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GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL WIN STATE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



The teams celebrate their wins by posing with their newly earned trophies.

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MHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS



By: Abby McBride

The popular and well-known story *Grease*, a musical about teens in love in the 1950s, blew the audiences away at the Jack Nicholson Theatre at Manasquan High School on March 24, 25, and 26. Every seat was filled on opening night, as the last ticket was sold just before the cast went on.

The show was filled with exhilarating dance numbers, classic songs, and fabulous acting that made every second entertaining. From the choreography and acting to the amazing singing, MHS talent shined through in the performance.

The story is set in California in 1958. Danny Zuko, played by senior Donny Nikola, is the tough but charming greaser who falls in love with a girl on summer vacation. The girl is Sandy Olsson, played by senior Sophie Creed. Their love inspires the unforgettable duet, "Summer Nights" which Sophie and Donnie sang beautifully, before being joined by the cast, quickly filling the stage and energizing the theater.

Sandy and Danny are in for a surprise when they go back to school. What neither of them know is that they both now attend Rydell High School. Sandy is the new girl at Rydell and as she meets Rydell's popular Pink Ladies, she describes her summer love, Danny Zuko. At first, Sandy is ecstatic to see Danny, but when Danny treats her coldly, the problems begin.

"Sandy is a kind, innocent, and sweet girl who is new to Rydell High," Sophie said. "However, she's also not afraid to stand up for herself and bring her confidence to new levels." Sandy's transformation is definitely one of the highlights of the show.



There were several highlights of the production that made the crowd go wild. One shining moment was junior, Danny Colon, walking out from the curtains in a white suit and iconic huge angel wings. He performed the song, "Beauty School Dropout", after Frenchie, played

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by sophomore Liv Maes, drops out of beauty school, and acted as her guardian angel. The number was filled with amazing choreography, hilarious moments by Danny, and the audience truly loved it.

To add to the comedic highlights of the show, senior Andrew Brennan played the amusing and witty character, Roger, and performed a song about "mooning". He was accompanied by senior Gracie Visceglia who plays the character Jan. Their dance moves and singing made the song a memorable one, and certainly had the crowd laughing.

The well-known song, "Grease Lightning" was also a fan favorite. Junior Kieran McMenamen played the tough, sarcastic Kenickie in the show. He shined during "Grease Lightning", a song about his car that he was ever so proud of. He and the other greasers in his gang performed a high-energy, catchy dance perfor-



mance with impressive vocals.

One of the most important factors to a musical is the choreography and hard work that goes into the dance numbers. MHS' dance director, Mrs. Gallano, worked super hard on crafting and perfecting the dance numbers. Senior Jess Hagerman and junior Bella Lopez played Cha-Cha (they shared the role for two performances each), enjoying the chance to show off their dancing skills in a few solo moments throughout the show. Other members of the dance program, such as sophomore Jessica Slovak, performed in dance numbers in the musical and were able to show their progression as dancers throughout the year.

Another appealing twist to the show was the live band, Eric and the Shipwrecks, who added a unique and perfect touch to the show.

The band was located at the top of the stage on a platform and played throughout the whole production, including instrumental transition music between scenes.

Overall, MHS production of *Grease* was a smash hit, thoroughly enjoyable and one of a kind. But getting to that point wasn't easy; the Drama Club worked on this musical since December and in recent weeks worked extra hard in rehearsals after school and on weekends. "Tech week was stressful, but the spirits are high and I'm super excited to shock the audience with what they're going to see on stage," Mrs. Schille, MHS Drama Club director, said in the days before the show. This year is only her second year at the school, but she has already made a huge, positive impact on the theater lovers of Manasquan High School.

When it was all said and done, Drama Club members received many compliments, and had a lot to say.

"The experience has been amazing. Although there were ups and downs like every other show, there have been very good experiences too, and I have learned a lot about myself as an actress and a person," Sophie shared.

Donny agreed: "The process has been a ton of hard work, but it's really paid off in the end," he said.

And Kieran summed it up best: "I'm so glad I did was a part of it," he said.



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SQUANATHON



By: Ellie Hallman



of the four grades there. The seniors were the only ones who experienced to participate their freshman year. Although the night wasn't easy, it was very rewarding after the fact. Activities planned for the dancers were karaoke, Zumba, relay races, bouncy houses, and two bands.

The first band were the Orange Blossoms, with lead singer Cole Hallman. Kevian Kramer performed with his bandmates shortly after as well.

Junior committee member Emma Brown said she joined the Squanathon committee for a reason. "I wanted to be apart of something that mattered in our school and helped struggling families in our community," she said. Emma explained her role this year which was emailing and going to businesses to get donations for food and sponsors for the night.



Two speakers reminded the students what they are dancing for. Olivia Easton, a MHS alumni, spoke about her journey with Thyroid cancer. She kept emphasizing how you never think it is going to be you, and to continuously be nice to people because you never know what they are going through. A speaker from "Jar of Hope," spoke about his son James who struggles with a rare muscular disease. He left us with the inspirational phrase, "I can, I will, I must."

Every hour, the committee members led the dancers in the "Hoedown Throwdown" dance to keep them awake and energized. The rodeo theme provided everyone with a fun mechanical bull to ride throughout the night as well. Sophomore Cade Saito added, "It was a night to remember."

On Friday March 18th, 2022, about 100 or so students participated in a "Rodeo" themed Squan-a-thon. The 12-hour dance-a-thon supporting pediatric cancer raised a total of \$80,527.07. The night started at 8pm and finished at 8am, with a lot of fun activities and inspiring stories in between.

A few juniors and seniors make up the Squanathon committee, which works many long hours to prepare the event. One is senior Jack Minton. Jack mentioned that this year of Squan-a-thon is, "restored to its previous glory." Covid-19 negatively affected this event the past two years, with it being cancelled in 2020, and not being a full 12-hour event in 2021. Everyone was excited to bring it back to normalcy.

Squan-a-thon was a new experience for three out

ACADEMY OF FINANCE

fashion show

By: Chloe Casale

Throughout the month of February and the beginning of March, members of Academy of Finance worked non-stop on their fundraising and preparation for the 2022 fashion show.

