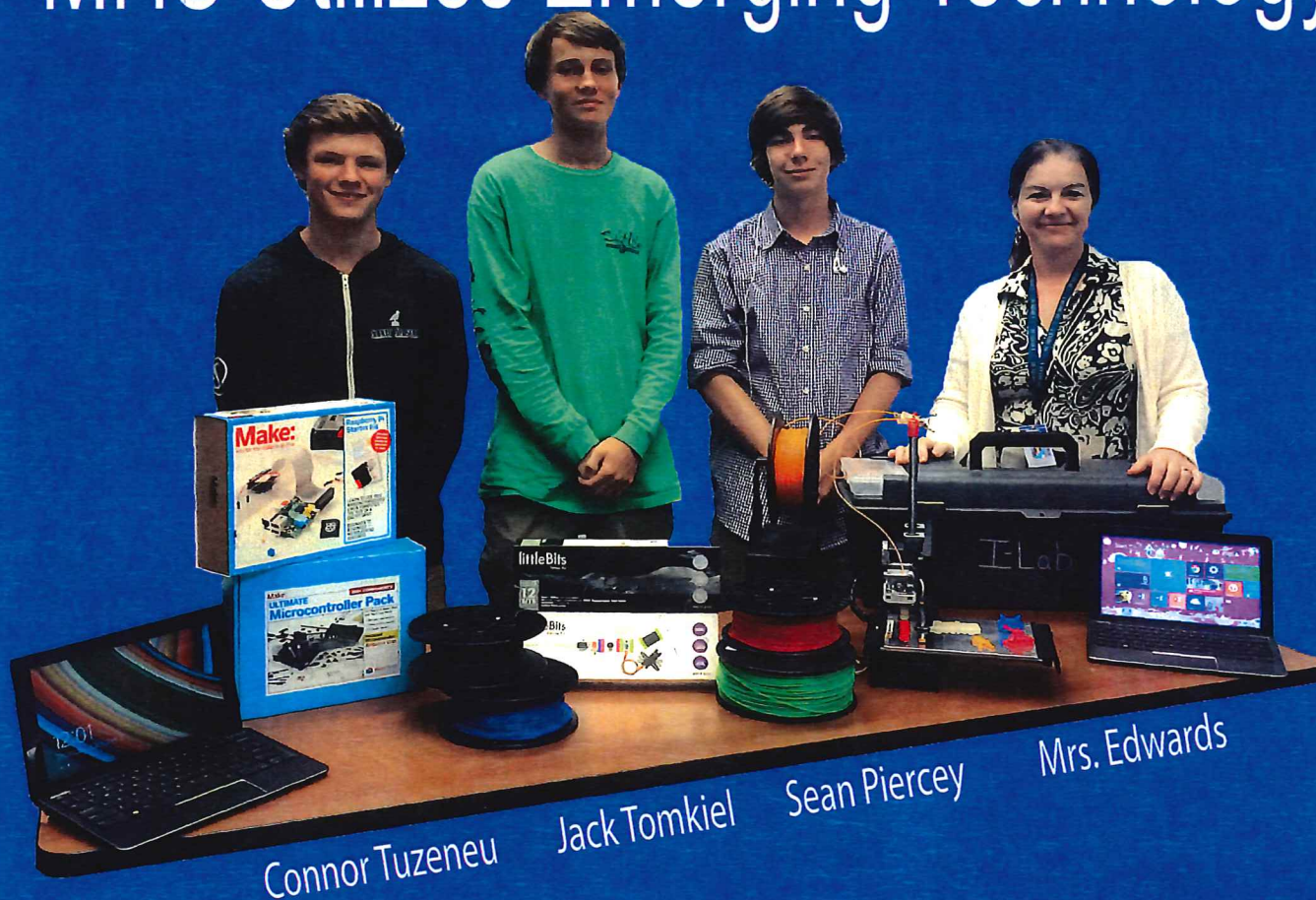


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MHS DRAMA CLUB PREPARES FOR THE SNOW QUEEN

By: Brittney Buechele

HEY FROZEN FANS! This fall, Manasquan High School Drama Club takes a break from the dark and eerie shows of recent years and presents *The Snow Queen*, a fun variation of an old children's classic, which will take place on October 29th, 30th, and 31st, in the Jack Nicholson Theater.

Adapted from Hans Christian Anderson's original fairy tale from 1844, *The*



Snow Queen tells the tale of young Gerda, played by Sarah Kurtis, who goes on a quest through magic and mystery to find her kidnapped best friend Kai, played by Dylan Scott. Along her journey she meets

a slew of crazy and enchanting characters such as trolls, crows, robbers, angels, hippies, and other creatures until, finally, she encounters Kai's kidnapper: the Snow Queen. In the final, drama-filled scene, Gerda enters a desperate battle with the Snow Queen fighting for Kai's freedom.

This year's production features a huge range of cast members. Many MHS students and Drama Club veterans, in-

cluding Jackson Dunson, Rachael Gray, and Joey DeSomma, will take the stage alongside several younger students from our local elementary schools.

Senior Rachael Gray says that, "I think having younger kids in the show is a great idea because it will help bring the fun and childlike atmosphere we are hoping to create."

Freshman Sarah Curtis makes her MHS Drama Club debut as the lead in this fall's production. She says, "I'm majorly excited for this show! And I can't wait to work with all the kids too. I love kids! I think this show is going to be tons of fun."

Sarah says that she hopes that not only her family, but many friends come to see the show this year.

Those who do attend will witness dazzling new special effects never before seen on the MHS stage.

And while you may think that having an ice-themed show on Halloween weekend is an odd contrast, the *Snow Queen* is full of enough suspenseful excitement and mystery to shake up your spooky holiday.



Freshman Sarah Kurtis has earned the lead in the fall play.

New and Noteworthy: The Tablets

By: Kiera Mulroy

This year, Manasquan High School has made a great leap forward with the advancements in technology by providing each student with a personal laptop / tablet. The Dell Venue Pro 11 is equipped with the 8.1 Enterprise Software; it is convenient to use as a portable tablet or as a sleek laptop. The tablets come with a keyboard and a case that contains a charger, a screen cleaner, and a pen that can be used on the surface of the tablet.

There are many new programs on the tablets. Other than the common Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, it also has programs such as OneNote. OneNote allows teachers to share notes and files with the students that they will be using for the rest of the course. For example, in math classes, such as Mr. Battaglia's, he has shared his course folder with each of the students, allowing them to download the file and have the notes for the rest of the semester or year.

Many questions have surfaced about whether the tablets are mandatory to use in every class or whether the old fashioned notebook paper and pen will suffice. There has been concerns voiced in response to the tablets, mainly by members of the senior class. Many seniors, whether they are resistant to change or just prefer paper and pens, have taken a stand against the tablets, believe that the tablets are unnecessary, and feel there is no point in getting them just for one year. Just take a walk down the hallway and I guarantee that you will hear mumbling from a disgruntled senior who is forced to start utiliz-



ing the tablet.

"I'm not as into it [the tablets] as the teachers are. I feel like the teachers are expecting us to do more work since we have the tablets, like they assign more projects on PowerPoint," said senior Alex Kurtz. Matt Del Guercio further commented on this when he said that "teachers now expect you to do all your homework on your tablet" and as far as PowerPoint goes he says it seems to "spazz". Most seniors, Gillian Black, Brian Comer, and Ryan Jensen to name a few, find the tablets most useful for watching Netflix. Alex Kurtz, on the other hand, does not have this luxury, since she has had Wi-Fi issues, like many other people in the school. Many seniors also agreed that there wasn't much instruction given out with the tablets. There was a two minute tutorial but that didn't seem to cut it.

Ryan, Alex, and Gill agree that even though the tablets are annoying to lug around, they are convenient to use to type documents right there in class instead of waiting to go home or to the library. Whether it ranges from a small problem like carrying them

around or comes down the school wide Wi-Fi problems, it appears that seniors are not accustomed to using the tablets and therefore find anything slightly wrong with them to be a nuisance.

However, as the school year progresses more and more students are becoming comfortable with the tablets and how to use them to their advantage. The mumbling in the halls has turned to a low simmer. Students are finding tools that they can use to their advantage, such as OneNote to help them connect to their teachers, and also Microsoft Word to help get ahead on homework. Multiple students have ditched the pen and paper to take notes right on their tablet, whether it is with the use of the touchscreen pen or the keyboard.

