the technology. Their team of scientists tweak the blending of the polymers that are concocted to create the protective substance so that it is as safe and reliable as it can possibly be, thus making it a viable product to present to sports leagues such as the NFL and NHL as well as our country's military.

The wide range of the product nearly guarantees success for the company. Unlike the gimmicky infomercial products that advertise joint protection of blue collar workers, D3O's formula has science to back it up. US troops will be able to wear the padding on their joints and have it line their helmets for added protection to the men and women who serve our country.

The company even protects everyone's prized possession: their cellphones. They have designed shock proof cases for smart phones, tablets, and laptops using the same technology implemented in their impact-protecting pads.

D3O is providing a product that could be the answer to the concussion issue that currently plagues the NFL. Players are retiring after only a few seasons playing professional football because of the active research regarding concussions and the alarming facts that are coming to light.

Promising young stars like San Francisco 49ers LB Chris Borland, who retired after just one season of impressive play, are leaving the sport in order to avoid the long term effects of getting concussed on the field. The discovery of chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) in former legends Junior Seau

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Below left: The Cavaliers keep building for more titles. Below right: The Warriors are public enemy #1 in the NBA right now, thanks to their All-Star lineup.





Gladden Takes Triple Jump Champion Title

By: Bella Jannarone

On Saturday, May 27th junior Justin Gladden took home the sectional Group II South Jersey championship for the triple jump. This event includes a quick sprint followed by a “hop, skip, and a jump.”

According to track coach Ms. Z, Justin has been practicing the triple jump since freshman year. Because of injuries both freshman and sophomore year, this was Justin’s first year competing in this event for the full season. He also competed in the long jump.

Just half way through the track season, Justin broke the school triple jump record and then continued to break it again later in the season.

The night before the State sectional competition, Justin ate lots of food and took a relaxing ice bath to prepare for the event and of course, ate a breakfast of

champions on Saturday morning.

Feeling nervous and excited, Justin set off for the first jump of the day. He stretched out his legs and marked his take off spot on the track using the team’s “lucky puppy dog tape.” He started off with a sprint, took off with his right foot and landed the three jumps in a squat.

After completing his jump, it was measured out to be 44 feet 10 inches.

When first hearing this result, Justin said he, “was shocked,” and even though it was only his first jump of the day, “I was confident that I just won the whole thing.”

Because this first jump was just in the qualifying round, Justin competed again in the finals. This time, he jumped 42 feet. His jump in the qualifying round won him the sectional Group II South Jersey final, with second place a whole foot behind.

His performance on Saturday also landed him a spot on the All-Shore team. First team All-Shore is a huge accomplishment, placing

him among the best in Monmouth and Ocean counties. Coincidentally, Justin’s cousin, Marvin Morgan, also has a spot on the team for the 100-meter dash.

Proud of his achievement, Justin claims that this year isn’t the end for him. His goals for next year are to beat his personal record, win sectionals again, and make first team All-Shore again!

Below: Justin (bottom left) poses with other first team All-Shore track athletes.



D3O Impact Protection

and Mike Webster, both of which were severely affected by the disease, has sent a shockwave through the NFL, and its impact is spreading swiftly to other sports.

Most notably, the 2015 film Concussion informed the entire nation of the NFL’s attempt to suppress the studies of CTE by Dr. Bennet Omalu (played by Will Smith). The award winning movie turned many heads and exposed the dishonesty of the front office of the NFL, enraging fans worldwide.

Head injuries are a continuous focus of doctors worldwide. Repeated im-

pacts to the head and neck area lead to nothing but problems down the road, and sports leagues as well as independent companies like D3O are finally doing something to solve the problem of preservation of the brains of people in all different fields.

D3O’s product is just what the NFL needs to show the public that they actually are looking into solutions to the concussion epidemic.

The fans are losing faith in the league, and athletes are turning to other sports in fear of ending up crippled or worse, dead. The ball is in the league’s court, and it is up to the front office to finally start making the necessary moves to benefit player safety in the long run before the sport as a whole dies off.



Above (left): Under Armour employs D3O technology in their football undershirts. (Center): An example of D3O’s industrial apparel. (Right): D3O teamed up with Schutt to create their helmet that features the custom padding.

