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# Manasquan High School The Blue & Gray

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# MHS Receives College Board Recognition for Outstanding AP Scores

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**MANASQUAN  
HIGH SCHOOL**

By: Jane Clark and Packy Levin

Manasquan High School finds itself on a very exclusive list. The school is one of 539 from the United States and Canada to be honored by the College Board on its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual AP District Honor Roll.

To earn this honor Manasquan not only had to increase its access to Advance Placement courses, but also the amount of students that earned scores of 3 on the AP Exam had to increase. This can be described as an "ideal situation" for a school's AP program.

Manasquan shares this distinction with 5% of districts across the nation. More specifically Manasquan is one of thirty-four districts in New Jersey to get this honor and one of three schools in Monmouth County.

It seems each year Manasquan's AP scores improve. Since 2007 the number of students getting 4's and 5's on the test increased from 28% to 55%. Manasquan has also seen an increase of 74.5% in the number of students taking tests.

Jason Bryant, teacher of the AP World History and AP US History courses here at Manasquan High School, feels that the AP testing results validate the school - the work that all of the teachers do, not only the work of the AP teachers but also the teachers that prepare students to take AP classes, and the students who work very hard. "It is very reflective of the talented teachers and students across the board," says Mr. Bryant upon discussing the unbelievable results of the AP tests at Manasquan High

## College Board: Manasquan in top 5%



**CollegeBoard**  
Advanced Placement  
Program

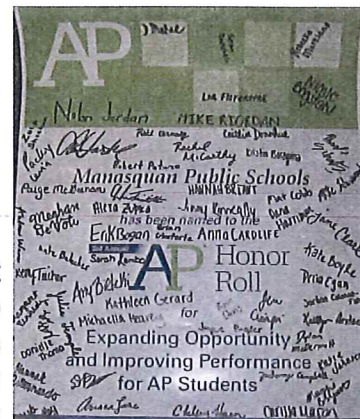
School just last year.

"I am proud that I could contribute to such an honor," says AP test taker, Dan Galvin, after signing the Annual AP District Honor Roll poster that is now hanging in center hallway. Mr. Coppola has

been asking that all students that took an AP test last year and those that will be taking an AP test this year to sign the poster.

As the year progresses everyone at Manasquan High School hopes this year's group of AP test takers can do as well as last year. AP Spanish teacher Mrs. Eldridge warns all seniors to avoid getting senioritis. "They can enjoy their time after the AP test," says Mrs. Eldridge. Mr. Bryant also urges students to "read and write and then read and write again!"

Manasquan High School faculty, staff, and students are looking forward to maintaining their position on the College Board's annual district honor roll. AP students are working to receive high scores on their Spring AP exams, and many non AP students are working to prepare for AP classes that they can take in years to come.



The MHS website feature the 5% accomplishment; AP students signed the Honor Roll Poster sent by College Board to MHS

**Squan  
Scores  
Big on  
AP Exams**

## SQUAN-A-THON IS COMING!

Reminder to all students participating in Squan-a-Thon that the deadline for your \$200 minimum is **January 4th!** That is the **friday** we return from Holiday Break. This is a perfect opportunity to get your donations, as you will probably be seeing many friends and family! People are always in a giving spirit this time of year!

Good luck and remember the children we will be helping!



# Homecoming Week

## Lifts Spirits At Manasquan

### Night of Hall Decorating Transforms MHS

By: Kelly Pretz



This year's hall decorating was out of this world! Each hallway expressed the classes' original and unique ideas, ranging from aliens to leprechauns.

The freshman were the "Frost Freshman".

Streamers, snowmen, trees and snow-edged lockers made it appear as a winter wonderland. Snowflakes drifted onto the lockers with the names of each student.

Sophomores sported shamrocks as the "Luck of the Sophomores". The Irish flag took over the hallway as the lights and gold coins twinkled like a pot of gold. Two Irishmen dressed in Squan and Wall characters stood outside the entrance, fists raised. In the gym a rainbow balloon chain and lucky charms were some of the decorations that represented the green theme.

Juniors were waving the British flag as the "Union Jack Juniors". A London skyline with double-decker buses and taxis followed you down the red hallway. Cups of tea with the British flag lined the lockers with the names of the junior class. The entrance stated "Long Live the Juniors" and behind had the Olympic symbol for the games which were played most recently in London. In the hallway the many representations of theme were shown included the famous Beatle's Abbey Road.



The seniors won the hall decorating contest as "Seniors in Space". An alien greeted students as they entered while constellations and planets hung over the heads of students as they walked down the hall. The gym had stars strung above the seniors as well as Star Wars music playing in the hall which set the tone of outer space.

Each and every hallway was visionary and unlike any hall from previous years. Great job from everyone who participated and helped out.

### Seniors Kick **Asstroid** In Pep Rally

By: Michaela Heavey

On Wednesday, November 21st, the Manasquan High School gym was filled with anticipation as students anxiously awaited the annual pep rally games. Whether a Frosty Freshman, Shamrock Soph, Union Jack Junior or Senior in Space, each and every student was riled up and ready to play. Though all students brought out their competitive spirits, there was one class that was not going to accept any losses this year: the seniors. Based on evidence from past pep rallies, it is clear why other classes did not see the Senior class as a threat, as the Class of 2013 has experienced many devastating losses. However, this year the seniors pulled together and became one, which ultimately resulted in success.