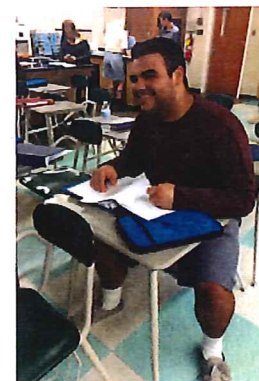
As time progresses the kinks are slowly being reworked and resolved. One problem was the WIFI issue, but once the problem was sought out, in a matter of days, it was fixed. Another problem in the first few days of school with OneNote, was resolved when students were informed that instead of the OneNote that came with the tablets the students had to use the OneNote 2013, and, again, problem solved. It's these quick fixes that allow the tablets to stay up to date and usable.

Also, the super staff of tech support guys can be found downstairs every day, and are just waiting to hear the newest problem in order to solve it at the touch of a button. The resources have been supplied and now it is up the students to take advantage of them.

Right: Senior Abby Schwind uses the tablet's OneNote program in AP Calculus by downloading Mr. B's notes to write on in class: "It makes my notes easily accessible at all times and keeps them very organized."



Left: Senior Matt McGrady sticks with the old fashioned pen and paper during Marine Science. "I prefer pen and paper because by the time the OneNote opens you have to find and download the document and I don't have time for that... pen and paper is just easier."



MHS Introduces New Academy of Engineering

By: Kendall O'Malley

Manasquan High School is proud to announce the launch of the Academy of Engineering this year. The school board has planned to introduce an engineering program for several years, and now the necessary funding has recently been approved, making it possible. Mrs. Edwards has also been a great asset to the Academy, and has been named its director. She was able to successfully secure grants which allowed MHS to obtain a 3-D printer and establish the Innovations Lab, both of which facilitate the Academy of Engineering.

Mr. Coppola describes Mrs. Edwards as being exceptionally "in-tune with educational technology".

Our Superintendent, Dr. Kasyan, has also been instrumental in developing the academy. He had the vision for the program and made it a priority to get the academy approved in the 2015-

2016 School Budget. Last year, he introduced two engineering- focused courses to MHS: *Engineering & Design* and *Architecture & Construction*, both of which are taught by Mrs. Hoeler. The administration was pleased by the abundance of positive feedback and the sizable enrollment yielded from these courses, and knew the Academy of Engineering would be a well-received addition to MHS.

In *Engineering & Design* students utilize professional engineering software to plan 3-D models. These models are designed to tackle real-world problems that engineers will encounter and need to solve. Another course offered, *Architecture & Construction*, focuses on the design and construction of 2-D design plans.

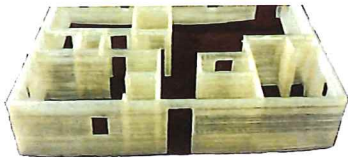
Additionally, the administration made efforts to research robotic technology, as they consider it to be the cornerstone of the Academy. *Introduction to*

Engineering Robotics is offered this year beginning in the second semester, and it will be taught by Mrs. Edwards. This course explores the foundations of engineering through robotics and provides students with an opportunity to integrate mechanics with programming. It is open to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students, as there is a prerequisite to have successfully taken a science and a math course in order to ensure efficiency in utilizing STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) concepts in class.

There are also plans to start a competitive Robotics team this year, which would be led by Mrs. Edwards. The club will be open to all students and there are already an impressive amount of students who have expressed their intention to join. In addition to the hands-on skills application, critical thinking, and leadership opportunities, these competitions offer students the opportunity to earn college scholarships!

Innovation Lab

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updated lab. Connor had to write up a blueprint for the innovation lab and plan which peice of furniture would go where. When creating blueprints everything has to be layed out to the centimeter and there are multiple components to keep in mind such as fire safety, accessibility, and the ability to share the room with the board of education. Connor said it took him days to plan every last detail and to create a perfect floorplan for the new chairs and desks. Last year he found that it was a very relaxed club, that everyone worked at their own pace and on their own

projects. It came to light that he was the most into it but this year he says "a lot of people joined, mainly freshman but that's good". Connor says that he likes to see all the different designs, someone designed a skate park and even

spread the word and get it out to everyone how innovative, fun, and informative the club is. If you are ever looking for help with your design or printing Connor can be found in the innovation lab during his study hall.

furniture, and by increasing the club's populace. "We had more than enough money from the grants last year to get everything we needed," says Connor, who is excited to see where else the lab will take him. And remember: a Robotics club/class is scheduled for the spring semester so sign up and spread the word! You never know when another chance to independently work with this new emerging technology will present itself. Go out and try it and remember: Connor never knew he had the talent to work with and completely build



made blueprints that can be printed. The new architecture class creates blueprints and then prints them off the 3D printer. Connor wants to

It is clear that the innovation lab has made huge progress since last year by getting all new equipment and hardware, getting new

3D printers but it has opened his eyes and made him want to become an engineer. Who knows... maybe you'll uncover a hidden talent too!

MHS WELCOMES NEWEST CLUB, HANDS TOGETHER

By: Brendan Fahey

Here at Manasquan High School, we offer a variety of clubs, activities and community services that make us stand out from other schools.

For instance, the Life is Good Club is definitely something we, as warriors, take pride in. It is an organization like no other, where members strive to create a positive environment for the students and community to be a part of. Being one of the largest groups in the school, they do a great job of promoting optimism through a variety of creative and exciting activities and events throughout the school year.

On top of that, the Environmental Club is also a great group that helps make the Manasquan community environmentally aware. By pushing recycling efforts in our school and participating in beach clean-ups, the Environmental Club gets many students involved.

And this year, Manasquan High School is welcoming a brand new club that is surely one like no other, and will be a great addition to the activities we offer. The Hands Together Club, led by Art and Graphic Design teacher Ms. Caravella, started as an idea junior Savannah Hobbie had when she was looking for a way to get more involved in the school community.

"I was looking online one night last February and found Color A Smile (an organization that collects cheerful drawings from volunteers) and I thought that could be a club itself," Savannah said. "But then I thought it would need to have more substance to it than just a coloring club."

Slowly, she and many of her friends began to imagine how much potential this organization could have. After many months in the works and many discussions with her friends and Ms. Caravella, the club was created around an idea that is truly inspirational.

Savannah shared her insight as she explained the club's mission. "The Hands Together Club is a group of students that create art work to generate smiles in areas that may need them. We give the crafts to an elderly

home, a special needs school, a foster agency, as well as military bases."

With such a positive way of giving back to communities that might need the uplifting of a craft made for them, it is certainly a credible club making its debut into the school this year. It is needless to say that even something as small as a hand-made craft can make somebody smile and brighten up their day, and this is exactly what the club plans to accomplish. At stages, people need something that will help get them through tough times in their life, and if bringing even a bit of enjoyment to their day, then the club will absolutely succeed. With the creative talent the club has, its accomplishments will be inspiring.

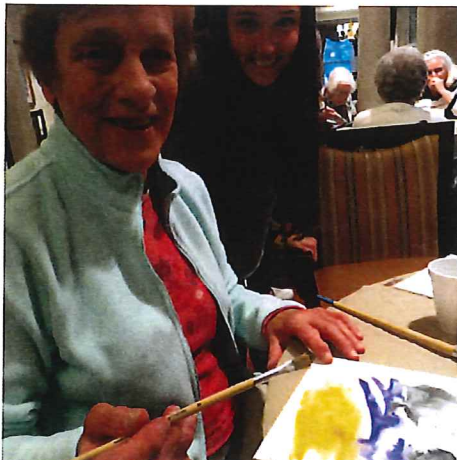
"It's nerve wracking starting a club and not knowing if it could be successful," Savannah explained, "so with all the help I had, my friends really pushed me to succeed and to not give up."

Savannah, who volunteers outside of school at an elderly home, says the club's first volunteer event will include painting with the seniors' at the homes depiction of the sky with an assortment of colors. She says the club is very excited to get started with their first mission and that with such talented artists, she knows it will be a great event. With Manasquan High School's newest club in effect and with so many exciting events and projects planned for this upcoming year, it is safe to say that the Hands Together Club is just getting started.



Sophomore Savannah Hobbie, the inspiration behind Hands Together

Coming Next Month: The Blue & Gray profiles another new club added to the MHS lineup: Guitar Club!



Left: Junior Daley McCallum painting a depiction of the sky with a resident at the club's first volunteer event. Right: Junior member Maura Farragher at a nearby elderly home, helping to create a beautiful painting with a resident at the home the club visited.



