

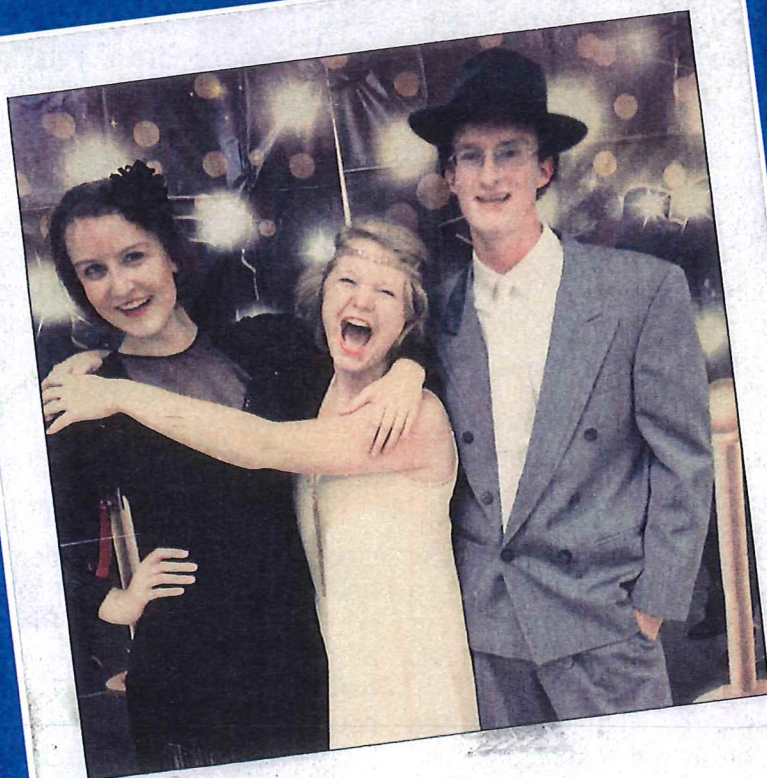


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The Blue & Gray Gatsby Party Jazzes Up New School Year



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Fitzgerald's "Jazz Age" Comes Alive in Manasquan

By: Dara McGuinness

Forget whatever sedate, boring image you have in your mind of MHS History Club, because the first of Mr. Fagen's historic film series began with a blast last Saturday with a viewing of the 1974 version of "The Great Gatsby".

The Algonquin Theater was decked out as a 1920's speakeasy. The place was hopping, the guys bounded in looking smart in their zoot suits and the dames swished in dressed as true to life flappers. You could only get in by whispering the password (Tulomee), which had been advertised in the *Coast Star*, at the door.

Students weren't the only ones who showed up; teachers like Mrs. Fenlon and Mrs. Mura were in attendance and dressed to the nines. And seeing Mr. Fagen dressed in a pinstriped zoot suit was certainly worth the price of admission.

An early highlight came thanks to Mrs. Mura, who gave everyone a quick "how-to" in dancing the Charleston.

Manasquan residents were welcomed to the viewing of the movie. Regular audience members and costume clad students

mingled in the theater and immersed themselves in the roaring 20's world of "The Great Gatsby".

Even though the before party was a smash the actual movie was a bit slow.

Senior Emma Stark was just one of the many students in attendance. "Everyone had a fabulous time! It was a ton of fun with everyone who came out."

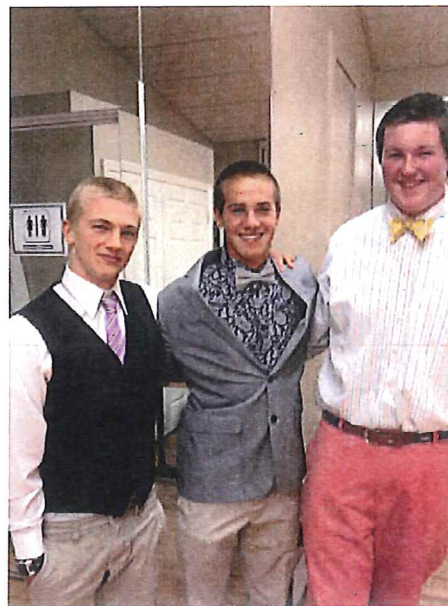
"It was an amazing turnout," raved Mr. Fagen, the faculty adviser of the History Club. "I was blown away by all of the stellar outfits!"