The fashion show recently took place on March 15 and was undoubtedly a huge success, raising money for the Academy's scholarships and future field trips. After weeks of planning, the group of students in charge, along with director Mr. Driscoll, gathered donations for gift baskets and clothing and outfits for the students to model in, in order to market local businesses. Along the way, students gained important real-world business experience.

Local stores that were involved and helped with the fundraising included Rare Cargo, Waterlily, Juli Mei, Antoinette Rose, The Bee, Wanderlust, Inlet Outlet, Ryan Patrick, Starlight, Tuxedo Den, and Barewires. The clothes from these stores were presented, and their input in the fashion show was greatly appreciated by the Mr. Driscoll, his students, and the students modeling.



Senior MaryPat McManus was a key individual in this entire process. She explained, "The show was definitely successful. I think all of the students and businesses did a really nice job participating and putting in their best efforts to organize the show. My favorite part of the fashion show was picking out the outfits for it and I also loved watching my friends modeling in the clothes! I had a lot of fun just being there." Overall, MaryPat had an amazing time organizing and contributing to the show and her efforts surely paid off.

Senior Grace Carew, another AOF leader, stated, "The most difficult part of the show was making sure students went to the correct stores on their dates to get their clothes and to make sure they were returned properly afterwards. It was definitely a lot of work and at times hectic but overall, I loved how it ended up. I genuinely enjoyed being a part of the fashion show and it taught me more about managing, planning, and social confidence firsthand. Also, it unquestionably helped me prep for business education in the future. I learned a lot and loved managing the fashion show and businesses. It was a huge hit." Overall, this fashion show was amazing and watching it come together was so exciting. The academy of finance worked so hard to organize and everyone who participated and even just came to support, had an amazing there.



INDUCTION

On a brisk Tuesday night on March 29, over five hundred people filed into Manasquan's gymnasium for this year's National Honors Society induction ceremony. NHS moderator's, Manasquan teachers Mrs. McHugh and Mr. Critelli, were given the mic to speak on all the inductees' achievements and qualifications that far exceeded any of their expectations. Principal Mr. Goodall also made an address to all the new inductees and parents by their sides explaining to all of us just how impressive this organization is to be a part of. After Mr. Goodall's words, a Spanish translator, Mrs. Fatima Mulroy, was also present in order to translate all of Goodall's words for our Spanish-speaking inductees.

Both Mrs. McHugh and Mr. Critelli made sure to also introduce the National Honors Society board members, Lily Burke (NHS president), Ellery Blum (NHS VP), Grace Carew (NHS Treasurer), Phoebe Matuch (NHS Historian), and Machaela Lynch (NHS Secretary)



A group of junior girls celebrate their induction.

to the podium in order to state each of the four pillars associated with the National Honor Society's mission statement. The four pillars of National Honors Society are as follows: character is in those who demonstrate high standards of honesty & reliability; who show courtesy, concern, & respect for others. Scholarship is expecting a standard of excellence in an academic setting. Leadership is holding and promoting student leaders who are resourceful, good problem solvers and idea contributors; dependable, responsible, and inspire positive behavior. And finally, service is voluntary contributions made by a student for the betterment of the school and/or community for no compensation.

By: Gretchen Grunbaum The ceremony began with a candle lighting and a few words from Mr. Goodall, Mrs. McHugh, and Mr. Critelli, then proceeded the distribution of pins and certificates to all the 2022 National Honors Society inductees ranging from juniors to seniors of Manasquan. "Children are the future, and seeing them thrive on stage in front of all their parents and teachers was really the most rewarding experience in my career," said NHS moderator and teacher Mr. Critelli. Both Mr. Critelli and Mrs.

McHugh run the National Honors Society program at Manasquan High School, but they also get additional help when needed. "This is my first year running the NHS," said teacher Mrs. McHugh, "Both Mr. Critelli and I also got help from Mrs. Winters, Mr. Goodall, Mrs. Mulroy, and also the custodial crew, who set up and broke down the entire gymnasium for the ceremony."

The National Honors Society is not only rewarding for the teachers who help students get to this point, but also for the inductees of course. Senior Jack Nowak explained what it took for him to get to be a part of this year's NHS chapter. "We all had to complete a service project, where Mrs. McHugh and Mr. Critelli decided whether or not we would get accepted into NHS," said Jack, "I ended up making a website for my club swim team, CJAC, where I had to talk to my coach and see what she wanted me to include in the team's frequently visited website."

National Honors Society is both a competitive yet extremely rewarding organization to be a part of as a high school student. The steps that the inductees had to complete to get to this point is truly impressive. Their grades, community service hours, and lengthy service projects really reflect the inductees' outstanding work ethic and dedication that they deserved.

Projects bring

DEATH to LIFE

By: Jacquelyn Stewart

When most people think of assignments in high school, they think of essays and long worksheets, however Mr. Fagen had other ideas. Recently, his criminology class brought famous crime scenes to life with sick and twisted dioramas.

The class had to recreate dioramas of famous crime scenes of their choice. Students were required to learn everything they could about a crime scene and accurately depict it.

Mr. Fagen chose this project to teach his students that every crime scene has a story. "I wanted them to learn that every piece of evidence is there for a reason," he said. "The kids got to find key evidence that told the story of the crime scene," says Mr. Fagen.

Sophomore Ava Hartnett did the Chi Omega mur-

ders and had a lot of fun learning more about the crime scene she chose. "It was lots of fun and I liked taking a deeper look into the case," she said.

Though this was a fun project, it was meant to challenge the students to find the right information. "Setting up the diorama was probably the hardest part," says sophomore Helen Greco. "I had to make sure everything was accurate to the crime scene," she said.

Other challenges students faced were the conspiracies that followed their murder cases. "It was hard finding all of the information that I needed since there are a lot of conspiracy theories that go around," says Billy Cosgrove, who did his project on the JFK assassination.

The challenge was worth it because the projects came out great. "I've been doing this project for four years, and this year was phenomenal," says Mr. Fagen. "The kids were really into it," he said.

One of the projects that turned out amazing was Deanna Schipani's Lizzie Borden house diorama. It is a 3D, two floor houses with graphic and accurate depictions of Andrew and Abby Borden's murders.

Some of these gruesome projects can be found in the media center for anyone who is interested in true crime cases to check out.



