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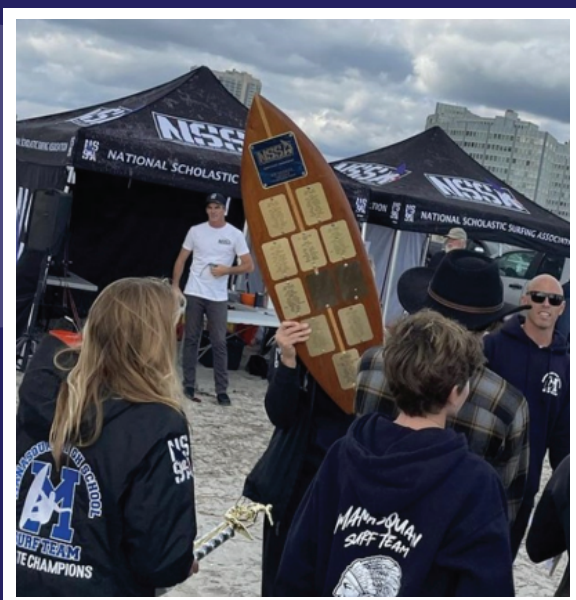
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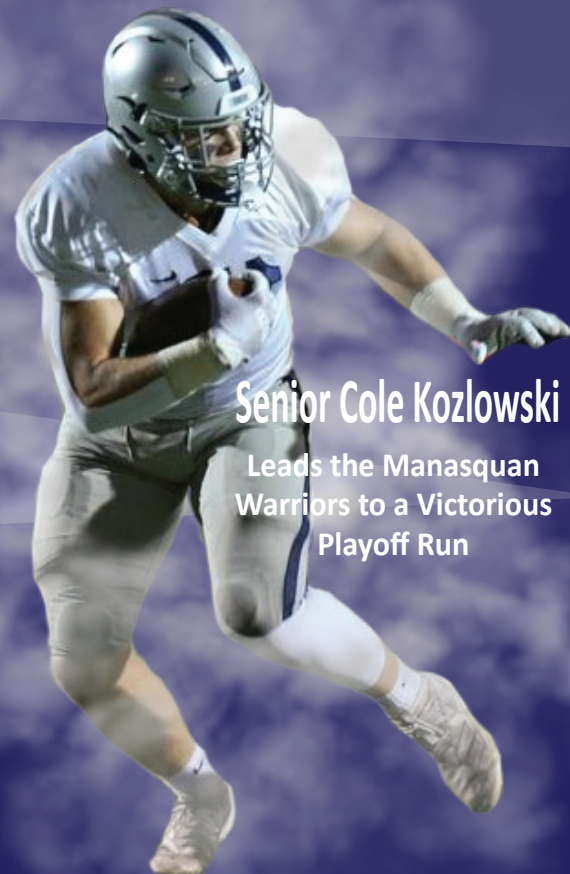
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Surf Team Wins 8th State Championship in a Row

By: Chloe Casale and Hannah Dougherty

After an amazing season, Manasquan Surf Team gained another championship at the Northeast Regional/State Champions in Atlantic City on October 31st. Impressively, it was their 8th state championship in a row!

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Pictured: boys (above) and girls (below) receive their winning trophies



Hard Earned Counselor of the Year is Awarded to Mrs. Duggan

By: Reagan Scime

Every year, a counselor from Manasquan High School is awarded the "Counselor of the Year" title. Each counselor is deserving of this award, but the counselor selected this year stands out from the rest.



Above: Mrs. Duggan poses for a picture as she is interviewed for receiving counselor of the year.

On Friday, December 10th, Mrs. Duggan was announced as this year's Counselor of the Year. She has proven over the course of her fourteen years at MHS to be a tremendous help to the counseling department and the school community.

According to Mrs. Duggan, since her first year at MHS in 2008-2009, her favorite part about being a school counselor is spending time with the students. She enjoys talking to them to find out about their lives outside of school.

"The college aspect is really fun, and we get to know the seniors," Mrs. Duggan said. "We can go through that process with them and when the acceptances roll in it is exciting."

Mr. Waldeyer Named Teacher of the Year

By: Austin Griffith



Above: Mr. Waldeyer hard at work grading at packet of Accounting activities

Last year was a very unique school year for Manasquan High School. From virtual school to being in school full time, students and faculty would need to bounce back from last year. It is safe to say that Mr. Waldeyer was able to do this without a challenge.

Mr. Waldeyer teaches Principles of Accounting and Business & Financial Literacy at MHS. Waldeyer also manages to be the athletic equipment manager and an assistant baseball coach at MHS while balancing his teaching career at the same time. Waldeyer has been teaching at Squan for the past fifteen years as a part of the Business and Technology Department. MHS is no mystery to Waldeyer as he graduated from Squan as well. After high school, he attended Wake Forest University to earn his bachelor's degree in Accounting. Once he graduated, Waldeyer worked as a certified public accountant for 12 years before coming to teach at MHS.

Last week, MHS principal, Mr. Goodall, walked into room 560 alongside vice principals, Mr. Bramley, and Reid, during Waldeyer's period 6 Principles of Accounting class to present him with his award. Giving him a balloon, attached to a Hershey bar, Goodall congratulated Wald-

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Juniors Mollie Bodnar and Eddie Gunnell Win STEAM Tank Challenge Sustainability Award

By: Robert Marks and Casey Bennet

This year in the New Jersey STEAM Tank challenge, two juniors attending Manasquan high school, Mollie Bodnar and Eddie Gunnell won the sustainability award for their invention. They made it to the top 30 for the finals, with over 500 entries for this year, and being judged by 5 different judges, all of which have experience in fields that can use the inventions from the challenge.

"The Sustainability Award was something we really didn't expect," they said. "We were

happy just to build a base that we can expand our production on."

On Thursday, December 9, Molly and Eddie received more good news: their project made the cut in the "Samsung Solve for Tomorrow" competition, placing in the top 100 in the nation.

They earned \$6,500 of Samsung products for our school for their efforts!

After winning the Sustainability Award, Mrs. Edwards, MHS engineering teach-



er and STEAM Tank coordinator, had entered the project with Samsung's competition.

She congratulated Molly and Eddie and called it "a great accomplishment" to place in the top 100 with Samsung. There were over 1,000 entries in the competition, so Eddie and Molly really stood out.

"We're proud of all their incredible work," Mrs. Edwards said. "And we can't wait to see their project video in the next phase of the contest," she added.

They're hoping to earn the title of National Finalists in the next phase of competition, which also carries prizes of \$50,000 and \$100,000!

The STEAM Tank challenge is when students from all over come up with ideas to solve pressing global matters, and only a few get to advance

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Below: Molly and Eddie with Mr. Goodall and Mrs. Edwards, after receiving the news of their latest accomplishment.



MHS Chorus Hosts Holiday Concert

Manasquan High School's chorus was intensely preparing for their highly anticipated Holiday Chorus Concert, scheduled for Thursday, December 16. All that hard work definitely paid off.

"The show was very successful," said junior Jonathon Kane.

This was the chorus's first performance this year, and everyone worked super hard nearly every day to get ready. "We have been very, very busy lately," sophomore Casey Finnegan said. "Everyone has been working hard. It's really been a collective effort," she added.

The chorus sang nine songs, all with a holiday theme, including: "Be Like the Bird," "We Need a Little Christmas," "All I Want for Christmas is You," and even some Latin songs like "Hodie."

By: Jacquelyn Stewart



Above: Chorus director Ms. Schilla was thrilled with the preparation, persistence and performance of the chorus at this year's concert.

Senior Sophie Creed, who is playing Sandy in the drama club's upcoming show "Grease" was excited for the concert. "I'm really excited, it's our first show of the year and I can't wait to perform," she said.

The choir concert has no solos this year since all of the songs require a group effort. The chorus has been working hard since the end of September. "Rehearsals have been very intense. Larger schools normally have more than one choir and they perform more songs but since Manasquan only has one, we have to perform twice the number of songs," Choir Director Mrs. Schille says. "But our choir has been working very hard and I'm excited for them to finally perform," she said.

There's nothing like the MHS chorus concert to bring in the holidays!

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to the finals with their designs. For the past six years, Mrs. Edwards has helped students participate in the STEAM Tank challenge. She explained that it is not easy to come up with exciting and new ideas. She said a lot of ideas have been done in order to prevent issues, but to be able to create a more effective method for solving a pressing issue, that is what gets you points in the books of engineers and scientists around the world.

Mollie and Eddie's design is a bamboo mat that reflects the sunlight back into the atmosphere as opposed to being absorbed in the ocean. By creating large mounds of these and placing them throughout the ocean, much of the sunlight's effects on the ocean can be reflected back into the atmosphere.

Mollie and Eddie wanted to use this opportunity to address some ongoing problems with our planet today, "We wanted to address the large increase of climate change as well as the

melting ice caps, which is resulting in a decrease in the earth's albedo." Mollie explained. Although disappointed that they didn't place higher in the STEAM TANK competition, they were still satisfied with the Sustainability Award.

The build wasn't completely perfect because of a few small errors we made when planning," Eddie said. "But besides that we were confident walking in."

"The only problem," said Mrs. Edwards, "is that Mollie and Ed had a design that will take a while to fully develop, and on the rubric, you are graded on how fast the idea could be created."

Mollie and Eddie decided to address climate change, and they did so by using a very fast and easy growing resource, which is what earned them recognition for their idea. To see that such an easy idea can be seen as a great improvement over other methods of solving these problems is inspiring, to say the least.

So Mollie and Eddie remain alive in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Challenge, and we can't wait to see how they do. Keep inspiring!