This did not stop the audience from having fun. In fact some of most memorable parts of the evening came from the heckling of Mia Farrow's acting and there was even a standing ovation when Robert Redford, the actor portraying Gatsby, was shot.

Mr. Fagen expressed an interest in throwing another themed party before the next movie of the historic film series. So get your 60s garb ready, because "The Great Gatsby" is to be followed by "Alice's Restaurant".



Pictured above: Seniors Nicole Heilos, Dara McGuinness, and Emma Stark strike a pose as they show their flapper side, along with English teacher Mrs. Fenlon; (below, left): Alumnus Amy Bielicki and senior Delaney Burke sport matching dresses; (below, right): Ben Messerol, Eddie Franzoni, Mike Reilly join the fun.



Special Ed Teacher Ms. Kackos Elected to MHS Athletic Hall of Fame

By: Megan Chelednik



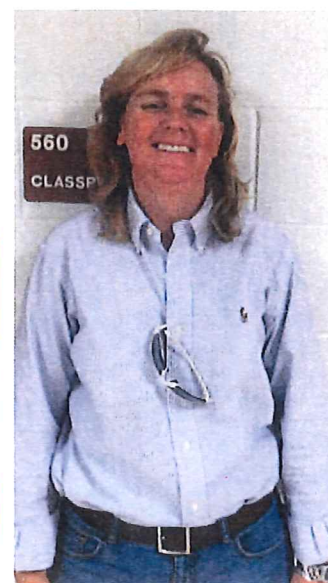
The year was 1992 at an away game on Saint Rose's basketball court where Jennifer Kackos, a forward on Manasquan's undefeated team, had four seconds left to make a winning shot. The ball soared as the fans screamed, the buzzer blared and the net swished. She had won the game!

On Saturday, October 26th Ms. Kackos will be accepting her induction award for MHS's Athletic Hall of Fame.

"It's an honor," she said of this election, "I believe the timing was a bit overdue," she continued, laughing, "but it's so nice to finally be acknowledged for all my hard work throughout the time I played for MHS. I was a little hurt to find out that one of my coaches will be unable to attend, but I'm still excited to see some familiar faces who led me to stardom."

Walking throughout the hallways students can see her achievements; an overall 1,233 total points scored as well as being a part of the Tri-Conference- Class C Championship. For someone who played so incredibly for our high school's basketball team, Ms. Kackos simply trained in her driveway with a 9 ½ inch rim which she said was, "held up by bricks." Close friends, siblings and even her two favorite coaches, Mrs. Kordulak and Mr. Johnson, helped teach her tricks and strategies for the game of b-ball.

Director of Guidance Mr. McCarthy, who serves on the committee for the Hall of Fame and will be involved in the ceremony, discussed why she is receiving this very special nomination. According to Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Kackos "was specifically selected by the Hall of Fame committee for her great success throughout her athletic career in high school which included memorable games and



Above, left: MHS vs. St. Rose, 1992: a memorable game in which Ms. Kackos made a game winning shot. Above, right: Ms. Kackos the teacher, outside the classroom where she teaches with Mr. Fagan.

record breaking scores."

Not only was Ms. Kackos an outstanding basketball player, but also a softball star too. She was a feared hitter who helped lead girls softball to great success in the early 90s.

Ms. Kackos continued her athletics after graduation and received a full scholarship to play basketball at Georgian Court University. After college Ms. Kackos became a special education teacher and coached basketball, softball, field hockey and girls track during her free time.

MHS principal Mr. Coppola complimented Ms. Kackos and gave some encouraging words involving the big event. "I'm very happy for her. I know for a fact she was one of the best athletes who came out of MHS. I'm looking forward to sharing her success at the ceremony," he said.

Once again the ceremony and dinner will be held on Saturday, October 26th at Crystal Point in Point Pleasant. The audience will be expecting a heartfelt speech from both Ms. Kackos and her guest presenter, which she hopes "won't make her too emotional." Anyone who is interested or inspired should go; Mrs. Kackos deserves a crowd!

