



Manasquan High School

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Warriors Defeat Wall!

Junior Dylan Lu leads
the way in a
wet, wild, 13-7
Thanksgiving victory



From Shrek to IceSpice, creativity shines as Squan celebrates Halloween



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A Fresh New Feel for Manasquan

By: Giuls Ferraro



Pictured above: Mrs. Eldridge in her office; (below left): Mrs. Eldridge poses with senior Giuliana Ferraro; (below right) on Halloween, with Mr. Goodall and Dr. Kukoda dressed as The Adams Family



This school year Manasquan High School welcomes a new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Eldridge.

Before being promoted to Vice Principal Mrs. Eldridge was a Spanish teacher here for 22 Years. She was already the leader of the Student Council, and the head lacrosse coach for the highly successful lacrosse team. Mrs. Eldridge has made an im-

act on many of the student here. She has put in her time, work, and heart into the warrior community.

In her new job she will oversee sophomores and seniors. Keeping track of lates, attendance, discipline and supervising the World Language Department and clubs/actives.

"After being a part of the academics and many extra curriculums I felt that I could

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BIG Change For Manasquan High School

By: Brennan Quinlivan

This year, 2024, Manasquan High School has gone through a big change, as former Superintendent Dr. Kasyun has retired, and Mr. Goodall has left his position as the MHS Principal to become the new Superintendent. In his place, MHS hired Dr. Matt Kukoda to be the new principal of Squan.

Dr. Kukoda has worked in education for over 20 years, working at a variety of schools such as Wall High school, Holmdel High school, and New Egypt High School. He spent the last four years as principal at Holmdel.

He has made a quick adjustment into Manasquan and has been welcomed by the community.

When asked what he was looking forward to this year Dr Kukoda responded, "I'm looking forward to helping continue Manasquan's tradition, being a part of the Warrior family, and helping students and staff achieve their personal goals."

Outside of his benevolent goals, Dr. Kukoda has been regarded nicely by the staff. Mrs. Winter, his secretary, said that he is a doing great job so far as the principal of Manasquan High School. She also commented on how well Dr Kukoda fits into the Manasquan community.

The new vice principal of MHS, Mrs. Eldridge, also stated that Dr Kukoda has been, "extremely helpful," with the adjustment into her new role.

Dr. Kukoda is excited with his position in Manasquan, saying that he hopes Manasquan is his, "forever home."

The principal has already been active in generating school spirit with the new Battle of the Classes event that took place during community lunch, on September 27th. The challenge called for six students from each grade to team up. The teams circled around the middle of the basketball court with the goal of tracing the "M" with a cup. The cup had six strings attached to it, one for every student to pull their way. On top of that, the team had to balance a ball on their cup. The Junior class won, tracing the "M," without losing their ball, in 90 seconds.

The Battle of the Classes has been a huge success and is planned to go on throughout the year.

Dr. Kukoda says he has more plans to increase school spirit, which will come with time, but for now he says, "My hope is that we can embrace the mentality that we want to be better tomorrow than we were today."



Left: New principal Dr. Kukoda meets high school students in the media center; Right: Dr. Kukoda promotes Freshmen Orientation back in September.



Above: Dr. Kukoda with his family



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No Cell Bell to Bell!

By: Emma McNulty & Juliana Casale

Manasquan High School has started off the 2024 school year by introducing a new principal, a new vice principal and a new policy. Bell to Bell no Cell is the new policy, preventing cell phone use during class. Students are expected to put their cell phone in a caddy in each classroom from bell to bell.

The school hopes students will take more time thinking and doing their work instead of rushing to finish their work to get their phones.

However, some students don't love this policy and are referring to the caddy as a 'Phone Jail'.

But the administration hopes the change will help increase students' participation in class and for students to interact with their classmates more.

Spanish Teacher, Mrs. Anderson thinks the policy is working. "I have seen an increase in interaction between all my students in my classes," she said.

Other teachers have been

noticing a difference in the student's behavior without their cell phones. Manasquan High School French Teacher Madame Thieme observed "more students talking with each other and being social, when they would normally be on their phone."

Some others have mixed feelings about this new policy though.

A brief informal poll conducted in Madame Thieme's Honors French 4 class resulted in some interesting responses. While many students agreed they were more interactive in class without their phones and admitted to being more productive, some also said they feel an increase in stress and anxiety without it.

Many students also notice themselves spending more time on their device in the hallways and during lunch, which can cause problems for students trying to get to class. Senior Paige Ellery says, "People are slowed down in the hallway since they



Above: a cell phone caddy where phones are placed at the start of class. Some students call it "phone jail".

are distracted looking down at their phones."

It is still early in the school year and only time will tell how this new policy continues to affect the staff and students of Manasquan High School.

doesn't have her as his Spanish Teacher.

It was clear that Mrs. Eldridge had made an impact on these students' lives. Not only was she a great teacher or coach. She always made sure the student knew that she was there for them.

Outside of school she is a mother to 3 kids, which explains why she takes on a supportive role to the students, always rooting for everyone's successes.

Alongside Mrs. Eldridge is Mr. Murin, the other Assistant Principal. Mr. Murin has been the Assistant Principal for 5 years. He has been a huge help to Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Murin has enjoyed working with Mrs. Eldridge.

"It's great. She has lots of ideas and is very enthusiastic," Mr. Murin said.

It has only been a month into the school year, but it is clear that Mrs. Eldridge is the perfect fit for this position with her passion for the school and students.

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contribute to the school outside of classroom," said Mrs. Eldridge.

She focuses on helping the students, school, and community. Always putting the students first.

Mrs. Eldridge said, "I'm thrilled that I get to continue to preserve Manasquan for students now and also our future students".

Junior Liam Bryne believes Mrs. Eldridge is what MHS needed. "Mrs. Eldridge is very approachable because she is willing to listen to any student," said Liam. However, he wasn't happy Mrs. Eldridge was chosen as Assistant Principal because now he

Educational Services Professional of the Year... Ms. Jeanne Walsh!