Though the pep rally is not until Wednesday of Homecoming Week, the excitement truly begins Tuesday night, when members of each class gather to decorate their specific hallway and area in the gym according to their designated color and theme. This year was truly a year of firsts, as the Freshman Class won first place for their area in the gym, which was decked out with blow up figures and lights. Their win shocked the school, as it is not usual that freshmen come out with a win being new to the school and not yet knowing the ropes. However, their win was well deserved as they successfully turned their portion of the gym into a Winter Wonderland. This year was also the first time

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# Senior Girls Knock The Knickers Off the Union Jack Juniors

By: Caroline Petrone

The powder puff game is an event at Manasquan High School that allows the gender roles to switch in the Junior and Senior grades. The girls play football and the guys become the cheerleaders. Rivalries, competition, and athleticism are the key characteristics that come out in all the girls.

On Wednesday, November 21, 2012 right after the pep rally every grade made their way out to the Vic Kubu football field. To start the game off the junior girls ran out onto the field together wearing white long sleeve shirts, red shorts, and red headbands. Next, it was the seniors' time to shine. The band slowly began to play the *Jaws* theme that they play for every game. The senior girls slowly walked out. They made a giant huddle before running

out onto the field. "We got this!" and "This is our game" were some of the words the girls were chanting. The band got louder and louder

and the senior girls ran out onto the field ripping the banner that said "Seniors" in big black lettering.

The senior girls wore blue long sleeves, blue headbands, black shorts, and blue socks.

Before the game began the junior girls had won the coin toss and chose to receive the ball first. The 11 girls from the junior side and 11 girls from the senior side lined up ready for kick off.

Mr. Fenchel blew the whistle and the game began.

Throughout the game there were many great plays made by both the juniors and seniors. The seniors scored a touchdown within the first half of the game. After half time both teams made their way back out onto the field. A touchdown was scored by the juniors

right away. This made the seniors very nervous that this could be the first year the seniors would lose in



Senior Caroline Petrone charges onto the field, leading the seniors into battle against the rival juniors.

powder-puff. There was no way they were going to let that happen. After a few plays Leanna Casale ran through the defensive line and scored the seniors' second touchdown. It was a victory for the seniors.

After the game was over all the junior girls and senior girls lined up to shake hands and show sportsmanship to one another. "Good Job," "Great game," were words spoken between the two grades.

Many of the people thought that it was debatable on who won the game. "They didn't favor a team. There was no favoritism between the refs and the players," said senior Allyson Latourette. Senior Kaleigh Jordan added, "They made unfair calls to both teams so it was fair in the end."

The junior girls did not feel the same way that Allyson and Kaleigh did. Junior Katie Barnes, starred at quarterback for the junior team, said "I thought it was unfair. Some of the calls were questionable."

All in all both teams played a fair and good game and the seniors put another win under their belts. Best of luck next year to the juniors! Keep the senior winning streak a tradition!



## Random Drug Testing update

As of December 11, 105 students have been randomly selected for drug testing so far this year; of those, 8 have tested positive. This equates to a 92% passing rate, and 8% drug test failure rate.

Happy Holidays,  
MHS!

Enjoy vacation, and  
be safe.





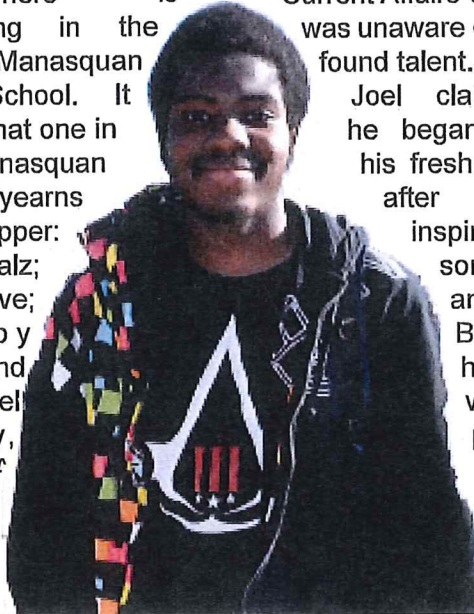


# Student Spotlight

## Joel Harvey

By: Sean Tobin

There is something in the water at Manasquan High School. It seems that one in ten Manasquan alumni yearns to be a rapper: Young Palz; Man Rave; D - B a b y Slice; and now Joel Harvey, A K A Jarul.



Joel Harvey

attended Brielle Elementary School, where he was known as a quiet kid with an awesome laugh. By 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Joel began to come out of his shell, occasionally reading poetry in class, or showing off his awesome artwork. However, high school seemed to put Joel under the radar. Almost no one knows of Joel's hidden talent: rapping.

"He's a great kid," said Mr. Valentine about Joel, "He's incredibly smart and talented—not to mention respectful." Mr. Valentine sees Joel in his

Current Affairs class, and was unaware of his new found talent.

Joel claims that he began rapping his freshman year after becoming inspired by the song "Black and Yellow." Before that, he merely wrote poetry about everyday life. Joel doesn't use

beats, but would love to use them in the future. His favorite song so far is his own "School's Out," which he wrote his sophomore year as school was coming to an end.

As one could imagine, rhymes are constantly flowing through Joel's head. Even as he's riding his bike to places like Asbury Park, or the Monmouth Mall, raps are on Joel's mind. Joel has what it takes to be genuine.

At right, one of Joel's raps is reproduced from an old issue of *The Blue & Gray*.

## Emotions

By: Joel Harvey

Emotions, they are a mystery  
I don't know much about the history;  
The thought of knowing about the mind—  
Who knows what you might find?

Here we have the feeling of happiness  
It makes you feel good with all the niceness;  
Now we have the feeling of sadness  
Its happiness covered in darkness.

Then there's hate  
It's something that the past can relate;  
No one likes that word  
It's a feeling that's too disturbed.

The opposite of hate is love  
It goes on like the sky above;  
The say that love is powerful  
A feeling, they say, that is wonderful.

Now, we have the feeling of rage  
Common in any age;  
It mostly happens to teens and adults  
It always has bad results.

