



Manasquan High School

The Blue & Gray

GIRLS SWIM WINS STATE SECTIONALS



Senior Sarah Eldrige and Juniors Bennett DeVincens, Summer Sakowicz, and Caroline Finnegan pose with their new trophy.



Senior Peyton Sorino cuts through the water.

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Basketball Stars Mary Donnelly & Ben Roy Earn Prestigious McDonald's All-American Award

By: Cameron Price

The McDonald's All-American Game is an annual game showcasing the best players in American and Canadian high school basketball programs. There is an exclusive total of 700 players nominated to play in the game every year. This year Manasquan had two players nominated to participate in the prestigious game. These players are senior superstars Ben Roy and Mary Donnelly.

"It feels pretty awesome, and it's an honor to have been recognized as a nominee in the game," Ben said.

Mary added, "It's very surprising to be selected into the game with a bunch of other very talented players."

Ben has had an out-



standing career joining the Warriors varsity basketball team as a freshman dropping a total of 304 points 60 rebounds and 65 assists. He continued to dominate his sophomore season with 525 points 70 rebounds and 73 assists. In his final season for Squan before tearing his ACL (and missing his senior season) Ben

had a total of 287 points 50 rebounds and 47 assists easily clearing the 1000-point career threshold during a shortened COVID-19 filled season. Beside personal game statistics Ben has led the team to back-to-back Shore Conference Championships. At the end of his high school career Ben was named two-time Shore Conference Champion, two-time Group 2 Sectional Champion, two-time Shore Conference player of the year and two time All State

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Our Four-Legged Friends Who Make Manasquan High School A Happier Place

By: Reagan Scime

When you think of attending school, you think about sitting in boring class looking at the clock tick away. You would never picture seeing a dog at school, let alone two! At Manasquan High School you can visit Echo and Charlie, two dogs roaming the halls.

Echo, a Czech German Shepherd, was born on March 21st, 2020 from Vogelhaus German Shepherds in New Jersey. She has been with us at MHS since she was 7 weeks and continues to come to school every day. Since the puppy age of 10 weeks, she has been training proficiently, working with narcotics detection. She was introduced to the scents for narcotic searches at 10 weeks as well. Her certification for becoming this specialized type of service dog has been pushed back until this spring of 2022.

According to Mr. Clayton, Echo's handler and caretaker, she is a very high energy dog and in her off time she loves to hunt, train, take long walks, and play with other dogs. Echo is a very friendly dog who is a great furry face to see each morning.

"Since her temperament is solid and she has a comfort around students of all ages, she is used to meeting students interested in dogs. For her first year we really focused on environmental socialization, so she is extremely comfortable in both schools," Mr. Clayton said.

Charlie, a female golden doodle, is five years old with a big personality. Dr. Kasyan selected her from a breeder in

northwestern New Jersey. She immediately went in to training when she was adopted. She has been to puppy kindergarten twice, immediate training, therapy training, and more! Mrs. Lord was given Charlie at 8 weeks old from Mr. Kasyan. Since then, Charlie

get anxious when not with Mrs. Lord. Sometimes she uses her voice to portray her emotions!

According to Mrs. Lord, Charlie's caretaker and handler, she loves to visit her other furry friends at home such as Wobbles, an albino rabbit, Shady, a black elderly cat, and Wheezer, a new to life kitten. Charlie also loves nothing

more than to sit outside and observe the landscape around her. It is a must in her daily routine to get some fresh air. Charlie can be demanding if she isn't let outside quick enough. The protective dog instinct inside of Charlie will come out in warning those inside the house of impending danger outside.

"She is occasionally rude in her demands if one does not act quickly enough for her liking; at those times she will stare directly into one's eyes and make murmuring sounds that become louder to the point of a growl, and eventually a bark. Responding to her at this point results in quite a few more barks and circular spins all the way out the door," said Mrs. Lord.

Both Echo and Charlie are hardworking dogs who keep us safe and healthy at MHS, but in different ways. Seeing Echo and Charlie in the hallways can brighten up any mood a student is in. Although Echo likes Charlie, Charlie is not as fond of Echo. When I interviewed Echo and Charlie about their thoughts, and they both had the same response: "Woof!"



Above: Charlie poses in front of a fire.



Above: Charlie poses on a snowy day.



Above: Echo, at age 12 weeks, sits in school lawn



Above: Echo sticks her ears up for a picture.

has been to school almost every day for the past five years. Often she will walk into classes, walk the track with students, and go across the street to visit the elementary students. Mrs. Lord said Charlie is known as a smile dog, in which she makes everyone who sees her smile. Although she always has a smile on her face, she can

A Night "For the Kids"

Squan-A-Thon is Back With the Famous 12-Hour Event

By: Sophie Creed

One of the biggest events of the Manasquan High School year, Squan-A-Thon, is coming up on March 18th and will be a full 12 hours long for the first time since the 2019-2020 school year! All of the money donated for the event goes directly to families that are struggling financially with the costs of treating childhood cancer. The amount of money raised will be announced at the event and will also be announced to the school on social media and in school after the event.

Every year, the build up to this exciting fundraiser is advertised since almost the first day of school. Around 300 students are able to gather, pull an all-nighter at the school, play games, and dance their hearts out, all while raising for an incredible cause. The committee behind the event run by students and teachers, Mrs. Basaman and Mrs. Griffith (Maestra), plans the theme, counts the money raised, and organizes all of the events and performances throughout the entire 12 hours.

Senior Gracie Vesceglia,

who joined the committee this year and is very involved in organizing the event, said, "A lot of time, patience, and dedication goes into planning the night itself." Keeping the participants entertained overnight is not easy, however, the night always seems to go off without a hitch. "The benefits to the kids and families after is what motivates us



Pictured above: Students announcing the money raised for donation in 2019.

it's a lot of work inside and outside of school," she said.

Maestra, who has been very involved in the planning of Squan-A-Thon this year commented on what she is excited for. "I'm so happy that Squan-A-Thon is back in the way it's meant to be and the enthusiasm everyone had for the event," she said. "I love how much dedication and enthusiasm the dancers and committee have and I love that it's local so all the money we make goes back into the community," she added.

Squan-A-Thon is an important night that sets Manasquan High School apart from any other high school. A night "for the kids" will always be a night to remember and to experience in different, fun ways every year thanks to all the work the committee puts into the event. Also, look out for a special guest appearance from Cole Hallman (new American Idol star) during the night! You don't want to miss this incomparable event March 18th-19th at MHS!



to make it the best it can be," she added.