BY: Mei Lian Lee



ABOVE (left): Paraprofessional Ms. Jeanne Walsh receiving the "Educational Services Professional of the Year" award. (Right): Mrs. Geniene Podos receives the teacher recognition.

Recently, Jeanne Walsh, a devoted paraprofessional here at Manasquan High School, was recognized for her hard work by winning Educational Services Professor of the Year. She first got a job at the elementary school in 2019, but transferred here about three years ago to work in the new special education program.

Although her work is not always easy, Ms. Walsh loves what she does. "There is not a day that goes by that we do not smile and laugh in our class," she says. She also enjoys the special relationships she has formed with both her colleagues and her students.

Through the Academy, Ms. Walsh works with students to build the necessary tools they need for social skills, education, and confidence. This helps them to become more independent and to better showcase their individuality.

According to Ms. Walsh, her friend and colleague, Kristen Minutoli, has been an amazing help to her and her co-workers. She is also very thankful for Kelly Balon, whom she states has

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Mrs. Podos Named Teacher of the Year

By: Dylan Broglio and Merritt Brown



Mrs. Geniene Podos has been named the Manasquan High School Teacher of the Year!

"I am so happy to be a part of each child's learning process, and I am grateful that I am constantly learning from the students, too," she said.

Mrs. Podos is an amazing and inspiring teacher for not just the entire school, but especially for the special education department. She brings energy and passion to every English lesson, making the subject exciting. She explains difficult ideas in a simple and clear way, helping students think critically and speak up confidently in reading and writing. She is able to put so much devotion into her job, and brings an aspect of reliability and which we don't see with many other teachers.

"The most important thing for me to teach my students is that there is so much to learn in school beyond the academics," she said. "The art of creating relationships with other people, overcoming fears, finding joy and purpose are all things that happen in the walls of a school."

Mrs. Podos expresses how much she values her students, feeling lucky to work with such a great group each year.

Harlem Wizards Visit Manasquan High School!

By: Mya Bea



Above: Sophomores John Visceglia and Rey Weinseimer, posing with two of the Harlem Wizards.

Everyone who attended the game had a more than fantastic night. What game? The Manasquan School District teacher's vs the Harlem Wizards. It was on December 5th at Manasquan High School.

The doors opened at 6pm and the event started at 7pm. This allowed people attending to get a good seat. Ticket prices were varying from as low as \$25 to as high as \$75.

The night was very successful and fun for the community to see their local teachers play against nationwide professionals!

"For me personally a highlight was watching some of my coworker's hustle. Such as Dugan, Minutoli, Hodnett, Sawicki - watching them all play tough defense against those very tall gentlemen," Math teacher, Mrs. Martucci claimed.

As fun as it was to watch, Mr. Glenn explains how much fun it was playing also. "When I hit that three pointer, the crowd roared," he said. He was ecstatic about the fact he made a three-pointer against giants!

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helped her to learn more about herself and her students, and to grow as a teacher.

Despite being chosen as the recipient of this honor, Ms. Walsh feels that she couldn't perform nearly as well without the help and support of her entire team.

"I honestly am humbled receiving this award. I do come to school almost every day

ready to give 100%. But I can say the same for every job coach I work with. I am honored to be singled out, but I feel I share this recognition with them."

All in all, Ms. Walsh is a very supportive, kind, and diligent person, who has helped brighten the lives of all her students, as well as those who work with her. She loves what she does, and is incredibly thankful to have been recognized by the school for her talent and dedication.



Above: MHS teachers dressed as zombies, and performed a special rendition of Michael Jackson's "Thriller"

HALLOWEEN AT MHS

Spookiness creeps through the halls of Manasquan High School as opposed to your average Thursday. October 31 isn't meant to be normal, it's Halloween!

On Thursday, October 31 many MHS students dressed in a variety of costumes, ranging from Donald Trump and Ice Spice to Sleeping Beauty and Minions. An assembly was held after first period, giving students a chance to show off their costumes and their school spirit.

Senior Henry Terlizzi won the contest for Best Individual in his get up as former president Donald Trump. His blue suit and red tie, along with orange tinted foundation highlighted his realistic look. He even wore a bandage on his right ear to resemble the attempted assig-

nation last month, and of course, Trump's red MAGA hat.

Many people felt that this year featured a little more fun and creativity than the past few years. According to Student Council Advisor Mrs. Anderson there was more enthusiasm this year. "I'm so happy, the school spirit is back!" she exclaimed.

Other contest winners included Best Teacher, Mr. Chang, who dressed as junior Maddux Basaman. The physics teacher wore his hair gelled back and a bright yellow soccer uniform, while eating Maddux's favorite snack Cheetos.

The Best Duo went to TJ Walter and DP McManus, who dressed as Shrek and Fiona. They made a great couple!

Finally, Best Group was awarded to a huge group of senior boys who dressed as Gru and his Minions. Matt Schnieder played the role of Gru and even brought along the Moon to call out his minions.



Pictured from left: Seniors led by Ryan Rose, and Brandon Kobe, dressed as an impressive array of religious figures; Mr. Glenn and members of his AP Chemistry class dressed as periodic elements; Gru and his Minions, the large group of seniors who won first prize



In Christmas Spirit, the Italian Club Sang the Night Away

By: Amelia Steger

Christmastime is officially in full go for everyone here at Manasquan High School, and people are beginning to join in on the holiday fun. The Italian Club took the plunge by singing Christmas carols for all to hear.

On December 9, alongside Ms. Russo the Italian Club made their way to the Pastosa's Tree Lighting to sing Jingle Bells in their newly learned language, Italian.

Pastosa's has an annual tree lighting where you can see Santa drive by in a fire truck and you can eat delicious traditional Italian foods.

"This is our first time participating in Pastosa's Christmas Tree Lighting. It's something that Italian students and Club members were genuinely interested in," said Ms. Russo.

Everything was free although anyone in the holiday spirit can play their part in making the world a better place by donating to Pastosa's. Each year Pastosa's takes money they raise this night and donates it to charity.