Everybody likes the feeling of joy  
It's a warm feeling for girl or for boy;  
It's also part of the feeling of life  
For a new born baby, husband and wife.

The world of feelings has been going on  
Forever, since the break of dawn.



# History National Honors Society Takes Root in MHS

By: Caroline Duerr

Back in October Manasquan High School Seawant chapter of Rho Kappa Honor Society held their first induction at the Manasquan Women's Club. These new members applied for the Honors Society last June under the encouragement of Mr. Fagen and Mr. Bryant. The two history teachers are involved with the MHS History Club, which they now expanded into a National Honors Society. There are now 51 active MHS members of this national organization, dedicating their time and over-achievement to the community.

"I wanted to make the existing history club part of a nationally recognized organization. These kids work so hard, especially over the years, and notability is what they deserve," said Mr. Fagen, when asked about his great enthusiasm and dedication toward bettering the organization.

Principal Coppola is very proud to have a program where students' achievements are brought to light. When asked about the organization, Mr. Coppola replied, "The History National Honor Society is another opportunity for us to recognize academic excellence. Mr. Fagen's vision will allow many students to be celebrated for their academic success in this area."

For those who are unaware of what this organization is all about, Rho Kappa Honor society was created by the National Council for the Social Studies and is a recognition program for high school students in grades 11-12. The Rho Kappa National Advisory Committee establishes the national standards for all Rho Kappa chapters across the country. Local Chapters create their own bylaws that must be consistent with and comply with the Rho Kappa national constitution. Membership in Rho Kappa is an honor based upon a student's accomplishments in the field of social studies and overall academic achievement.

The local chapter for Manasquan was named "Seawant." This is a Dutch word meaning Wampum. Wampum is a shell that served as money for Native Americans. This named was used as a way to acknowledge Manasquan's origin involving the Dutch



History teachers Mr. Fagen and Mr. Bryant spearheaded the formation of a History National Honors Society

and Native American roots.

The afternoon of the induction, at the Women's Club, parents gathered, teachers and head supervisors awaited their MHS scholars, and students prepared themselves for an day of great importance. A few speakers kicked off the induction, which was then followed by each student dropping their own seashell into a jar, which represented his/her entrance as a member of the Honor Society. After the ceremony was over, they all walked over to the Manasquan Historic Society and presented a banner honoring all the MHS alumni who serve in the military.

Senior Kate Badecker was inducted at the ceremony and has been quite an active member. When asked to comment on the organization she stated, "Being

part of the organization is both important to me as it is enjoyable. We have learned so much information about our community and just history in general. We are hosting a dance at Fairway Mews, in Spring Lake Heights so we can get the senior citizens involved, too."

Students eligible for membership must be in attendance at the school for the equivalence of one semester; complete four semesters of courses in the field of social studies and be prepared to complete at least six semesters; and an overall GPA of 3.00 or the numerical equivalence. The application process requires candidates to show participation in activities that demonstrate civic engagement in the school or community and their desire and aspiration to be a member of the organization. Also, all applicants must have a letter of recommendation from a current faculty member.

Everything from years of hard work to the cut and dried eligibility to even qualify for the organization, as well as tenaciously giving back to the community, are necessary to be a member of this impressive organization. We can agree that whatever comes to these diligent young scholars, they deserve every last accolade for their achievement.



# SURVIVING SANDY

By: Michaela Heavey

Looking back to the days before Sandy struck her wrath against the Jersey Shore, many can recall claiming "Hurricane Sandy is not going to be that bad." Seeing the damage now, anyone living within the sending districts would take back what they had said in a heartbeat. With boardwalks torn into ruins, houses condemned and lives lost, to say that Hurricane Sandy was a disaster would be an understatement. Senior Zach Campbell of Belmar and his family did not see Sandy as a threat. Though living only blocks away from the beach and knowing that the hurricane would make landfall close to his home, T h e Campbell's believed that the consequences of Sandy were not going to be worth evacuating their home. Because Zach's brother is a local police officer and his father is head of the department for public works, he and his mother agreed that if trouble arose, reaching safety would not be a difficult feat; little did they know, however, the damages soon to come. When asked about his experience with the storm, Zach explained that it only took around twenty minutes for the ocean water that had submerged the streets to rise, along with his family's panic. The water quickly came rushing into the Campbell's home, and proved to be unstoppable after several attempts by Zach's family to blockade the doors. It was then that Zach and

his mother knew they needed to call for help.

Their first attempt at a rescue was by Zach's father, who tried to reach their flooded house by driving a large truck; however, the water in the streets was several feet high, rendering the truck useless against the tide. The second attempt at rescue, though risky, was ultimately successful. Zach and his mother were rescued at separate times by first-aid responders, in which they were forced to ride a body board attached to a jet ski through the dangerous streets of Belmar to safety. Though Zach and his family in the end were safe, their home and belongings fell victim to Sandy's wrath. The Campbell family lost two cars, and the water that had completely submerged their basement destroying their washer, dryer, freezer and refrigerator.

Though replacing these items will cost a lot of money to replace, the most valuable items that were lost were their memories. The Campbell family's collection of home videos and photographs once kept in the basement is now destroyed.

Zach sets an example for the rest of the community as despite all of his loss, Zach, along with many members of the Manasquan High School football team who have been victimized by Sandy, volunteered their time to the community torn into ruins.

Below: 8th ave in Belmar under water.



## Coming Together After Sandy

By: Kelly Pretz

The devastation of Sandy has left countless homeless, broken, and hopeless. Major and permanent damage has affected numerous homes and debris still covers the ground as a crude reminder for what occurred on October 29th. Many people have lost everything, including their lives. However, this period of recovery has brought together the community and the country in an effort to give support and provide services



Volunteers come from all over to help local victims of the Super Storm



to help through these hardships.