Senior, Julia McGarry, who has been on the committee for 2 years also comments on the exciting parts of planning the night. "It's so exciting and encouraging knowing the outcome of the money we will raise for the kids, even though

Pictured at left: Students dancing at previous Squan-A-Thon event.



🤭 NO MASK MARCH! 😄

By Sophie Krebs

This upcoming week the NJ mask mandate will be lifted... and excitement is in the air for students and teachers at Manasquan High school!

Gov. Murphy announced that masks will not be required for schools starting on Monday, March 7, 2022. He also said that although they aren't required, people should still take proper requirement, and wear a mask if desired.

According to NJ.com, officials mentioned that it is important to prevent possible bullying if a student wishes to wear a mask. The goal is to not let any child feel put down or different for wearing a face mask.

Following the governor's announcement, an email sent out by MHS superintendant Dr. Kaysan explained the new policies our school will be tak-

ing. Facemasks will be optional for students. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, they will continue to quarantine for 5 days (as presently).

However, when the school contact traces, any close contacts will no longer be required to quarantine. Instead, parents may quarantine their child if they choose, but it's not required. with other students,

School nurses will follow original protocols and continue to evaluate students who show symptoms of illness. The MHS cafeterias will also be returning to normal seating.

Students and staff have

been required to wear face-masks in school since September 2020, after a 4-month quarantine lockdown. If all goes well, this will be the first time since the start of the pandemic that NJ districts will be permitted to allow students and teachers to stop wearing masks!

Many students are excited about the mask lift along with all the new changes in school. Students have had difficulty adjusting to these new rules ever since the start of the pandemic.

MHS Phys Ed. teacher B. Lee said that he is mostly excited for the students overall. The virus has greatly affected many peoples' everyday lives within the past two years. It is very exciting that the world is slowly and safely coming closer to normalcy.



Sophomores Noah and Will Burns said that they are very excited to not have to wear masks!



Junior Elle McCormick (right) said, "School is the only place where I still have to wear a mask, so I am excited to not have to wear one again."



Junior Brynn McDonald (left) said, "It will be great to finally see my teachers and peers without a face-mask on."

Junior Izzy Giordano said "Im excited because ive had to wear a mask since freshman year, it is an exciting change."

AOF Fashion Show Coming Soon

Manasquan High School's Academy of Finance is holding a jovial fashion show for all to attend. The Fashion Show is being held on Tuesday, March 15th at the school. The doors open for the gift auction at 6:30PM, but the official show starts at 7:00PM.

The motives of the Academy of Finance are always inspiring; constantly striving and moving towards educating its students on how to succeed financially in their upcoming years. According to The Academy of Finance advisor and MHS teacher, Mr. Driscoll, the rigorous curriculum in classroom instruction supplemented by "mentoring from industry specialists, college-level class work, field trips, and a required summer paid internship" comprise the important components of this program. The students are always group-oriented where together they work on projects in order to develop "real-world" personal, financial, and technical skills that will help them grow into the next business leaders of our world.

The annual fashion show gives the Academy a great oppor-

By: Gretchen Grunbaum

tunity to fundraise for scholarships and other activities for the students. The event is run entirely by the students and includes a gift auction and dessert following the show. Models include both Academy students and MHS faculty members. "Participants model in pairs of two and usually do a small routine together. We will be modeling in fancy clothes like tux and dresses and also casual street wear," says participant

Below: Memorable moments from last year's AOF Fashion Show



Ben & Mary

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team first and second ballot.

Joining the girls' varsity team sophomore year after playing for St. Rose as a freshman, Mary had an immediate impact on the girls' team winning sectionals. In her first year as a Warrior, she put up 225 points, 156 rebounds, and 66 assists. She continued to dominate on the court in her junior year with 220 points, 128 rebounds and 40 as-

sists making 1st team All Shore and 1st team All Pod. This year Mary has led Lady Warriors to the Shore Conference Finals hoping to seal the season with another championship.

Former players in the McDonald's All-American all-star game include the likes of LeBron James, Michael Jordan, Kevin Durant, and many other NBA greats.

Being named McDonald All-American is a truly tremendous honor to be nominated for, and to have the opportunity to play with the future greats. Unfortunately neither Ben nor Mary were selected to play in the all-star game but they were extremely grateful to have been recognized for a nomination.

and Academy member Jack Nowak.

The show is the leading fundraiser of the year for most students, who need to collect money in order to aid in scholarship funds and field trips for the academy as a whole. "The show will bring money by holding a gift auction and selling advertisements to include in the pamphlet," says member Jack Nowak.

Around thirty to forty students and faculty participate in the show. The rest of the Academy's members help to set up the gift auction and the stage for the event. During the set up, participants get ready. "We started planning the show in early January, and have worked hard piecing it together each week leading up to the big day on March 15," says main student coordinator, Grace Carew. On the week of the show, the entire process takes over twenty plus hours of preparation and impressive effort. The time and dedication truly pays off which is evident in the entertaining show held for everyone. It has truly proven to be a success each and every year and we can't wait to enjoy the show.

Grease is the Word!

MHS Drama Prepares for Spring Musical

By: Jacquelyn Stewart

Most people know the iconic movie "Grease," or at least know the songs, but not everyone has gotten the chance to see it live on stage. Coming soon is your chance to see "Grease" come to life.

From March 24th-26th Manasquan High School's Drama Club will perform "Grease." It is one of the most highly anticipated musicals of Drama Club's history.

Since the end of November, the Drama Club has been rehearsing vigorously and with the show about a month away, things are finally starting to come together. "At the moment, a lot of our rehearsals are separate but within the next week things will start to come together. We are planning on going through act 1 completely," says director Ms. Schille.

"The character development as well as the story is told through song and dance," says choreographer Mrs. Galano, "It is a stamina challenge for the kids to be able to sing and dance at the same time," she stated. According to Mrs. Galano, the sets come in soon and it will be a shift compared to how set up is on stage, but she is confident that the cast will be flexible and make the show great.

Ms. Schille plans to modernize the show by making a few changes to what people know from the original. "I wanted to make Sandy be a stronger female lead, I want her to be a strong role model for young

girls who come to see our show," Ms. Schille says. In the MHS production, Sandy isn't going to put up with a lot of Danny's drama, allowing her stand up for herself.