NFL Offseason Winners and Losers

By: Shane Connelly

The offseason is a time filled with hope for many NFL teams and fans alike. Teams at the top look to maintain their core group of talent while rebuilding teams look to add the missing pieces that can turn them into playoff contenders. Of course, not every team will have a great offseason, as there's only so many top tier talents in the NFL, so I'll be breaking down which teams made great moves and which teams failed to improve their roster.

Winners



1. The **BROWNS** have been perennial bottom dwellers in the NFL for a decade now, but after acquiring head coach Hue Jackson and general manager Sashi Brown last offseason, things are looking up in Cleveland. After trading their number two overall selection in last year's draft to Philadelphia, passing on quarterback prospect Carson Wentz, the Browns were loaded with picks going into the 2017 draft. They came away with dominant edge rusher Myles Garrett, electrifying safety Jabrill Peppers, and a huge target for whoever their QB is in tight end David Njoku. The team also added Notre Dame QB DeShone Kizer in the second round, but don't expect him to see the field right away, as second year pro Cody Kessler should be the starter week one. Add a successful draft to the additions of veteran wideout Kenny Britt and the re-signing of guard Joel Bitonio and you've got a pretty successful offseason for the Browns.



2. Complete opposites of the Browns, the **PACKERS** have been contenders for years with QB Aaron Rodgers leading the pack, but participating in free agency hasn't been much of a priority for GM Ted Thompson. This year, however, the team spent some cap and signed top TE Martellus Bennett, adding to an already prolific offense. They also made sure to re-sign pass rusher Nick Perry, who's coming off a career year in 2016 in which he tallied 11 sacks and 1 interception. Thompson selected defensive players with the Packers' first four picks in the draft and also drafted three RBs. Jamaal Williams out of BYU is the one I'd expect to fill Eddie Lacy's role as the thunder to Ty Montgomery's lightning. Overall, the Packers gained depth in positions they needed while also adding a few starters, and barring injury, look to be Super Bowl contenders for the 2017 NFL season.

1. The **CHIEFS** are one of my losers of the offseason due to their stagnancy. Instead of using their draft picks to improve right away in one of the most competitive divisions in football, they spent draft capital to trade up to tenth overall and take their perceived QB of the future Patrick Mahomes II. I'm personally a huge fan of Mahomes, as I think he certainly has the arm talent to succeed in the league, but he will not supplant Alex Smith as Kansas City's starter this year. It's certainly always good to prepare for the future, but this move feels a bit too early for the Chiefs, who could have spent the picks they traded on guys who could've made an impact right away. Kansas City should be in win-now mode, especially when they're in a division where three of the four teams were in the playoff picture last season.



2. The 2012 Super Bowl season feels like ages ago for the Baltimore **RAVENS**. Since that miraculous run, the Ravens have made the playoffs just once. The struggling offense lost some more familiar faces this offseason, and they don't exactly have their replacements lined up just yet. Tackle Rick Wagner's departure to Detroit adds another hole to an already porous offensive line, and the Ravens top receiver Steve Smith, Sr. hung up the cleats after 16 years as a pro. The team did make a splash in free agency, adding safety Tony Jefferson to an already stout defense, and veteran RB Danny Woodhead also made his way to Baltimore, where he'll most likely split carries with fellow RBs Terrance West and Kenneth Dixon (once Dixon returns from his four game suspension). The draft also bolstered the defensive side of the ball, with the first four picks being spent on that aspect, so it's obvious that the 2017 Ravens will be heavily reliant on their defense to keep them in games throughout the season. Fans in Baltimore might have to wait another year before seeing their team back in the playoffs.



Losers

The Yankees and Fans Say Thanks to Derek Jeter for all the Memories

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It was the day that celebrates mothers everywhere, but in one place, it was a whole different day. In the Bronx it was a day that celebrated a New York icon as New Yorkers and baseball fans everywhere celebrated Yankee great Derek Jeter, on May 14th, Derek Jeter Day, as the Yankees retire their last remaining single digit number, number 2.

As the 22nd Yankee to have his number retired Jeter specifically asked for Mother's Day. He wanted this day as a way to pay tribute to his mom and his family and everything they have done for him throughout his baseball career.