Students Tackle Issues in the World

The Blue & Gray Editorials

The Great Locked Bathroom Debate

By: Brendan Fahey and Erin Brolewicz

With every new school year comes new rules, regulations and guidelines that may not have been around in prior years. This year is no different, as the administration has a few policies that we as students must get ourselves accustomed with in order to make the school year run smoothly.

While some small changes may not be too noticeable to most students, one change has already made for some wide controversy between the student body. As the majority of us quickly realized in the beginning of the year, the bathrooms are not available in between classes; the doors are locked during the switchover of blocks. This has created a problem for many of us since we use the time in between class to use the restroom facilities, so that we don't have to miss important lessons throughout the day.

The administration made the decision before the school year began to revisit this previously enforced policy. "Yes, the decision was made over the summer on behalf of the high school administration and the school security guard. This is a policy that was in effect years ago, that we have chosen to

revisit," Assistant Principal Mr. Bramley explained.

Assistant Principal Mr. Cahill joined Mr. Bramley in providing insight to the new bathroom regulations. "So the main reason for the policy mostly has to deal with student accountability. We like to make sure everyone in the building is accounted for when they enter their classrooms," they said. "If teachers go to take attendance and many of their students are late to class due to being in the bathroom, it makes the instructor's job a lot harder. We like to see that the whole class is accounted for and on time."

The question was then brought up asking how they would respond to some students who feel it is wrong that the bathrooms are to be locked. "We are going to monitor the school policy and assess its effectiveness," they said. "If any student has an emergency or needs to use the bathroom at the time they are locked up, the nurses office will always be open in the case of a necessity."

Senior Alexandra Warren has a different opinion on this "locked bathroom" situation. In an effort to change the administration's mind about locking the halls

during time in between blocks, she created a petition that was signed by approximately 100 students throughout the school. When I asked her about the petition, she replied, "Well this petition was created to inform the side effects of students holding their bladder.

I wanted to show that your body was created to release its waste and if not, bacteria begins to build up, leading to serious medical issues."

She believes that the locked bathrooms are only hurting students. She mentioned that if students can't use the restrooms during passing periods, they end up taking time out of class to use the bathroom. They could potentially miss key parts of class, leaving them behind and confused. She believes that it shouldn't be happening. Students should be able to use the restroom in between classes to save the lost class time.

Although Alexandra realizes that the administration isn't doing this to hurt the students but to keep them accounted for, she wants them to understand the negative affects that locking the bathrooms has on students.

"Now students are forced to take valuable class time to use the restroom. I just feel like we should be able to use the bathroom whenever we need to," Alex explained.

While the majority of the student body would definitely wish to have bathroom regulations back to the way they were, it is always best to follow school

rules accordingly and see where it gets us. For all we know, this could end in positive results for the administration and perhaps even the students. So even though many peers are left frustrated with the locked bathrooms, this could lead to a healthier school environment. Only time will tell where this policy takes us.

Senior Alex Warren took action to protest the locked bathrooms, by circulating a petition amongst the student body.



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Feel the Bern: The Surprise Leader In The Democratic Primary Race

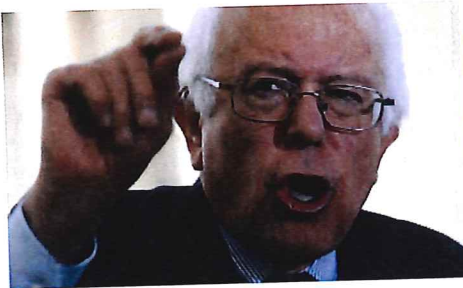


By: Matthew Collins

He looks like everyone's crazy old uncle or grandpa. He has frequently disheveled white hair. He speaks in a thick Brooklyn accent. He may not have the looks and aura of JFK, but he has a chance to become the next person to hold a job JFK and 42 others have held: President of the United States. The man who I'm describing is Bernie Sanders, the 71 year old Senator from Vermont, who currently leads Hillary Clinton by 22 points in New Hampshire and 10 points in Iowa in some polls.

Sanders has had a meteoric rise over the summer, starting out as an obscure candidate from a small state, but emerging as a legitimate challenger in the polls. Sanders' message has resonated with millions across the country, especially young people and liberals angry with what they believe is the lack of change in Washington due to frequent disagreements and stalemates in Congress and other issues like high unemployment. Sanders' stances on major issues are a liberals' wish list of what they want to see changed in Washington and in America: Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, making tuition free at public colleges and universities, getting rid of the death penalty, lessening the wage gap, enacting a universal health care system in America, and increasing the awareness of and action against global warm-

ing. Sanders has mainly focused his campaign on increasing opportunities for the middle class and has repeatedly said that wealth has to be distributed among all Americans and not just among 1% of our nation's millionaires and billionaires.



The two sides of Bernie Sanders: angry activist addressing America's problems and easygoing everyman enjoying a laugh. Above, left, Sanders is pictured at a rally in Washington, D.C. advocating tuition-free higher education; above, right, Sanders jokes with Stephen Colbert on The Late Show.

Another key tenet of Sanders' campaign has been the reforming of the campaign finance system. From the beginning of his campaign this past May, he has run a grass roots campaign and hasn't taken a single cent from super PACs or benefactors like the Koch Brothers that have dominated campaign finance in recent. This, together with his other opinions on key issues, helps him really connect to not only liberals but young people who appreciate his authenticity and his ability to say what Republicans may not like but what has to be said.

Bernie's grass roots, bluntly honest, ways come mainly from his upbringing in a Jewish household in Brooklyn to a father who emigrated from Poland after his family had been killed in the Holocaust and a mother who had lived in New York

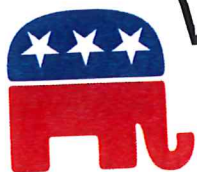
City. A young Bernie became interested in politics as a young age because as he puts it, "A guy named Adolf Hitler won an election in 1932 and 50 million people died as a result. What I learned as a little kid is that politics is, in fact, important." After graduating from James Madison High School in Brooklyn, Bernie fought for civil

rights and housing equality as a member of the Socialist Party at the University of Chicago, even participating in the 1963 March on Washington. Bernie moved to Vermont after college and ran for Governor of Vermont twice as a member of the

Liberty Union Party. Running as an Independent in 1981, Bernie won the election for Mayor of Burlington and stayed mayor for 8 years. Bernie became the first Independent elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1991 and a United States Senator in 2007. While in the House, Bernie was an early proponent of gay rights and voted against the war in Iraq in 2003. Seeing that he could never win a presidential election as an Independent and because he had left-leaning views anyway, Bernie decided to run for President as a Democrat, announcing his campaign last May.

Bernie has drawn increasingly large crowds that compete with the crowds at rallies of bigger named candidates like Hillary Clinton and Jeb Bush, including 27,000 people at the Memorial Sports Arena in Los

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Warriors' Decision 2016



By: Matthew Collins and Matthew Hanley

The presidential primaries for 2016 are in full swing, and MHS teachers and students weighed in on their preferences for the candidates.

Steven Knight, Grade 10:
doesn't like Donald Trump,
thinks the election is a joke



Mr. Waldeyer, Faculty: Knows that Scott Walker dropped out, knows about Fiorina and Trump, believes that there are too many people in the Republican race and thinks that it will become easier to decide who he's voting for once more candidates drop out. He knows nothing about the Democratic candidates.

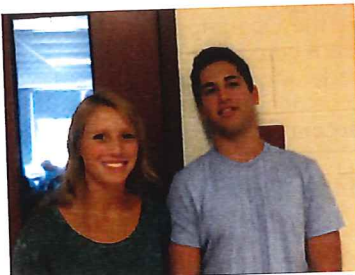


Joe Tocket, Grade 12: no opinion



Sean Rogers, Grade 12:
Carly Fiorina

John Romano, Grade 12:
Hillary Clinton or abolish the government



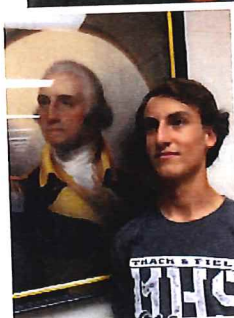
Tyler Hobbie, Grade 11: Donald Trump

Olivia Chevance, Grade 11: Donald Trump

Taylor Morris, Grade 12: Jeb Bush as a safe candidate and Donald Trump as a wild card because the government is messed up and an outsider could help to end that



Tom Bielicki, Grade 12: no opinion, quoting George Washington, "There should be no political parties."