This year's donation was to Dream Factory of the Jersey Shore, after four years helping The Ashley Lauren Foundation. Dream Factory, located in Wall, helps make the wishes of "critically and chronically ill" children come true! What a great organization for the holidays.

The night at Pastosa's is always a massive success and now the Italian Club contributes their holiday spirit to it too.

The tree lighting was around 5:30 and at 6 right after the tree was lit, the students took their voices and sang the night away. Singing the night away were students, Maeve



Pictured: Italian Students and Club at the tree lighting

Books, Dylan Morris, Sonny Higgins, Donovan Havard, Briana Garcia, Sarah Eknoian, Claire Falkowski, Charlotte Urena, Julia Hines, and Joe Sedutto.

Everyone sounded perfect together although that wasn't without some practice! The Italian Club worked hard and long for this performance taking time out of their lunch periods to learn the song.

"The Club did two practices during lunch. We practiced singing the song

and the pronunciation of the more complicated words," said junior Francesca Tienken.

Whether they have been in chorus since they were little or this was their first time singing, all of the members of the Club sang in perfect harmony together.

This was the first time the Club had ever done this although, after the wonderful night they had it would be no shock if this was just the first of many.

Ms. Russo said the Club came to her and were sincerely wanting to do this. As a result

of this, you could truly see the dedication the students had while singing to get the words perfect in every lyric.

It is no surprise that the Italian Club is now taking their part in singing Christmas carols because it is quite a popular Italian Christmas tradition. Depending on the region of Italy, you can hear all types of different carols.

"I grew up singing 'Tu scendi dalle stelle' – which is a classic Italian Christmas song. My nonna (grandmother) taught this song to me when I was 2 years old and it's always been a song that we listen to around Christmas time," responded Ms. Russo.

As you can see, the Italian Club went above and beyond this Christmas and fully took the Italian culture into their holiday celebrations. What a wonderful way to not only learn the language but live it and celebrate it too.



HOMECOMING 2024

By: Giuls Ferraro

It was a beach party here at Manasquan High School on November 22nd!

The homecoming dance was a hit this year with over 300 students in attendance. The doors opened at 6 pm and students started flowing in right as doors opened.

The guys looked great all dressed in collared shirts and dress pants, instead of their usual t-shirts and flannels. As typical all the girls looked beautiful in their short sparkly dresses.

The yearbook staff did an amazing job transforming the school into a beachy oasis.

"I loved this year's theme, I thought it was unique and fun," said senior Ally Attardo.

Besides the gym's vibe, the music was a major highlight of the evening, with a mix of the newest hits and the oldest throwbacks. Students flooded the dance floor to songs like "Fein" and "Feel so Close," while others took breaks to grab water and candy at the tables outside the gym, or to pose in the "shark head" at the photo booth.

The homecoming court was probably the most awaited part of the evening. The homecoming court included Freshmen Avery Koblan and Finn Holloway, Sophomore Quinn Petrulla and Janie Pat-



**Above: King and Queen and Homecoming Court
Below: Yearbook Staff and "Shark Head" donated by the Art Club**



erson, juniors Livie Zelinsky and Maddux Basaman, and seniors Maddie Ireland and Matthew Schneider. Most importantly, winning homecoming King and Queen were Joey Presbrey and Dylan Vowteras.

Since Dylan did not attend the dance, Joey decided to give the king to Nicholas Walsifer. This is something Joey does often. She is a kind-hearted person who always looks out for others, and

as the student council president she is also involved in many things!

"I was shocked when I heard my name," she said. "At first, I was sad Dylan couldn't be there. But when I saw Nick, I knew exactly what to do," Joey continued, and added, "I was so happy to see him so excited."

As the night wrapped up people continued to have a great time before there rides arrived!

"I think this is one of the best homecoming dances we've ever had," said yearbook class advisor Ms. Testa. "The atmosphere was incredible, and everyone brought their A-game this year."

With this year's fun and vibrant theme, excellent music, and fun surprises, the 2024 Manasquan High School Homecoming Dance was truly one for the books, and the students are looking forward to next year's dance.

School Spirit Week

By: **Amelia Steger**

If any out-of-towners came into Manasquan High School through the days of Thursday, November 21 and Wednesday, November 27 they might be a little confused about why everyone was dressed that way. That's because it was spirit week!

Every day had some different fun theme, and the school did not fail to participate. Everyone took their part in supporting the school by wearing matching, comfy, and fun on theme clothes.

Starting off spirit week strong on Thursday the 21st was twin day so you might have seen some multiples walking around. On twin day students are to match with other students and even teachers can match with each other. Whether it be the same hairstyle or the same outfit from top to bottom, it is always fun to see students and staff matching.

Moving on to Friday the 22nd, it was everyone's favorite, pajama day. This day always seems to be the most popular among the students and teachers because who doesn't want to wear pajamas to school.

The 22nd was an especially good day for pajama day because not only was it Friday but it was also the day of homecoming. Starting off the day cozy in order to go all out at night



Above: Mrs. Puryear and Ms. Zdanowicz in their best cowgirl outfits

in fancy dresses and suits was the perfect fit.

"I love wearing pajamas to work, and even better on a Friday!" chemistry teacher Ms. McQuillen said.

After the chilly weekend, students came back to school on Monday the 25th ready for jersey day. Around the school people sported their favorite teams on their jersey of choice.

There is one teacher in particular who takes anything spirit week or Squan related above and beyond. This teacher is Mr. Lomas.

Not only does he give extra credit to his students who participate but he dresses up extra as well. Like on pajama day he wore a whole robe and his jokes got extra southern on Tuesday.

"Participating in Spirit Week and school activities is all about having fun, building community, and creating memories. For me as a former teacher of the month, it's about modeling engagement and school spirit for my students. By participating, I'm encouraging them to feel connected to something larger than themselves,"

he responded.