Many local restaurants such as Seabreeze Deli, Jersey Shore BBQ and 10th Ave. Burrito have been providing those in need with a hot meal. They have been able to prepare meals free of charge to the community through food donations. Some have collected donations for the restoration of the towns. "A lot of people are in tears, so why not give back to those who

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## SANDY SLAMS NORTHEAST

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Sandy was not only the largest Atlantic hurricane on record, but it was also the second-costliest as well. When asked about damage costs, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie responded by saying "The devastation on the Jersey Shore is some of the worst we've ever seen. The cost of the storm is incalculable at this point."

The super storm is estimated to have caused damage of at least \$20 billion, and with the interruption of businesses, there is expected to be an extra \$50 billion in losses. The storm was also blamed for more than 7 million outages across the Northeast.

More than 13,000 flights were canceled across the U.S. on October 29, and more than 3,500 were called off October 30. From October 27 through early November 1, airlines canceled a total of 19,729 flights.

The New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq reopened on October 31 after a two-day closure for storm. The last time the NYSE closed for weather-related reasons was 1888.

Two weeks after Hurricane Sandy, many people remained without power, and utility companies were struggling to return to normalcy. But that is the least of concern for many who were devastated by Sandy. If their home wasn't condemned by the dangerous flood waters, chances are the ocean water mixed with sewage has caused uninhabitable living conditions. This has caused a high demand for rental houses, which is resulting in a serious shortage of these available homes.

More than 1,500 FEMA personnel are along the East Coast working to support disaster preparedness and response operations, including search and rescue, situational awareness, communications and logistical support.

In addition, 28 teams containing 294 FEMA Corps members are pre-staged to support Sandy responders. The American Red Cross announced they have 4,000 disaster workers across storm damaged areas.

An overhead shot of the destroyed boardwalk in Seaside Heights, NJ.



## WARRIOR FOOTBALL VICTORY UPLIFTS COMMUNITY

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fense. With high hopes for a touchdown from Bulldog fans in the stands, the Warrior Band, Cheerleaders, fans, coaches, and community cheered them on until the last second.

The stands and field of Warriors were filled with a combination of tears and smiles. "The town needed this," Manasquan coach Jay Price said. "And I'm not trying to trivialize the win. It's a great

win for us. It's a great win for the program. But this was about our towns, our families, our community. It wasn't about football"

The victory completely uplifted the spirits of the community after one of the most devastating natural disasters these towns have experience. Manasquan left the field with their 11th division championship in high hopes to make it to the 2012 State Game.

Manasquan Cheerleaders hold "No storm can stop a Warrior" banner prior to the storm.





# Presidential Election 2012



## President Obama Wins A Second Term

On November 6, at one a clock Eastern Time Barack Obama with 50.8% of the popular vote won reelection as the president of the United States. After a long and much heated battle between the two candidates, President Barack Obama and his challenger Republican Mitt Romney met their fate on the national stage.

The lead up to the election was nothing less than a Broadway play. With three televised debates the drama

By: Vince Frontero

President mostly due to his bailout of the auto industry, which was a big plus for the citizens of Ohio.

Another reason for the president's victory was the strong support he received from both women and Hispanics throughout the country. The president was able to gain 55 percent of the female vote and 71 percent of the Hispanic vote.

"We expect action and leadership on immigration reform in 2013" said Eliseo Medina, international secretary-treasurer of the Service Employees International Union (originally reported by the New York Times).

This election also saw huge amounts of money spent on the behalf's of both candidates. In total about 1.8 billion dollars was raised by both candidates to support their cause, some of the highest amounts that have ever been seen in a presidential election. One of the reasons why so much money was able to be raised was because this was the first year there was no limit mandated on the amount of money raised by Super PAC's, or private business that donate money to candidates. Super PAC's alone raised

around 200 million dollars or around nine percent of the total money rose by the candidates.

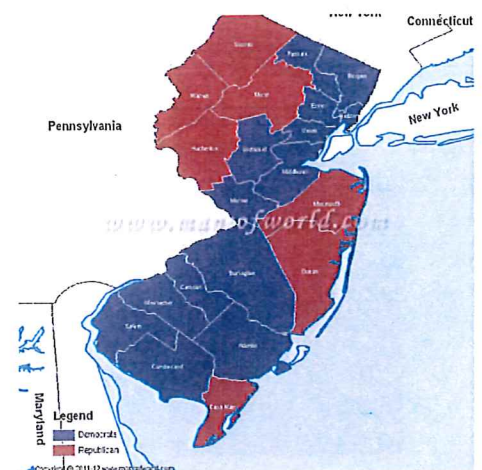
So with all the election hoopla over with, what are we going to have to watch? Luckily for those who enjoy watching political drama unfold the Fiscal Cliff is approaching rapidly. If a deal is not cut between Congress and the President by January first of next year automatic budget cuts will be implemented, skyrocketing taxes and damaging the overall economic growth of the nation.