Exciting Month for Academy of Finance and Academy of Public Safety

By: Reagan Scime



Seniors Teagan Schwier, Emma Oehme, Marypat McManus, and Joy Nolan enjoy their day on Wall Street.

What is better than missing a day of school to tour some of the most interesting places? The Academy of Finance and Academy of Public Safety had a blast on their most recent trips this past month to experience Wall Street and Eastern State Penitentiary.

To take a closer look on what students experienced on the AOF trip, they traveled to Wall Street in New York City! Wall Street is an eight-block long road in the financial district of lower Manhattan. It is the home of the New York Stock Exchange. Many students learned what life was like in the financial district. According to senior MaryPat McManus, the classes she takes within the academy as well as the lessons they learn will help her achieve success in a field related to finance. Specifically, the trip to Wall Street gave different

perspectives to students who are interested in what finance has to offer.

"I learned all about the economy and how different aspects of financials within the world impact the economy," MaryPat explained. "We also learned about how the stock market works and the history of it along with the history of Wall Street."

The AOPS program was designed to introduce Manasquan High School students to the field of emergency services. On October 27th, the academy traveled all the way to Eastern State Penitentiary to take a closer look at what working in public safety is all about.

According to Mr. Fagen, the academy's director, the trip was an overall success and everyone had an enjoy-

able time while learning. The students learned about when the penitentiary was built and how the penitentiary was operated, which is different from how a prison is operated.

"We learned about interesting stories about the penitentiary, including how Al Capone was there, the youngest prisoner, that a dog was once sent there, and for a while some prisoners ran a drug operation by throwing hollowed-out baseballs over the fence and having friends fill the balls with drugs and throwing them back," Mr. Fagen said.

These interesting, thrilling stories caught the attention of many students on the field trip. Isabella Juska, a sophomore at MHS, was on the trip when learning about what goes on behind the scenes of these prisons and penitentiaries. Isabella sees herself pursuing a job in public safety in the future. She

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Members of the Academy of Public Safety stands in front of the Eastern State Penitentiary during their field trip



GREASE is the Word

By: Natalie Symonowicz

Why this car is automatic... It's systematic... It's hydromatic... Why it's grease lightning!

The Manasquan Drama Club will be performing Grease for the 2021-2022 spring musical. It will be their first musical since the COVID lockdown and they're ready to take the stage.

Tryouts were held in the Jack Nicholson auditorium November 22nd with callbacks being the 23rd. Seniors Donny Nikola and Sophie Creed will be leading the production as Danny Zuko and Sandy Olsson. With rehearsals currently taking place, there is much anticipation for seeing friends and family members

performing an American classic.

Senior Sophie Creed has been a part of MHS drama since her freshman year and will be one of the leads portraying Sandy. "The drama club is a safe space for everyone that wants to do what they love," said Sophie. "It's a welcoming environment for all grade levels."

Unlike other musicals, Grease is composed of a great deal of dances. That is why performing arts teacher and production director, Ms. Schille, choose this for the 2021-22 musical. "I wanted to grow the program," she said. "Everyone has heard of Grease and I feel like it specifically gives more opportunities

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explained that her overall experience at the penitentiary was very positive and it was a good learning experience since she wants to do something related to this later down the line. There was a variety of things Isabella and her peers learned while at the prison.

"The most interesting thing I learned was about the plague that broke out in the prison we went to. Because of this, they had specific quarters for the prisoners who were ill to stay in. Learning about the plague in the prison was super interesting especially since they practiced some things we practice in the COVID-19 pandemic world to-

day," said Isabella.

The students in these academies enjoy the electives they take which may be present in their future jobs. Their trips gave them an idea of what to expect if they pursue this as a future job. It will be exciting to see where these paths take these students beyond high school.

Below: Students walk through the decrepit halls of the old prison; Right: Members of AOF on Wall Street



Key Club Kicks Off The Holiday Season With Their Special Projects

Key Club started off the holiday season right with a fundraiser selling Christmas Wreaths along with the Annual Food Drive and Virtual Wish Tree. These are the first of many great fundraisers to come from one of the largest clubs at Manasquan High School.

KC held their annual Food Drive around Thanksgiving! The members donated close to 2500 pounds of food including 18 turkeys. Different types of food were donated, including canned foods, desserts, pre-packaged foods, and more! The majority of the food was donated to the Full-Fill Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean County. Mrs. Basaman was especially grateful for all of the support given to KC throughout this food drive.

"A very special thank you goes out to the Security Team, who have been helping me along the way carrying turkeys, and moving baskets of food," Mrs. Basaman said.

Following the food drive, the Christmas Wreath Fundraiser ran from December 1st to December 2nd at MHS. KC has been doing this fundraiser for the past 10 years. Over the course

By: Reagan Scime

of those 10 years, the fundraiser has grown to be more popular than when they originally started.

According to Mrs. Hoeler, KC advisor, they hit a record high of 1460 wreath sales. She explained that once the orders came in, the wreaths were placed on the tennis courts according to the member's name who sold them. When it comes to the wreaths, there are different sizes and decorations on them.

"We offer 2 different sizes: Small undecorated, decorated, large decorated and undecorated. This is a very popular fundraiser and allows Key Club to offer scholarships for our seniors," said Mrs. Hoeler.

According to the president of KC, Julia McGarry, this event was a huge success for all of the members. She explained that all of the money earned from the sales will go towards the KC scholarship money that seniors are able to apply for. The members of KC were required to sell a certain number of wreaths

so enough money could go towards this scholarship.

"Key Club members were required to sell at least 5 wreaths," said Julia.

Throughout the month of December, KC will deliver presents and gift cards to families in need. Through the Virtual Giving Tree, you are able to take an ornament and sign up to give a gift to a family. Additionally, they are also accepting food store gift cards such as Shoprite and Foodtown. According to Mrs. Basaman, KC advisor, with the help of your contributions, you can make a family's holiday a little brighter.

"Many families were added late, so rather than gifts, we distribute the cards [food store gift cards] to each family," Mrs. Basaman said. "We truly appreciate all of your generosity!"

These important projects organized by KC have put smiles on the communities faces during these hard holiday seasons. They have worked extra hard to provide for those who need it most. Many more fundraisers and activities are to come from KC, but for now their efforts have been amazing.



Above: Members of Key Club surround the purchased wreaths getting ready to send them off.



Above: President of Key Club, Julia McGarry, sorts all of the donated items for the Food Drive.

HOLIDAY DANCE SHOW

By: Gretchen Grunbaum

Manasquan High School's first winter dance show was performed beautifully on Wednesday, December 8th. Tickets were sold for \$5 but the experience was worth so much more. The setting was charming and festive, and the performances were greatly varied. From hip hop, to contemporary, and of course the classic Christmas ballet, the students all pulled together an outstanding performance.



Above: Contemporary performance with dazzling costumes. Below, right: All the dancers performing simultaneously. Left: Cheerful performance wearing

The dancers and the stage crew at MHS have worked endless hours preparing for this magical dance performance. Their efforts and long hours have paid off and benefitted the great outcome of the show overall.

Manasquan High School's dance teacher, Mrs. Galano, coordinated and choreographed the Winter Show. "I did plan the show, but a lot of the numbers were student choreographed also." Mrs. Galano came to MHS



"We walked in the first day of school and already jumped right into learning the finale! We prepared for this show for around three months." said senior Sophie Creed, one of the presidents of MHS's dance program. "We put a lot of hours into this one for sure—especially the week of. For seven days straight we practiced for three hours, perfected the costumes, and managed to decorate all the hallways and concession stands all while preparing and performing in the Tree Lighting that Monday night too."

about three years ago, when the dance program was established here. However, she has always been an avid dancer. "I've been teaching dance and yoga officially since 2014, but I've taught dance for at least 10 years."

The whole dance program worked together to help make the show happen. It is truly a team effort and it showed in the end outcome. The audience's loud cheers and echoing applause really captured the essence of the show's ultimate success.

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continuing to run the 25th at 7:00 PM and 26th at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. "The environment of drama club is very fun and inclusive," said sophomore Janele Slovak. "Having the production all be together at once and connecting everything is going to be challenging, but **Right: MHS Drama Club cast rehearsing for Grease the Musical**



to people that want to perform on stage."

Opening night will be March 24th at 7:00 PM,

March 24th at 7:00 PM, and 26th at 1:00



One Group with a Huge Impact

Environmental Club gets busy with the new school year

By: Abby McBride



Before (above) and After (below)



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! One of the best ways to take action and help out your community is picking up trash around your town. An organization as small as one group of people performing a good deed can be very beneficial for the environment, and even the world.

A group that impacted the environment greatly was teachers Mr. Glenn and Mr. Wasnesky of Manasquan High School and volunteer students at the high school who carried out an early morning beach clean up to keep their town clean this past month.

On Saturday, October 23rd, at 9 a.m., The Environmental Club Warriors, as Glenn and Wasnesky call them, met at the Main Street Manasquan Beach for a trash clean-up. The club does these activities a few times a year and

are consistently helping the community. Wasnesky shared that, "The Environmental Club partnered with the Clean Ocean Action organization for the beach clean-up".

The Manasquan Environment Council also played a big role in the organization of the trash sweep.

Members of the Environmental Club and students of the two teachers came out to support this October's beach sweep. Glenn stated, "We had over ninety students show up!". The clean-up not only helped the Earth, but also gave the students an

opportunity to have a fun morning with friends and fellow students. Junior at MHS, Katie Beavis, explained what her favorite part of the cleanup was. She shared, "We were able to find and remove this huge metal railing from the beach, which was most likely hurting and disrupting marine life, so I'm thankful we got to get rid of it."