Above: Inside of the Borden house where the rooms where Lizzie Borden's parents were murdered

Below: Helen Greco's Richard Ramirez diorama



ACADEMIC

hall of fame

By: Cameron Price



Mr. Fagen presents the new inductees

On Saturday, February 26th Mr. Jim Fagen hosted the first annual Manasquan High School Academic Hall of Fame induction ceremony. This year's first ceremony featured five inductees. The list includes famous actor Jack Nicholson, Judge Joan Azrack, Historian Jack Trumpour, Doctor Dana Ehret, and Astronaut Russell Schweickart to all be inducted in the class of 2022 Academic Hall of Fame.

Mr. Fagen said, "I wanted to recognize the alumni in their greatness and contribution to their fields in an academic way."

Of course, we all know Jack Nicholson and we see his name outside the auditorium each day. He graduated in the class of 1954. At the time he was best known for being the "class clown" and for never listening to authority. After graduating Nicholson is recognized as one of the greatest actors of his generation.

The others who were inducted are not as famous, but still successful in their own right. Joan Azrack graduated in the 70's and then started her career at the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice from 1979 to 1981. She was nominated by President Barack Obama in 2014 and was later confirmed that same year.

Former writer of "The Warrior", Jack Trumpour was inducted to the Hall of Fame on Saturday too. He is now known for being a historian that is often featured on The History Channel. He has also become a core member of the Harvard Trade Union Program for over two decades.

Dr. Dana Ehret a paleontologist graduated Manasquan in 1997 and attend the University of Florida. He currently works with the University of Alabama researching crocodiles.

The final inductee, Russell Schweickart, graduated MHS in 1952 and went off to MIT with a major scholarship. He excelled at MIT, and later worked for NASA. Before being accepted to NASA Rusty served in the Air Force for a few years. He was selected to be a part of Apollo 12, the mission to the Moon, but various circumstances blocked him from flying on Apollo 12.

The 2022 Academic Hall of Fame class ceremony was a great success. It paved a way for more academics in Manasquan High School history to be recognized for their achievements in the world outside of Manasquan while also being able to keep their roots back home. This new tradition enriches the high school by giving notice to those who have succeeded past high school.



Students help out at the induction



The Academic Hall of Fame presenters

MHS Drums up a Storm

By: Gretchen Grunbaum

On Tuesday, March 22nd, Manasquan High School welcomed Mr. Clint Pulver for a school wide assembly. With buckets distributed and drum sticks provided by MHS faculty, the entire room joined in rock and roll harmony. When it was all said and done, Pulver's engaging drumming assembly was truly unforgettable.

Pulver is an Emmy Award-winning, motivational keynote speaker, author, musician, and workforce expert. He's also fun, dynamic, entertaining – and the no-stress speaker clients love to work with.

"Mr. Pulver is a nationally known motivational speaker and entertainer, who presents important life messages to schools and corporations across the United States," MHS Principal Goodall said.

"This is Mr. Pulver's first performance in New Jersey and we are very excited he is visiting MHS!"

Drummer Clint Pulver is an inspiration to just



Above: Clint Pulver in front of his trusted drumset.



Above: photo of Clint Pulver age 35.



Above: Clint at MHS with senior Jackie Palmieri

about anyone when he tells the stories of his hardships growing up, because everyone comes across

problems in their own lives. The crowd truly soaked in the messages Pulver conveyed through his very interactive performance.

Principal Goodall came across Pulver's program and just had a keen feeling that the student body would benefit from the assembly. "Pulver promotes students to get in touch with their feelings, goals for the future, and inner self," says MHS's administrative assistant Mrs. Winters.

"He had a really cool concept I thought," says senior Nasia Polizos, "Clint was a seriously good drummer!"

Students were administered drum sticks and also buckets were provided to serve as drums. As an entire student body, Manasquan became one unified rock band. The interactive approach is what really exceeded expectations and also made this assembly unforgettable.

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Feature Story

MHS Band Marches for March

By: Sophie Creed

The Manasquan High School Warrior Band has been working hard this school year to put on some performances and play their way through parades for the surrounding, local towns. The band teacher and conductor, Mr. Wiemken, is excited for their other upcoming performances that will finish out this year's school year with a bang (of the drums)!

Senior, Andrew Brennan, talks about his last year in the band so far. "My favorite part of being in band is performing in front of classmates and fans at football games." The four years that he has been apart of band playing the trumpet, he has performed at pep rallies, football games, and parades. Being apart of the choir and drama club at Manasquan, band has fueled Andrew's love for performing even more. He says that the most recent event was "the St. Patrick's day in Belmar on March 6th, and even though it was raining, it was fun to be cheered on my friends and big crowds in the streets."

Mr. Wiemken has also shown his hard work in some of the events this year and talks about why he is so excited for the upcoming events. "My favorite part of performing and teaching band is making

music with people that are open to learning all different kinds of music. It makes it even more fun to rehearse different pieces when working with open minded people." So far, Mr. Wiemken believes that the open mindedness and work they have done paid off most in their winter concert, February 9th. He was very happy with the outcome of this concert due



Above: The Warrior Band students playing at the winter; below: Mr. Wiemken conducting at the winter concert



to the audience's reaction and the students' performance. "We rehearsed for a very long time for it and it felt good to finally put it before the audience because the long rehearsals really paid off." Andrew as well as Mr. Wiemken mentioned their next parade up and coming in Wildwood. "I'm most looking forward to the Wildwood Parade that we haven't done in two years due to the pandemic. It's one of our only competitions and it's a great bonding experience because we get to spend a lot of time together as a band having fun and doing what we love on the boardwalk," says Andrew.

The other upcoming events for the band consist of their spring concert on May 11th, the Dorney Park Choir and Band Competition on May 20th, and the summer concert joined with the MHS Concert Choir on June 11th. Sophomore Quinn Chapman who plays the bass drum, bells, and xylophone says, "I am most excited for the spring concert. We are doing really fun and entertaining songs that we are working particularly hard on." So, if you are around come out and support the music the MHS Warrior Band works so hard to perfect.