There are also going to be slight changes in Danny's character as well. Instead of being closed off, Danny will be more open and emotionally conflicted over his feelings for Sandy.

Senior Sophie Creed who plays Sandy, the innocent new girl who runs into her summer fling at her new school, is thrilled for the show. "I'm really excited, 'Grease' is a fun peep into high school in the 1950s," she says. "There's great songs, friendship and shows the importance of staying true to yourself," she said.

"Grease" will have a lot of exciting features including a live band. Teachers from the el-

Below: The drama club busy rehearsing for the show



Above: Mrs. Galano working on choreography with the cast

ementary school including the music teacher, Mr. Clark and the eighth grade English teacher Mr. Pape. "I am absolutely ecstatic about this show," Mr. Pape says. "Ms. Schille, Ms. Badami, and Mrs. Galano have done some incredible work putting 'Grease' together and I am so grateful for the opportunity to be apart of this year's production," he stated.

Mr. Clark, who will be playing the guitar, is also thrilled to be a part of the show. "It's a different setting than I'm used to performing in, especially on guitar, but I'm always up for a new challenge," he said.

"Being able to have a live band is part of the reason I chose 'Grease,'" Ms. Schille says. "I to choose a show that everyone knows so that new people would join drama club and get excited for the show," she said when asked why she chose Grease as the spring musical.

Make sure to mark your calendars for the weekend of March 24th to come see one of the most anticipated shows of the MHS Drama Club career!

A Day at the UN

Students participate in annual United Nations learning event

By: Isabel Giordano

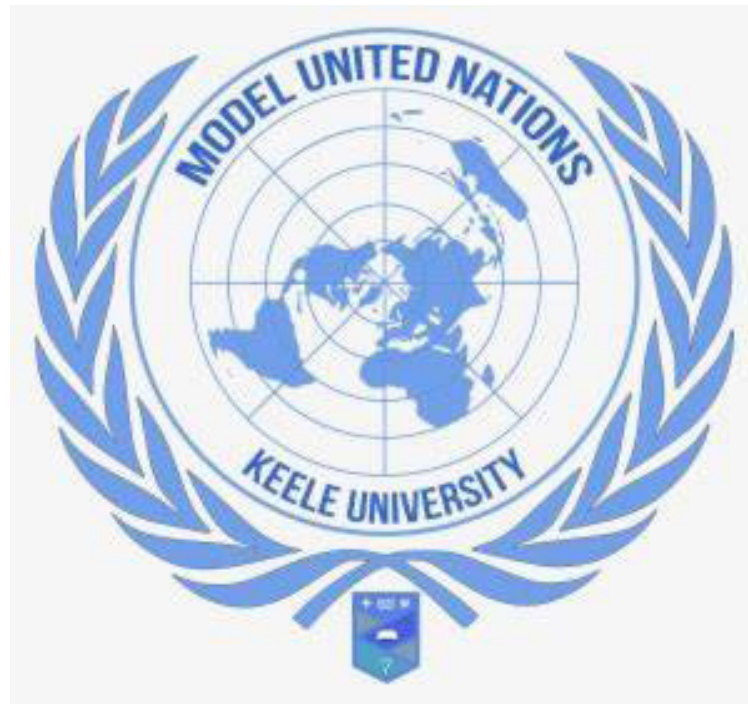
Manasquan High School offers many clubs and extracurricular activities for students to choose from, and one of them appeals to students who like politics, international relations, and Mr. Fagen. That club is Model UN.

Recently the Club held a conference here at Manasquan High School, over in the First Aid building. I was lucky enough to be a part of it

Students from Shore Regional High School also joined in the conference. The day started early, around 7:30 in the morning, as the Manasquan students waited for the Shore Regional students to arrive. Mostly everyone felt nervous.

"Before the conference I was a little scared because I wasn't sure how professional it was going to be and I was concerned for the level of knowledge I would have to know beforehand," said Logan Ridge, a Junior at MHS who joined the club this year, and represented South Africa.

Model UN is designed to simulate how the actual UN works. Students are assigned a country to represent and an issue that everyone is working to resolve together. The issue



for this one was combating climate change. The students take on the roles of different countries and try to reach a resolution on the topic.

Once the conference began, everyone began to feel more comfortable and relaxed. Danny Colon, a junior at MHS who has been a part of the club since his freshmen year, represented Canada. He said, "I began to ease into it and remember the process and by the end of it I had a well-rounded knowledge of the UN that I didn't have previously, as well as the country I was representing."

After all the students

made their first claim the not passing began, and students started to make treaties with other countries. The conference began to go a little off the topic, which was climate change, but ultimately it was a good learning experience for all of the students.

Mr. Fagen has been running the Model UN club at Manasquan for 15 years now. He has also visited the UN numerous times for various reasons including trips, lectures, and speaking. "I think the conference went extremely well, though the note passing, and threat of nuclear war got a little absurd," he said.

Next year when you are choosing clubs to join, I would recommend joining Model UN. It may seem like a lot of work, but it's really not. It also teaches you a lot about the world and about the UN, it gives you a perspective. "I love Mr. Fagen is a great instructor and mentor I would definitely recommend taking one of his classes and participating in Mock Trial Model UN, or any extracurricular he is involved in," said Danny Colon

The Summer Mr. Harvey Became A Published Author

By: Livia Lapitzki

Manasquan High School's crowd-favorite teacher, Mr. Harry Harvey, can now say he is a published author. In the summer of 2021, Mr. Harvey released his very first novel, *The Summer My Grandmother's Yard Tried to Kill Me*.

Mr. Harvey came up with an exciting and heartwarming story about a group of friends laughing their way through adventures and learning experiences. With a touch of fantasy and movie-fanaticism, *The Summer My Grandmother's Yard Tried to Kill Me* is a fun read and a work of art. Untraditionally, Pete, the main character, is autistic.

When asked what inspired him to choose to create Pete as an autistic young boy, Mr. Harvey said "The main character, Pete, was inspired by a group of autistic kids who would always come to film club." This was one of the "couple of things" that stirred the idea for his book. He also mentioned that he "read an article about a mile a minute vine" describing an invasive species slowly encapsulating the native vegetation it crosses paths with. "I also hate weeding," he says.