Young students are able to recognize issues in the world and help keep the ocean safe. They also recognize the power they have, and feel good about themselves, knowing that they can have a huge impact on the environment. The cleanup is also a huge learning opportunity for the students that come out and

participate.

Sophomore, Ryan Orłowski, explained what she took from the clean-up. She states, "It was an amazing thing that everyone came together, and we all learned that there was way more trash on our local beaches than we initially thought." From going to these beach clean-ups and helping out, students learn that the beaches need our aid, and that this one morning's effort has a huge, long-lasting impact on the environment. The Environmental Club Warrior's efforts at this event benefitted the town of Manasquan and was a learning

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Science National Honors Society Welcomes New Inductees

By: Cade Saito

The Science National Honors Society recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in encouraging and recognizing scientific and intellectual thought. Manasquan High School's Science National Honor's Society (SNHS) is ran by Mrs. Crowning who teaches a variety of Honors and AP level science classes at MHS.

"The induction process starts with a petition for acceptance in the spring (May); this includes a 2-paragraph essay about why you want to be part of SNHS and your inspiration for a future in science," says Mrs. Crowning, "Students must also have an A-average in their science classes, have taken at least 1 Honors or AP level science in the year of petitioning or prior."

An induction has just happened for new seniors and juniors to join this society. 26 new students have been inducted in the club; all of the students are new because last year's society on consisted of seniors. Within this club there are also positions that you can run for. Positions include a President, Vice President, Public Relations, treasure, and a Secretary.

"I had to write a speech and present it in front of the whole club in order to become president. President Allie Sproul said, "Then the club took a vote on who should be elected President."

At the induction that took place on October 28



Above: Mrs. Crowning, founder of the MHS Science National Honors Society, addresses the audience during the induction ceremony; Below: outstanding science students and new members of the SNHS

there was a guest speaker who was a graduate of MHS in 1999. The guest speaker was Amanda Melillo. Amanda is currently the Chief of the Integrative Biology and Infectious Disease Program at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), this is one of the 27 branches that make up the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

According to junior Katie Beavis, this Honor's Society is great for students who want cool and unique opportunities to experience science in the real world. Katie also said that this society also connects the students to other science-oriented kids in the school.

If any student or staff member wants to learn more about the SNHS follow @sqnan.snhs on Instagram.



Environmental Club

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experience for the members.

The Clean Ocean Action collects the data from the beach sweep and identifies where problem areas are and what items affect the beach the most. This information is useful for the next clean up and to decipher what causes most of the trash back-up on beaches. Glenn and Wasnesky were super pleased with the amount of trash they collected that morning and with the turn-out on this beach sweep. They are looking forward to the next exciting and innovative Environmental Club event.

Teacher/Counselor of the year!

Mrs. Duggan

When Mrs. Duggan was in our shoes as a student, she attended Lafayette for undergrad and received an English major. She thought she was going to be an English teacher but ended up going to The College of New Jersey for a counseling major. This led her to Nottingham High School in Hamilton, New Jersey, before coming to MHS.

The college process can be stressful for any student, but Mrs. Duggan was there along the way for many students. According to Ginger Brown, a senior at MHS, she was helped immensely by Mrs. Duggan.

"Mrs. Duggan really got me through it. She gave me really good resources and advice along with guiding me along the way," Ginger said.

Mrs. Duggan explained that she had grown up in the area since both sets of her grandparents lived here. She knew she wanted to be close to the ocean, and even started lifeguarding at Spring Lake while she was younger. She is married to someone who grew up here and sees what a wonderful community it is to live in.

"When I was interviewed at MHS, I thought the people were really nice, and the student body was really great," Mrs. Duggan said. "It seemed like a great fit."

Although Mrs. Duggan spends a lot of her time helping the seniors, underclassmen don't have to worry about reaching out to her with their troubles. She wants what is best for the students at MHS, which is shown in her daily hard work. She is just an email away from supporting you and your dilemmas. Let's give another congrats to this year's favorite counselor, Mrs. Duggan.

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Mr. Waldeyer

eyer on his outstanding teaching performance this year. After taking a group picture, Waldeyer gave a speech to his students who greatly admire him. "I was surprised at first," Waldeyer said. "But I was also greatly honored to be considered Teacher of the Year." Although Waldeyer was very pleased with his new title, once the principals left, with great humbleness, he got right back to teaching his class like nothing had happened.

In Waldeyer's eyes, the most important thing at school is improving his students' knowledge as best he can. Not only does Waldeyer love to teach his students, but he greatly enjoys coaching his baseball players as well. Sophomore baseball player Brian Lee Jr. became very close with Coach Waldeyer throughout his freshman baseball season. "Coach Waldeyer taught us how to play as a team," Lee said. "And we learned to have fun while working hard every day." With the baseball season still ahead of him, Waldeyer is looking forward to another great spring.

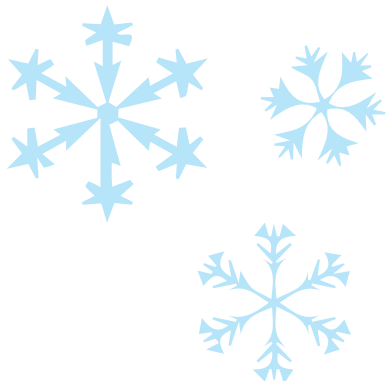
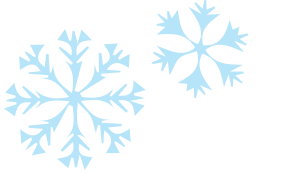
With the second semester approaching, Waldeyer is pleased to look back on his time with his students from the first semester. "Although I will miss my first semester students," Waldeyer said. "I am looking forward to finishing strong with them, and I am excited to meet the students in my upcoming second semester classes." From spending more time on test reviews to offering tons of extra help, Waldeyer always does what is best for his students. Teaching passionately every day, it is safe to say that Mr. Waldeyer is a perfect fit for MHS Teacher of the Year.



Chris Pinella at MHS



On Saturday, December 11th, the Manasquan Alumni Foundation hosted a Christmas concert starring Chris Pinella, a singer and alumni of MHS.



Thanksgiving Game vs. Wall Cancelled

Hazing scandal shuts down Wall football; Squan reschedules with Shore Regional

By: Ginger Brown

On December 15th, NJ.com reported that 7 kids attending Wall High School were suspended for 10 days regarding hazing allegations.

“The dates of the suspensions ranged from November 10 - November 24,” according to the news outlet, which was just after the scandal first came to light.

Hazing allegations were officially confirmed on November 17th as Wall Township Board of Education President Ralph Adonizio, when he stated, “Upon becoming aware of the allegation, we immediately contacted the appropriate authorities. There’s a pending investigation, and the school district is cooperating fully. We cannot comment further on a pending investigation of a student matter.”

Although the Board President failed to explain the actual incidents, he did confirm that the rumors were true.



What we do know is that the hazing involved older players on the football team, swarming and attempting to pin down a younger player in the locker room. A video of the incident circulated, and viewers could hear pleas to stop in the background.

As a result of the video, the Wall football team was shut down in early November. They forfeited a state playoff game, and cancelled the annual Thanksgiving game with Squan.

Unrelated to the hazing allegations, multiple female students accused other football players of sexual assault, further dragging down the team. Supposedly this unidentified juvenile player assaulted two girls at

one party and more have also come out with their stories of assault. However, these rumors have not been confirmed.

“District and high school decision makers take the safety of our students and staff very seriously,” Superintendent Tracy Handerhan announced. “There is no greater priority.” With this statement, it was not long before the Thanksgiving game was cancelled.

Though the cancellation was a disappointment to many players and community members, the Warriors ended up winning an exciting game against Shore Regional, Wall’s replacement, to end the season.

see related story “Squan defeats Shore in Thanksgiving battle” on page 34

Spirit Week Returns to MHS!

Tradition is an important part of the culture here at Manasquan High School, and Thanksgiving's Spirit Week is one tradition that brings some of our most memorable moments of the school year. After no Spirit Week last year due to Covid, the festivities returned in full force with the Homecoming Dance, the hallway decorations, the pep rally and the Main Street parade. Below: Mr. Buss announces Mrs. McHugh's birthday; senior girls get in the spirit; even Charlie enjoyed the festivities!



Lively Homecoming Dance Ushers in Spirit Week

By: Cam Price

Friday November 19th the annual Homecoming Dance returned to Manasquan High School after a year gap caused by COVID-19. There was an electric feeling going around the dance floor finally being able to return to a tradition many missed out on last year.

With the return of homecoming came the return of having a homecoming king and queen. Seniors Edward Dingler and Grace Visceglia each won Homecoming King and Queen respectively. When asked how it felt to win, Edward said it felt “pretty huge” and he didn’t expect to win the award.

After some time in the front of the gym celebrating Eddie was lifted off the ground by many of his football team-

mates who carried him around the gym in excitement. Eddie said how “It was a big honor for me, and I loved how my friends and teammates were there with me when I won.”

Gracie was very excited to win the award too. She explained, “I wasn’t really expecting it at all, but when my name was called, I felt like I was carrying on a legacy, because my sister had won when she was a senior too.”

Other members of the homecoming court included seniors Cole Kozlowski and Chloe Casale, juniors Carol Moran and Graham Webser, sophomores Andrew Marcucchi and Caitlin Falkowski, and finally, freshmen Ryan Rose and Molly Bennett.



Senior Machaela Lynch said, “The anticipation to see who won King and Queen along with the homecoming court was my favorite part of the night.”