Fresh Faces Join MHS Staff

Miss Marco Returns to Squan

By: C.J. Hobbie

Marisa Marco, one of the "newest" additions to the Manasquan High School staff this year, isn't completely new to Manasquan High School after all. She was a maternity leave replacement teacher for Mrs. Fenlon two years ago.

Before that, she had spent her first year of teaching at Midland Park High School in northern Jersey, where she taught freshman, juniors, and seniors the courses of English I, III, and IV. After teaching at MHS in 2011, she taught at Rumson-Fair Haven High School last year, where she taught freshman and sophomore students English I and II.

Overall, she has been teaching for four years.

During our interview,

Miss Marco stated that she went to Clifton High School when she was younger, and then entered Ramapo College after high school graduation. She doesn't follow the teacher stereotype by any means; she's energetic, upbeat, and easy to talk to.

Her day at MHS mostly consists of teaching two classes back to back in the morning and one more class during fourth block. Her day begins with sophomores as she teaches English II first and second period. Later, the freshmen come in to her English I class.



"I'm excited to be back,"
Miss Marco says.

glish I class.

When asked about her teaching philosophy, she said that every student has the ability to learn, and that learning can be fun but serious at the same time. She commented after that saying that she feels a teacher needs a balance of the two.

Her thoughts on the school are positive so far, and when she was asked about her initial response to Manasquan, she said that she had been here before.

"I'm excited to be back," she said during the

interview with a friendly smile.

When later asked whether this school was unique to her or not, she replied that our school has great camaraderie, meaning that she sees very noticeable friendliness and good-fellowship between the students.

When asked about her highlights for the summer, Miss Marco replied that she went out of the country, flying over to the Dominican Republic. Other interests that she has involve scrapbooking and kicking a soccer ball around with her friends.

She also says that she enjoys teaching, for she sees many smiling faces that make the day worthwhile to her. It seems that the students that she teaches have already accepted her into the Manasquan Family.

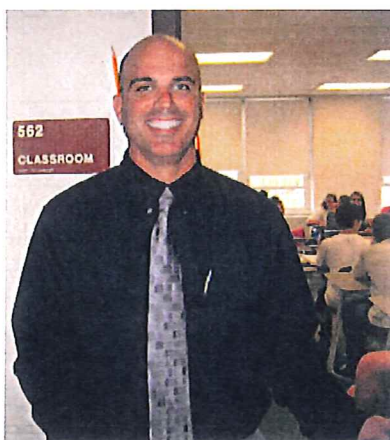
MHS Welcomes Another Certo

By: Dara McGuinness

There are many new faces teaching here this year at Manasquan High School, but one may be a little more familiar than the rest. Though it is Mr. Certo's first year teaching at the high school, he is no stranger to Manasquan as he previously taught at Manasquan Elementary School, and Manasquan is certainly happy with its new addition.

After teaching 7th and 8th for 16 years at Manasquan Elementary, Certo took over this year for recently retired Mr. Schwartz. Mr. Certo joked, "It took me 16 years to graduate the 8th grade". A graduate from Rutgers College and Monmouth University, this will be his 17th year teaching.

Now Mr. Certo is taking over Freshman World and Junior US II History, and though he says there's no replacing Mr. Schwartz he is just going to approach his class with his own style. "I like to interact with the students in my class, to really engage with the class".



Mr. Certo is both involved in and outside the classroom. When not teaching history, Mr. Certo is one of the football coaches here at the High School and continues to coach basketball at Manasquan Elementary.

In fact, growing up Mr. Certo confided that he always wanted to be a

teacher and football coach. "I was also interested in becoming a lawyer for a long time," said Mr. Certo, "it wasn't really till college I decided that teaching was what I wanted to do."

If you are thinking that the name Certo sounds familiar, then you won't be surprised to hear that Mr. Certo is married to gym teacher Mrs. Certo. Mrs. Certo said that it was nice to see her husband around the halls. "It's also very helpful that now we're on the same school schedule" she added. They live together in Farmingdale with their daughter and son.

"I love the tradition here," said Mr. Certo on what he thought was unique about Manasquan. "Just the tradition here, from football, to the band and theater, you really can't find this anywhere else." We wish Mr. Certo the best with his first year here at Manasquan High School!