On Tuesday the 26th the school became the wild west because it was cowboy day. Everywhere you looked someone had either a cowboy hat or boots on to support the school.

To wrap up the week of spirit, on Wednesday the 27th every grade put on their class shirt that went with their class theme.

The freshmen were Funhouse Freshmen and had white colored shirts which swarmed their class section during the pep rally. Then there was the Sweet Sophomores with green colored shirts that showed their spirit. The juniors were Jackpot Juniors and had yellow-colored shirts which matched their theme perfectly. To finish it all off for the seniors they were Seussed Up Seniors, and they all wore their blue colored shirts in support.

"Wearing my green shirt I truly felt like I was supporting my school and my grade," said Carina Martell, a sophomore here at MHS.

Altogether the students and staff of Manasquan High School did not come to disappoint with their school spirit. They all participated in the themes and supported their school in the process.

Summing it up best was Mr. Lomas, "I want students to make the most of these activities and enjoy their limited time here at MHS. Most importantly – HAVE FUN!"



Above: Mr. Lomas



Above: Sophomores Carina Martell and Katie Fitzgerald

2024 PowderPuff

By: Emma McNulty

Many students showed up to school on Sunday, November 17th to show their school spirit, as junior and senior girls of Manasquan High School were ready for the highly anticipated Powder Puff game. The game kicked off at 10 a.m. and many students, teachers, and families gathered to support the junior and senior girls as they took

to the field for an exciting and fun flag football game.

Powderpuff is a competitive event for the female junior and senior students of MHS. The game follows the rules of flag football. Members of the football team help to coach and prepare the girls for the game. It is an ongoing and popularly enjoyed tradition at MHS during spirit week.

This year's game was full of suspense and excitement. It was a close game, but in the end the seniors came out winning. The juniors were in the lead for the whole game until Savannah Dwyer, the quarterback, threw the ball to make an incomplete pass, which resulted in Nicole Jacobs picking up the ball to score a touchdown. The juniors were ready to celebrate the victory when Lindsay Fuller showed that she had grabbed a flag from one of the junior girls at some point during that play, making the juniors' touchdown not counted.



The final score was 13-12, leaving the seniors with the victory once again.

Junior Sophia Covert, who was the center, exclaimed "It was a really fun game, and I had such a good time!"

The Powder Puff game brings together students to celebrate the spirit of competition, teamwork, and school pride. Unlike the typical high school football game, Powder Puff allows the junior and senior girls to showcase their athleticism and sportsmanship in a friendly but competitive environment.



Above: The Junior powder puff team and football players who coached them.

PERFECT PEP RALLY

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Above: Cheerleaders Performing at the Pep Rally

Unlike the usual days in Manasquan High School, that are spent in classrooms learning algebra or history, on Wednesday, November 26, students gathered in the gymnasium to watch and/or participate in the annual Pep Rally.

This year's Pep Rally had a different, newer format, that made the entire experience much quicker. Despite the overall quicker format, Manasquan Senior, Cristian Canseco, said that although he enjoyed the pep rally it "could definitely be better." Stating specifically that "The 2022 one was way better." Despite this criticism, students and staff enjoyed the day of games all the same.

As students began to fill in the bleachers, Dr. Kukoda as well as other teachers such as Mr. Buss, began to throw unused T-shirts, made for the 2020 homecoming, into the bleachers. Oddly enough the students excitedly grasped at the T-shirts, trying to claim one for themselves.

When the students settled down into their seats, the pep rally began with something new. Instead of the traditional beginning of calling each sports team to the center of the gym and having the team captain say a few words, a short 8-minute video was played on the screen. The video contained the highlights of each sports team, as well as comments from coaches and team captains. According to Spanish teacher Mrs Anderson, in recent years she had "noticed the

By: Brennan Quinlivan

kids not paying attention...We (Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Eldridge) thought the kids would like it more to watch a highlight video." The video was formatted by, MHS Junior Jackson Bramley. According to Mrs Anderson, Jackson was very helpful and is a "valuable member of the student council." The new video addition to the Pep rally went smoothly and much quicker.

After the video, the first event of the Pep Rally started, the relay race! Each grade races one another in multiple different ways. The types of races included a scooter race, leapfrog race, 3-legged race, cartwheel race, and a new octopus race, which



Above: Octopus Race in action; below: MHS band brings the energy



Above: Mr Buss talking at Pep Rally

had four students from each grade back to back attempting the race the other grades.

The octopus race was definitely a fan favorite. When asked about the octopus race, Raymond Hernandez noted how the race, "seems fun, but you'd really have to put faith in your teammates to not misstep."

The races were dominated by the Juniors, as they won every one, taking a early lead in the overall Pep Rally.

The next event was tug of war. The first game was Seniors vs Freshman, which, unsurprisingly, easily went to the Seniors. However, after that quick match the Juniors and Sophomores had a very long-lasting match. In the end, the Sophomores were able to pull through for the victory. Despite their victory against the Juniors, the Sophomores were destroyed by the Senior class. The final tug of war had teachers against the Seniors. The teachers put up a good fight, but in the end, it once again went to the Seniors, tying them overall in the Pep Rally.

The final event of the Pep Rally, but certainly the most exciting, was Nerf Football. The first game was Freshman vs Senior. The Seniors had a clean

sweep, winning the first game 2-0. The next match was Juniors vs Sophomores, in which Juniors got a early lead as Elle Vitanzo scored the first touchdown. Despite a interception that the Sophomores were able to steal, the game was sealed after Maddux Basaman caught a bullet for another touchdown. The final student game matched up the Seniors and Juniors. Seniors started with the ball and were able to snag a early lead thanks to Logan Cupo. Juniors tied the game with a throw to Maddux once again. However the seniors made a risky fourth-down play which secures them another touchdown. Luckily, the Juniors tied the game once again with a nice one-handed catch by Addison Gunnell. In the end, the Seniors were able to get another touchdown and won the game.