Mr. Harvey said, "I would like the reader to have more sympathy for someone with ASD. . .and good movies."

On August 24th, 2021, Mr. Harvey's hard work of three years was finally on sale. He had a book launch at Book Town, and within the first half an hour *The Summer My Grandmother's Yard Tried to Kill Me*, more than 80 books were sold, according to Mr. Harvey.

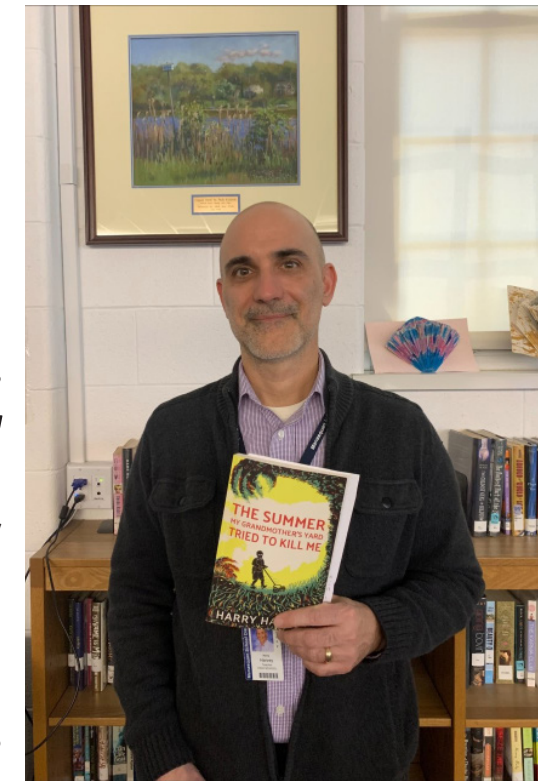


Not only is Mr. Harvey an English teacher of multiple English levels but he also encourages students to enroll in his film, acting, writing, and screenwriting half year courses. Each class is entertaining and unique, but not just because of the topic. Mr. Harvey has a teaching style that keeps you engaged and engulfed in the lesson leaving you excited for tomorrow's class.

Just like in his book, students also get to experience Mr. Harvey's creative and comedic side in his classes. Grace Winn, a senior who enrolled in Mr. Harvey's film class, described her experience with him as "super fun. He's so funny. And we watched so many good movies that I didn't even know existed. I'm really going to miss him when I graduate."

Taking one of Mr. Harvey's more rigorous courses, AP Literature, senior Nasia Polizos has lots of praise for him and his class. She described the class as difficult, like an AP class should be, but also unpredictable. "Like one time I remember he just pulled out a bat from behind his desk to show us what something meant it whatever it was that we were reading," Nasia had said.

Mr. Harvey is a man of many talents. If you feel ever so inclined to taste a little creativity, comedy, and movie appreciation, grab a copy of his book. It's a quick, lighthearted read, that has something for everyone and is loved by all ages. You can find it for sale at local bookstores in the surrounding towns. Get out there support our very own Mr. Harvey!



Course Selection 2022-2023

Time to think about classes to take next year

By *Chloe Casale*

Manasquan High School students and staff are working every day to complete the 2021-2022 school year, as they are carefully organizing for next year! Students begin planning out their following schedule, taking a number of classes, electives, sports, and clubs into consideration fairly soon. With this particular year, 2022-2023 class scheduling comes out within the first few weeks of March and are available until April. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be receiving their list of options and they will get the opportunity to create their perfect schedule.

Mrs. Duggan, MHS guidance counselor, gave some information about scheduling and what to expect for that process. She stated, "We begin the process in the next few weeks and then continue it through April. Elective

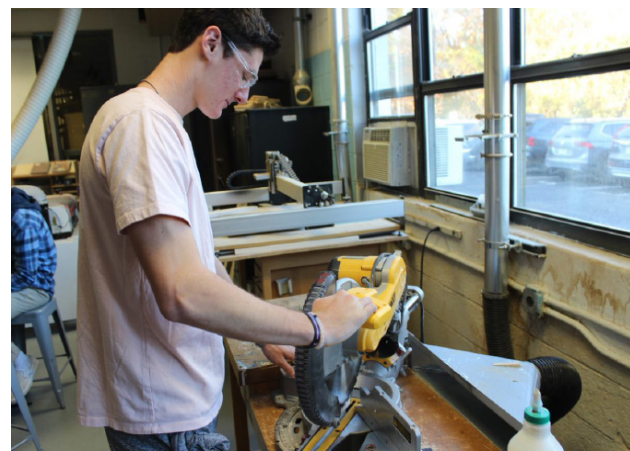
choices vary depending on students' interests. We have electives in all different areas for students to explore. We offer many academies now, so MHS students gain exposure to specific career paths while still in high school. We also have wonderful electives where students learn practical life skills. For next year, we are proposing some fun new classes, such as Human Body Systems and Civic Action in Democracy. We hope students take advantage of the many new course offerings."

After talking to Mrs. Duggan, some students gave their input to scheduling. Specifically, senior Joy Nolan stated, "I took a number of electives the past few years and I had a variety of great classes. If I could recommend two electives from my schedule that I loved, I would definitely say Anatomy and Fundamentals of Health and Wellness. When balancing out a busy schedule including a number of honors and AP classes, I decided to

choose these electives because I knew I'd love them, and I have plans to include parts of these courses into my future. For Freshman-Juniors looking to create their perfect schedule, my best advice is to sign up for a variety of classes and take opportunities to find something new and interesting that you may learn to love. Make it enjoyable, talk to an older friend about classes, and keep an open mind!"

When scheduling info is released within the next few weeks, there will be tons of options to choose from. Students at Manasquan High School can look forward to putting together a perfect school schedule. Students and parents can check school emails and fill out any sheets for the course selection in order to get first pick on specific and popular electives, as well as collecting class requirements. We are all looking forward to an amazing 2022-2023 school year and plan to start the process of organizing now!

Left: One popular elective, Public Safety Class, took a field trip to the Eastern State Penitentiary in October. Below: Junior Blake Gorski works on a project in Woodshop, another popular elective.



Maternity Leave, Maternity Return

MHS teachers Mrs. Pagano, Mrs. Festa and Mrs. Fenlon return to the classroom

By *Cade Saito*

Manasquan High School has had three teachers return from their Maternity Leave this year. These teachers include Mrs. Festa, Mrs. Fenlon, and Mrs. Pagano.