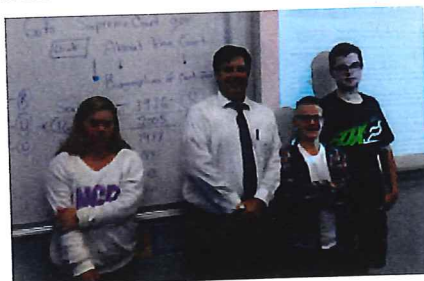


Mr. Hallion, Faculty: Hillary Clinton

Kennan Campanelli, Grade 9:
Donald Trump

Jonathan Dylla, Grade 12:
Donald Trump

Shannon Bauer, Grade 11:
Hillary Clinton



Mary Lintott, Grade 12: "If Trump wins, I'm moving."



Kevin Dempsey, Grade 12: Ben Carson but also admitting that "some of the things Trump says have to be said."

Jake Algor, Grade 12: Ben Carson

Emma Ientile, Grade 12: Ben Carson

Mike Sullivan, Grade 12: Ben Carson because "he's a calm, collect, rational man."



Last Minute Halloween Costumes

princess. Just be sure to wear shoes you can walk around in.

If you and your friends want a fun group costume and there happens to be seven of you, have everyone wear a gray shirt with a different day of the week written on it. Don a shark hat, and you all represent shark week.

Another group idea that has no limitations on numbers is to be M&M's. Have everyone choose a different color, grab that colored shirt and stick a white 'm' on the front. To really go all the way wear white gloves and pants too; now you're the animated M&M characters.

A simple and fun costume to make is an artist. If you have any paint covered clothes use those, otherwise take some old clothes you don't mind covering in paint, and a smock. Grab a piece of wood or Frisbee or anything else to be your palette, cover it in paint, grab a paintbrush, throw some paint on yourself, and you're good to go.

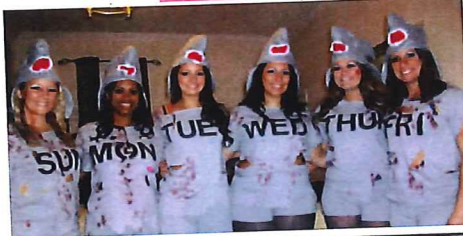
Find a red and white striped shirt, a white hat with a red pompom, and some big glasses and now you're the elusive Waldo (or his girlfriend Wenda). You can acces-

sorize with any of his many accessorizes such as a hiking backpack, binoculars, or a cane.

If you like to make bad puns and would like your Halloween costume to represent this aspect of your personality, then this is the perfect costume for you. Grab a raincoat, umbrella, rain boots, and some pictures of cats and dogs. Tape the pictures to your umbrella, and when people ask what you are, tell them it's raining cats and dogs.

Finally, if you want to dress up but stay comfy while doing it, go as a yoga instructor. Some yoga pants and a comfy shirt are your only costume, and all you would need to do is carry around a yoga mat. It's simple, but no uncomfortable costumes for you with this one.

Hopefully you'll use some of these ideas this Halloween for your costume, or perhaps it's sparked your imagination to come up with a different costume of your own. There's still time left before the wonderful night of mischief and candy, but don't forget time is ticking. And, if all else fails, you can always go as a sheet ghost.



Above: Yogi in his coaching days with the Yankees

Yogi

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Once Yogi retired, he displayed his abilities to win as a coach, managing the Yankees to the World Series in 1964 and the Mets to the World Series in 1973.

He won the World Series as a Mets 1st base coach in 1969, and as a Yankees coach in 1977 and 1978. It was his second tenure as Yankee manager in 1985, which ended with him being fired after 16 games that led to a bitter feud with owner George Steinbrenner that lasted until 1999. For 14 years Berra never set foot in Yankee Stadium and was absent for 2 World Series championships. After Steinbrenner met Yogi at his house, the two made peace and Yogi returned to Yankee Stadium.

On the day he returned July 18, 1999, which was Yogi Berra Day at the stadium, he threw out the first pitch from Don Larsen as he had done during Larsen's perfect game 33 years before. And, fittingly, on that day a perfect game was thrown by David Cone, which further cemented Yogi's mystique and legacy and the aura of winning that followed him throughout his life.

Berra grew up as the son of Italian immigrants in the hill section of St Louis and received his famed nickname because his friends thought he looked like a Hindu Yogi when he waited to bat with arms and legs crossed. In 1942, he was passed over by his favorite team, the St Louis Cardinals, and instead signed with the Yankees. Following this, Berra, unlike other players who avoided participating in battles, actually saw time in WWII in the Navy, even storming the beach at

Normandy. He played with the Newark Bears minor league team after the war, beginning his connection to New Jersey, where he lived the rest of his life.

Berra's funeral also took place in New Jersey at Immaculate Conception church in Montclair and was attended by sports legends like Harry Carson, Mariano Rivera, Reggie Jackson, Derek Jeter, and Joe Torre. The tributes and remembrances in the ensuing days were numerous: the lights on the empire state building turned Yankee blue, the Mets, Yankees, and Astros held moments of silence, and Derek Jeter, the new bearer of the title of greatest living Yankee, wrote a touching tribute to Yogi on his website, The Players Tribune. A memorial service was held at the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center on the campus of Montclair State University.

In the end, Yogi Berra will not just be remembered as a legendary baseball player and someone who contributed countless humorous malapropisms to our vernacular, but as a wonderful man and husband who touched the lives of everyone he came into contact with and who exemplified everything great about the American way. He grew up poor as the son of immigrants, played the national pastime, and even served our country in WWII, and truly personified what Tom Brokaw would call the "greatest generation." I'll leave it to Derek Jeter to describe Yogi's effect on people he met: "Yogi understood something simple about the sport: Baseball is meant to be fun. Any time he was around, he made it that way. Yogi's mission was to put a smile on people's faces, and he succeeded." Yogi, you will truly be missed.



Above: Immaculate Conception Church in Montclair, NJ where Yogi's funeral took place.

EIGHT TIPS TO HELP FRESHMEN SURVIVE HIGH SCHOOL

BY: RACHAEL GRAY

With the new school year comes a new freshman class, who require a warm welcome to Manasquan. In this welcome, we want to give the freshmen some tips on surviving high school and making the most out of their time here. So why don't we get started?

1. Make friends with your teachers

It may sound uncool to be the teacher's pet, but there's a difference between being friendly with your teacher, and being a teacher's pet. We want you to be friendly, which entails saying hi to your teacher in the halls, participating in class, acknowledging their existence, and treating them like the human beings they are. Besides, these four years are going to fly by, and when you need letters of recommendation for college, it will be better to have them come from someone who you are friends with than a complete stranger.



"Get involved as much as you can in sports, clubs, and more"
Chris Driscoll, Junior

2. Study - Let's face facts, many of you probably didn't have to study much for your elementary school classes. In high school, these things change. Although it's not fun and requires a lot of self-control, developing good study habits now will help you for the rest of your life. Putting in some work and getting an A is a lot more rewarding than doing nothing and getting a C.

3. Homework - Similar to studying, homework is a whole new playing field in high school. The responsibility to complete the immense loads of homework that you receive is suddenly placed upon you, and this can be a daunting task. But with patience, hard work, and self-discipline, it is possible to complete everything assigned on time. This may

involve creating a homework schedule or giving up T.V or computer time to get homework completed. It can sound boring and painful, but when finals come around, you will be grateful.

4. Go outside your comfort zone

Most freshmen come from the same elementary school they've gone to for nine years. Everyone knows the same people, has the same friends, and do the same things. But this is high school, there are hundreds of new and interesting people to meet that will help you learn and grow as a person. Opportunities for things are going to pop up all the time, and you may want to do them but are too scared to take a chance. Don't let that fear rule your life; step outside your comfort zone. In the end, you'll be grateful you did.



"Socialize, don't be shy, be yourself. Try harder [academically] than middle school. Freshman year is a foundation for your upper years."

Kat Zhang, Junior

5. Find upperclassmen who can drive

This is not a joke, it is very helpful to have upperclassmen instead of your parents drive you to where you need to be. Getting involved in school is the best way to make friends and enjoy your time at MHS, but it does create a problem getting to and from the school. You and your parents will soon hate the drive that you'll probably make at least twice a day to the school, and eventually you may find yourself walking home or, depending on where you live, taking the train. This is why finding upperclassmen who can drive is so important; not only are you branching out and making friends in your new activities, but you are also saving your parents some gas. They'll appreciate you for that.