Fresh Faces Join MHS Staff

Mrs. Warneke: A New Warrior

The new school year brings rise to many new things, new classes, new books, and most importantly, new teachers. In this new year, one may head to the gym and see a fresh face as a teacher and wonder, "Who is that?" It is a pleasure to announce that this new woman of the gym is Mrs. Warneke.

By: Megan McLean

After her previous job as a substitute teacher in Manasquan High School, Mrs. Warneke was honored with the position of a part-time gym teacher. Warneke is currently teaching seniors during second block and enjoys every minute of it.

As a previous graduate of Manasquan High School, Warneke is ecstatic to be a part of the staff; "I love it," she proclaimed, "it's a great school to be in!"

Warneke, during her MHS years, was a cheerleader and participated in key club and environmental club. After MHS, she attended Kean University and majored in health and physical education. With this, she chose to become a teacher; "I've always wanted to be a teacher, I enjoy working with younger kids and helping them," she said proudly. In addition to her general aspirations to teach she was

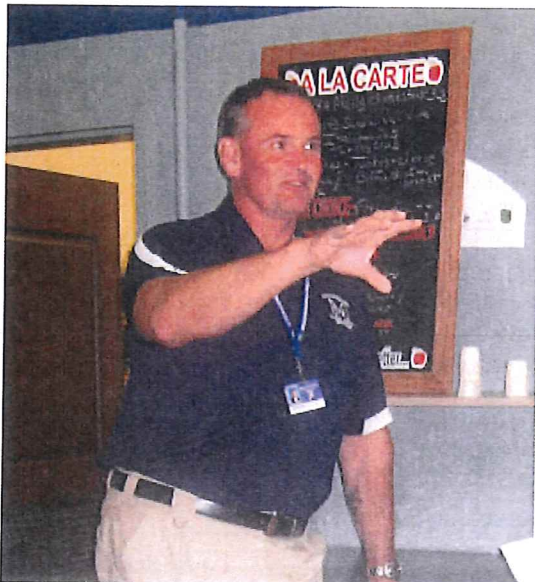
swayed towards physical education as a result of her love for exercising.

When it comes to her teaching style she feels she is very understanding with the kids. Mrs. Warneke has been in the place of the student before (not too long ago) and knows what is important both to us and for us, a healthy lifestyle, and she feels she conveys this within her class. Being from Belmar and originally attending school here in MHS, Mrs. Warneke thought that teaching in her old school may be awkward and nerve-racking at first, but she is far from nervous when dealing with her class and is thrilled to be so at ease. During her shift from student to teacher she has learned that as a teacher it is more about showing the students what is important and making sure they understand why they are learning what they are learning in their high school years.

Thinking back on her MHS moments Mrs. Warneke says she simply loved homecoming week, and the school pride. The pep-rallies and football season shape her favorite time of year in MHS. It is simply wonderful to hear a student's full circle story from MHS



cheer-leader and graduate to MHS cheer coach and teacher, and her students simply adore her; "she is a very good teacher, lenient, not harsh" claims student Sean O'Donnell. Another student, Taylor Morris, raves that Mrs. Warneke is "good at what she does. She is a sweetheart and a good teacher." Manasquan High School wishes all the best luck to Mrs. Warneke!



New SSO Mr. Clayton

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graduated from Wall High School, he began his training; first at Manasquan Police Department, then Wall Township. He was the first member of his family to work in Law Enforcement, an accomplishment he is still so grateful for. When he's not on watch he's spending time with his wife and children as well as coaching a travel softball team.

In conclusion, Mr. Clayton wants to let MHS know that he is not "a threat of police reinforcement, but rather another resource to go to."

National Honor Society Selects New Members



Intelligent, social, and compassionate are the traits a National Honor Society candidate must possess. Over the summer, while most students were relaxing on the beach, the most committed students worked tirelessly on their National Honor Society service project striving to be accepted into National Honor Society.

National Honor Society is a very prestigious and demanding program that only a select amount of students are a part of. To even be considered for the program, the student must obtain an "A" or 93 average and above, from freshman year to the present. Next, students think of a service project that could be completed in the community or in school, that is a total of 40 leadership hours. In addition to the 40 leadership hours, students are required to earn another 80 extra hours through service work, in and around the community. The total required hours a candidate must earn is 120.