All the excitement of the night made its way to the dance floor. Students were making mosh pits, creating circles with others jumping in the middle and there were even some chicken fights. As the night grew the dance floor got wilder. A fan favorite “Gangnam Style” came on and the crowd erupted in cheer.

Senior Liam O’Rourke said, “I really enjoyed going to the dance and it was really special to me because it is the last one, I’m ever getting to go to.” He continued, “I wish I didn’t take for granted my sophomore year homecoming because the year after the COVID-19 Pandemic started we were not allowed to have a dance.”

The Yearbook was in charge of making this dance a night to remember. They were tasked with planning, deco-



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Hall Decorating Contest Kicks off Competition amongst the Classes

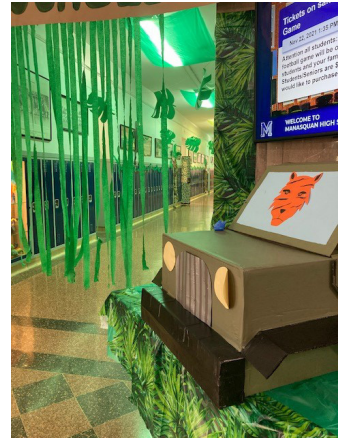
By: Sophie Krebs

On Tuesday night, November 23, students of all grades got together and decorated the halls with an assigned theme for spirit week. The next morning, the MHS hallways were decorated head to toe!

The theme for the senior class this year was "70's Seniors", assigned by the ideas of the MHS student council. The seniors decorated their hallway and their section in the gym. Sydney, a senior who helped decorate for her class said that the decorating took 2 and a half hours with the help of about 50 seniors. The senior class also had class shirts that were rainbow tie dye.



Left: "Surf's Up" Sophomore hallway celebrates the beach



Above: Jungle Juniors turned the first floor hallway hunter green

The Junior class theme was "Jungle Juniors". The hallway was filled with green, jungle themed decorations. About 15 juniors participated in the decorating and took 2 hours, according to junior according to junior MaryCate Immen. "It was a very fun experience decorating", said junior Jake Heilos.

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Homecoming Dance

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rating, and organizing the entire dance for over 500 students. Year-book committee representative Ginger Brown said, "It was a great outcome for the amount of work that was put into it. We spent a lot of time trying to make the night special for everyone after having to miss a year due to COVID-19."

The night did turn out to be a special one with dancing, excitement and memories that will last these students a lifetime. It was a great way to bring back homecoming to Manasquan after a year of missing out.

Below left to right: Senior Michaela Lynch and Jake Palmieri, Ava Wright and Maya Rosado; the king and queen: Gracie Visceglia



Main Street Parade Features Floats, Dancers, to Wrap up Spirit Week

By: Sophie Creed



Top: MHS members of the MHS Dance Department promote their classes; Below: the "Senior 70s" and "Frosty Freshmen" on their floats at the parade

While many MHS students participate in the annual Homecoming Parade, this year felt a little different as the Manasquan Dance Department joined the fun and danced in the holiday season on Wednesday November 24th. They gave some sneak peaks of their holiday show, performing "Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays," "Jingle Bell Rock," and "Drummer Boy." The crowds went crazy for their performances and were stunned by the excitement the dancers brought to the streets of Manasquan.

Being one of the dancers' first ever public performances outside of Manasquan High School, the joy and excitement of finally promoting the dance program shined through in their performance. The Co-President of Dance Club, Jessica Hagerman, commented on how it felt to show the public what the program is capable of.

"All of the people were beyond excited to see us," she said. "We couldn't advertise too much when the program started because of COVID, so now it's exciting for people to see that it is more than just a class in school," she added.

Being a part of the Homecoming Parade left the dancers with some memorable moments that excites them to continue promoting the MHS dance department. Sophomore, Amber Farrington, talked about her experience. "When we were stopped and were able to perform in front of people, there was a rush of energy from the crowd. Being with friends made that even more enjoyable" she said. A successful performance excited Amber for more upcoming parades. "I will definitely do this again next year, it was so fun and I wouldn't miss it," she said.

The head of the Dance Department and classes, Mrs. Galano, shared her experience with some of the MHS Dancers in the parade. Galano's first time truly advertising the dance program lived up to her expectations.

"I had a blast! I got to be the DJ, see my students dance and have fun, which is what matters. It was also very cool to see everyone in town cheering us on!" she said. The crowd's engagement was more energetic than she ever

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Seniors Win Pep Rally!

Sophomores bring the spirit, challenge seniors for supremacy

By: Chloe Casale

These past few weeks here at Manasquan High School have been filled with tons of school spirit and participation. From decorated hallways to intense pep rally competitions, the teachers and students have come together to show their pride and excitement in MHS events, classes, and teams.

Manasquan's 2021 pep rally was held the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and there were lots of strong yet exciting rivalries between grades and teams. The rally between Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors had 5 different competitions. There was a balloon pop between the homecoming court, bubblegum pie contests, tug

of war, football, and relay challenges. For the football game between grades, the sophomores managed to defeat both the juniors and the seniors. The pie eating contest held Ryan Burns MHS senior in first place and seniors also dominated in the relay races. Freshman came in first place for the hallway decorating as well. Overall, the seniors came out with first place for the entire pep rally.

The cheerleaders expressed their amazing enthusiasm in their performance. With stunts and tumbling, they generated a lot of excitement for all of the grades and competitions. The football players presented their support

and appreciation by giving each cheerleader a flower while lined up at the pep rally. It was truly an amazing experience and perfect way to end the season. "This season was amazing. I'm going to miss the games, house decorating, and celebrations when it's all said and done." MHS senior Jennifer Cali explains. "The pep rally was another activity that was genuinely such an awesome time for the cheerleaders this year considering the fact that last year we missed out on all of this because of the pandemic."

Manasquan High School had an amazing season, and the pep rally was genuinely so entertaining. Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and teachers all came together and gave each other some good competition. While unfortunately finishing up fall sports, all teams were excited to celebrate their victories and sportsmanship for 2021. Ultimately, there is absolutely nothing like a Manasquan High School pep rally!



Far Left: Senior Ryan Burns (gray shirt, bottom left) dominated the pie eating contest; At Left: Katie Hallman scores a touchdown!; Below: sophomores and seniors battle it out in the tug of war



Manasquan High School Donates 35 Pints of Blood in This Year's Annual Blood Drive

By: Livia Lapitzki

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving is known to be a big day and night out. Instead of jumping from party to party, Manasquan High School's staff and students donated blood this Thanksgiving Eve.

After organizing this project for the past twelve years, Mrs. Kozic, a teacher at MHS, was pleased with the outcome of the 2021 annual blood drive. With the help of the Academy of Health Career, more specifically junior Katie Beavis, the blood drive was very successful.

When Katie was asked about the success of the blood drive compared to what was expected, she was very happy with the outcome.

"Yes, I would definitely say it was more of a success than I thought it would be. We were able to raise over 50 pints! We also had a full roster going into the drive, which is pretty hard to do," Katie had said.

Last year's organizer of the annual blood drive, Senior Juliet Nuccio gives us some statistics: "You save 3 lives every time you donate blood." She also enlightened us with information regarding the negative effects Covid-19 has made on blood banks nation-wide. Almost every blood bank in the country is severely depleted and in desperate need of donations.

Even though more students wanted to donate blood,

medics are very selective over whose blood they decide to take; there is reason behind that. It is necessary that the blood that is donated is in tip-top shape. This rule is put in place not only for the people receiving blood but those donating it. According to Mrs. Kozic, anyone with anemia is not eligible to give blood because of the aftereffects. It's possible that this person could pass out or be drowsy for the rest of the day. Similarly, you must be 17 and weigh at least 120 pounds to safely donate blood. These requirements limited the number people donating.

Katie encourages everyone to donate blood if applicable, and the world needs in now more than ever.

According to Katie, "Over 90% of people who are eligible to donate do not, there's always a need for donors, especially since Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade due to the pandemic."

The people who chose to donate blood this November made more of an impact than they could even imagine. So many lives were saved solely because of the blood obtained from the MHS 2021 blood drive. Everyone should be urging one another to get up, get out, and make a difference.



Above: Blood Drive organizer Katie Beavis stays busy on the big day; Below: students relax after donating to Katie's cause



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expected. "We even heard some people in the crowd say they wanted to follow our social media (@mhsdance__)," she said.

Overall, the energy from the dancers and the crowd was overwhelming and exciting for everyone involved.

Hall Decorating

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They came in 2nd place overall.

The "Surfs Up Sophomores" decorated their hallways beach themed. Their hallway was best decorated according to theme. Beachballs, surfboards, and ocean-like decorations were all over. About 40 sophomores participated in deco-

rating. "It was awesome," sophomore Hope Masonious said. "It bonded our grade together too. We worked hard and had fun!"

Winning first place in the decoration contest were "The Frosty Freshman". Their hallway was decorated like a winter wonderland, according to MHS students. Overall, students of all grades did an awesome job showing their school spirit this week and this was the perfect way to end this years' spirit week.





HALLOWEEN HAUNTS MHS

Most days, Manasquan High School students spend second period learning Chemistry, Spanish, Math or some other academic subject. But on Friday, October 29, second period was much different.

Students crowded into the gym as MHS held the yearly Halloween costume contest. Many students volunteered to participate in the contest, by walking around the gym and competing for the title. The goal of each contestant was to get the most noise from other students in the bleachers.