6. Bring a sweater - If you haven't experienced the school's changing climate, then you definitely will as cooler weather approaches. The air conditioning and heating in the school varies

daily; one day you can be sitting in class sweating, and the next you could be in the same class shivering. With this constant change in temperature, it's a good idea to dress in layers and always carry a sweater. Even if it's 80 degrees outside, the air-conditioning could make it 50 inside, and that's not a good climate to be wearing shorts in.

7. Extra help - Every teacher has at least one extra help day a week, and most teachers are in their classroom before school starts every morning. Take advantage of this time to go over any homework or classwork that you don't understand. It may require getting up early or missing the bus, but not only will you be showing your teachers that you care about your grades, but when the next test comes around, you'll actually be prepared to take it, and that extra time you sacrificed will pay off.

8. Use Naviance - You've probably been told about this by your guidance counselor or during Freshman Transition. It was probably stressed how important this website is and what a critical part it will play in your high school career. And as blown up as it sounds, what you are told is right. Naviance not only allows you to check your class rank and GPA, but it is how you will get teacher recommendations for college, write your college resume, and link the Common Application with the school. Become familiar with this website now, so that in the future when you need to be using it almost every day, you'll know what you're doing.

So there you go freshmen- eight tips that will hopefully help you survive Manasquan High School. Don't forget that upperclassmen and teachers are always willing to help you with almost anything. Just because you're new here doesn't mean you should be afraid of the experiences ahead of you.

Reminiscing Elementary School

By Alissa Cielecki

As seniors take their first steps into their last year of high school and freshman start anew with fresh hopes and aspirations for the years to come, it's important to look back on a much simpler time and remember where we all came from. Elementary school: a time when homework wasn't quite as difficult and high school turmoil was a distant thought, and everyone experienced their own school's pranks and playground games. What was the most memorable part of those years for you?

Here are some of the most memorable moments of elementary school from your fellow classmates.



Sea Girt Elementary School alumni Kelli Finn has many fond memories of her years before high school. She thoroughly enjoyed the eighth grade trip to Washington D.C., a fantastic and educational travelling experience. After Sandy, they even did mock elections at the school to "vote" for who would be president. One thing she misses a lot is the

Christmas sing-alongs every year.

Brittney Buechele hails from St. Rose, where the senior remembers several different events throughout elementary school that lit up her early years with fun. Carnival Day and Beach Day are two that stand out in her mind, but the book fairs were always enjoyable as well. In her sixth grade year, her class took a trip to the Egyptian Museum that she thinks was a great learning experience. Most of all, the third grade play was a highlight for her, as she played Squeaky the mouse in her school's production of Cinderella.



Ibeth Hernandez, a freshman from Belmar, loved the comfortable atmosphere at Belmar Elementary, remembering the helpful teachers and the motivation to succeed. Some of her favorite memories include the Cinco de Mayo fiesta in Spanish class, the Halloween costume parades, writing lyrics in music class, and the Six Flags trip for chorus.



MaryGrace Iorio is a junior in MHS with roots in Brielle. Like Kelli, she remembers her eighth grade year the best. While it is her last memory of middle school, it holds a special place in her heart for other reasons as well. During their field trip to Gettysburg, the eighth graders had the opportunity to experience the thrill of go-karting near the hotel they were staying at. Even her eighth grade dance she remembers as a miniature prom, just as much fun as a real prom.



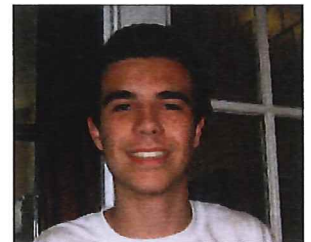
While enrolled at H.W. Mountz Elementary School, MHS senior Thomas Bielicki had an unforgettable experi-

ence during his class trip to see the Amazing Spider-man on Broadway. While the performance alone was interesting enough, the real event happened after the show, when his class waited in New York City in the pouring rain for their bus driver who never showed. After waiting a while, they went to a nearby McDonald's where the teachers bought all the students hot chocolate. While they showed up late to their dinner reservation, they did end up getting a ride home on another bus, albeit later than anticipated.



Former Spring Lake Heights Elementary School student, Kieran Watters, also went on an eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. with his fellow classmates, something he remembers well. His favorite class was always science, and he used to love the yearly Halloween marches where everyone would march downtown in their costumes. While he said that he and his friends were often doing things they probably shouldn't have been, he made some great memories while he was there.

Alex Devoy is another senior from Manasquan. His elementary school years took place in Avon, where he can proudly say that he won the science fair. His project was to train ducks to move from one cage to another cage when told. An enjoyable yearly event that he would participate in while in elementary school was Field Day. During field day, the school would create two competing groups, one blue team and one gold team. They would compete through relay races, tug of war, and other fun events all day long.



Senior Gabby Roe went to Manasquan Elementary where she first joined Drama Club and made several long lasting friendships. Another Manasquan graduate, Kat Zhang, enjoyed the karaoke projects in computer class and the huge lockers in the school. Like many, she recalls crying at graduation, because elementary school was the place where it all started. Anyone can see the truth behind those words; elementary school really was where everyone all started their journey to follow their dreams. While it may seem worlds away, both



your past and your future really aren't that far after all.

Every school is different. Each class had its own set of class clowns and perfect students, but the real difference between them is the individuals. No one experienced quite the same elementary and middle school experience, and all of you are the cause. Think about it; there is something in every one of you that makes your class special. It's these traits that created fun and unforgettable elementary school years for everyone. It will be these traits that make not only high school, but life as a whole, a fantastic experience. So go out there, make memories. You'll be glad you did.

New Music Profile:

Halsey

By: Gillian Black

Halsey, a blue-haired, confident, and emotional new artist, has definitely caught my attention in the music world. I listen to any musician, from Bruce Springsteen to Mac Miller, or from The 1975 to Taylor Swift, but she has something to her that is different from the rest. And that something



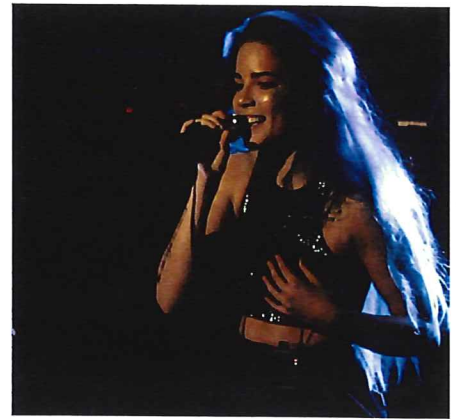
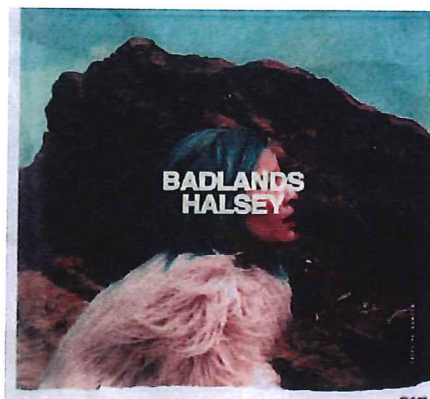
is making her more appealing and promising each day. Trust me, once you take one listen to her, you'll instantly fall in love, like I did a month ago.

Halsey, whose real name is Ashley Nicollete Frangipane, is from Washington, New Jersey. She is an upcoming American singer, songwriter and recording artist. Halsey started her career at age 17 by posting YouTube videos of herself covering popular Taylor Swift songs. Thereafter, she wrote and recorded her first single "Ghost" and posted that on SoundCloud. After six hours of it being available, nine record labels were unexpectedly blowing up her phone.

In early 2014, Halsey signed her first recording contract with Astralwerks Records and was ready to start working. She released her debut EP, *Room 93*, on October 27, 2014. (EP stands for "Extended Player" and is created before an album drops for musicians to raise awareness of their talent.) She explains in a Fuse TV interview, "The *Room 93* EP was my indulgence with my obsession with the isolated feeling of being in a hotel room. As I started traveling and making music, everything was out of hotel rooms: Dating people, having business

meetings, trying to keep friendships alive in this isolated prop environment that's like a mock house. 'Oh we're going to make this little thing that's supposed to look like a house but it's not, it's pretend.' It's voyeuristic." The song "Is There Somewhere" is my favorite because it is a beautifully written tale about how she fell in love with a boy. The boy is Matty Healy, the lead singer from the alternative band The 1975. Matty was already in a relationship when Halsey fell in love with him, making her his second choice. In this song, she describes how she tries to pretend as if she is the one he really is in love with when they are together.