To be selected into Honor Society the applicant needs to be "a person of character," Mrs. Fenlon NHS adviser stated, and demonstrate "respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring and citizenship."

The major challenge of the NHS application is to design and complete a

By: Amy Conover

service project filled with information and pictures, along with a count of their total service hours. The scrapbook is used to document and give background information about their completed service roles.

Ultimately, after all the hard and rigorous work the inductees put into their projects, the reward is sweet. The new inductees attend an induction ceremony on Wednesday, October 23rd, where the new members of National Honor Society will be inducted. Joining the twenty current members are 25 new members.

Every year, along with students, the National Honor Society inducts an honoree teacher that serves and volunteers throughout the community. This year it is Mr. Glenn! "I'm honored to be part of the tradition of Manasquan High School and to be inducted into National Honors Society is very special," he said.

After becoming a member of NHS, students continue their volunteering efforts. The first volunteering event this school year

was a program called "Birthday Box". It is a complete birthday party in a box for children suffering from pediatric cancer and their family. The National Honor Society members packed a total of five boxes, filled with items such as tablecloths, balloons, party hats, cake mix, icing and candles. The birthday box will supply items for a "home-made" birthday party.

Nicole Heilos, the National Honor Society president, exclaimed "I'm very excited about the future events of National Honor Society!"

Congrats 2013 National Honor Society Inductees!

Amanda Barry	Lauren Johnson
Caroline Bilotti	Marianne Kenneally
Sean Buechele	Kristen Krauss
Tyler Bradley	Craig Lapham
Austin Castellanos	Amanda MacFarlane
Shauna Corbet	Brooke Mason
Nicole D'Anton	Shane McNamara
Eric Dzenis	Kelly Nolan
Chelsea Eareckson	Chiara Palombi
Annie Farragher	Zoe Pelly
Marissa Fernandez	Megan Rogers
Lia Florentine	Kat Wallace
Bridget Ford	

Andrew Galasetti

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when it's going great, you're proud of it, and readers enjoy it, it feels great and makes all the stress and hard work worth it."

Many students in this school can learn many things from Andrew Galasetti. When Andrew looked back on his best moments of Manasquan, he said that his best moments were during junior and senior years; he said that those were the years where he had found out that he had a talent for writing while figuring out what he wanted to do for his future. "My goals have changed but I also haven't strayed too far from where I dreamed of heading," stated Andrew Galasetti. "That persistence is important. Your path will change a lot and you will hit a lot of bumps. Just keep working towards your dream.

When you have to turn around and start all over or take a different turn, go for it and see what happens. Roads connect together. You may find yourself somewhere new or on a similar path with even more experience."

Andrew Galasetti isn't only the author of a book, but also the founder and the main writer for lyved.com (lyved is pronounced *lived*), and it was created on January 1st, 2008. Lyved.com is a *blogzine* that, according to the website, focuses on various aspects of life; from business to news, to the environment and personal growth; and even some politics once in a while. Be sure to check it out sometime; you might be interested in what you see.



Members of Key Club and Environmental Club team up to help out at the Manasquan Environmental Commission Paper Shredding Event on Saturday, September 28.

Key Club Busy Helping Our Community

By: Victoria Mettlen

Have you ever wanted to do something for your community but not know how? Your solution is joining the Key Club.

Built around the concept of giving and helping, Key Club's motto is "Caring is our way of life." Their advisors are Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Basaman, and their president is senior MaryBeth Bielicki. The Key Club provides volunteers for various community events in all sending districts.

When asked what makes the club unique Mrs. McKenzie answers, "I think that it is important to give back to their community. This club is worthwhile because kids need to give back and to show how great Manasquan High School students are - and they really are great."

The Key Club's activities include their annual food drive, where they collect and deliver thanksgiving meals to those in need. Last year they delivered 20-30 turkeys in our community alone. During the holiday season they also have a toy drive that last year provided 65 children with brand new toys.

Already this year, Key Club has been busy. Members worked over the summer at the Fireman's Fair in Manasquan, and the Shakespeare in the Park shows in Spring Lake. Once school began, Key Club helped out at Brielle Day, the Manasquan Environmental Commission's paper shredding event, the Spring Lake Kitchen Tour and numerous other events.