There were four categories: Best individual, Best Duo, Best Group, and Scariest. Everyone enjoyed seeing the plethora of exciting costumes. Many individual costumes were fun and creative, but two in particular had very distinctive costumes that stood out to all students and earned the crowd's applause.

One was Kieran McMenamin, who was dressed as a Hula Girl. His coconut shell bikini was definitely a fan favorite. Kieran said he loved the experience of showcasing himself in front of the crowd. "I was killing it out there," he said. "I abso-

lutely expected to be on top because I had on just a tiki bra and I went full out," he added.

However, unfortunately for Kieran, his hula girl get-up fell short in the end.

It was senior Mikey Disbrow, dressed as the Joker, who ended up winning the Solo costume contest. Mikey's intricate makeup and well-thought-out costume brought him to the top! The students roared with applause when his costume was announced placing him in the number one spot.

Mr. Buss, who was the "master of ceremonies" said, "The Joker's victory came from his great costume as well as his enthusiasm, which played a huge role in his win."

As for Best Duo, Jessica Meza and Sinai Vega looked amazing dressed as Día de los Muertos, Day of the Dead. Their outfits and face makeup made for an awesome duo costume.

Art teacher Mrs. Treney was impressed. She said, "Sinai is such a nice girl and VERY artistic!" But the girls came in 2nd place, just behind the winners, juniors Pierce Magnusson and John Cappone, who dressed up as Micky and Minnie Mouse. Their costumes got the most applause!

"It was awesome," said

Pierce. "We won a chipotle gift card and candy!" In the Group costume competition, two groups really caught the audience's attention. One was a group of senior girls dressed up as senior citizens. They limped around the gym bent over and shuffling along like a bunch of great-grandmothers.

According to Grace Adams and Liann McDonald, two of the senior girls/citizens, they created their unique costumes with items they had lying around the house! The rest of the senior citizens were Cassie Seeley, Mikayla Mead, Charlie Sass, and Liz Dayton.

However, the seniors were outdone by junior girls who dressed as the old PBS painter-teacher Bob Ross. We've never seen so many Bob Ross's in one place! Best of all was his "Happy Trees" painting, featuring junior Kiki D'Apolito.

Halloween at Manasquan returned to its former excitement in the gym, following last year's Covid Halloween with students socially distancing and walking down the hall for broadcast to each classroom. "It was so fun to finally have the parade again after Covid canceling it last year!" Grace Adams said.



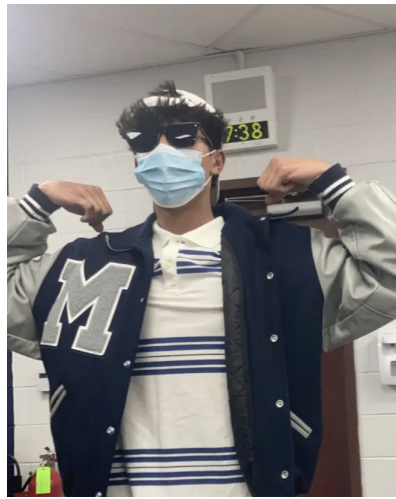
Sisters Ms. Koenig and Mrs. Hodnett rock their 80s looks.

SPOOKY SQUAN

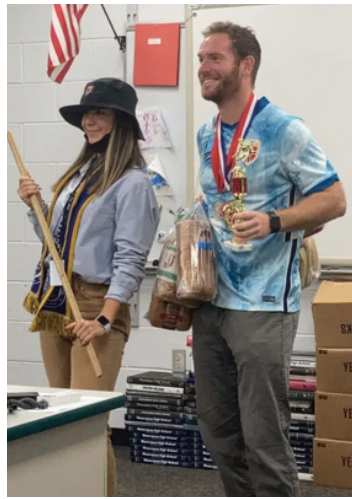
Take a look at this year's classic costumes!



Mikey Disbrow celebrates a costume win!



Danny Colon pretends to be a frat boy.



Joy Nolan dresses up as her favorite, Mr. Savacool!



These junior girls take on Bob Ross.



Thomas Watson "soars" to the front of the costume crowd.



The New York Yankees spotted at MHS.



Mr. Buss does an amazing job at hosting the annual assembly.

What are you thankful for?




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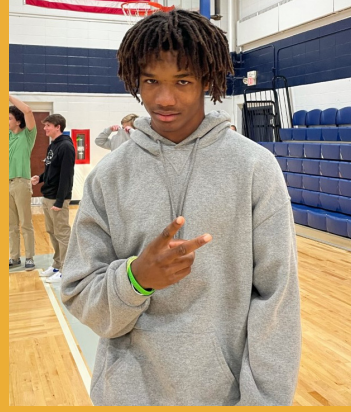
“Healthy life, family, roof over our head and our dogs.”

-Lilly Farinacci and Elle McCormick

What are you thankful for:

“Thankful for family and God.”

-Jha Howard



Favorite Thanksgiving Dessert:

“Pumpkin Pie because it’s the best desert from Delicious Orchards.”

-Mrs. Galano



Favorite part of Thanksgiving:

“Making food and spending time with family.”

-Emma Shropshire



Favorite Thanksgiving Food:

“Mashed potatoes because my grandma makes really good gravy to have with them.”

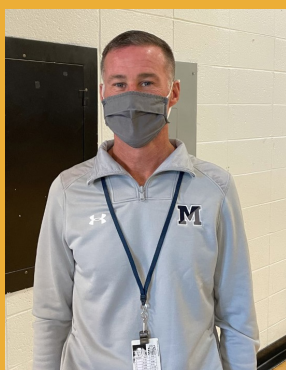
-Elizabeth Dayton



What are you thankful for:


“I am thankful for my good health.”

-Mr. Schaad



What are you thankful for?





"Family and good pizza."

-Sarah Davis & Mary Gleason



"I'm thankful for amazing students."

-Señora Anderson



"Thankful for Fortnite and goldfish."

-Jake Heilos

Favorite Thanksgiving Food:

"Sweet Potatos I guess."



Mary Donnelly

Owen Roberts

Favorite Thanksgiving Food:

"Sweet Potato Casserole with a crunchy crumble top."



Construction Progressing on New MHS Field House!

By: Casey Bennett

What's new at Manasquan High School? A new athletics field house is currently under construction along Atlantic Avenue, where the softball practice field used to be.

According to Manasquan School District superintendent Frank Kasyan, the field house will have multiple purposes, and will be used by most, if not all, MHS athletic programs and teams.

"The true purpose of this field house is making sure it's a place that all students can use," said Dr. Kasyan. "This will be a great addition for the school and the students," he added.

Simulated photos show what the field house will look like. Inside the field house will be a 40-yard turf field, advanced weight room, golf simulator, and batting cages for the softball and baseball teams. Along with this, there will also be a walking track.

A large part of the field house will be dedicated to the MHS wrestling team. Currently, the

wrestling team is practicing in the cafeteria and hosts matches in the gym. This will be a huge improvement for the team. One goal is for children in the lower grades in wrestling programs to be able to use the wrestling equipment, and therefore to motivate more kids to become more interested in joining the team.

The weight room will have all new equipment. All weights and machinery will be new as well. Athletes playing all sports will be able to work out, so this will benefit all MHS sports teams.

Students and staff are all very excited for this new addition. The construction is on time and predicted to be finished around this April. By then, Spring sports will have access to the field house, which will also be open to the public as well. Just as Dr. Kasyan mentioned his excitement for the field house, so are we!



Seen above is a simulated image of what the outside of the Manasquan "field house" will look like. The bottom left is a rendered image of the turf field. The bottom right is a rendered image of the weight room.



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Surf Team wins their 8th State Championship!

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tober 31st. Impressively, it was their 8th state championship in a row!

To reach this point, the surfers put in tons of work. They started their season on the first day of school in September, and continued to put in time and practice in and out of the water to prepare for the final meet of the season.

“We do a lot of land training along with paddling to keep in shape,” Niland Diluchio, MHS Senior and Surf team member said. “Also, during practices, the team hosts ‘mock meets’ against each other to get the feel of a real competition. Now, after the last win, we are 8X consecutive state champions.”

In the finals competition against rival Ocean City, a number of guys and girls shined. Cole Deveney (Men’s 2nd), Ryan Tracy (Men’s 5th), Audrey Iglay (Women’s 2nd), Carly Coble (Women’s 4th), Niland Diluchio (LB 2nd), Luke Staloff (semi-finals), Noah Wilson (quarter-finals), Evan Schuett (quarter-finals), and Patrick Federici (quarter-finals) led the team to victory.

This season, the fifty-three members of the team put in tons of work and time to gain their victories. A handful of members also completed the meet with top placements and lots of excitement to share with the rest of the team and the determined coaches, Joseph LaCarruba, Mike Dahrouge, and Jeff Hoffman.

After an amazing season, Manasquan is proud to call their surf team champions! We look forward to the future seasons in the water and recognizing all of the support and ambitious energy from the team. The coaches, parents, and team members are incredibly excited to celebrate their big win and prepare for the MHS Surf Team 2022 season.



The MHS Surf Team honors incredible surfers at the Reef and Barrel.



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Signing Day for MHS Student Athletes

By: Gretchen Grunbaum

Manasquan High School recently acknowledged twelve seniors who signed their National Letters of Intent on Wednesday, November 10th. All of these student/athletes have worked hard to be able to excel at their sport and be able to continue playing on the collegiate level.