Mrs. Festa is a teacher in the science department. She had Avery Mae Festa on Tuesday, May 4th. Avery is currently nine and a half months old. During Mrs. Festa's Maternity she filled her days by feeding her, changing her diapers, rocking her to sleep for naps. She would try to get her outside in the stroller for fresh air whenever it was nice out. In addition to caring for her, Mrs. Festa would also do all the normal house chores and took care of her 3-year-old Labrador Retriever, Winnie.

Mrs. Pagano, one of Manasquan's great art teachers, has returned back to Manasquan on February 1st after having her baby in August. Mrs. Pagano's daughter is named Leea and was born under the Virgo sign. Mrs. Pagano said, "Leea is short for 'she who heals'." This is a very fitting name for Leea because she helped heal Mrs. Pagano and her family members while struggling with the loss of her father. Mrs. Pagano's father passed away two weeks before Leea was born.



Cuties pictured clockwise from above: Leea Pagano, Avery Mae Festa, and Nolan Jesse Fenlon



When asked how returning back to MHS was Mrs. Pagano replied, "Returning to work and leaving Leea is hard. My time spent here is never dull and entertaining, keeping me on my toes and laughing (and sighing) throughout the day. The Squan community is the best students and teachers alike."

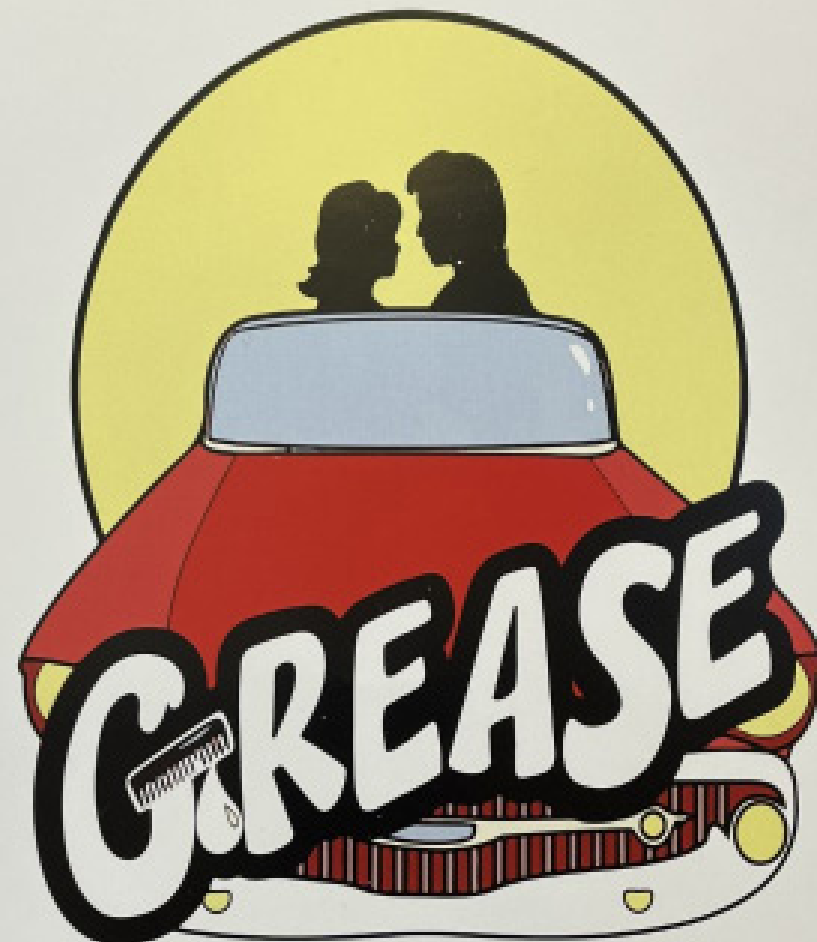
Mrs. Fenlon was another teacher who returned back to work this year after being out on Maternity Leave. Mrs. Fenlon teaches English at the school. Mrs. Fenlon had her son Nolan Jesse Fenlon on May 16, 2020. When asked about if the school was different when she returned for Maternity Leave, she said,

"I am so happy to be back at MHS. Honestly,

I was prepared to walk into an entirely different world of teaching, given the pandemic. Luckily, the comforts of MHS, the respectful students, and the amazing faculty remains the same as when I left." Mrs. Fenlon has been out since Pre-COVID times and is now returned. Mrs. Fenlon is most excited to see the senior class graduate because she taught many of them as freshman.

MHS is so happy to have these teachers back working in the school. They were very missed when they were out.

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Lady Warriors First Time in SCT Finals Since 2018

By: Erin Driscoll

The energy in the arena was through the roof. The buzzer sounded and the Manasquan fans went crazy! The girls stormed the court, jumping and falling to the ground in happiness after beating their rival, Red Bank Catholic, in the semi-final of the Shore Conference Tournament.

Manasquan girls' basketball has always had a reputation of being one of the best teams in the state, and this year is no different. With 4 out of 5 starters committed to continue their basketball career in college, the girls had high hopes that they could continue their winning tradition for their senior season.

Going into the biggest tournament of the season, the Shore Conference Tournament, the girls were ranked as the 3 seed, behind St. John Vianney, who is the number 1 team in New Jersey and number 3 team in the country, and Red Bank Catholic, who they lost a hard-fought battle to in the WOBM tournament earlier in the season.

Because of their high ranking, the girls had a bye for the first round of the tournament and went straight to the second round where they faced the Marlboro Mustangs. Georgia Heine (senior) led

the team with 19 points and Dorothy Loffredo (senior) added 12 to the board to get the girls a 68-31 victory, leading them into the quarterfinals.

Dorothy Loffredo talked about the win against the Mustangs, "The energy was great within our team and fans for the second round of the SCT. We had goals of making it to the next round and we knew we needed to take care of business in order to get there".



The Lady Warriors get ready for their game by chanting

Loffredo will continue her basketball and academic career studying at Stevens Institute of Technology.

The quarter-finals, which took place on February 19th, against the Holmdel Hornets was a game that hit close to home, especially for Coach Lisa Kukoda. After the Hornet's coach had to step out mid-season, their principal, Matt Kukoda, stepped up to coach the girls for the remainder of their season. It was husband vs wife, and it was arguably the best game of the season. The Warriors were

down by 4 at the half but fought back in the 2nd half and had a stellar 4th quarter to win 62 - 59, and move on to the semi-finals, which was a game they had been waiting for since the WOBM tournament. It was time for them to prove themselves against RBC.