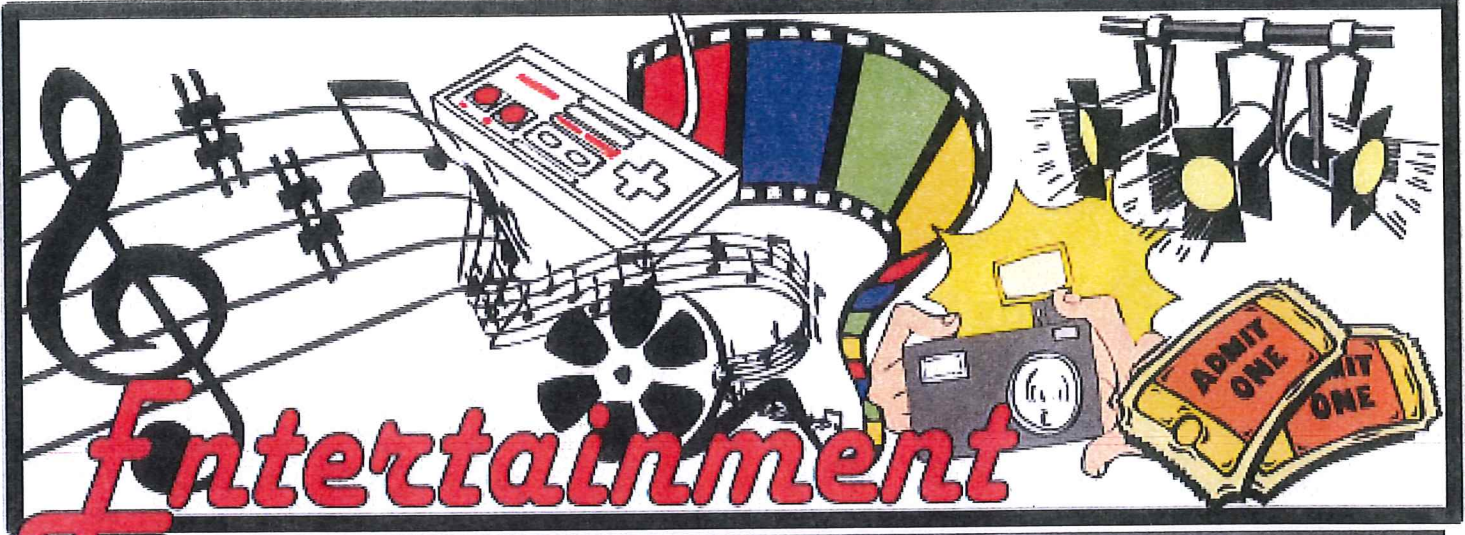
was plentiful. The constant bantering led to numerous headlines all around the world, as the days grew thinner.

One of the tightest races leading up to election night concluded victorious for the president because of his numerous victories in key swing states. One of those key states that really decided the election for the President was Ohio. The most famous swing state voted in favor of the

### 2012 Election Results For NJ By County







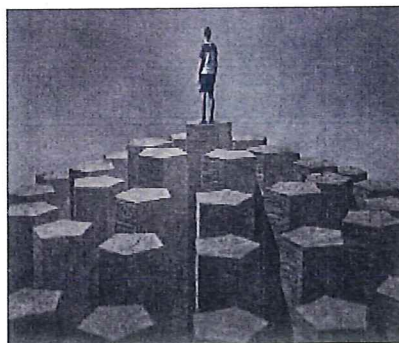
## IMAGINE DRAGONS

Imagine Las Vegas creating something other than gambling addictions and massive hangovers. Imagine present day music using natural percussion similar to that of Queen; mandolin rhythms like those of R.E.M.; and lyrics almost as legendary as Bob Dylan's. Imagine Dragons.

Indie and Alternative Rock were under the radar during the early 2000's. It seemed that the only mainstream alternative band was the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and even they came second to artists such as Britney Spears, Rihanna, and rappers like Eminem. Either the youth of today is maturing or the music industry as we know it is taking a turn for the better. Regardless, actual music is making a comeback, and Imagine Dragons seems to be paving the way.

Lead singer Dan Reynolds had only dreamed of the success that his band has achieved in the past year. Early this year, they reached #3 on Modern Rock Radio, and #2 on AAA for their song titled "It's Time." This song was also nominated by MTV for Best Rock Video. On the same album, Continued Silence EP, the band featured songs such as the heavy-dropped "Radioactive,"

By Sean Tobin



the quiet "Demons," and the light-hearted "On Top of the World." With so many different emotions packed into the same album, there is no occasion or event in which a song by Imagine Dragons is not suitable.

Other than Dan Reynolds, Imagine Dragons members include: Wayne Sermon (guitarist), Ben McKee (bassist), and Daniel Platzman (drummer). These four have been together for a while now. Coming from the fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada, these guys know what it's like to go days without sleep in order to do what they love. According to Reynolds, they were once given a standing ovation at 3 a.m. in a cheap casino on a weeknight. He claims that this "made (Imagine Dragons) realize that (they) were building a connection with people from all over the country."

Not only is Imagine Dragons making a bond with America, but the rest of the world as well. They are currently touring the United States, but have plans to tour all of Eastern Europe come Spring 2013. Once they are finished out East, they will waste no time in getting back to touring their home nation, so keep an eye out for concert announcements.



# fashionista Of The month

By: Maggie Bryant and Madeline Donofrio

Fashion can be a funny thing. Sometimes we try so hard to put together interesting outfits and it ends up being over the top. One senior here at MHS definitely has a good eye for when to draw the line at the completion of an outfit. Maddy Brown stands out, ironically, for her simplicity. Rather than getting fancy with dresses, fur, and expensive boots, Maddy keeps it simple. Although the individual pieces are simple, her combinations are always interesting.

She describes her style as "beachy and comfortable".

While the final product is clean and simple, the process of putting it all together is not. "It takes me pretty long to put an outfit together. I just try on lots of stuff until I like it," says Maddy.

Maddy has many staples in her wardrobe that she pieces together to create her go-with-the-flow, minimalist style. These pieces include v-necks, jeans, and vests. Particularly, her blue striped shirt is her favorite go-to, because she has had it for a long time and can always seem to form a good outfit around it. Converse are also one of Maddy's signature additions to complete a look. She even pairs them with a dress or skirt to make it look more laid back and fit to her taste.

To accessorize, Maddy always wears nail polish. She also likes jewelry, particularly earrings and necklaces. Maddy also wears scarves occasionally. In fact, in the pictures above, she is wearing one she knit herself! Her favorite trends right now are printed leggings and tights, as well as ankle boots. She is looking to buy cowboy booties!