At the conclusion of game one of the Sunday double header Yankees fans not only celebrated a late rally to win 11-6, but Yankees fans got ready as the field was prepped for the ceremony that would immortalize Derek Jeter in Yankee history.

As 6:30 got closer and closer the anticipation for many fans grew. For many it was watching their childhood role model they love take their rightful place in Monument Park. For others, it was paying respect to a baseball player with class that grew up right in front of them that they learned to admire and love.

The sold-out crowd of Derek Jeter fans were asked to be seated before 6:30 before the start of the ceremony. The ceremony began with Derek Jeter and his family: his wife Hannah, his parents Charles and Dorothy Jeter, sister Sharlee, nephew Jalen, and grandmother Dorothy Connors in Monument Park. Derek Jeter unveiled his number two plague as it was announced to the crowd. The crowd erupted in the Yankee stadium famous roll call of "De-rek Je-ter!" as they saw Derek Jeter reveal his retired number and take pictures with his family taking in his moment.

As the crowd chanted a video tribute of Jeter's 20 years as a Yankee is played on the big screen. The tribute highlighted Jeter's career and who he was as a baseball player. Not forgetting his most iconic moments including Mr. November, "The Flip" coming out of the stands like he was in a boxing match, homering to reach 3,000 hits, and last unbelievable moment only Derek Jeter could create of his walk-off single in his final at bat at his final home game.

The Yankees invited players, coaches, and Yankees employees that have helped and been there

for Jeter throughout his career. YES announcer Michael Kay and Yankees radio announcer John Sterling introduced them all. First introduced were the people that helped and influenced Jeter along his career They included: Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson, former Yankees player and coach Willie Randolph, Gary Denbo who was Jeter's first pro manager at Class A Greensboro, the area scout agent that signed Jeter Dick Groch, former head athletic trainer Gene Monohan, and the wife of former Yankees coach Don Zimmer, Jean Zimmerman.

Derek's teammates in attendance were David Cone, Tino Martinez, Hideki Matsui, Jorge Posada, Paul O'Neil, Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera, Bernie Williams, and Gerald Williams. Current manager of the Yankees and Jeter's teammate Joe Girardi was also called onto the field in addition to Jeter's longtime manager Joe Torre.

Jeter and his family are introduced



and walk to their seats on the field. A message is played from former Yankees captain Don Mattingly who couldn't be there in person.

Jeter unveiled his plague that will now be in Monument Park and laughed as the announcers read what was said on it. The reason behind Jeter's laughter, he was pleased by the way his face looked on the plague adding Bernie had a mole, Andy had a big nose, and Jorge had big ears.

Following the unveiling of the plague Jeter received several generous gifts from the Steinbrenner family. He was gifted replicas of his number and plague and a milestone career diamond ring. Jeter was also given the Monument Park Blazer. This blazer is given to any Yankee whose number has been retired. It was presented by former Yankees Carlos Beltran and it was his idea of the blazer.

Jeter then made his way to the podium to address the fans in attendance and the fans listening everywhere. Jeter first and foremost thanked the Steinbrenner family, his family, friends, teammates, and of course the fans. He then went on to say how grateful he was of what the Steinbrenner family

has done for him and how important being a Yankee has been to him.

"You know you play here in New York for 20 years, I learned that time flies, memories fade, but family is forever and I'll be eternally grateful to be a part of the Yankees family."

Jeter then honestly added he



wouldn't want a different life than the one he has had, not wanting to change a thing about his career or his life.

"There isn't a person or player I would trade places with that's playing now or ever. And the reason why I say that is because I got the chance to play for a first-class organization and in front of the greatest fans in the history of sports."

Lastly he thanked the fans one more time. Following his speech, which he later admitted was off the cuff Jeter throw out the ceremonial first pitch, but not before practicing beforehand. The fans gave Jeter one final standing ovation.

Derek Jeter Day was everything the Yankees wanted it to be. It was a day that celebrated a person who is arguably one of the most respected athletes in sports let alone baseball. An achievement well deserved for someone who will be continued to be loved and admired by fans for years to come.



Above: Derek Jeter and his nephew Jalen in front of his #2 plague in Monument Park