After the release, Halsey started to open for The Kooks in 2014, only playing original songs from her EP. She then led a co-headline tour with her musical friends Young Rising Sons in the beginning of 2015. In the summer of 2015, Halsey had the pleasure to be the first act on the Imagine Dragons tour. Now, in the fall of this year, Halsey will be the opening act for The Weeknd on his Madness Tour. However, while on tour with The Weeknd, Halsey will be able to play a bigger set list since her debut album, called *BADLANDS*, came out via iTunes on August 28th, 2015. In a *Billboard* interview, Halsey explains that, "It's called *Badlands* because it's supposed to feel like a dystopia, like an isolated wasteland. It's got the Tarantino, *Sin City* vibe. *Badlands* is as if you exited *Room 93* to the world that it exists in."



To me, Halsey's music is very authentic, with a splash of vulnerability and awareness. She tells a story in each of her songs, which keeps her music intriguing and compelling. She creates pop music that's almost ironic; her lyrics catch you off guard. As she tells her story, she throws phrases and circumstances at you that are so seemingly conversational that they almost feel like they don't belong there. Halsey has reinvented that angry, female pop record and it is absolutely worth listening to.

Halsey has a plethora of songs that depict love, not only from her point of view, but from society's as well. One of her songs, "Colors", is also written about Matty Healy and how he changed her, but this time at the end of their relationship. Lyrics such as "You were red, and you liked me because I was blue. But you touched me, and suddenly I was a lilac sky. Then you decided purple just wasn't for you" strongly illustrate her past feelings. Halsey's lyrics are extremely deep and well thought out. Matty Healy is a very dark person who craves the blackness and whiteness of the world as well as the intense feeling of love, which symbolizes the red. On the other hand, Halsey is very energetic and open-minded, which exemplifies the blue in this equation (also her hair is dyed blue). Moreover, when red and blue hues mix, they create purple, which is what Halsey believes has happened to her during her relationship. Portrayed as these two separate colors, when Halsey and Matty "touched", she evolved into a lilac sky, which is a lighter shade of purple. His characteristics began to manifest in her, and once he realized that Halsey was altered, he decided she was not what he wanted; in the end, Halsey was left by herself. To me, these lyrics are the most dominant that portray the relationship, since I am a fan of both musicians.

WHAT MHS STAFF MEMBER ARE YOU MOST LIKE?

START HERE

BY: ELLA LUZZI

HOW WOULD YOUR FRIENDS DESCRIBE YOU?

Pretty mellow.

Enthusiastic!



DO YOU LIKE WATCHING THE NEWS?

No way!

Every night!

ADMIT IT, WHEN YOU TELL STORIES, THEY'RE A BIT LENGTHY.

Okay, you're right...

They are not!



DO YOU THINK WITH YOUR HEAD OR YOUR HEART?

Heart.

Head.

DO YOU TEND TO STICK TO YOUR PLANS?

Eh, I just go with the flow.

Always.

ARE THE WEEKENDS ALL FILLED UP FOR YOU?

Yeah, I'm pretty busy.

Nah, that's my down time.



ARE YOU PREPARED TO TELL PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE WRONG?

Of course.

No, that's none of my business.

ARE YOU A PEOPLE PERSON?

Not generally.

Well, duh.

END HERE



You are the wise Mr. Weisert! Not only do you have

a great insight of music, you also have a deep understanding of the world, like Mr. Weisert, who spent several years living in Germany. You always have a story to tell.



You are the artistic Ms. Caravella! You see

the beauty in everything around you. You think creativity is very important, just like Ms. Caravella does. Not only are you passionate about what you make, you're good at it too!



You are the brilliant Mr. Fagen! You

know a lot about everything, and that's awesome. Even with your mass intellect, you still manage to keep your sense of humor. You're probably pretty popular, too, but not as popular as Mr. Fagen.



You are the friendly cafeteria worker, Barbara! You

try to be positive as much as possible. Whether it is simple things or bigger gestures, your goal is to make others smile. You're a kind soul, just like Barbara.



You are the athletic Mr. Voskian! All things

physical are of great interest to you, like Mr. Voskian. Actually showing effort and doing the best you can isn't a bad thing at all, even if people call you a "try-hard."



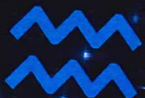
LIBRA

This month you will have to make a difficult decision. If you are having trouble deciding, we suggest flipping a coin. To do this, take any coin out of your pocket and flick it into the air. Before it lands, decide which thing you want to be heads and which to be tails. Whatever it lands on is your answer! But, if you have trouble deciding which thing to assign to be heads or tails, we suggest flipping a coin! To do this, take any coin out of your pocket...



SAGITTARIUS

So we hear you'll be a bit down in the dumps this month. You may feel a bit insecure, but don't sweat it. You got this! You are killing it. Don't let anyone think you're less than UH-MAZING. Now, put on your favorite pair of jeans, and that shirt that makes you 'look rockin'', and SLAY those haters with confidence. You're fab.



AQUARIUS

Even though you thought that nothing could crack your chill attitude and friendly disposition, that one kid in your class really grinds your gears. Don't let him get to you, it's only one semester. Stay calm and don't be afraid to tell him to shut up and sit down.. But remember, we at *The Blue and Gray* aren't responsible for any trouble caused as a result of these horoscopes.

If you haven't noticed already, these horoscopes are highly sarcastic.

SCORPIO



Everyone faces hardships from time to time, and you're no exception. While every other month you've been able to hold up fine on your own, this month will not be the same. You'll need to seek help for your problems. We suggest talking to someone you trust, such as a friend. Definitely not that sketchy guy you met on smoker's corner. You can't trust him. Actually, stop talking to him.

CAPRICORN



Finding it hard to get out of bed in the morning this month? Having a hard time getting started on easy tasks? Never fear, that will pass. You may not pass your classes, but the feeling will definitely pass. Just push the feeling deep, deep down until you forget it's there. You'll never see it again if you play your cards right. You're welcome.

PISCES



This month, you'll have a little trouble getting your ideas to the surface in a group. Rather than letting others talk over you, make sure your good ideas are heard. Don't let others turn you into a pushover. If they try anyway, simply push them over instead. Practice your getaway beforehand.

DO YOU NOT KNOW WHAT YOUR ZODIAC IS?

Aries: March 21st - April 19th
Taurus: April 20th - May 20th
Gemini: May 21st - June 20th
Cancer: June 21st - July 22nd

Leo: July 23rd - Aug. 22nd
Virgo: Aug. 23rd - Sept. 22nd
Libra: Sept. 23rd - Oct. 22nd
Scorpio: Oct. 23rd - Nov. 21st

Sagittarius: Nov. 22nd - Dec 21nd
Capricorn: Dec. 22nd - Jan. 19th
Aquarius: Jan. 20th - Feb. 18th
Pisces: Feb. 19th - March 20th

Summer Concerts

By: Erin Brolewicz

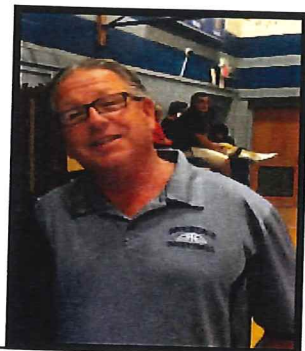
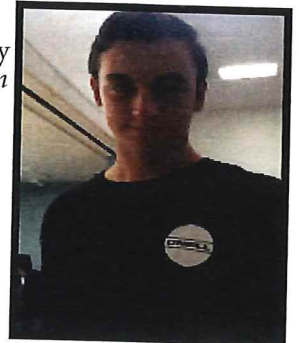
Going to concerts over the summer is definitely an experience that shouldn't be missed! This summer was filled with a variety of concerts that some students throughout the school went to. Here's some favorites!



Sugar Ray at the Stone Pony
Julia Weise



Slightly Stoopid at the Stone Pony
Matt McGovern



Jimmy Buffet &
Styx with Def Leopard
Mr. Fenchel



Chris Brown
& Fetty Wap
Anna Boyan

Senior: Guess Who?

By: Beau Bradley

In the first edition of our Senior Guess Who, we found a handsome young man with self-proclaimed great eyebrows to interview. This tall, dark and handsome hunk plays lacrosse for MHS, but also has a passion for recreational badminton.