The Reel Scoop On the MHS Fishing

BY: ISABEL GIORDANO

Manasquan High School is located close to the ocean, fortunately that gives us more opportunities, such as a surf team and a fishing club. Being the school in a beach town definitely has its perks and one of them is having our very own club just for fishing. Fishing is an extremely popular sport in the town of Manasquan and Brielle as they are both bordering the Manasquan river.

In the 1980's, Mr. Freda started the MHS Fishing club, but it was not as popular as it is now. In 2016 Freda started the club back up with his son Tommy Freda and Al Monteberti. Al was named president of the Club and Freda's son Tommy was the Vice President.

Mr. Freda is a highly honorable fisherman himself. He began fishing at the age of five, his grandfather had taken him fishing at a pond, "I fell in love with it" he said. Now he is a professional charter captain for Shore Catch Sportfishing, out of Manasquan Inlet.

Mr. Freda has written two books about fishing throughout his career. As a teacher, writer, and pro fisher, he has accomplished a lot but according to him his biggest accomplishment was last year. When the seniors voted him as the "most

likely to be remembered after twenty years" superlative.

Mr. Freda runs the MHS Fishing club and helping him is Mr. Wasnesky. He first began fishing at a young age and as he became older he adopted the hobby of saltwater fishing. When his Father retired, he decided to try out surf fishing at the age of thirty. Mr. Wasnesky has been teaching science at MHS for

dent teams, as well as admission to the park.

Last year MHS proudly took first place in the Governor's Cup against a few other High Schools

They also have their own individual tournaments within the club and the winner receives prizes from a local tackle shop or one of their many sponsors. They also have outings, fishing clinics, and guest speakers.

The club has many members who range in fishing skills. They all work together to help each other learn and that's what makes it fun and exciting.

2022 Club President, Jake Palmieri has been fishing since he was three years old. His first time out was on a lake in Stanhope with his father, his love for fishing grew as he got older and he began wanting to learn more.

So much hard work and talent goes into making this club enjoyable for the students of MHS, and Mr. Freda and Mr. Wasnesky are the men to thank for it all. For students who are looking to be more involved in extra curricular activities and want to try something new, MHS Fishing Club is a perfect option.

MHS Fishing Club members making the most of a bluefish blitz at the inlet



17 years.

The MHS Fishing Club is most popular for their big event of the year, "The NJ Governors Surf Fishing Tournament". It is typically held on the third Sunday in May at Island Beach State Park, this year it is going to be on May 15th. There is a separate division for High School aged students, who are a part of a formal fishing club. The tournament entry fee is waived for stu-

Below: Members of MHS Fishing Club on the beach after a big win



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Time to find your Summer Jobs

By: Cade Saito

Summer is coming! Let's take a look and see where some of Manasquan High School's students worked last summer.

Kali Saito is a sophomore at MHS. During the school year she participates in soccer and lacrosse, during the summer she spends most of her time at the beach as a badge checker. Kali loved being outside all day near the ocean, but the hardest part of her job was handling the money and keeping it all organized. When asked if she would recommend it, she said, "I would recommend this job to anyone! It's a nice long day at the beach and you get so tan!"

The next student interviewed was sophomore Parker Sowul. Parker works as a dock tender at the Brielle Yacht Club Marina. His favorite thing to do at work is forming relationships with fellow boat

owners while being by the water. Parker said the hardest part of his job is being in the sun all day. "I would definitely recommend this job to others; it has definitely



Brielle Yacht Club Marina, Parker Sowul's Summer Job

popular donut shop called, "Top That! Donuts" which is located in Point Pleasant Beach. "My favorite thing about working this summer was interacting with costumers and taking orders," said Layla. Layla expressed that sometimes

opening the shop early in the morning was very hard. She encourages everyone to apply to work at the donut shop because everyone is so nice, and it is a job that really prepares you for the real world. If you are interested about more jobs, there is a job bulletin board in the Guidance Office and different applications available there. I hope this story made

people excited for working this summer and

gives you more ideas on what you want to do! Can't wait to see what jobs you guys decide to do this summer!

been a great job!" said Parker.

Layla Keelan is a student at MHS and works at the



Layla Keelan made donuts last summer at "Top That! Donuts"



Kali Saito, badge checker!



PROM fashion

IT'S A YES TO THE DRESS!

By: Sophie Krebs

As spring approaches, prom is just around the corner!

For the seniors, prom is scheduled for June 3rd. Junior prom is April 29. The theme for Junior prom is "Manasquan Hills", a spin on a Beverly Hills theme. As of right now, the seniors do not have a theme for their prom.

With only a month

left until then, the junior and senior girls created Instagram accounts for girls to send in their prom dresses and post on the Instagram. The account is private and a fun and supportive way to share what dresses they are wearing. This is frequently done, usually to make sure that no one mistakenly gets the same dress.

All the girls have beautiful dresses picked

out that were posted on the page. It can be very stressful finding a dress. If a girl is struggling to find something they love, they can see where other girls got their dresses from.

This year the proms will be held at the Belmar Waterview Pavilion. The venue is great and there is room to dance! So, get ready for prom season!

Below are the dresses of Reese Hearon (top left), Marin Mccarthy (top middle), Mattie Petrone (top right), and Lily Ducharme (bottom/ green)



WHEELS OR DOORS: A DEBATE

By: Ginger Brown & Reagan Scime

Recently, a new controversy shifted social media into utter chaos, stemming from the divisive question: are there more doors or wheels in the world? Either you believe that more doors exist, or more wheels. At first, you may assume that there are obviously more wheels, however, both sides have a strong argument, being that both wheels and doors exist in places we don't necessarily expect. Let's look at the dictionary of the two:

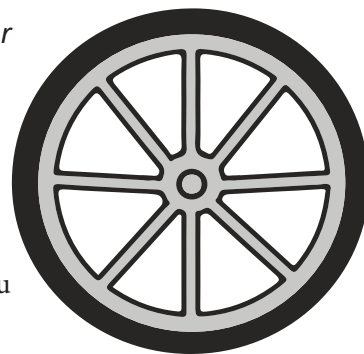
Wheel - a circular object that revolves on an axle and is fixed below a vehicle or other object to enable it to move easily over the ground.

Door - a hinged, sliding, or revolving barrier at the entrance to a building, room, or vehicle, or in the framework of a cupboard

Today, we will examine both sides of the debate.