This fashionista's looks are always relaxed, yet always very well put together. She enjoys comfort but knows how to make it look good. Because Maddy prefers this laid back look, one of her fashion pet peeves are tight button up shirts.







# What to get your significant other for Christmas?

By: Caroline Petrone & Vince Frontero

## BOY SIDE:

One of the most stressful parts of Christmas is trying to find out just what to get that special someone. You have to buy something that says I not only care, but I understand what you like. This can be very difficult and you can spend hours running through the mall trying to find that perfect gift. So here is a list of ideas that should make that yearly struggle a little bit easier.

You can never go wrong with buying a popular video game. Two of the biggest video games right now are Call of Duty: Black Op's II and Assassins Creed 3. Both games are sure to make them happy Christmas morning, and they only cost sixty dollars so you're not spending too much in the process.

But what about for the more serious relationship? Guys always go for the classic necklace or ring to show their serious, but what should girls get guys to show that their relationship is beyond a few small gifts. Well you can never go wrong with a nice watch, to show them you care. Maybe go to the closest jewelry store or pick one out online, it doesn't have to be too expensive or fancy just something to show that you put some thought into it. Another great gift that never goes wrong is tickets to a concert or sports game. They are easy to get, you get to tag along, and it will make them as happy as can be, especially if there is a big fan of a certain band or team.

So don't stress out about what to get that special someone this year, because as long as you tried your best, you won't disappoint.

## GIRL SIDE:

Every year the big question is what do you get your girlfriend or boyfriend for Christmas? It turns into a stressful event for both of you. This year hopefully it can get easier. When shopping for a girl guys always think it's easy because you can get them a necklace or a pair of earrings and they'll be happy which is true but also not always the best presents to give your girlfriend. This year some important things to remember when shopping for your girl is the meaning behind it, the value it is, and the time you put into finding the perfect present. If you want to buy a piece of jewelry make it something that's sentimental with something either engraved or an object that she likes possible a charm bracelet? Another thing that you could never go wrong with are clothes or shoes. An important thing to remember is to make sure you always gets the right size and color that she would like, for example a pair of boots or a scarf? Scarves are great accessories to any girls outfit.

Sometimes it's the little things that mean the most to a girl. If there is a meaning behind anything you give her she's going to love it. Just remember to think hard and be thoughtful because after all you do care about this girl so what better way to show it than a lovely gift. Best of luck on the search and Merry- Christmas!



# MERRY CHRISTMAS!





# SENIOR BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER



12/16  
Margaret Moran



12/17  
Jordan Colonna Fahey



12/18  
Amanda Marasco



12/18  
Alex Wilson



12/18  
Maddy Brown



12/19  
T.E. Westervelt



12/21  
Meghan Beaton



12/22  
Olivia Hedberg



12/22  
Anthony DeSeno



12/23  
Courtney Habick



12/24  
Melaney Santamaria



12/27  
Jake Rothfeld



12/28  
Monica Murphy



12/30  
Alexa Osgoodby



# DECEMBER HOROSCOPES



## Aquarius

(January 20 -February 18)

Take time to reevaluate your motives regarding friendships. Avoid friends or acquaintances who gossip.

Your friends may not be completely honest with you; try not to rely on help from others. Don't give your heart too readily.



## Aries

(Mar.21-Apr.19)

Your fickle nature may cause jealousy. Your partner could make you angry if they steal your thunder or embarrass you in front of others. Make sure that you take time to remember those you love. You can dazzle members of the opposite sex with your quick wit and aggressive charm.



## Pisces

(February 19 -March 20)

Losses are likely if you get involved with uncertain individuals. Things are looking up. You may be somewhat emotional concerning a rather private matter. Delve into worthwhile causes that will show results if you put in the effort.



## Taurus

(Apr.20-May 20.)

You may have difficulties with family members if you get involved in petty arguments. You can make major accomplishments while on short trips. Don't upset elders in your family who don't understand your present situation.



## Capricorn

(December 22 -January 19)

Travel will be favorable and bring you the greatest rewards. Your creative talent may well be recognized by others this month. Be careful not to reveal private information. Travel and educational pursuits may help alleviate the stress you have been feeling.



## Sagittarius

(November 22 -December 21)

Having your own business is a good idea. You don't want to give anyone fuel for the fire. You can make a difference if you take a position of leadership. Let go of the past in order to progress.



## Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You are best to ask questions if you aren't certain about issues that are confronting you. Deceit around you is evident. Don't hesitate to take short trips. You can expect changes at school.



## Leo

(July 21-Aug. 22)

Your friends may not be on your side. You may be tempted to spend too much on entertainment or luxury items. Think about taking the time to complete unfinished domestic chores. Use discrimination and play hard to get.



## Cancer

(June 21-July 20)

Social activities will be satisfying. You may have problems with skin, bones, or teeth if you haven't been taking proper care of yourself. You can make amends by taking them somewhere special. Female members of your family may be difficult to deal with.



## Gemini

(May.21-Jun.20)

Put your energy into money-making ventures. Don't trust your friends with important or personal information. Lighten up your serious attitude. Do your own thing and everything will settle down.



## Scorpio

(October 23 -November 21)

Disharmony in your relationship may cause minor ailments. It would be in your best interest to stay away from any intimate involvement with a close friend. You are best to be accommodating for the time being. Sudden romantic infatuations won't be lasting.



## Libra

(September 23 -October 22)

You have a lot to offer. Don't let your work and your personal life interfere with each other. You will be highly entertaining when in contact with your lover.





# BLUE & GRAY SPORTS

## Boys Basketball is back on the court!

By: Caroline Petrone

Over the past few years the boys basketball games have been a time where Manasquan students, friends, and family come out and show school spirit and support! Coming off a great season of 21 wins and 7 losses the time has come again for our Warriors to hit the court. This is a year with a lot of high expectations and a ton of talent for the Warriors.