He comes from the hills of Brielle, has one older sister, and enjoys his meals at Applebee's. His favorite show is Breaking Bad, and loves the color magenta.

When it comes to his academic prowess, he is an accounting wizard. He

gives full credit to his favorite teacher at MHS, Mr. Waldeyer, for guiding him to accounting perfection. He hopes to study Accounting at either the University of Delaware or Rutgers University.

Even though he looks towards the future, this student adores MHS and loves his classmates, especially Conor Kinneally. He loves spending time with him at the Manasquan Inlet, just hanging out. When asked about Conor, he couldn't help but say, "He's so dreamy."

Think you know who this is?
Drop your guesses off at Room 112 and one correct guess will be randomly chosen for a chance to win a famous Wal-



Your Name: _____

Your Homeroom: _____

Your Guess: _____

NETFLIX AND CHILL

By: Kiera Mulroy and Gill Black

Go to TV Series:

Jess Ross says... Pretty Little Liars
Ella Cardelfe says... Dance Moms
Liz Clark says... Prison Break
Liam Grieb says... NCIS
Kevin Dempsey says... Breaking Bad
Julie Hohenstein says... The Office



Favorite Movie that never gets old...

Mike Moran says... Goodwill Hunting
Olivia Santos says... Holes
Ella Cardelfe says... White Chicks
Brian Comer says... Hitch
Brianne Lauria says... Cyberbully



How has Netflix changed your life...

Torey Grennan says she has become anitsocial watching 12 episodes a day.

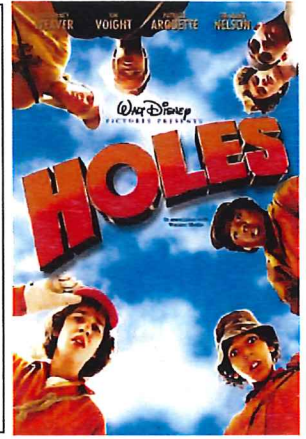
Ryann DeCastro says she doesn't watch regular TV anymore.

Olivia Santos and Liz Clark say they have become very lazy, watching on average 7 episodes a night.

Kevin Dempsey and Mike Moran say that Netflix has changed their lives for the better.

Ella Cardelfe says there is variety of shows.

Nikki Stevens says she has become very emotional... by only watching **One Tree Hill**... four times per year...



Reccomendations..

Lily McNamara says... New Girl
Nikki Stevens says... One Tree Hill
Ella Cardelfe says... Carrie Diaries
Liz Clark says... Prison Break
Ryann DeCastro says... Family Guy
Olivia Santos says... Grey's Anatomy



Favorite Newest Addition...

Olivia Santos says... Ninja Turtles
Maggie Kelly says... Shark Boy and Lava Girl
Lily McNamara says... Parks and Rec
Emily Maher says... Orange is the New Balck
Kevin Dempsey says... Friends

This Month: the students of MHS picked their favorite TV show series... And the winners are....

Grey's Anatomy V. Orange is the New Black....

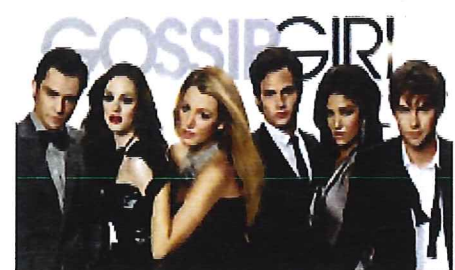
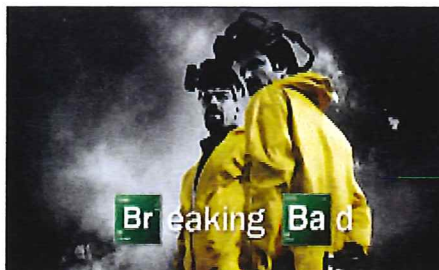
GREY'S ANATOMY

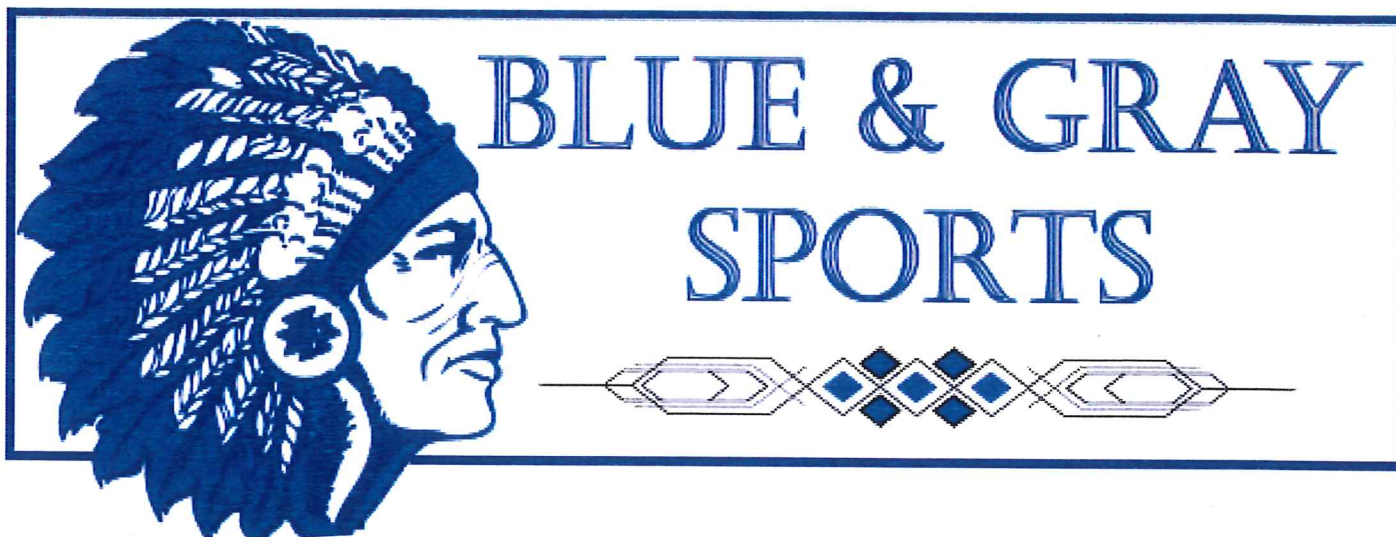
Breaking Bad V. Walking Dead...

BREAKING BAD

Gossip Girl V. One Tree Hill...

GOSSIP GIRL





Gymnastics Team Gets Bigger, Better

By: Gillian Black

The Girls' Gymnastics team has definitely proved themselves this year as a dominant fall sport. The squad consists of seniors Abby Schwind and Kiera Mulroy, junior Ashlynn Hayes, and sophomores Bella Jannarone and Jess Waldeyer; they currently hold a record of 7-4. This year has been going phenomenally well so far, importantly because they have all been able to compete. In order to compete, the team needs three competitors—the past two years the team couldn't partake due to injuries and sicknesses.

Girls' Gymnastics has had some very close tri-meets and quad-meets this season, including the one on October 5th against Neptune and Point Boro. The fab five left victorious beating Point Boro 95.7-90 and Neptune 95.7-95.55. Two judges score on a 1-10 scale for each competitor in each event they participate in, knocking off points for every error made. The total team score is a combination of the individual scores.

The four events include: balance beam, vault, floor exercise, and uneven parallel bars. Kiera participates in all four



Pictured above: the girls in action, Kiera Mulroy jumps from the balance beam (left) and Ashlynn Hayes performs a handstand; below: the team (from left to right) seniors Kiera Mulroy and Abby Schwind, Coach Megan Doherty, sophomores Jess Waldeyer and Bella Jannarone, and junior Ashlynn Hayes.

events but her favorite is vault because "I do a hard skill that not a lot of people who compete at a high school level can do." Additionally, Abby participates in all four events but her prized event is beam because "I feel focused and calm on beam and sticking a routine is the best feeling." Ashlynn Hayes' favorite event is floor because she loves tumbling and flips, but she performs in all four events as well. Furthermore, Bella strictly competes in vault and beam but her favorite is beam because, "It comes natural to me." Lastly, Jess' treasured event is floor because it is similar to cheerleading and she used to be a cheerleader, but she still performs in the other three events.

Although each gymnast enjoys the intimacy within the team, they do wish they had more girls who could help the team's score during competitions. Come support the Girls' Gymnastics team in one of their upcoming meets!