Contact Mrs. McKenzie or Mrs. Basaman if you are interested in joining the club and helping Manasquan High School give back to the community.

Environmental Club Excited for Trip to Costa Rica

By: Victoria Mettlen

The Environmental Club is like an extension of a regular educational class - it gives students an opportunity to make hands on observations that can change the way people view the environment and can provide opportunities to help the environment.

Founded in 2002, the club is advised by science teachers Mr. Glenn and Mr. Wasnesky. This year, they are assisted by their student presidents, seniors Mike Maimone and Emma Stark. The club's main goal is to make Manasquan and the surrounding communities environmentally aware.

They plan to help with the annual state wide Beach Sweep, continue testing the waters of Wreck Pond, and help monitor "Warrior Creek". They previously started a bottle cap program, and every spring they help with the in-

stallation of fences to protect endangered birds.

The highlight for Environmental Club members is their end of the year trip, hosted by World Star every other year. Previously members of the club have traveled to far and wide, to exotic locations such as India, Guatemala, Thailand and Baja, Mexico. A recent decision announced by the club created great excitement: this year's trip will be to Costa Rica! In order to be eligible for the trip, members must have strong involvement in club activities, including consistent attendance at meetings and participation in out of school activities.

It's not too late make a change!

See Mr. Wasnesky or Mr. Glenn if you are interested in joining the club, and get involved if you want to travel on a future trip.

Student Council Planning Festivities for Halloween and Spirit Week

By: Victoria Mettlen



Joyce Pegler, MHS Student Council President this year, says that student council "has so many great people from all grades, it is a great way to make close friends and ex-

pand your horizons." This year those great people are working on many projects, including Homecoming, the Halloween pep rally and a new idea - the Secret Fan T-shirt contest.

Their main goal is to fundraise to make the senior class trip to Frog Bridge more affordable. Last year was the first time the seniors had a class trip, thanks to the approval won by Student Council. Now the council wants to make that trip better for everyone.

If you can provide leadership, run for a position and serve the student body, the school, and the community. Student council represents the views of the students, promotes school pride, and develops pride and commitment to the local

Meet The Staff

Senior Dara McGuinness is a 17 year old Spring Lake Heights native. With two older siblings and one younger, home can get pretty crazy, but she enjoys spending time with her sisters. Her hobbies include reading, writing, and hanging with friends, but her favorite thing to do is paint and sketch. She also likes to shop. Whenever Dara is shopping, you can find her in Rare Cargo. "I could spend hours, and all my money there." To support her shopping habit, she earns her money scooping ice cream at Hoffman's during the summer. Her favorite boy currently in the tabloids is Daniel Day Lewis. Don't let Dara's sweet and innocent smile fool you, she is "a strong and independent women."



Amy Conover is just one of the new and many talented additions to *The Blue and Gray* this year. Amy, 18, is entering her senior year here at MHS and is settling in to the paper. "I'm just trying to improve my writing!" says Amy. You'll recognize Amy from around the pool with the Swim Team and at Key Club meetings. When not at

school, Amy is hanging out with friends or working at Manasquan River Golf Club. She is an only child and owns two dogs, Dylan and Portia. After Manasquan, Amy has her sights set on Fairfield or Roger Williams College. As she puts jokingly, "I can't wait to get out of here."



Morgan Milza, resident of Brielle and senior at MHS, writes for the Blue and Gray. She helps coach the Wall rec softball team and is involved with our high school plays. A member of the drama club, Morgan has been in *Alice in Wonderland* and helps the crew create fantastic productions. She is interested in attending Pratt University in New York or Rollins College in Florida; both having her desired major of screenwriting. She has one younger sister, and two half sisters. Her favorite musical artist is Bon Jovi. Be on the look out for Morgan's latest articles in *The Blue and Gray*!



Welcome, Victoria Mettlen! She's not only new to Journalism class, but to Manasquan High School! Originally from Cranford but now living in Spring Lake Heights, she spends her free time training for the softball

season. Victoria played on varsity for two years at Cranford High School and hopes to contribute to this year's MHS team. The class she looks forward to the most is Mr. Wasnesky's Environmental Science. At the moment Victoria is undecided about college, yet she is open minded to the possibilities and experiences that will come. Expect the most intriguing articles from her in this year's Blue & Gray!