Red Bank Catholic has always given Manasquan trouble throughout the years, but the Lady Warriors would not let the past distract them from what they wanted for their future.

Right from tip off, it was clear that the Warriors owned this game. Whether it was in the paint, from the free throw line, or on defense, Manasquan wanted it known that they were not going home with a loss.

Senior Mary Donnelly was a star on defense. Having to guard a top 15 player in the country cannot be easy, but Donnelly held RBC's Tennessee commit, Justine Pissott, to only 5 points in the first half and locked her down in the 2nd, not allowing her to score at all.

Donnelly has been a key player for Manasquan since her sophomore year when she transferred from St. Rose.

"My transition to Manasquan was really easy because I am playing with my friends and people I've played with my whole life" said Donnelly. "It helps me knowing my team and everyone works well together and always has each - others back". Mary will be playing Division I basketball at the College of Holy Cross next year.

A massive 51 - 30 victory gave the girls their ticket to the finals, which is where they will play against the number 3 team in the country, St. John Vianney. It will probably be the most challenging game of the season, but the girls are up for the challenge. SJV's team is very talented, but they haven't played against many other teams that are as strong on defense as the Lady Warriors. The SCT final will be played on Sunday, February 27th.



Mary Donnelly dribbles past a RBC defender

M Warrior Sports

Squan Boys Basketball Reaches Shore Conference Championship Game



By: Austin Griffith

us Adams, and sophomore guard, Ryan Frauenheim, which were both finished with a score. Then, later in the 1st quarter, the Warriors went ahead 17-5 with a three-pointer from junior guard, Jack Dettlinger.

Heading into the second quarter, on an assist from freshman forward, Griffin Linstra, the Warriors took a 31-13 lead with a three from Adams in the corner. Then in the 3rd, Linstra swished a three in the corner thanks to an assist from senior guard, Dan Hyland.

Just a couple plays later, after a steal from Linstra, Dettlinger made a layup on a fast break to make the score 56-21 Squan.

Early in the 4th quarter, junior guard, Mikey Flanagan, scored on a fast break as well after a steal from junior guard, Jake Heilos. In the last minute of the game, Heilos hit a three with an assist from senior forward, Cole Kozlowski, to put the Warriors ahead 75-29. With the clock winding down, in the final 30 seconds, Kozlowski nailed a three to make the final score 78-29 Squan.

It was a great night of complete domination for the Warriors as they controlled the glass with 38 rebounds, opposed to the Wildcats' 11, and locked down on defense with 13 steals. After a solid night of shooting on offense, especially behind the three-point line, the Warriors had a 51% field goal percentage, 45% three-point percentage, and

an 82% free throw percentage.

"It's been a great learning experience watching the boys in the Shore Conference Tournament," says JV forward, Ryan Mulvaney, "the team has been working so hard this season and the boys are buzzin'. The job is not finished yet as they need to focus on winning the SCT and then on to states."

After a crushing victory over Pinelands, Squan went on to face Ranney in the second round of the Shore Conference Tournament at their home court once again. Early in the first quarter, the Warriors jumped out to a 5-point lead over the Panthers thanks to a three from



After a shooting foul, #24 Matt Solomon attempts a free throw.

Studying the defense, #1 Darius Adams dribbles the ball over half court.

After a very successful season so far and 16-3 record, the Manasquan boys basketball team reached the semifinals of the Shore Conference Tournament, where they faced off against #1 ranked Red Bank Catholic. As the #5 seed, the Warriors dominated their first three opponents, Pinelands Regional, Ranney, and Donovan Catholic. But against the Caseys, the Warriors would be the underdogs. Most basketball fans expected Squan's tournament to end there.

But it didn't. The Warriors played a great game, racing out to a first half lead and surviving RBC's second half comeback. The Warriors shocked the Shore with a 57-53 victory.

To reach that point, MHS played some great games. On February 15th, Squan faced off against Pinelands Regional at home. Early in the 1st quarter, the Warriors took a 7-point lead on the Wildcats after steals from freshman guard, Dari-

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Ryan Frauenheim. Then, late in the 1st, after an assist from Frauenheim, Adams hit a step-back three in the corner to put the Warriors ahead 14-5. Just a couple plays later, junior center, Quinn Peters, nailed a three in front of the Panthers bench to finish off the 1st quarter with a bang.

At the start of the 2nd, Squan was able to add to their 12-point lead after steals from Frauenheim and Peters. Frauenheim was on fire in the second quarter after two consecutive three-pointers to give the Warriors a 36-18 lead. After a 3rd quarter of back and forth scoring, Squan headed into the 4th with a 16-point lead. Peters showed up big in the 4th with another steal to keep the Warriors in control on offense. Then, in the final minute of the game, Adams silenced the Panthers crowd with a monstrous block under the basket.

The final score was 52-38 Squan as the Warriors would move on to face Donovan Catholic in the quarterfinals of the SCT. Once again, the Warriors owned the paint with 33 rebounds and 2 blocks. Ball movement also came up big for Squan with 8 assists, compared to Ranney's 1. "So far, the Shore Conference Tournament has been an unbelievable experience," Frauenheim said, "I'm looking forward to continuing this season with my teammates and having some fun along the way."

Heating up in the SCT, Squan went on to face Donovan Catholic at Middletown South High School on February 20th. To start off the scoring for the Warriors, senior center, Matt Solomon, made a layup under the glass after a nice offensive rebound. A few plays later, Frauenheim put the

Warriors up 6-0 on a fast break layup after a steal down the court. Thanks to an assist from Frauenheim, Solomon brought the Warriors to an 18-7 lead after a layup under the basket. On the next play, Adams hit a three on an assist from Linstra. Early in



Sophomore Ryan Frauenheim drives to the basket against RBC

the 2nd quarter, sophomore forward, Alex Konov, nailed a three in the corner to put the Warriors up 24-9 over the Griffins. So far in the first half, Solomon was controlling the paint with another put-back layup in the 2nd. Red hot behind the three-point line, Adams splashed another three in the corner on the next play to give Squan a 31-11 lead.