WHEELS

There are 100% more wheels than doors in the world. Sometimes you may think you are using more doors in everyday life, there are always some hidden wheels in these scenarios. When an object has both wheels and doors, there are usually more wheels. You may be wondering, why is this the case? Picture an 18-wheeler: there are only about four doors compared to 18 wheels and probably a couple of spares. Yes, most cars have four doors and four wheels, but think about the cars that have only two doors and four wheels. Think about all of the Jeeps that have only two doors and four wheels, with a spare tire on each. To add, there are thousands of factories that have plenty of conveyor belts with wheels to overpower the doors debate. What gets you from point A to point B? Wheels do, and doors don't in any way. Doors could have been a solid argument for beginners, but if you think about it wheels move almost everything. Wheels on rolling chairs, bicycles, scooters, motorcycles, carts, WHEEL barrels, tricycles, and much more can support the wheel argument. You can even go as far as saying Heelys, a pair of shoes with one wheel each, are a good side to the story of wheels. There are more wheels, no question about it.



- Reagan Scime

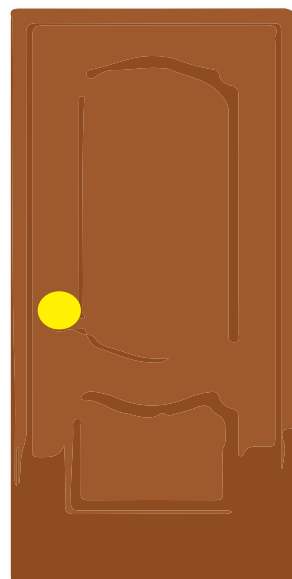
DOORS

I am a firm believer that there are more doors than wheels in the world. Although I used to think that there are more wheels, after thinking about it, there are so many doors in our daily life – more so than wheels. Picture this: you drive home after working in a school or office. In just one single science classroom, you can find about 50 doors between the cabinets and actual entrance doors. Not only that, but walking through the hallways, you can find lockers upon lockers – which all have a door. On top of that, once you get home from a day spent walking through and using doors, you go into your kitchen for a snack. By opening your fridge or pantry, you add two more doors to your daily use. I know, I know. You may be screaming about how wrong I am. Yet think about it. Think about hotels, cruise ships, mailboxes, washers, dog crates, prisons, doll houses, etc. There is an utter abundance of doors in our world. Advent calendars alone have 24 doors. Think about how many advent calendars are produced each year. It is estimated that more than 16 million calendars are produced each year. Trap doors are used amongst hunters. There are millions of PO boxes in post offices world-wide. Most offices also have doors, thus proving why doors are a strong competitor against wheels. Many argue that every vehicle has wheels in order to move, yet what else is on vehicles? Doors. Each car has about 2-4 doors as well as their wheels, disproving that strong argument. In conclusion, there are more doors in this world than wheels. Thank you.

"There are cabinets, lockers, yachts, skyscrapers, wheel people are wrong" – Junior Dylan Federici

"I believe that we have more doors since there are porta-potties, bathroom stalls, and lockers" – Senior Madeline Kline

- Ginger Brown



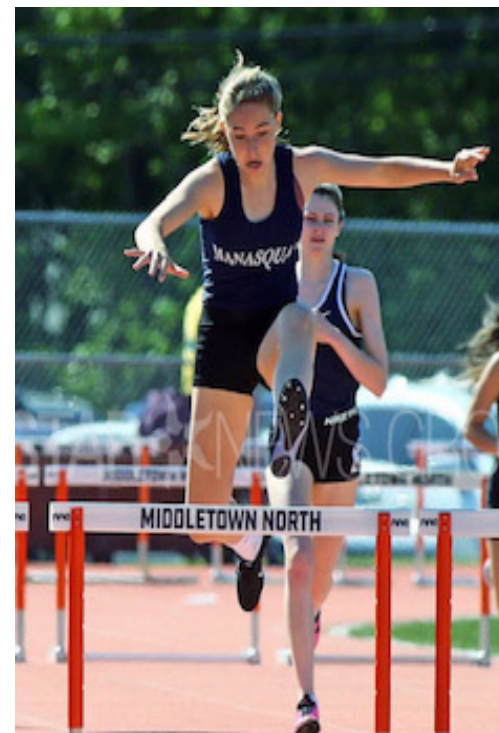
Springing Into the New Track Season Boys Take 1st & Girls Take 2nd at Rebel Relay

By: Natalie Symonowicz

The MHS track & field team is starting off with lots of newcomers and potential for speed. They have increased their numbers and has everyone optimistic for the coming season.

After a delay in the start of spring sports imposed by the pandemic, Manasquan enters this season aiming for placing in Sectionals. Senior Ellie Hallman, 400m hurdler, will be helping to lead the team in pursuit of their goals. "I think we work well together, and everyone becomes good friends really quickly. So far the first week was a get in shape week and now we're all focusing on our specialty events," she said.

Ellie added, "A lot of warming up and little drills go into practicing for hurdles. We usually go to



Above: Seniors Ellie Hallman and Maya Rosado running 100m hurdles race and sophomore Violet Nolan in 400m hurdles race

Antrim Middle School to do our hard workouts."

Juniors Dalil Suluki and Ethan Miller are two of several football players who will be of great contribution to the team. "So far track is pretty fun, but we're ready to get more into the season," Dalil and Ethan said. "We really want to get a ring this year and go top 3 in sectionals."

Long distance head coach Mr. Petriella has 17 or 18 total kids, several of which are freshman who are showing great improvement. In an interview with The Coast Star, Coach Petriella said, "We have seen freshmen really getting into to who can make a big splash by the end of the season."



Two Wins on a Tuesday

Manasquan Boys Basketball Parades Past the #2 Seed for their Third Sectional Title

On Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, the top seeded Manasquan Warriors boys' basketball team took on the Robbinsville Ravens, the 2nd seeded team in the NJSIAA sectional finals. The Warriors came out strong from the start and completed their mission of winning the Central Group 3 Sectional Title with a score of 71-46.

With majority of Manasquan's starting line up being young, everyone counted them out for being a top dog. The Warriors were able to keep the legacy going with its 3rd straight title in the last 4 seasons (missing one season due to COVID-19).