Megan McLean is a 17-year-old student from Spring Lake Heights who describes herself as weird, amusing, and rather active. She is one of the many people working hard on *The Blue and Gray* each and every day. She enjoys singing, playing the guitar, and participating in ex-

tra-curricular activities such as karate and soccer. Her favorite place to go to for vacation is the Dominican Republic and she plans on going to the Christopher Newport University for college. She also describes herself as a food person, saying that her favorite foods (in order with breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert) are omelets, cheese quesadillas from Fins, Penne pasta with vodka sauce, and chocolate lava cakes.



Photography Club Snapshots



Row one: Angel Ramos, Sam Cunliffe, Barbara Nolfi

Row two: Patricia McKiever, Hannah Germanski, Megan Bauter

Row three: Sam Cunliffe, Michael Maimone, Mary Beth Bielicki





BLUE & GRAY SPORTS



Surfing

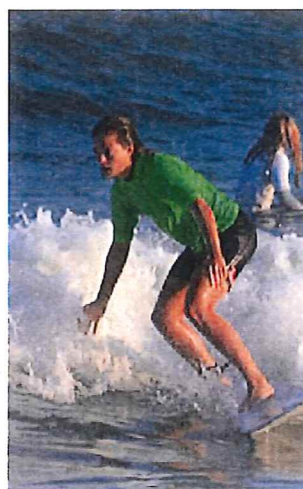
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tough decision of ranking the team members.

The team who wins states is invited to compete in Nationals later this year, on California's sunny and gnarly beaches.

Coach Buss demands nothing less than perfect surfing and intense training from MHS surfers: "All members should attend practice to become great, these after school practices include land training workouts as well as recreational surf. This being said, I expect my team to reach first place in states this upcoming year."

June Crawford: New Senior Surfer



"This being my first year on surf team, I had made the decision to mix it up and try a sport that I loved to do on my own time. Everyone has been friendly and open to sharing the water with the newbie so I'm super stoked that I joined. There's more of a personal focus on how you do in this sport, it's a cool change. I'm not expecting much from these winter waves this year, but as long as they're gnarly and frothy then I'm ready for them."

Football

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John Vianney to the ground, with a 21-14 victory over SJV and a 38-0 victory over Middletown South.

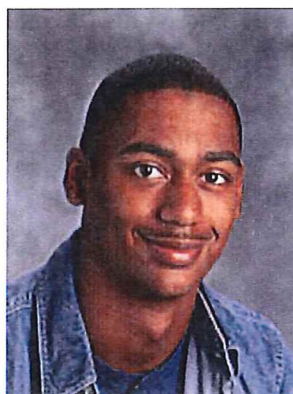
The crushing blowout of Middletown was a surprise. It was Manasquan's first shutout in 4 years, a nice achievement for the defense, and also the first time Middletown South had been shut out since 2002.

The game was a highlight for quarterback Tucker Caccavale, who threw four touchdowns and gained over 300 yards passing.

Their most recent highlight is their 17-14 victory over Monmouth. Caccavale starred again, as he completed 11 of 15 passes for 177 yards. With the fans on their toes and the ball in flight Caccavale's 75-yard pass to Kieran Preston resulted in an exciting touchdown. Raul Perez added a 28-yard field goal.

Senior Joe Murphy rushed for 77 yards on 16 carries, but suffered an unfortunate injury that might keep him out of play for awhile.

Senior Brian Gianforte, believes in the team, when asked about his expectations of the season he says "When we play as a team play our best, nobody can stop us and if we keep playing like we can we will win a state title this year."



New Man on Campus: Earl Peters

Manasquan's newest student athlete is senior Earl Peters, #29, who plays wide receiver and defensive back. He moved here from Ewing, and is definitely a valuable player. When asked about Earl,



Coach Voskian says that the team and the coaching staff "enjoyed welcoming him and he has definitely made some great friends and fits in well here in Manasquan." According to the Asbury Park Press Earl "Could provide a big-play threat" for Manasquan which will allow them to achieve success this season. Watch for him on the basketball court this winter, too!