The following students are those who have decided to pursue a sport in college: Ava Chiarella (lacrosse at Rutgers University), Phoebe Matuch (lacrosse at Holy Cross), Quinn McCarthy (lacrosse at Ualban), Robert Pendergist (lacrosse at Jacksonville University), Dylan LeBlanc (lacrosse at Loyola University), Ryan Bilello (lacrosse at Colgate University), Max Pauls (lacrosse at Quinn-



Ava Chiarella signs to Rutgers!

nipiac University), Carter Groezinger (lacrosse at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University), Ben Roy (basketball at Boston University), Mary Donnelly (basketball at Holy Cross College), Georgia Heine (basketball at University of Pennsylvania), and Sarah Eldridge (swimming at the United States Naval Academy). Also, two other students are committing for college, but didn't sign Letters of Intent; Brooke Hollawell, who is going to Dartmouth College for basketball, as well as Dorothy Loffredo, who is attending Stevens Institute of Technology for basketball.

Senior Ava Chiarella, who is going on to Rutgers University said, "I have played lacrosse since I was six years old, but I started playing travel lacrosse in



The boys lacrosse athletes pose with their coach.

seventh grade. Also, my parents, teammates, and coaches have helped tremendously with the whole process and ultimately getting me to this point."

Another athlete, Ryan Bilello, has committed to Colgate University for lacrosse. "I've played lacrosse since the third grade, and can thank my parents and coaches for helping me throughout the process. I chose to go to Colgate University because of its great coaches and academics."

There are a number of factors that contribute to students' ultimate decisions involving the recruit-

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Boys Basketball Hungry for Success

The Manasquan Boys Basketball team enters the new season with a bunch of hype around the, coming off a perfect 12-0 season last year. But concerns have risen since seniors-Superstar Ben Roy tore his ACL before the season started. He's out for the year, and it has every Manasquan fan wondering what this season has in store.

Freshman Darius Adams is brand new to the Manasquan scene, coming into our school ready to play varsity basketball. He said, "Although the loss of Ben hurts, we will still compete as hard as we can every single day." The dedication of this team is always a great thing.

Most teams would be struggling to comprehend the loss of such a talented player, but the Warriors are actively working towards a strategy that does not in-

By: Owen Roberts

clude Roy. With zero starters returning from last year, and only 3 impact players returning, the Big Blue will be filling some pretty large shoes. Seniors Matt Solomon and Cole Kozlowski are looking for one last dance in this upcoming season. Young athletes such as Ryan Frauenheim, who started at times as a freshman last year, and Darius Adams will be looking to pave a new fear in the Shore Conference this year, and for the next couple of years to come.

Although the season started with a tough loss to Rutgers Prep on Saturday, December 18, the boys have rebounded with two straight wins. They have the confidence and the desire to be great this year. Watch out for this team to gel as the season moves along.

Signing Day continued....



Quinn McCarthy, Brooke Hollawell, Georgia Heine, Mary Donnelly, and Dorothy Loffredo are all smiles for their college decisions.

ing process. This includes the coaching styles, team dynamic, and also the school overall for academics, community, opportunities, and more.

We congratulate all fourteen of our very own Manasquan High School seniors for all their hard work and training they have done in order to get to this point. Committing to schools is impressive enough, and we have a number of athletes going to very selective schools. We wish the best of luck to all the college recruits and hope that they continue to excel in their college careers.

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2021 Football Season in the Books

By: Austin Griffith and Cam Price

With a 6-2 record going into the first round of playoffs, it is safe to say that Manasquan's football season had been nothing less than a wild ride. To start the season, the Warriors opened up with a tough loss to Middletown South in an exciting game that went down to the wire. A week later, Squan took on Red Bank Regional at home, looking to bounce back from the loss. Not only did Squan win, but they dominated RBR in a 45-13 victory. Junior running back Torey Falkenburg spoke about the bounce-back victory. "Everyone on the team knew we could've beaten Middletown South," Falkenburg said, "So our win against RBR proved that we were better than that."

In week 3, Manasquan traveled to Ocean Township to play the Spartans. Squan continued its domination in a 38-7 victory over Ocean. On

Ocean's first offensive drive of the game, junior safety Jack Dettlinger intercepted a pass into Squan's secondary, which was their quarterback's first interception of the season. "I used to play basketball with the quarterback," Dettlinger said, "So it was pretty cool to pick him off in a football game years down the road." A week later, the Warriors prepared to take on one of the powerhouses of the Shore, Red Bank Catholic. Unfortunately, this game did not go Squan's way with a 41-7 loss to RBC. But Manasquan did not allow the defeat to affect them going into week 5 against Raritan.

The Warriors fought the Raritan Rock-

ets in an offensive shootout that went into overtime. Squan did not back down to the challenge as they came out with a 35-28 overtime victory thanks to senior running back, Patrick Woodford, known by his teammates as Woody. On Squan's first play of their overtime possession, Woody sliced through the Rocket defense and dove into the endzone to score the game winning 25-yard touchdown run. All that was going through Woody's head during this amazing play was "get in

Below: #21 Jhamier Howard splits the defense for a long run; Right: #43 Mike Presbrey runs through the defensive secondary for a touchdown; Below right: #16 Brett Patten throws a pass on the run to a receiver downfield.





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the endzone and finish this game," he said. After their win against Raritan, the Warriors headed into a bye week to regroup for the rest of the football season.

After their short break, Manasquan traveled to Toms River East for week 7. On the week of Toms River East's homecoming, Manasquan proved their dominance in a 41-0 shutout victory over the Raiders. The next week, Squan headed to the other side of the Inlet for a game of the week showdown with the undefeated Point Boro Panthers. Squan started off slow down two touchdowns in the first quarter, but picked it up in the second half. The Warriors left Boro with a 35-30 victory. Junior tight end and defensive end Matt O'Donnell transferred from Boro to Manasquan this year, so this victory was especially sweet for him. "This win was very special to me," O'Donnell said, "A game that I will always remember."

After a great three wins on the road, Squan took on Asbury Park at home for a week 8 matchup. Senior linebacker Dylan LeBlanc suffered a leg injury a week earlier against Point Boro and would be out for the rest of the season. After searching for LeBlanc's replacement, senior linebacker Ryan Deegan stepped up to the challenge and did not disappoint. Manasquan dished out their second shutout victory of the season beating Asbury 28-0. Deegan had a very successful first start of the season and was very happy with the team's

regular season and the Warriors finished with a 6-2 record. Squan did not let the season's success go to their heads as they went into the next week's practice with the mindset that a brand new season was beginning. Squan was scheduled to play Holmdel at home in round 1 of the Central Jersey Group 3 playoffs on Saturday, November 6th. As the 3rd seed in the 8-team bracket, Manasquan was prepared to take down anybody in their path. Holmdel came into the game as the 6th seed with a record of 3-5.

Then, on that warm, fall Saturday, the war began. The Warriors kicked the ball off to the Hornets to begin the game. Squan's defense showed up to hold Holmdel to a three and out on the Hornets' opening offensive possession. On the next play, a muffed snap that went over the head of the punter allowed the Warrior offense to take over on Holmdel's 2-yard line. After a short drive, on fourth down, Squan scored on 2-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Brett Patten to senior receiver Cole Kozlowski to make the score 6-0. From there, Manasquan's offense took off and there was no stopping it.

On the first play of Squan's next possession, Patten connected to Kozlowski once again for a 65-yard touchdown pass on a fade route. Kozlowski, who also plays safety for the Warriors, intercepted a pass on Holmdel's next drive and took it back to the Hornets' 25-yard line. On the next play, Patten connected to LeBlanc for

Squan.

Squan got the ball back to start the second half and immediately took advantage. On the first play of their drive, Kozlowski received a pass from Patten to score a 50-yard touchdown on a slant up the middle of the field. After another great stop by the Warrior defense, senior receiver Mike Presbrey found the endzone on a 40-yard touchdown pass from Patten to make the score 32-7. Manasquan's last touchdown of the game was on another slant connection from Patten to Kozlowski to make the final score 39-7. "It was a great win for the team, and I thought it was the best game we've played as a team this season," Kozlowski said, "Leaving Vic Kubu Warrior Field for what could have been my last game there, to finish with that kind of game, was an honor and I couldn't have imagined it any other way." Kozlowski's four-touchdown game against Holmdel was easily an amazing performance that will go down in Manasquan football history. Thanks to their offensive line, Patten, with 5 touchdowns in the game, was able to have great success against the Hornets' defense with his #1 target, Cole Koz.

After the victory against Holmdel, Manasquan advanced to the second round of the Central Jersey Group 3 Playoffs. On November 13, the Warriors traveled to Camden to play Woodrow Wilson. Unfortunately, Squan did not come out on top in a tough loss to the Tigers. After an exciting season, Squan's playoff run has come

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THE UPSETS MHS GIRLS SOCCER HAS BEEN WAITING FOR

By: Erin Driscoll and Ellie Hallman

On November 2nd the girls' soccer team headed to Spotswood to take on the 3 seed in the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group 2 States Tournament. The Warriors were ranked as the 14th seed in the tournament.

MHS went out with a lot of energy and started off strong, scoring 4 goals in the first half. Goals were scored by three seniors, two by Ava Chiarella, one by Maeve Reilly, and the fourth by Erin Driscoll. At half, the score was 4-1 Manasquan.

In the second half, the Warriors added two more goals to clinch their 6-1 victory. These goals were scored by junior Lily Carhart and a second goal by Erin Driscoll. This major upset victory brought the girls to play Delaware Valley (11 seed) on Friday, November 5th.

"It's always exciting going into a game

as the underdog, but while preparing for the game, we knew we would be able to give this team a run for their money," Coach Price explains, "Spotswood had a player that had over 20 goals this season, so we were prepared to shut her down, and that is exactly what we did."