Going into the half, the Warriors held their 20-point lead, and came out with the same energy on a three from Frauenheim early in the 3rd to make the score 35-18. Late in the 3rd, continuing his incredible performance, Adams hit another three

to put Squan ahead 59-30. After a 4th quarter of Warrior domination, Squan crushed the Griffins by a final score of 73-41. After another game of owning the glass, it is clear to see that Squan is the best rebounding team in the Shore Conference, as well as the best shore team in general, with 46 total boards against Donovan Catholic. The Warriors also played great on offense with a 61% field goal percentage. Squan will now advance to play Red Bank Catholic in the semifinals of the SCT on February 24th at the RWJBarnabas Health Arena in Toms River.

Due to a leg injury before the season, Manasquan senior basketball star, Ben Roy, has been forced to watch his teammates from the bench, but carries the same enthusiasm and character that he does on the court. "Watching my boys show out this year has been an amazing experience," Roy said, "They are crushing it in

the Shore Conference Tournament, and the atmosphere has been electric thanks to our student section coming out to every game." Despite losing to Marlboro in the championship game, the young Warriors made a great tournament run, and look forward to winning the states!

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What a Splash!

MHS Swimmers Dominate the Shore; Girls Win State Sectional Championship

By: Ellie Hallman

MHS Swimming has had a successful season this year! Many different swimmers stepped up this year to earn their victories. Both teams, coached by Mr. Murin and Mrs. Ward, won their division and were undefeated. The girls won Counties, won second place at Shore Conference, and won sectional state champs at the end of the season. The boys earned second at Counties and third at Shore conference.

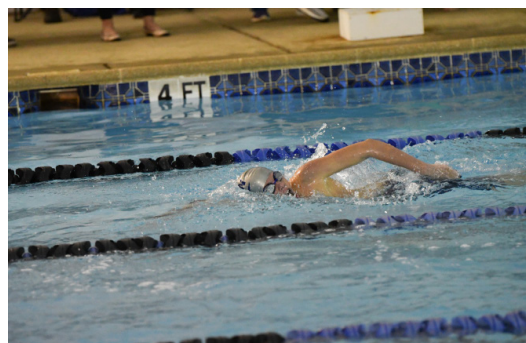
Sarah Eldridge is a talented senior that is currently committed to U.S Naval Academy for swimming next year. Individually, Sarah won both the 200 and 500 free at counties and

Shore Conference championships. When asked about her favorite memory of swim this year Sarah said, "winning the 2-medley relay and breaking 1:50 as a team at Shore Conferences. It was the best energy I had felt on a relay in all my 4 years of high school swimming."

Sophomore, Cade Saito, mentioned older swimmers he looked up to like Matt Dettlinger, Kellen Drawbaugh, and Jack



The swim team dives and strives in the water to secure a win.



Nowak. Those three male seniors were successful this season and good leaders to the younger boys. Cade's best event was the 100 butterfly and enjoyed every aspect of this season. "My favorite memory was decorating coach Murin and Ward's house

the night before the Wall meet, with the entire team," Cade said. His goal for next season is to recruit more people to join the team since they have big shoes to fill with the seniors leaving.

Senior, Ryan Milancewich, commented on Coach Murin and his contribution to the team. "Murin is a great coach because you can tell he really cares about the team and the kids. I wish I did swim earlier," Ryan added. Fellow senior, Jack Nowack, said his favorite memory was beating the 200 free relay record.

The girls advanced to group semis on February 23rd and lost 79-90 to Mainland. The girls had one of their best dual meets they swam in a long time. "Everyone gave it their all and we walked away proud of ourselves," Sarah added.

The 2021-2022 MHS Boys and Girls Swimming season was a successful and fun one for the student athletes. Many can't wait for next year, and the seniors will surely be missed.

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MHS Hockey Wraps Up Season

By: Casey Bennett



Squan's Goalie gets ready for action.

In the middle of winter, most people who attend Manasquan High school are either bored or miserable with nothing much to look forward to. But excitement is brewing with the winter sport seasons that have been taking place the past weeks. With basketball, swimming and wrestling taking over the news a Manasquan sport that needs more attention is the outstanding hockey team. With the Manasquan hockey team losing a large amount of their team to seniors graduating, the team had a great year for them and the family bond the team has is remarkable.

The team has been described by players as a family with each player having a part in making the team better. One of the captains, senior Shay Keating, was held with the responsibility to make team feel confident, strong and ready to play. He explained some of the team's struggles during the year, "I would say the weakness of the team was communication on the ice, adjustments

in positioning and retaliations as well." He followed the statement with "As a captain, the team really improved offensively and defensively". Shay believes the team has extreme potential in the next year to come and thinks the underclassmen need some help but will have a huge impact and possibly even a chip.

The underclassmen that are apart of the hockey team have been told they have big shoes to fill from the leaving senior class. As the skill level is raised, the underclassmen have to work to their maximum if they want to secure the chip for next year. Senior Matt Barth, believes that the underclassmen have a lot of work ahead of them. "It will be tough as they are losing a huge senior class with a lot of talent, the young guys will need to step up their game to a new level to replace the talent lost" Barth said.

Through most of the interviews most of the players say that all they need is more practice to make an unbeatable team.

As seniors leaving for college and having their last season, they all had memories to share from their four years of playing some puck. Senior Matt Barth, was asked what he will miss from hockey which he replied with "I will miss my teammates the most, whether we won or lost we had each other and it felt like another family. The boys had fun together winning championships during our time so it'll be hard to let go of it all."

Another player, Senior Tucker Farrell, added "I think we had a really fun group and I had a blast with my seniors and I'm definitely going to miss the locker room with boys and getting around during games."

As his career comes to an end, Shay Keating had more than a bit to say. "Being a senior, there is nothing I will miss more. I loved this team, we came to practice day in and day out looking to get better and have fun. IM going to miss all the laughs in the locker room and all the great teammates I've had throughout high school, #24out."

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The Takedowns and Takeaways

Historic season and bright future for MHS wrestlers

By: Natalie Symonowicz

The Manasquan Wrestling team has ended their season with a 16-6 record and 11-6 in Shore Conference. This was their most successful season since 2002 as they were the Buc Classic Tournament Champions and State Sectional Semi-Finalists.

Senior Jake Edwards has been a key starter for the past three seasons with a personal record of 26-7. "My favorite memory was winning the Buc Classic tournament as a team," he said. "It was the first time Manasquan had won a tournament in a very long time and it was really special to be a part of it."