Overall, the Pep Rally was a massive success with the students. Those who went enjoyed the event, and many also got to enjoy participating in some of the games. The changes made this year were wonderful and a welcome addition to the Pep Rally. The students of Manasquan High School are excited to be able to watch and or participate in next year's Pep Rally.

Spirit Week Hall Decorating

Juniors are the best this year

BY: Mei Lian Lee



ABOVE: The entrance to the senior hallway.

their designated hallway accordingly. At the end of the day, a winner is decided by the teachers.

The ninth-grade class picked the theme "Festive Freshmen" and chose to design their hallway to look like a carnival. The bright colors and rainbow streamers certainly helped to convey a sense of joy and brightness. They also hung balloons up above the lockers and covered the lights

This year, following tradition, Manasquan High School celebrated Spirit Week right before Thanksgiving Break and gave everyone the opportunity to show how much pride they have for our school. While there are a few different events that go on during this special time, such as dressing as a different theme every day and, of course, the pep rally at the end of the week, one of the most anticipated parts of this celebration is the hallway decorating competition. Every year, each grade votes on a special theme and must decorate

with red and white striped banners to further add to the aura.

The tenth-grade class chose the theme "Sweet Sophomores", and their hallway design was inspired by the famous game Candy Land. A myriad of different candy decorations were stuck to the lockers, and the lights were covered with different colored tablecloths which painted the

hall in various hues. Additionally, they taped up candy looking balloons and created a rainbow path, modeled after the one in Candy Land, out of construction paper which they put on the wall.

The eleventh-grade class picked the theme "Jackpot Juniors" and their hallway was based off the famous city, Las Vegas. This class had the most decorations and went all out in clearly displaying their theme. A plethora of playing cards were taped on all the lockers, gold streamers hung from classroom doorways,

BELOW: The entrance to the freshman hall



and they even had a cardboard cutout of Elvis Presley standing near the entrance to the cafeteria. One side of their hallway was adorned with many golden balloons, framing the arched entryway. This class's dedication was rewarded at the end of the day when they ended up winning the competition.

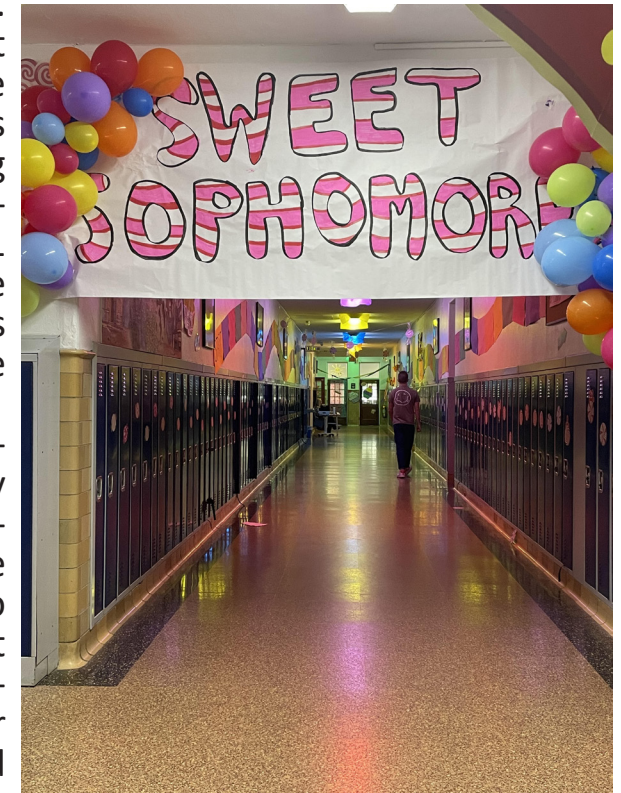
The twelfth-grade class selected the theme "Seussified Seniors" and their hallway was inspired by the famous author, Dr. Seuss. Much like Manasquan's own colors, their decorations were mostly shades of blue, white, and gray. The entrance to their hallway was embellished with streamers and a giant banner showcasing their theme. On the walls were hung a multitude of smaller banners, all with iconic quotes from Dr.

Seuss' many stories. This class even went as far as to include some of the author's characters, featuring the Lorax at the entryway and Thing 1 & Thing 2 from The Cat in the Hat series hanging up on the wall.

"I thought the designs looked really cool", said Alice Kurtanick, a sophomore at MHS. According to her, she thought that the Junior class deserved their win for their creativity and dedication to their theme. However, she gave a special mention to the colorful lights created by the sophomore class.

Christina Weng, another sophomore, had a different opinion. "I thought the seniors deserved to win," she said. Personally, she believed that the Dr. Seuss theme was very original, and the decorations were cute. "It reminded me of books my parents would read to me when I was younger," she also added.

Lillith Fries, yet another sophomore, agreed that the Junior hallway deserved the victory. "I really liked the cardboard cutouts



ABOVE: The entrance to the sophomore hall.

they put in the hallway. It was very creative." According to her, she wished she could say more positive things about her own grade's hallway, but thought they could've done better.

All in all, Spirit Week at Manasquan High School was a festivity filled time for the students with multiple events and activities. The annual hallway competition was as anticipated as ever, and everyone enjoyed looking at all the designs. Despite effort from every grade, the Junior class took the crown for "best decorated" with their theme "Jackpot Juniors". It's safe to say we can't wait to see how creative the students will be next year!

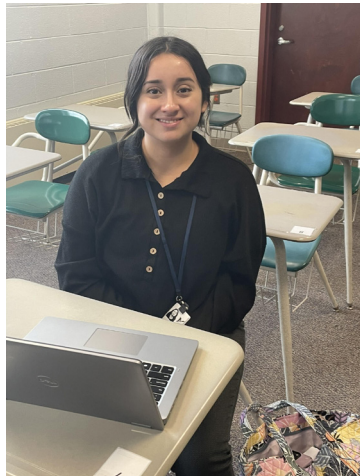
BELOW: The entrance to the junior hallway.