Going into the second round of the tournament, the girls knew that it was going to be a close game since they were so closely ranked with Delaware Valley. The score was 0-0 for most of the first half, but after about 25 minutes, sophomore Bianca Chiarella put the

Warriors on the board. A second goal was scored by Ava Chiarella at the buzzer, making the score 2-0 Warriors going into the 2nd half.

The Lady Warriors went out with even more energy in the second half. 3 more goals were scored by Kali Saito, Renee Herbert, and Ava Chiarella got her 2nd goal of the day. The





High Hopes for Girls Basketball

By: Natalie Symonowicz

The Manasquan girls' basketball team is coming off a season with a record of 13-2 and 6-1 in Shore Conference. With the arrival of the 2021-22 season, the girls are ready to make their mark in the Shore once again.

Against a series of challenges imposed by the pandemic, Manasquan enters this season aiming for a Shore Conference Championship and getting to the Tournament of Champions. Senior Dorothy Loffredo, forward and guard, will be helping to lead the team in pursuit of their goals. "I'm looking forward to being able to play with people in the gym again," she said.

Dorothy added, "I'm also looking forward to the energy and just being able to compete in a fun and lively environment."

Fellow senior Mary Donnelly, guard, led the team last year with a total of 220 points, 27 steals, and 128 rebounds. "I'm excited for a full season and being able to play teams from other states," she said. "I also think a lot of the sophomores will step up this year and it will be a good season."

Due to COVID cutting last year's season in half resulting in less games, everyone will be looking forward to twice as many

games and a longer season. With this comes many goals. "Putting the girls in the best situations to reach their goals is very important to me," said varsity head coach Ms. Kukoda. "Along with continuing to develop as individuals and a team."

Led by its senior commits – Mary Donnelly (Holy Cross), Dorothy Loffredo (Stevens Institute of Technology), Georgia Heine (University of Pennsylvania), and Brooke Hollawell (Dartmouth)- the girls have jumped out to start the season, winning their first four games.

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final score of the game was 5-1 which sent the girls into the semi-finals of the tournament.

Liz Dayton (senior) talks about the big win, "The Delaware Valley game was so exciting because our team finally felt like we were coming together. The win gave us confidence and got us excited that we had made it to the semi-finals."

On Tuesday, November 9th, the girls took on Holmdel in the semi-finals. Holmdel was ranked as number 2 in the tournament and number 5 in all of New Jersey, so going into the game, the girls knew that it was going to be tough.

Senior Maeve Reilly said, "Going into the game, everyone was very nervous but we still had a lot of confidence because of our performance over the last few games. As soon as we

got on the field and held them defensively the way we had practiced, we knew that we were in this game and that it was going to be close."

After a hard fought game, the girls unfortunately fell to the Holmdel Hornets 2-0 after they scored on 2 penalty kicks, bringing the season to an end.

The girls worked hard the entire season and really proved it in the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group 2 State tournament with 2 upset victories, making it to the semi-finals, and holding one of the top teams in the state to such a close game.

"When looking at our record, you would think that we didn't have a good season," said Coach Price, "Although, many of our games were very close and even went into overtime, which placed us as the 14 seed in the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group 2 States Tournament. The team peaked at the right moment to bring us to the state semi-finals and have a great end to our season."

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Warriors Triumph on Thanksgiving

By: Austin Griffith

On Wednesday, November 24th, the day before Thanksgiving, Manasquan's football team marched through the streets of their hometown in the annual parade. Squan fans lined the streets and cheered for their beloved Warriors as they walked by. Thanksgiving is a holiday cherished in Manasquan tradition as the whole town comes together to watch the war that will unfold on Vic Kubu Warrior Field. Throughout the years, Squan has physically battled their opponent every year to achieve a winning record in the history of Thanksgiving games. And this year, the Warriors were not looking to change things up.

As soon as the Shore Regional Blue Devils stepped onto Manasquan grounds, the

Warriors knew it was time to go to war. Thanksgiving Day was especially important for the seniors, most of whom would be suiting up with their brothers for the last time. "It was special," senior receiver Dan Hyland said. "We've been playing together for the past four years and I didn't think it would

ever end." From the opening kickoff, the Squan defense came out hot holding Shore to a three and out on their opening drive. With a solid punt return from senior running back Patrick Woodford, the Warriors were able to set up their offense on the Blue Devils' 40-yard line. Just a couple plays later, junior quarterback Brett Patten was able to connect with senior receiver Cole Kozlowski for a 30-yard touchdown

pass.

On Shore's next drive, the Warriors were able to hold the Blue Devils to another three and out thanks to a combined sack from Kozlowski and senior defensive end JJ Cavanaugh on first down. Although the Warriors were not able to get into the end-zone on their next possession, their defense came up big once again to stop the Shore



#15, Cole Kozlowski, runs into the end-zone for Manasquan's first touchdown of the game.

offense. When Squan got the ball back, they were not settling for another wasted drive. On 3rd down with 19 yards to go, a 50-yard reception for Kozlowski set the Warriors up on the Blue Devil 25-yard line. Then, after gaining a chunk of yards in the red zone, junior running back Jhamier Howard punched in a five-yard touchdown run to make the score 14-0. On Shore's next offensive possession, they were able to reach the Warrior end-zone to make the score 14-7 going into halftime.

Squan got the ball back coming into the second half,



Manasquan's senior captains take the field for the opening coin toss with honorary captain, Katy Hallman.

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but turned the ball over on downs after marching all the way down to the Blue Devil 10-yard line. Shore scored again on their next drive to tie it up at 14 points apiece. The Warriors were looking to get back on top of the Blue Devils on their next drive, and that they did. With the help of his dominant offensive line, Howard was able to pick up a couple yards a carry in order to march the Warriors down the field. At the Blue Devil 10-yard line, Squan was forced to kick a field goal. On the play, a Shore defender made contact with junior safety and kicker, Jack Dettlinger, after the kick to give the Warriors a first down on a roughing the kicker penalty. Squan made sure to take advantage of this new set of downs. Two plays later, Howard, with a push from his offensive lineman, was able to take it into the endzone for a two-yard touchdown run to make the score 21-14. Senior linemen Joey Franklin was very pleased with the offensive line's performance. "I believe we came together and played as a unit," Franklin said. "Which came from the scout team going hard against us in practice to give us real, in-game looks."

Squan needed to stop the Blue Devils on their next drive to secure the Thanksgiving Day victory late in the fourth quarter. Due to a great kickoff by Dettlinger and a

nice tackle by sophomore Jack Mead, Shore was forced to start off on their own 14-yard line. The Blue Devils were able to gain some yardage against the Warriors on their last possession bringing the ball to the 50-yard line. But the Squan defensive line locked down on 2nd and 10 with a huge three-way combined sack from Cavanaugh, Franklin, and senior Jack Burns. On 3rd down, with time running low, Shore was forced to spike the ball to stop the clock in order to give them one last play. The Blue Devils attempted to throw a deep post route to their wide receiver on 4th and 11, but thanks to great coverage from Kozlowski and senior cornerback, Mike Presbrey, the ball fell incomplete.

The Warrior offense came back onto the field to

cap off their exciting 8-3 season. In victory formation, Patten knelt down on the last play of the game to run out the final seconds left on the clock. With their fans cheering loud, the 2021 Manasquan Warriors trotted off Vic Kubu Warrior Field for the last time. As the final pride clap of the season echoed through the locker room, the team's seniors realized that their high school football careers had come to an end. "Looking back on these past four years," said senior Ryan Esdaile. "Playing Manasquan football has been the greatest experience of my life." For a small town on the Jersey shore built by Squan football, it will be a long off-season until the drums of the Warrior Chop sound once again.

The Warriors line up on the 50-yard line to shake hands with the Blue Devils after the victory.



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Hockey Team Skates Confidently into New Season

By: Liam Haag

The Manasquan Highschool sport seasons are coming and going quite quickly. Fall sports like football and soccer are coming to an end which means that other sports like swimming, basketball, and hockey will come into play. In fact, the Football team just recently took a hard loss to Woodrow Wilson for a win or go home playoff game in Camden. The highly anticipated Thanksgiving game will be their last game, as they try to find an opponent to replace their Wall match-up. Anyways, as football and other fall sports come to an end, winter sports start to loom and the air gets colder, and Hockey players around MHS are getting ready and preparing to start another year on the ice.

With Covid-19 also looming past two or so years, lots of sports teams in Manasquan couldn't catch a break. This year, however, the spread of coronavirus is slowly decreasing in the community and the Hockey team is ready for a full and healthy season. This season they'll strive to go for another league championship. Their first game this year is against Manalapan on December 10th followed by a matchup vs. St. John Vianney on the 22nd of December.