Sophomore guard, Ryan Frauenheim, led the team with a total of 19 points, including five huge three-pointers. In a dominating second quarter, Ryan racked up 10 straight points as the Warriors outscored the Ravens, 20-6.

Ryan spoke on the notable Manasquan performance: "It felt exciting especially to do it with all my teammates at my side in front of the students and the Manasquan community."

Sophomore Alex Konov had a breakout game with a season-high of five 3 pointers for a total of 15 points. His long-distance shooting

By: Reagan Scime



Above: Student photographer Billy Cosgrove captures senior Matt Soloman dunking the basketball.

Below: Photographed by Billy Cosgrove, the boys show off their trophy in a team photo.



helped propel Manasquan to a 39-18 lead at halftime. Freshman Darius Adams connected for 10 points in the second half, but an overall total of 15 points. The other freshman, Griffin Linstra, added 11 points to the Warriors impressive score of 71.

The College of New Jersey commit, senior Matt Solomon, combined for 10 rebounds, 1 steal, and 9 points. His powerful play around the rim sealed the deal for the Warriors to be able to punch their ticket to the Group 3 semifinals against Woodrow Wilson on March 10th.

As shot after shot went in, the Warriors momentum was unstoppable. Lay-up, rebound, three-pointer, you name it, the five players on the court were getting the job done. Not only were the players on the bench getting excited, but the screams of the student-section pumped up the players.

The final minute of the game ticked away, and the Manasquan Warriors were about to secure the victory. As soon as the clock hit zero, Manasquan students stormed the court to cheer with the players. That was just the beginning of the celebration that was to come.



Two Wins on a Tuesday

Manasquan Girls Basketball Soars Past New Providence to Secure Their 8th Consecutive Sectional Title

Playing on their home court, #2 Manasquan Warriors Girls' Basketball played the New Providence Pioneers in the Central Jersey Group 2 final on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022. The outcome favored the Warriors with a score of 52-35 over the Pioneers.

Early on, the Warriors fell behind 17-12 to #12 New Providence for most of the first half. Before halftime, a three-pointer from sophomore Hope Masonius helped propel Manasquan to a 23-21 lead. Senior Mary Donnelly, the College of the Holy Cross commit, added to their lead with 9 points and 12 rebounds. In the second half, Dartmouth College commit, senior Brooke Hollawell extended Manasquan's lead with 11 points including three 3-pointers. The score grew to 36-23 benefiting the Warriors' in the sectional title game.

Hope expressed what it was like to be the only sophomore amongst a senior starting lineup: "It is a great situation to take advantage of as an underclassman. Learning from the seniors, being able to carry on what they have been doing since their freshman year. I cannot

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act like the youngest player on the court."

Although the Warriors' offense was on fire, their defense is what helped launch them into victory. The backbone of the defense came from senior Georgia Heine, University of Pennsylvania commit, and senior Dorothy Loffredo, Stevens Institute of Technology commit. Georgia had one steal in the game and Dorothy had 8 points on the night. Some would say offense wins games, but others would agree that defense wins championships.



Above: Warriors Girls Basketball lifts their trophy up into the air. Below: Photographed by Billy Cosgrove, the girls huddle around the trophy for a picture.



With this being the seniors last game on their home court, they wanted to make it a very memorable moment. There was a lot of pressure put on the team's shoulders since they were going for their 8th straight sectional title. With all of this going on, the girls pulled through for the Warrior's big win. The way everyone played and celebrated, it showed all of the hard work that took place

throughout the season. With the outcome the team was looking for, they will move on to the Tournament of Champions since winning the Sectional Group 2 and the entire Group 2 title.



LADY WARRIORS ARE GROUP 2 STATE CHAMPIONS!

By: Erin Driscoll

After the girl's big victory on Tuesday, March 8th, they wasted no time before getting back out on the court. Just two days later, the girls battled it out in the group 2 semi – finals against Haddon Heights.

The girls dominated this game right from tip off. It was clear that they were not ready for their season to end yet. Mary Donnelly had a game high of 15 points, 6 rebounds, and 6 assists. Brooke Hollawell added 12 points to the board and Georgia Heine had 11.

The final score of the game was 60 – 38. With such a massive win, the energy was high leading up to the Group 2 final.

"The semi - final game was such a fun game to play," said senior Mary Donnelly. "I loved being able to represent our school and help bring us to the state final".

The final was played on Sunday, March 13th in Toms River at the RWJ Barnabas Health Arena against Jefferson High School. After the first quarter, all the fans thought Manasquan had the win in the bag, but after Jefferson battled back in the 2nd quarter, the score at half-time was 23 – 19 Manasquan.

The 3rd quarter was nearly perfect for the Lady Warriors. They out-scored Jefferson 27 – 11 in just one



The girls celebrate together after winning the Group 2 State Championship

quarter!

The game did not stop there. The girls added 15 more points to the board in the 4th quarter making the final scored 65 – 36 and earning their first Group 2 state title since 2018. This was also their 30th win of the season, which is a milestone that not many teams hit!

Sophomore, Hope Masonius led the team in points in the final with 16. Donnelly added 12 and Hollawell had 10.

"I thought the game was an amazing experience that felt really nice to win with my whole team," Masonius explained. "We were all so happy for one another to be able to come out with a win".

Along with the state title, the girls also qualified for the Tournament of Champions (also known as the TOC). The TOC is for the best of the best. The top 6 teams in the entire state of New Jersey (both public and private schools) battle it out to see who is number 1 in the state.

After having such an amazing season, the girls were ranked as the 2 seed in the Tournament

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of Champions, which got them a bye through the first round.

Unfortunately, in the semi – finals of the Tournament of Champions, the girls lost a hard-fought battle to Rutgers Prep, bringing their season to a close.

Many of the girls will be continuing their basketball career in college. Mary Donnelly will be attending the College of Holy Cross, Brooke Hollawell will be at Dartmouth, Georgia Heine is going to UPENN, and Dorothy Loffredo will be at Stevens

Institute of Technology.

As for the underclassmen, they have big shoes to fill with such a strong senior class leaving, but they are up for the challenge.