MHS Welcomes New Teachers

New Math Teacher Miss Abad

By: Mei Lian Lee



Above: New Teacher Miss Abad works at her desk

This year, Manasquan High School has had the opportunity to welcome several new faculty members, including Melissa Abad, who teaches math. Ms. Abad only recently graduated from Monmouth University with a major in Integrated Mathematics. Previously, she worked as a substitute teacher for Monmouth County Vocational Schools before being hired to work at MHS.

According to Ms. Abad, she's been interested in math her entire life. "I was always really good at it in high school," she says, and "wanted a job that would help people." That's why, while also toying with the idea of becoming an accountant or financial advisor, she ultimately chose to become a teacher. Now, she teaches three subjects: Algebra I, Advanced Algebra II, and Consumer Math. Out of those three, Advanced Algebra II is her favorite.

Starting a new job is almost never easy for anyone, but Ms. Abad says that the Manasquan community has made her feel very welcome. So far, she says that her students have been "very good". However, one of the biggest challenges she's had to face is getting used to how different each and every one of them are. "They

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New Spanish Teacher Sra. McGovern

By: Claire Vilacoba

Like most jobs, here at Manasquan High School some teachers come and go each year. Coming in this year, Senora McGovern is new to Squan and is ready to teach Spanish!



Senora McGovern grew up speaking the language and then continued to teach what she has learned to many students! She enjoys the experience of sharing her culture and believes that the language is close to her. Spanish Teacher Senora McGovern mentioned how "my grandparents spoke Spanish to me." And she was always surrounded by Spanish when going to family events.

She was inspired by her high school Spanish teachers to teach when she grew up as well! Currently she teaches Spanish 1, Spanish 3, and AP Spanish. One can tell how motivated she is by the goals she's shooting for. Though it's her first-year teaching AP and it's challenging, she mentioned that she's aiming to have all her students pass their AP Spanish Exam.



Above: Senora McGovern smiling for the picture

Even though this is her first-year teaching AP Spanish, that doesn't mean this is her first

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Manasquan Introduces New Basic Foods Teacher

By: Claire Vilacoba

Manasquan High School is cookin' up something special, introducing new Basic Foods Teacher Mrs. Link this year! Mrs. Link comes here with many experiences and is ready to share her knowledge with many Warriors.

Mrs. Link has previously worked at three other schools and has taught cooking at two of them. She taught classes such as Foundations of Food, Culinary Arts, and Honors Culinary Arts at Edison High School and Creative foods and World Cuisine at Manalapan High School.

When asked her first thoughts about MHS, Mrs. Link stated, "I was excited because the students and the community is very similar to where I live now and where I grew up."

Along with her positive attitude that she brings to the



Above: Mrs. Link teaches a cooking lesson

table, Mrs. Link mentioned her very interesting past and how she came to be a Basic Foods teacher.

"I had a stint at a bed and breakfast in East Hampton where I grew up on Long Island and it was supposed to be just a fun summer job, but I ended up working under a family that studied at Cordon Bleu, a school for cooking in France. It was a high-end

bed and breakfast," Mrs. Link said. She also mentioned, "I started out as a busgirl and then I moved on right away because they asked me to help prepare and serve breakfast for guests." Later on she continued her career by going to Culinary School.

Not only is the class useful to many students and helps them learn lifelong skills, but many also enjoy the fun of the class. Taking cookies

out of the oven or making something on the stove is a great way to break up the school day.

Sophomores Stella Mechler and Sofia Farias complimented Mrs. Link, "She's a nice teacher," and "It's a really fun class." Here at Squan, we are all excited to see how these cooking classes progress!

Welcome Miss Abad!

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have many different personalities", she says, which has been taking, and will continue to take some getting used to. Still, she loves helping her students learn and is looking forward to getting to know them better.

Although she hasn't been here too long, Ms. Abad's students already have a good opinion of her. One such student is Jeffrey Fleishman, a sophomore in Ms. Abad's Advanced Algebra II class. So far, Jeffrey has really enjoyed having her for a teacher.

"She's been very helpful," he says, and has "made math much easier" for him. He especially likes how she comes up with creative review games to make class more fun. He says she isn't very strict, but manages to keep the class on track. According to Jeffrey, "she's just a good teacher overall."

Outside of Manasquan, Ms. Abad likes to play the keyboard and the guitar. She also has an adorable Maltese Puppy named Max. She's really excited to continue teaching here and is most looking forward to becoming more involved in MHS clubs/activities, and getting better acquainted with her co-workers.

Manasquan High School Welcomes a new nurse

By: Juliana Casale

In a high school many roles are required to create an efficient, healthy and safe environment. Janitors clean the schools, teachers lead the students, and students respect each other. Of course, healthy also means the nurse's office when someone isn't feeling well. This year Manasquan High School has introduced the students to a new nurse.

Mrs Abret is loving Manasquan so far including the friendly community and excellent environment. "I'm really enjoying this change," Mrs Abret States.

She enjoys helping and teaching the students about their health. She feels learning about your health at a younger age can help you stay healthy.

The love and kindness from the other nurses have helped her feel welcome, including Nurse Hannafey. Mrs. Abret

loves everyone's professionalism as well.

So far Mrs. Abret, feels the staff and students at MHS have "great energy." This has made the first month of the school year easy for her to adapt to.

Mrs Abret studied at Rowan University. Before becoming a school nurse, she worked at Jersey Shore Hospital. According to Mrs Abret, working at a Hospital was difficult and took strength because you're helping people at the end of their lives. Therefore, she decided to take a turn in her career.

She felt teaching younger kids about their health and how to consistently keep your body healthy would be more

positive and satisfying. Plus she felt this could help them from ending up in a hospital in their future.

After the hospital she moved to Nelly Bennet School district in Point Boro for 8 years. She switched to MHS because she wanted to start working with Highschoolers. She said she liked their maturity level and wanted to connect with students better as a school nurse.



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first year teaching overall. Senora McGovern taught at Darien High School in Darien Connecticut for five years, then she had a child and decided to move closer to family. She then came to New Jersey and continued her career at Rumson-FairHaven for one year before coming here to Manasquan.