Talking to some of the returning players the boys had nothing but positive thoughts to say about the upcoming season. "The state championship is reachable but we have to work very hard every day," said senior Jimmy Walsh. Walsh recently signed a letter of intent to Stonehill College located in Easton, Massachusetts just outside of Boston.

Many of the returning players, such as Jimmy Walsh, Jr Hobbie, Tommy Toole, and Jack Fay, are talented and key to watch for in this upcoming season.

Besides the fact that they have a tremendous amount of talent, the boys claim that they have developed a bond unlike any other team in this school. "We bonded all last year so were very used to each other" and "We have a better relationship than past teams," said junior Tommy

Toole and senior Jimmy Walsh.

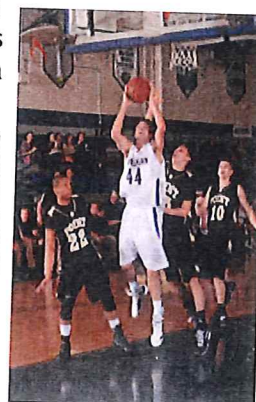
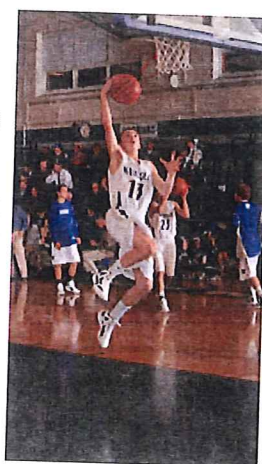
It sure will be an exciting season to watch our warrior men play and see how far their potential is going to get them. They are playing a few new teams this year such as Red

Bank Catholic of who they play their first game at Red Bank Catholic on December 14. Its expected to be a

### Ranked #2 in Shore Conference pre-season poll; defeat RBC in season opener

very good game and the boys are excited to play a team they have never played before.

Come out and support our boys for the start of their season. Go Squan!



Pictured in action from last year; top: junior Tommy Toole drives for a layup; above: senior Jimmy Walsh grabs a rebound.

## Winter Track

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distance races while also participating in various hurdle events along with senior sprinters Kaleigh Jordan and Carissa Mason. Ryan Pappas will also participate in various sprinting races while also continuing his pole vaulting career in attempt to beat the school record. Jake Edick, another vital senior, will contribute to the team by participating in various throwing events. The fact that this year's seniors are backed with plenty of experience promises a year of

great leadership.

Along with the vast amount of returning members, there are many new participants that will be sure to be vital assets to the team. Some key newcomers include Kirsten Barnes, Kacey Cielecki, Emily Petillo, Fiona Quigley, Allison Zarelli, Mary McKiever, Kyle McDermott, Sean Padgett, Patrick Rogers, Craig Lapham and Shayne Sturgeon. These new members along with many others show great potential and have proved through hard work in practice that they will do great things for the Manasquan track team in the near future.





## Wrestling Looks to Show its Strength

By: Mark Schatzman

After a 5-19 record last year, which wasn't a true indication of their success, the Manasquan Wrestling team is looking forward to a promising year. With their most experienced group in more than four years, the Warriors are undoubtedly the team to watch this winter.

Returning for their fourth year is head coach Matt Voskian and assistant coach James Wladich. Both of whom grew up wrestling together. Coach Voskian is a former graduate of Manasquan who was an outstanding football player and wrestler. During his career he won over 50 matches, placing 5<sup>th</sup> his senior year out of the whole shore conference, which consists of 44 teams. Voskian then went on to wrestle division one at East Stroudsburg University.

Coach Voskian has high expectations for his talented team this year to win at least ten dual matches, finish top three in the A-Central division, and have at least three wrestlers qualify for regionals. He knows that his team is very capable of achieving his

expectations. "We have them focus on short and long term goals, constantly reminding them of those goals, and what reaching them means to themselves, their teammates, and their school."

The team is led by seniors Harry Warner, Sean Tobin, Anthony Deseno, and Spencer Govel. All of whom will play a crucial role in determining the Warriors success this upcoming season. This relatively small senior class is followed by an underclass that is full of experience. There are nine juniors, most of them starting last season, and wrestling for two years. The program is continuing to build, with ten freshmen joining the team this year.

Senior Harry Warner, 18-16 last year, is hoping for another outstanding year after an impressive performance last year in regionals. In the 195 weight class, he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in districts, the first to do so in seven years. This year Harry is wrestling in the heavyweight class which caps out at 285 pounds. But there is no doubt that Harry is ready for the challenge that lies ahead. In the off season he

trained vigorously and continues to do so. "I lift 3 to 4 times a week, wrestle at the Triumph Wrestling Club, and make trips to Lehigh University every weekend to train with NCAA heavyweight champion Zach Rey." His ultimate goal this year is to place in states, something that is certainly in the realm of his potential.

With a strong core of seniors and an experienced underclass, the Warriors will certainly be a top team in their division. They start their season home, on December 19, against Rumson Fair Haven

**Below: Seniors Spencer Govel and Anthony DeSeno greet an opponent prior to a match last season.**



## Hockey

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The team has started off their 2012-13 season with a record of 0-2, losing both to Point Boro 11-1, and St. Rose 12-5. The difficult portion of the season has yet to arrive, so it will be interesting to see whether or not the team pulls together.

Senior Chris Miller claims that the team is mostly underclassmen, (only four seniors), a fact that may mean strength for years to come. When asked about his new coach, he responded: "I've handled it well...It's good to see what new strategies work for the team."