Junior Ryn Orlando speaks about the senior players, "This year's seniors were the best," she said. "They are all very talented and great leaders. It is going to be a big change with all of them gone next year, but I am excited to follow in their footsteps!"

The Lady Warriors played an outstanding season. With so much young talent on the team, the future of Manasquan Basketball looks very bright.

Loss to Rutgers Prep in Tournament of Champions marks the end of an era

By: Livia Lapitzki

Manasquan High School's Girls Basketball team not only was successful this season but dominated. Winning almost all their games, the team progressed all the way to the Tournament of Champions beating out nearly every team in the state.

Mrs. Kukoda, the girls' coach, viewed the game as "a good way to leave off." She says that the team really put together a great season; there were lots of accomplishments, success, and of course fun. Unfortunately, the game didn't play out as anticipated.

"Rutgers Prep, the team we played, got out to a really good start," says Mrs. Kukoda. She added that the Lady Warriors did an amazing job of standing their ground and fighting off Rutgers.

With only four teams left, Manasquan unfortunately lost in Friday's semifinals game (March 18). Starting seniors Brooke Hollawell, Dorothy Loffredo, Georgia Heine, and Mary Donnelly progressed the farthest they ever have in their high school career. Mary, committed to Holy Cross on a basketball scholarship, described the loss as bittersweet.

"Our goal was to get this far, so I am proud of all of us," Mary says. She also expressed how hard it was to have a great four years come to an

end. "As a senior, most of us have been playing together since elementary school, so for the game to end our career together was heartbreaking."

Even though she is sad to see her high school basketball career come to a close, Mary is more than excited to play in college. "I think the best is yet to come for all of us, and I can't wait to see what everyone does in college," Mary says. Brooke, Dorothy, and Georgia committed to great schools— some being Ivy Leagues— and will continue to grow and progress playing basketball in college.

Leaving behind some great players, Coach Kukoda is confident in the underclassmen and their skill to hold onto the high-esteemed title the girls basketball team earned for itself. "We have a decent number of good players returning next year," she says.

One of the stars of the team happens to be an underclassman. Sophomore Hope Masonius was the highest scorer in the semifinal game with fourteen points. Not far behind, Mary scored ten and George eight.

Even though the season has ended for the girls, it couldn't have ended better. All the girls accomplished so much, and the MHS faculty and student body are excited and ready to see the team accomplish even more next season.



Senior Brooke Hollawell is all smiles with the Group 2 trophy



Boys Lacrosse Strong 3-0 Start

By: Liam Haag

As spring is emerging, spring sports are just starting to begin. Baseball, spring track, softball, golf, lacrosse, and more teams are counting down the days until their first games. Lacrosse and baseball are arguably the most popular spring sports here at Manasquan. The boy's lacrosse team has been in the Shore Conference B Division since the 2014-15 season and will remain there for the upcoming 2021-2022 season. They'll look to continue their success in their division as they were ranked 11th in the state and 79th in the country their last full season, which was two years back.

As the season is starting up, the boys are getting ready to go. They've had a few scrimmages already to warm up for the big season ahead. Lacrosse is something that MHS really takes pride in. To get more information, I asked senior Ryan Bilello how the team is looking this year compared to last year's season.

stead of relying on a couple guys." Ryan has played lacrosse all four years in high school and has been a very important piece to the team since he's been added to the squad.

On the same page, I asked another senior Ryan Burns what he thinks the main goal for the season is this year.

"Our goal for the season is to go undefeated, win the TOC(Tournament of Champions), and win the Shore!" Burns is another leader for the team who has played lacrosse all four of his years at Manasquan. These type of vocal leaders like Bilello and Burns are the ones who will lift others up and lead them to victory. This type of attitude and hype before the season is why we watch the game.

In conclusion, this year will bring new opportunities to new players and to the team as a whole. It should be interesting to see how the chemistry is looking like this year. Everyone is looking to be on the same page this year and playing together as a unit seems to be a big factor. Me along with the whole entire school can't wait to see what will unfold during this Lacrosse season.



"We're a much different and younger team which will force us to have to play very well together," he went on, "We'll have to depend on everyone to get the work done in-



Below: The Lacrosse players work hard to win their scrimmage.



Girls Lacrosse Starts Off Season 2-1

By: Cameron Price



Above: Goalie Quinn McCarthy saves a goal.

Looking into the 2022 Girls Lacrosse season the girls are planning to have a very successful season after a 16-4 record last year. After two scrimmages the

girls have been feeling confident in the new team and that they will be able to go far in the season. With a new team new captains were appointed. New captains Ava Chiarella and Mary Pat McManus have taken charge of rallying the "young talent" of the team.

Captain Ava Chiarella said that "Though there is a lot of pressure being a captain, I want to be a leader and lead by example."

The starting line up this year is heavily based in the experience that the

seniors bring. The roster includes four-year varsity players, Ava Chiarella, Mary Pat McManus, Yasmine Manno, Ryan O'Connor, Anna B Koenig, and Ellery Blum leading the way.

With thirteen seniors running the show this year, you would expect there not to be a ton of room for young talent. Yet there was a surge of freshmen last year now sophomores getting ready to take charge of the team after this class of graduating seniors. Sophomore Cali Sato says, "We have a good chance at winning shore conference because of the team chemistry."

With all this confidence and experience from the seniors, the lady warriors go into their first game against Cherokee on Thursday March 31st.

Below: Senior Ava Chiarella runs down the field





Swinging and Driving with Tennis and Golf

Tennis opens with back to back wins; golfers compete in Wall Invitational

By: Casey Bennett

The time of spring is coming upon us and that means Manasquan spring sports are coming back with a huge hit. As the lacrosse teams are hitting the turf and the baseball and softball teams are running to the diamond which the track and field team circling them both, there still is huge competition awaiting. This competition is coming from the boys Golf and Tennis teams who are both ready to start the new season, with incoming rookies and returning seniors both teams are ready to show off the skill and passion on the green and the pavement.