Her current focus is to get to know the students and start to establish herself as a teacher. "Senora McGovern is a great and

super involved teacher," said sophomore MJ Heiner. So far it seems she likes MHS, working with Manasquan kids, and her co-workers.

Senora McGovern is a very involved teacher. She works super hard to reach her goals and you can tell she gives her best to her students and the community every day! She is determined and here at Squan and we are excited to see what she does and will continue to do.

A New Guidance Counselor Has Entered The Building

By: Amelia Steger

Pictured Bellow: Guidance Counselor Mr. Dingwall



This 2024-2025 year at Manasquan High School has brought in countless changes. One of those changes is a new guidance counselor, working with the O-Z sophomores through seniors, Mr. Dingwall.

Mr. Dingwall's counseling career was inspired in high school by his own counselor.

"I've always worked with kids in coaching and everything, but it was actually my past counselor who influenced me to go into this profession," Mr. Dingwall said.

After learning this was the best fit for him, he attended Rutgers University to fulfill his passion for being a counselor.

Not long after, he got a job at New Brunswick High School and worked there as a counselor for seven years before now coming to MHS.

New Brunswick high school is much bigger than MHS, so that is one of the main reasons Mr. Dingwall decided to make the change. He always wanted

to work with a smaller group of students because he wanted to connect with each one.

It looks like the other counselors here are happy about the new addition into the counselor's office as well. Mrs. Saliski the freshmen counselor here at MHS for 16 years said, "Mr. Dingwall has been a great addition to Manasquan high school. He comes with several years of experience from New Brunswick high school and he is full of fresh ideas and fresh energy."

Something new that began with the counselors this year is during unit lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 202, the counselors are there to help seniors with college or anything they might need help with. Although this wasn't all just from Mr. Dingwall, he comes from a different school, so he is bound to have some different and new ideas about counseling.

As a counselor, Mr. Dingwall hopes to connect with and help his students as much as he can during their time here at MHS.

He has already got through the whirlwind of schedule changing during the beginning of the school year and needless to say, he knew what he was doing.

"He helped me to sort out my schedule in the beginning of the school year. It was really easy and stress-free," sophomore Mia Valgenti said after she changed her schedule with him.

On top of counseling, Mr. Dingwall just put his name in to be an adviser for the new club here at MHS, RallyCap sports.

It isn't much of a surprise that Mr. Dingwall took an interest in this club because outside of work, he loves to long board, surf, snowboard, or truly do anything outside. Hopefully everything works out in his favor, and he will be picked as an adviser.

Going for this role shows how dedicated and ready Mr. Dingwall is to start connecting with more students and getting more involved in Squan. Let's give him a warm welcoming and wish him luck in the future of his career here.



Pictured Above: Guidance Counselor Mrs. Saliski



Pictured Above: Sophomore Mia Valgenti

A New Beginning Freshmen Adjust to Life at MHS

By: Mei Lian Lee
and Amelia Steger



ABOVE: Freshman Chloe Stevens

As the 2024-2025 school year begins, Manasquan High School welcomes a new group of students: the Class of 2028. These freshmen, coming from multiple different towns and schools, have had to adjust to a new schedule, new teachers, and new peers. For many of these 222 new students, the transition has been somewhat hard and confusing, but also exciting.

One of the most difficult parts of coming to MHS for most freshmen is the drop and rotate schedule. The idea of having the order of their classes change every day is unfamiliar to a majority, if not all the new students.

According to Chloe Stevens, a freshman here at MHS, the drop schedule was challenging for the first few days of school, as was getting used to the layout of the building. She said that one time, she accidentally ended up in a physics class when she was supposed to be in biology. She is certainly not the only student to make this mistake.

Chloe also found unit lunch to be a big change, noting how hard it is to find a table with her friends. For freshmen, this can be quite stressful and overwhelming.

Another freshman, Briana Garcia, said, "Although I do like the open lunch time, there are so many people, and it can be hard to find your spot." Brianna ended up finding her spot in the E-sports room with her friends.



ABOVE: Freshmen Kevin Farmer (left), Caitlyn Bilodeau (middle), and Maya Amorelli (right)

On top of lunch, many freshman thought they would have a lot more freedom with their phones but were surprised on the first day of school when they found out the new rule, "No cell from bell to bell."

"No, I thought with all of the new freedom we do have, phones

would be more allowed," Erin Immen mentioned.

Another big adjustment for these new students is the difficulty of the classes. Freshmen Caitlyn Bilodeau, Kevin Farmer, and Maya Amorelli find their teachers challenging. They also believe that they get "too much homework."

However, they also find their teachers really helpful as well, and said they are always willing to give extra help when needed. These students also believe that the teachers were much stricter in their old schools and enjoy the greater freedom that high school offers.

Despite the challenges of transitioning to MHS, there are many positive aspects as well, such as clubs, sports, and school events. Freshman Brook Mack is most looking forward to being a part the soccer team, and Chloe Stevens, mentioned earlier, is looking forward to joining the stu-

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ABOVE: Freshman Brook Mack

New Jersey Run For the Fallen Honors Former Student

By: Emma McNulty

On Saturday September 25th, 18 extremely dedicated military personnel prepared to run over 225 miles through New Jersey, in honor of their fallen comrades. The run lasted over the course of 4 days.

This event, known as "The Run for the Fallen", aims to raise awareness and support for those who have lost their lives in service to our country. The participants would stop at each "hero marker" (each mile) to honor and remember lost soldiers with a short ceremony.

Students and staff of Manasquan High School, including the Band were happy to

participate in the event and show their support. Friends, family, and anyone who wanted to show their care gathered at Manasquan high school at 8:00 AM at the hero marker for Ronald A Kubik.



Above: English teacher Mr. Harvey holds an American Flag in support of the Run for the Fallen.

Below: Family and Friends of Ronald A Kubik can be seen gathering to show their support.



The participants, from all different branches of the military, came together out of love, support and dedication for those who have lost their lives for our country.