The fact that practice is held on an unscheduled basis, either 3:30 or 6:20, all the way in Howell, has helped to weed out any lack of commitment. Paul Salgado, junior, said, "We're working the same tempo as last year. We only lost a couple of seniors, and we have a good offensive line."

The hockey team needs time to get used to each other, but hopefully not too much time. It won't be long before the end of the season rolls around, and hopefully by that time they've got a strong winning record.





## Winning Streak Brings Girls Soccer to Brink of Championship

By: Mark Schatzman

### Loss in finals does not dampen team's spirits

After a disappointing start to the 2012 season, the Manasquan girls' soccer team was able to provide some magic. The team entered the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group II tournament with a 6-12 record and a low seed. But they ended up achieving the unexpected by making it to the sectional finals, only to lose to top seeded Bordentown.

With the arrival of Hurricane Sandy, many of Coach Peggy Matthew's players were dispersed all over the state. It had already been a difficult season for Manasquan, suffering numerous key injuries and enduring an eight-game losing streak. However, Coach Matthews

said the girls responded positively to all the adversity. "You go about your daily business and forget about what happened here, but then you go home and you get reminded of it and it's devastating. But they show up with smiles everyday" said Matthews.

The 14<sup>th</sup>-seeded Warriors traveled to Holmdel on November 10 for the first round of the tournament. After conceding early, Manasquan trailed for most of the game. In the final seconds it seemed as if the girls' season was over, until senior Culli Pringle put the ball in the back of the net with 11 seconds left on the clock. The game was sent into overtime.

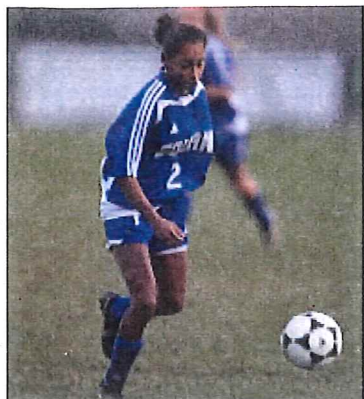


The girls get pumped before taking the field in the state playoffs

With momentum favoring MHS, senior Caroline Duerr scored with .3 seconds left to beat Holmdel and advance forward in the state tournament.

From that point on the girls excelled. After beating third-seeded Holmdel (2-1), they went on to conquer 11th-seeded Johnson (2-0) and seventh-seeded Point Pleasant Boro (3-2). They were by far the lowest seed to reach the sectional finals of the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group II tournament.

In the finals they faced top-seeded Bordentown (17-5), where they came up short in a tough fought game. The girls ended up losing 3-0, but this was not indicative of all that they have accomplished this season. They've come a long way and should be proud of all they have achieved. "You know they had character and spirit, but their feelings for their community, their sport and their school run so deep," Matthews said. "That was the most surprising and enlightening thing."



Led by the scoring of sophomore Aubrey Jones (left) and senior Caroline Duerr (right), the girls pulled off a stunning postseason playoff run.

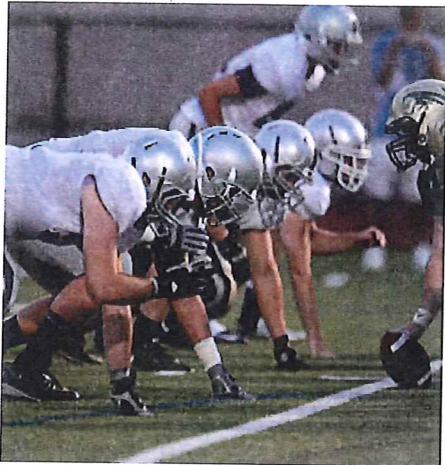






# BLUE & GRAY SPORTS

## Squan Can't Pull off Upset in Central Jersey Group II Playoff



By Packy Levin

After an upset win over Rumson-Fair Haven in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, the Manasquan High School Football Team was looking to carry their momentum into the State playoffs. The Warriors faced Nottingham in the first round of the Central Jersey Group III playoff, and came up short 14-21.

This game can be described as a game of two halves. Manasquan seemed to be dominating in the first half, but the second half was all

Nottingham.

"We came out energized after such an emotional game from Rumson," said Manasquan's senior linebacker Zach Campbell, "We had a lot of adrenaline and it aided us early on."

However, Manasquan's energy seemed to disappear in the second half as Nottingham used power football and special teams to tie the game in the fourth quarter and eventually win.

Campbell said, "We played as if the game was over...they wanted the win more than us that half." Senior lineman Harry Warner also added, "They came out more aggressive than us in the second half."

Manasquan was dominating on all sides of the ball in the first half. The offense scored 14 points and the defense only gave up a total of 10 yards to the opposing offense.

Junior Matt Forst started the scoring in the first quarter when Manasquan lined on the goal line.

Usually a lineman, Forst used his power and strength to get the ball into the end zone.

The Warriors scored again in the second quarter after a Connor Grogan interception on defense gave Manasquan the ball back. After 12 plays Manasquan found themselves up 14-0 going into the half.

In the third quarter Nottingham finally got on the scoreboard after a short run, making the score 14-7.

The turning point of the game came in the fourth quarter after Nottingham returned a punt for a touchdown. This tied the game and gave Nottingham the momentum moving forward.

"What the game really came down to was their big plays. We didn't have any big plays in the second half and they did," noted Warner.

Shortly after, Nottingham got the ball back and drove down the field for another touchdown. This proved to be the go ahead score as Nottingham

went on to win the game 14-21, crushing Manasquan's hope for a championship playoff run.

## Coach Price Season Farewell

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because of their record, but because of their resiliency and determination to find success in the overwhelming face of adversity. He strongly believes that "there are lessons that can be taken away from football." In the future Coach Price advises the group to prepare for the endeavors they will face like they are the hardest things that they will ever face, this way, there are no surprises and everything will be easy.