Squan Football

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a fumble and getting an interception from Senior Safety/Kicker Shane Flanagan, and added two more touchdowns: a 13 yard pass from Grieb to Jr Kyle Leblanc and a 1 yard plunge by Paul Krueger.

The Warriors have, unfortunately, lost twice this year, to Raritan and Ocean. The Raritan loss came on September 12 and came to a very good Raritan team who destroyed defending state champ Matawan and Freehold Boro in the ensuing weeks. In the loss, Liam Grieb threw for 200 yards and a 27 yard touchdown to Parker Day

and Sophomore RB Connor Morgan added a short TD run. The Warriors' other loss this year was to Ocean in near Hurricane conditions on October 2. Ocean's Running Back, Tyler Thompson, thrived in the sloppy weather and ran for over 200 yards but the Warriors did add two late scores by Parker Day and Connor Morgan that were set up by fumbles forced by Paul Krueger.

The Warriors have a game against Barnegat on October 10 followed by a 3 game stretch that, in my opinion, is one of the toughest in the state, facing defending Central Group II champ Rumson Fair Haven, defending Central III champ Matawan, and an undefeated Saint John Vianney team

loaded with talent including Boston College bound Quarterback Anthony Brown and Lineman Micah Clark, who was offered by Ohio State and Alabama. Hopefully following the Vianney game will be a state playoff run (right now the Warriors are 8th in power points in South Jersey Group 3 according to Gridiron New Jersey and are looking at a playoff game against 3- time defending state champ Delsea) and the annual blood-letting on thanksgiving against hated rival Wall. According to McGrady, "We just have to keep get better and we have to have better practices each week, "and if they do this and continue to make plays, it could be a good year for our Warriors.



BLUE & GRAY SPORTS



Steady with their Success

Boys Soccer looks forward to strong tournament play

By: Gillian Black

SBVS, also known as Squan Boys Varsity Soccer, is starting off the season right where they left off last year: getting goals and getting noticed. In previous seasons, the Manasquan Boys soccer team flew under the radar and ended with a decent record, but this season is way different. SBVS has 14 returning varsity players on their roster along with 14 new additions. They have been crushing the Shore Conference Class A Central division and will undeniably end the year strongly.

potential in the next years, but are already supporting tremendously and have found their place.

Probably the biggest key defensive player is senior stopper Brendan Kelly. Brendan is a three year varsity player who provides a brilliant understanding of the game and is counted on to make clutch plays consistently. Outside midfielders have the toughest job since they run continuously and are mostly in charge of crossing the ball into the 18, but senior Tolga Guven and junior Aaron Kocienski are exceptional in these spots; both are always in the play.

Currently SBVS has an overall record of 6-4-0 with a conference record of 3-2-0. They are in second place, behind Rumson-Fair Haven with 17 goals and 14 goals against. Team leadership originates from the head coach, Tom McGill, as well as this year's captains: Beau Bradley, Brendan Kelly, Brian Comer, and Mike Howell. All four of these players have greatly impacted this year's success because of their influential guidance and foresight they bring to the team.

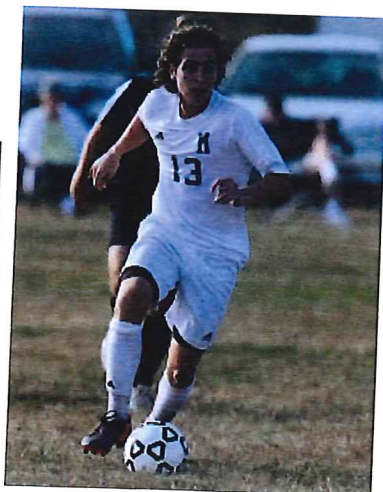
SBVS holds the formation of a 4-2-3-1 on the field. The starters begin with senior Brian Comer in front of the net as goalkeeper. Comer's ability to see the entire field and loudly deliver what is going on during the game has been a huge contribution. Next up is senior sweeper Mike Lyons who is always there to save the day on a breakaway because of his quickness and speed. To the right and left of him are sophomores Chris Black and Ryan Flanagan. Both have displayed extremely high

Seniors Beau Bradley and Mike Howell are the two center midfielders--the glue of this team. Beau enjoys the offensive end while Mike says back with the defense, but both have ridiculous passing skills and scoring opportunities. Junior Bryan Tapia is the attacking midfielder, which is a creative offensive role. He has amazing foot skills and usually starts the attack for a goal. Lastly there is the one and only forward Dan Del Guercio who is a junior. Dan is an amazing goal scorer and is a massive asset to SBVS. Other key substitutions include: Tom McGill, Matt Cannon, Matt

Del Guercio, Kevin Dempsey, Sean Rogers, Ryan Shafer, Tyler Shafer Brian McLoughlin, Jack Long, Pat Felstedt, Matt Forcillo, Francisco Bautista, Marty McHugh, Logan Roddy, Spencer Westcott, Liam Cuozzo, Nick Bilotti and Chris Capone.

SBVS seems to be more confident, aggressive, and focused this year. The seniors are playing every day like it is their last day while the newcomers are extremely excited to start their career. The four captains explained enthusiastically how beating Holmdel 4-1 on September 16th was the most exciting moment this year so far because they have not beaten them since 2002. To add, Brendan and Brian agree that their favorite team to play against is Wall, while Beau loves playing against Holmdel. "Being able to play with my friends" is what Brendan loves about playing on Manasquan Soccer. On the other hand, Brian admires how his "teammates are like my brothers" and that is what he loves. Beau significantly enjoys "the bond of me and my teammates that we've built over the past four years."

The Boys soccer team has an extremely tenacious schedule this year, including games against Rumson Fair-Haven and Matawan, but they will undeniably prevail as a team. Come support their quest for championship success in the Shore Conference Tournament and Central Jersey Group 2 State Tournament.





BLUE & GRAY SPORTS

Field Hockey Reaches Shore Conference, State Tournaments

By: Julie Hohenstein

The field hockey team thrives on the belief that success is contingent upon hard work. In order to flourish, one must always strive to run farther, sprint faster, train harder. The mindset has not only deemed the field hockey preseason most brutal, but also trained some of the most competitive and resilient athletes at MHS.

In 2014 the field hockey team faced a major challenge: the graduation of seven seniors, six of whom were starters. The team spent the duration of the season rebuilding, continuing their efforts into the offseason in hopes of returning in 2015 stronger than ever. Through participation in Good Sports Winter League, Monmouth University Summer League, various summer camps, and captains' conditioning practices, the girls returned this September with fire in their eyes.

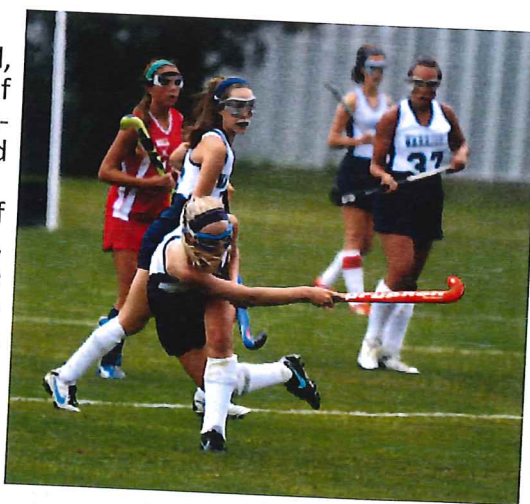
The countless hours of practice not only fine-tuned individual skills, but also strengthened the team's dynamic. The girls emphasize family and trust between teammates over everything. "I couldn't imagine

my life without playing with every one of these ladies. I love them all more than they even know", said senior Kelly Cattani. Cattani is one of eight seniors on the team responsible not only for the team's 6-6-1 overall record, but also for the organization of many bonding activities including themed practices, TPing, and pasta parties.

Under the leadership of field hockey guru Coach Cosse, the girls are ranked 5th in the Shore A central conference. Returning senior goalkeeper Olivia Munn has proved instrumental this season, accumulating 61 saves thus far and receiving a nomination for best fockey goalie in the Shore Conference on NJ.com's recent poll. Senior Lindsey Gladden leads the teams in assists and shares the title for most goals with fellow senior Hannah Pettit. Hannah is a powerhouse along with her twin sister Emma. Like previously mentioned, MHS fockey is all about the family dynamic.



Above: senior captain Lindsay Gladden controls the ball; below: senior captain Emma Pettit blasts a shot on goal.



As the season comes to a close, the girls continue in the fight against fierce competition. Though they might not be quite where they want to yet, the season has shown a lot of positive progress for the ever-growing program.