The Manasquan boy's tennis team is filled with a remarkable group of students who enjoy having fun with their teammates but keeping the competitive edge. The team is led by Coach Ritchey and with a few

new rookies ranging from all grades in the school, they bring a passion and enjoyment to the sport they. Junior Eddie Gunnell, being an athlete looking to join the team for his first year he had a lot on his mind when asked about how he feels about the team. "I'm excited to try something new, I think it's a very fun and interesting sport to play and I'm glad I have the opportunity to play some tennis with my friends". After showing his interest in the sport he then shared why he joined the team, "I don't play a spring sport and I started to practice tennis with my friends, and I ended up really enjoying it so I decided to try out for the team this season". With the first match coming soon on April 1st against Freehold Boro, some of the returning players are already hyped to get back on the court. Junior Vincent Hyland is coming

back for his 3rd year on the tennis team and he's ready to make some noise. Being one of the more experienced players on the team and more knowledgeable about the topic, when he was asked about if the team has any weaknesses and this was his response. "I wouldn't say we have any weaknesses. We are a strong and talented team. We have some new kids this year, but they



Above: Coach Shible and the MHS Boys Tennis Team



Above: Senior Cameron Price drives the ball.

definitely fit right in and improve the team as a whole". Vincent obviously has pride and confidence in his team and is exactly what we need at Manasquan Highschool.

Manasquan's Boys golf team has an even more electric atmosphere from all the players. The team being led by coach Sweeney, the golf players are ready to have a golden season ahead of them. With a few talented rookies coming on to the team and seniors leaving big shoes to fill one thing that stays consistent is the team chemistry. With a small group of 11 kids on the golf team there leaves huge room for team bonding and communication, senior Cameron Price is one to say communication is key. Cameron being a captain has responsibilities he's got to uphold to the coach and the team, "Communication with the coach and with the team is what I get to manage" said price. Cameron also being a senior leaving in a few months wants to make the most of this season and when asked about some things he will miss about the golf team here was his response. "I'm going to miss the brotherhood that was built, when I was a freshman there wasn't a lot of kids trying out but with the

small group we had we were able to grow the team to have 31 kids trying out this year". Another senior is saying his goodbyes to golf but not without leaving his mark here, Owen Roberts another captain on the team is ready to bring everything he's got on the green. Roberts has gotten college offers to play golf which he has politely declined because of his other ideas he wants his future to become. When asked how deep his passion for golf goes his response was "I have been playing golf since I could walk, my grandparents live right on the 11th hole at Manasquan river. They had me playing when I was able to hold a club." And the passion goes deeper for Roberts. When asked what he will miss when the leaving this season he had more than enough to say, "I'm going to miss going out there every day in the springtime with all my boys. As the captain, I have a duty to lead the team to victory. This year will be hopefully great for us. My job isn't finished here playing golf for Manasquan, and I hope to leave a mark that will pave the way golf should be played here forever".

So be ready for both teams, Golf and Tennis both ready to bring the heat and show off the passion. Let's get ready Manasquan because the spring season is about to be explosive.



Above: Senior Alex Flaum gets ready for the season!



Softball Opens Season with 3-2 Record

Coming off of an 11-12 record, the Squan softball team is looking to have a great, bounce-back season. Last year, the girls lost in the Monmouth County Tournament to Marlboro, so they are hungry for a championship.

On March 11th, the girls began practices to start the season. Everyday, they have been working towards their goal and are determined to win. They will not stand to come up short of a championship once again. Although the girls are working hard at practice, they make

sure to have some fun along the way. "I'm looking forward to forming friendships with our new players," senior outfielder Natalie Symonowicz said, "and I'm excited to help build a championship team."

The Warriors' first scrimmage was on March 18th against Middletown North. Squan took an 8-5 victory, which was a great start

By: Austin Griffith

to the season. Then, on March 21st, the girls traveled to Toms River East for their second scrimmage. Unfortunately, they could



The Squan softball team sets up for the coming season on their home turf.

not come out with a victory. Squan lost 5-2, but the girls were looking to make up for it in their third scrimmage. Squan went on the road once again to scrimmage Point Beach on March 23rd. The Warriors ended up with a 4-1 victory to close out the week.

Squan has two more scrimmages next week, and

their first game is just around the corner on Friday, April 1st at Red Bank Regional. With the season about to start up the girls have much to accomplish. "My goals for the season are to play to the best of my ability and help my team win some games," said sophomore outfielder Amanda Dingler, "We are looking to make it to the championship and come out with a win."

The Warriors are excited to finally get back out on the field and kick off another great season. This season will be especially important for the seniors.

"Being apart of this family for the last time will be an unforgettable experience," senior outfielder Sydney Harmstead said, "and I am looking forward to learning from others and having a good time with my teammates." April 1st is quickly approaching, and the Warriors cannot wait to beat down on RBR.



Squan Baseball Has High Hopes for Season

By: Erin Driscoll

The weather is getting nicer, the sun is setting later, so that could only mean one thing. Baseball season is back! With many returning players and lots of new talent on the team, the Manasquan Warriors have very high hopes for this season.

"Our team is built to succeed this year" says senior pitcher James Cosgrove. "We have all the pieces that a winning team needs". Cosgrove has had a big impact on Manasquan baseball during his years here and can't wait for his senior season. James will be continuing his baseball and academic career at McDaniel College next year.

Last season for the boys was a rebuilding year after losing a very strong senior class in 2020 and not having a season due to Covid-19, but the team can already tell that this year will have a very different outcome. The boys have had 3 scrimmages to prepare for the season, and they won all 3! These were played against Manchester, Raritan, and Middletown North.

The team already has their goals set

Below: The team celebrates after a win!



for the season. First to win their division, and then a state title. "Winning a state championship has been a dream of mine since I was a kid watching the Manasquan varsity baseball team" said Cosgrove.

Before they can earn a state title, the Warriors have many big games during the season that they are looking forward to.

Jack Dawson is a junior and pitches and catches for the Warriors. "I'm excited for the games against RBC and Wall" he said. "The games we play against them always feel like they mean more and bring more energy".

Junior Jack O'Shea agreed with Dawson. "The game against Wall should be fun" he said. "They were good last year and we're even better this year so it should be a great game to watch".

With the high energy that the Warriors have on the field this year, they are definitely a team that you are going to want to pay attention to throughout the spring season.

The boys hope to continue their winning ways, after starting the season with three straight wins, including a game-winning home run by Cole Kozlowski.



Above: Cullen Condon runs the bases

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