Manasquan has big rivals for all of their sports teams. Wall, however, is probably the most common rival seen through all the sports. For Hockey, they're actually a few. According to Tucker Farrell, a senior



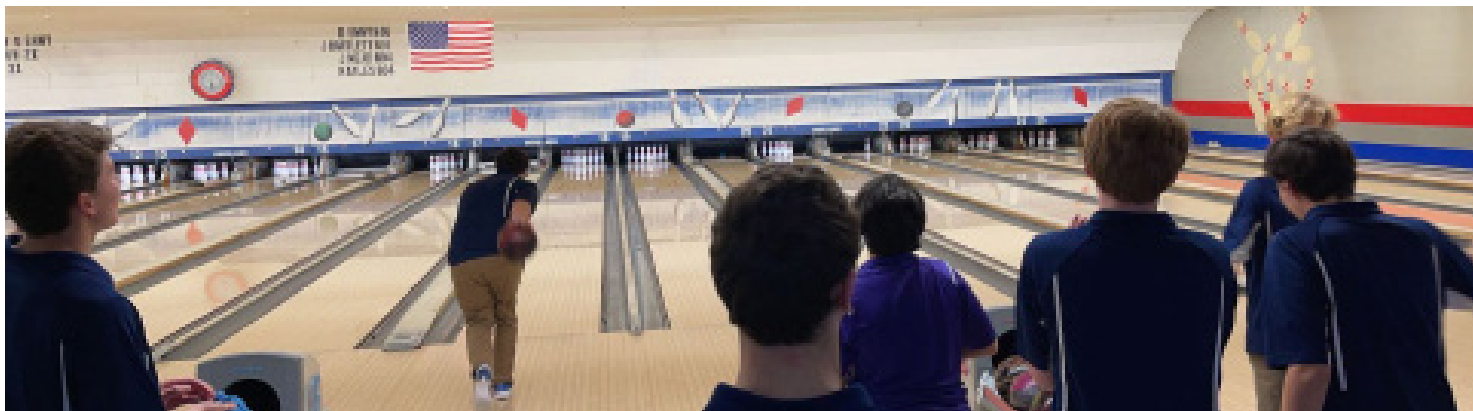
on the varsity team, "St. John Vianney, Wall, and CBA have been our biggest rivals over the years." Farrell along with the others on the team will have the chance to face these competitors this upcoming season.

Last year, the season was cut short due to coronavirus and all of the seniors on the team were not able to play a full season, more importantly senior night. As players leave, it means that more players come in and more people are fighting for spots. This is the type of competition that MHS wants.

Senior captain Shay Keating said, "This year, we have a big senior class so we want to go out with a great season," he added, "Being a senior captain, leading and setting an example is a great opportunity for the younger kids." Keating has been on the varsity team all four years of high school. He went on to say, "We're getting the underclassmen involved this year so they are ready for the future. No doubt, our goal this year is to have a run at the title." There is nothing but positivity to look forward to for MHS Hockey.

Overall, after a season of disappointment due to protocols of Covid-19 last year, this year brings very promising potential. Keating will look to take his squad to the chip this year, and we'll be able to see how the team progresses with all the younger guys coming into the program and maturing in the sport. It's going to be very interesting to see how the approaching season will unfold here at MHS.

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Seen above is a photo taken by senior captain Owen Roberts at a match on December 15.

Bowling Rolling in Hot!

By: Hannah Doherty

Manasquan bowling teams are rolling in hot! They are off to a great season with the MHS boys bowling team in first place, as of Friday December 17. They're record is 7-0 so far this season.

Their most recent match against Wall went great with the boys winning to take over first place. After losing the first game by over 200 points, the boys rallied together and came back to destroy the next two games Coach Glen gave high praise and said "So far, the boys have been very good. They are exceeding my expectations."

On Wednesday December 8, Manasquan boys bowling faced off against Neptune. Manasquan boys came out with a big win of 3-0.



12/8/21 - Owen Roberts (Manasquan): 250 Game



12/1/21 - Matt Rose (Manasquan): 252 Game

The Manasquan girls bowling team are not far behind with being in 3rd place of the shore conference. With a record of 4-2 the girls team shows great potential. When talking to Coach Amanda Romano she said "this year we have five returning bowlers and four newcomers on the girls bowling team. Each day the team is improving. Our first match of the season we won all three games, so I hope to see that trend continue as the season progresses."

During the girls more recent match against Wall, MHS's girls bowling team won 3-0.

Both teams are looking forward to the last part of the season. We could be seeing a state championship in the future.

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Winter Track Season Starts

By: Cade Saito

The Manasquan High School Winter Track team has just begun practicing for this year's upcoming season on Monday, November 29th. This team is coached by teachers Mrs. Morris and Mr. Petriella. Mrs. Morris is the girl's coach and Mr. Petriella coaches the boys.

Mrs. Morris is very excited about coaching this season. "A new season brings new athletes. Having new faces and freshman joining the team is always part of a great experience as a coach. It energizes the returning members and sets the foundation for the team's comradery," said Mrs. Morris.

She added, "You get the opportunity to train and develop a group of athletes that might be trying something new (like hurdles or jumping) or that have their specialties whether it's speed or endurance. In addition, it's a season that really functions as a bridge into Spring Track for the majority of the team."

This year's winter track team has a big number of talented athletes. Senior Ellie Hallman and sophomores Elle Kimball and Holden Becker are some of the best athletes that will be competing season. One player in particular

Erin Driscoll. Erin said, "The first week went great! It was a lot of fun getting to know new people and catch up with some of the people that I ran with in the spring." Erin runs a lot of the sprinting events for the team. Erin's goals for this season

are to get stronger and faster while having fun competing in the sport she loves. This season is Erin's first for Winter Track but has been competing in Spring Track since her freshman year.

Luke Dowd is expected to be another key runner this season. Luke is a sophomore, and this will be his first season running winter track. Luke said, "I decided to do winter track this year because I want to get faster and more in shape." Luke is planning on running the 55-meter dash this year.

The first meet for this season will take place on December 21st at Bennett Field House at 4:30. This season there are twelve meets scheduled. Meets included are Shore Conference and Meet of Champions. These meets are meets that you have to qualify for, so the whole team will not be competing in those meets.

If you would like to stay updated on the Winter Track team this year follow @squan_track for insights and details about the team's season.



Above: Coach Petriella with runners Erin Driscoll, Kat Keeffe, and Ellie Hallman. **Below:** Seniors Erin Driscoll and Ellie Hallman with Sophomore Violet Nolan; Last year's team taking a picture after their meet!



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Potential to succeed this wrestling season

By: Ellie Hallman

Second year head coach Justin Barowski, and the MHS wrestlers are ready for an exciting and hopefully successful 2021-2022 season. Last year Coach Barowski lead the team to their first winning season since 2006.

The first official practice was November 29th, according to Senior wrestler Kieran Pastelak. Kieran also mentioned their upcoming schedule. "December 18th is our first tournament and our home opener against Wall is December 22nd," he added. The tournament on the 18th is called the "Icebreaker Tournament" in Old Bridge. Kieran also gave names of some of the best wrestlers this season and included sophomore Max Salerno, and seniors David Lisk and Jake Edwards.

Jake Edwards said, "If there is going to be a year we beat Wall, it's this year." There is a lot of promise and confidence in continuing the success from last season into this one. Edwards also commented on Coach Barowski and mentioned,



Above: Jake Edwards pictured from the 2020-2021 season; Below: the team gathers in the gym



"He brings a lot of new energy and hope to the team."

One of the top wrestlers on the team, David Lisk, had the best win-lose record last year with 12 wins and 3 loses. He is hoping to end his high school wrestling career on another impressive season and continue to bring points to the team. There is a lot of excitement and optimism for boys wrestling coming from the seniors this year.

C o a c h Barowski shared some of the main goals for this season. "Our goals this season are to win 10 matches, send 5 wrestlers to Regions, and make the team state tournament," Barowski said. Barowski also mentioned junior Torey Falkenburg along with Lisk, Ed-

wards, and Salerno as some of the best wrestlers on the team.

Overall MHS wrestling has improved tremendously this past year with Coach Barowski and their talented wrestlers. The 2021-2022 season looks like it is going to be a good one!



Swimming into the 2021-2022 Season

Swimmers step up, take your mark, Go!

As the swim season kicks off, the Manasquan swim team will be practicing every day after school, to ensure their best performance. Both the boys and the girls have a goal this year to win a state championship.

Mr. Murin, the boys and girls swim coach has many hopes for the season this year. According to Mr. Murin, he wants the swim team to win states, as most of the swimmers want as well. He also said, "I want our swimmers to build a good group with each other and grow to be the best they can be."

The girls team is led by senior Sarah Eldridge. "I'm most excited for the counties meet because all the teams are there and I really enjoy seeing everyone and having good competition," Sarah said.

Sarah is verbally committed to Navy next year. Her aquatic journey began when she was just about 4 years old, she swam for OCY and YMCA of Greater Monmouth. She is excited to further her academics and athletic ca-

By: Jacquelyn Stewart and Izzy Giordano

reer at Navy. She enjoys being competitive and see her hard work pay off.

For the boys, seniors Matt Dettlinger and Jack Nowak lead the way. Jack even plans to swim at Providence next year. Both buy into Mr. Murin's team goals.

"I want to win states and break another record," Jack said, while Matt added, "My favorite thing about swim is the competition and racing."

Last season it was difficult to really be a team because of all the restrictions, but now they are getting back to where they want to be, an unbeatable team that enjoys being together.

Coach Murin is looking forward to having as normal a season as he can allow this year, as well as seeing student, parents, and swimmer together again at meets. He loves to see the students so close and getting along. Senior, Caroline Ireland agrees with Murin and said, "I love the sport because of all

the great friendships we've made, and how fun and supportive Mr. Murin is."

Caroline began swimming when she was 5 years old and swam for Red Bank and NJRC, she is an excellent swimmer. Ireland does not plan on swimming in college but is looking forward to continuing her academic career.

The pandemic has really affected many high school students' athletic careers. Bennett DeVincens, a junior at MHS, stated, "It was really hard being on a club team and high school team during the pandemic, but it really taught me how to preserve and so far has affected me in many positive ways. It taught me to be more tough," she said.

Swimming is a sport that is psychological as well as physical. All the swimmers who are coming back from last season are thrilled to be back in practice, and to participate in their upcoming meets.

So far, the teams are off to just the start they wanted, winning their first four meets of the season. So far, so good!

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