This year was Head Coach Barowski's second season with Manasquan, which was a different experience compared to last year. "With the uncertainty of COVID-19, last season was a watered-down version of what it normally was," Barowski said. "This season everything was back to normal with some exceptions, which was important for the growth of our wrestlers not just as athletes but as individuals."

Fellow senior Ed Dingler has been wrestling for two seasons with a personal record of 5-5. "We didn't have a lot of experienced wrestlers this year, but that didn't stop us from winning many close matches," said Ed. "Everyone worked really hard which overall made us successful as a team."

The boys ended their season on February 12 with a 57-15 win against Barnegat High School. Pins were made by Michael O'Connor, Tristan Davalos-Guillen, Torey Falkinburg, David Lisk, Jake Edwards, and Brian Lee Jr.. Along with saying farewell to the following seniors; Kieran Pastelak, David Lisk, Jake Edwards, JJ Cavs, Ed Dingler, Frank Loria, and Jose Avila.

"My favorite part about watching the team is the continued growth and success of the program competing in dual meets all the way up to qualifying for the shore conference tournament and the state," said Manasquan principal Mr. Goodall. "I'm extremely proud of specifically Torey Falkinburg and Michael O'Connor, who advanced to the regions."

With new coming and returning wrestlers continuing to join, Jake says, "Enjoy the process, every practice, and every match because it goes by so quick and before you know it you've just wrestled your last match with your teammates and coaches."



Above: Jake Edwards battles a Colts Neck wrestler; below: the team shows intensity in their home match against Wall



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One Pin Away

Bowlers enjoy strong season

By: Ginger Brown

Stepping up to the lane, they concentrate. Every pin counts. They swing their arm back, and then forward, releasing the ball and watching it fall onto the lane. One second goes by. Another. And then BOOM! A strike. Everyone cheers. This is, the Manasquan Bowling Team.

Manasquan Bowling has both a girls and boys team. The boys are coached by local science teacher Mr. Glenn. The girls are led by Point Beach's Amanda Romano.



Junior Charlie Mawn bowls a strike.

Both teams performed well this year, each making it into the Shore Conference. The girls finished second in their division whereas the boys finished fourth.

Junior Reese Hearon qualified for the Shore Conference Individuals, a huge accomplishment for the Manasquan Team.

"I had the 3rd highest average in the conference. It was a great season and everyone worked so hard. I'm going to miss our seniors so much," Reese stated.

Coach Glenn added that he had a lot of fun coaching the guys and would like to thank his seniors for a fun and hardworking season. He also wanted to shout out seniors Darren

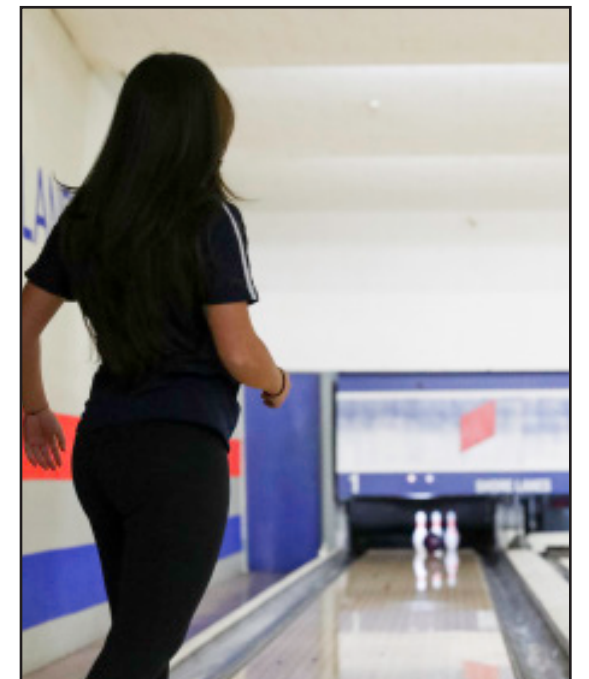
Van Pelt and Julian Meehan for performing so well as it was their first season ever playing.

"The season was good, we had fun and enjoyed the season while it lasted," Julian Meehan mentioned, "My most fun memory was during the Shore Conference Tournament when I bowled five strikes in a row."

Senior Matt Rose who has been bowling all throughout his high school career wanted to share that their season was awesome, finishing at 15-3.

"Qualifying for the Shore Conference was a big accomplishment for the team. My most fun memory was when we recognized the seniors and we're all able to bowl our last match together," Matt stated.

Reese Hearon gets ready for the spare.



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A Senior Swimming Success MHS Senior Caroline Ireland wins Women in Sports Award as the team's season comes to a close

By: Abby McBride

Making a splash in Manasquan Athletics history, senior swimmer Caroline Ireland earns the Girls and Women in Sports Award for her swimming success this season. Earlier this month on February 4th, Manasquan Senior Caroline Ireland became this year's recipient of the annual award.

"We would like to congratulate Caroline Ireland on being named Manasquan High School's National Girls and Women in Sports Award Recipient," the school announced on social media. The "Outstanding Senior Female Athlete Award" is rewarded to a senior female athlete each year on National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Caroline shared that she moved from Middletown to Sea Girt her fall of junior year. "Going to Manasquan was due to us moving and so far, I've had a great experience here and I'm super grateful," she stated.

"I've swam my whole life starting at age 4 and was a club swimmer for 13 years. Then I decided to just do my senior season for swim," Caroline shared.

Winning the award topped off her senior season and final year as a swimmer. The years of hard work paid off as her and her team's swimming season this year comes to a successful close.

The swim team this year had an outstanding season, ending with a 13-0 record, before finally losing in the states to Voorhees. Caroline said, "We won Monmouth Counties and Sectional State Championship." Both the boys' and girls' teams excelled and had an impressive and hard-working year. "This team brought me so many great friends and experiences, and I was overall so excited and impressed with our performance this year," Caroline says.

As this year's swimming season concludes, Mr. Murin, the team's coach, had some final words for the seniors. "Our team's successes this season were a result of your tremendous talents, grace, and outstanding leadership," he stated. This year's Manasquan High School Swim Team has had a strong and successful year, proven by their ending record, along with their individual strengths, such as Caroline's.

Below: Caroline Ireland proudly holds up her award

Below: the senior swimmers gather at their banquet after a successful season.



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