US Air Force member Jason who participated in the run said "Being a part of the NJ run for the fallen brings an immense amount of appreciation for the unequalled sacrifices that the brave heroes have given for our country and my family. I get to be a small part of keeping those heroes' memories alive."

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dent council and playing lacrosse.

These new students have also had an excellent opportunity to make new friends, as many of them went to different schools. Kevin, Caitlyn, and Maya went to Mountz, Manasquan, and Brielle respectively, and Brook went to Avon. They say that in the short amount of time they've been here, they've already become acquainted with many new people who they look forward to becoming

closer with.

Coming from middle school to high school can be one of the scariest transitions in a student's life, and especially at such a young age. The staff here are trying their very best to make this transition as easy and stress free as possible for the freshmen as they adjust to high school.

Everyone here at Manasquan High School wishes the new freshmen the best of luck going into their high school years. Welcome to MHS class of 2028!

Key Club: Your Ticket to Service and Success

By: Merritt Brown

At our school, Key Club is a student-run group that focuses on helping the community, building character, and developing leadership skills. It gives students a chance to make a difference. Key Club members do things like cleaning up beaches, organizing charity events, and helping out at local activities. Everyone from freshmen to seniors can join.

What makes Key Club different from other clubs is its main goal is to help others outside of school. Student John DePalma said "I like to do community hours because in my opinion it's better than sitting at home doing nothing."

With the holidays coming up, Key Club is even busier than usual. They have events like a food drive for families in need and a toy collection for children. These activities let students give back to the

community and get into the holiday spirit.

The club is run by student officers, who plan events and set goals with help from a teacher advisor. While the advisors guide the club, the students make everything happen. Key Club also does projects outside of school, like volunteering at local shelters and organizing community events.

Mrs. Basaman who runs Key Club along with Mrs. Hoeler, said, "Being part of Key Club helps students develop leadership and teamwork skills that will be useful in their future careers and lives. These experiences shape them in ways they might not notice right away."

To stay involved, it's important to attend meetings regularly. Students get updates through social media and school announcements,



so they can stay informed and active. This keeps them connected and helps them make the most of their Key Club experience.

Co-advisor Mrs. Hoeler said, "To stay informed about Key Club events and meetings, students can attend meetings regularly and check for updates on social media or through school announcements." By staying engaged through these channels, students can fully benefit from the opportunities Key Club offers.

Below: Food donations from students



Below: Social media on Instagram for Key Club



Hispanic Heritage Night

By: Amelia Steger

On Friday, October 4, the energy at Manasquan High School did not end after last period at 2:24, but rather just began. Here at Squan, they celebrated the sixth annual Hispanic Heritage Night!

As most know the month of October is not only the month of Halloween but also Hispanic Heritage Month. Each year at some point in the month of October, MHS is ready to have a night to celebrate it.

This year's night is said to have the best turnout yet! Not only did many people show up, but many people here at the school have been working hard since the beginning of the school year.

"I love how all the different systems in the school come together. For example, the dance department put on a performance. The chorus, including of 25-30 non-Spanish speaking students,, had to learn a song in Spanish to perform which was so supportive. The art department created a beautiful banner which says 'Hispanic Heritage Celebration' that they have been working on for two months during their lunch period," said Mrs. Mulroy, a counselor here at MHS and the coordinator of this night.

Mrs. Mulroy also praised junior Kareem Herrera for his involvement. "The band, particularly this one student Kareem (Herrera), for the second time, has taught his friends in band to play more of those Latino beat songs," she said.

It is not very often so many different people from one school all come together to create such a wonderful night for both the children and the parents. That is one thing the Hispanic Heritage Night will never fail to do with all of its inclusiveness and support.

Digging deeper into the dance, two juniors Emily Heredia and Dhana Gusman took the lead in choreographing a dance for this night. Alongside many other students here at MHS, Emily performed a beautiful dance to the



Above: Hispanic Hertiage Night takes over the MHS gym

song "La Vaca".

"The inspiration behind the dance was to find a Hispanic song. For Emily she chose "La Vaca" because it's more like body movement since she is from Ecuador," said Dhana.

This shows how not only were the students participating in helping this night but also were connected and cared strongly about what they were doing.

On top of this night being full of amazing entertainment and decorations, there was also delicious Spanish-based

foods like tamales, empanadas, rice and beans, and so much more. All these foods were made and supplied by local parents, which shows how much this night brings the community together.

And don't worry, the kids were extra occupied because this year there was not one but two piñatas full of candy for the kids to hit open. There must be something extra special about that candy because the kids went crazy grabbing it before it could even hit the ground.

Started by Mrs. Rice and taken over by Mrs. Mulroy three years ago when she started here at MHS, it is now only growing and becoming bigger and better. Last year, two schools nearby attended the night themselves, taking inspiration for their own districts.

You won't see another night like this at Manasquan all year which is why this one is so special. It brings the whole community together with something for everyone to enjoy.

With only positive feedback and the night only heading into a positive night, the future of Hispanic Heritage night here at Squan is looking particularly wonderful.

"We have been thinking about expanding and doing a Kermes. A Kermes is like an outdoor fair which would be held on a Saturday possibly earlier in the month," Mrs. Mulroy happily said.



Above: Hispanic Hertiage Night host, Mrs. Mulroy



Above: Junior Dhana Gusman

Drama Club Stages “A Night of One Acts”

By: Brennan Quinlivan

It has been tradition in Manasquan High School to have a fall play, and this year is no different. Well, maybe a little different.

On October 25th the first running of Drama Club’s A Night of One Acts took place in the Jack Nicholson Theater.

What made this show different from the norm was the original works. Mrs. Schille, the teacher in charge of the Drama Club, said, “A Night of One Acts are four student directed and written one act plays.” She added that each of the stories “fall under the same umbrella.”

Each act lasted roughly fifteen minutes resulting in a 60–80-minute play all together. The four stories were Safari Scramble, Dangers of Being Dramatic, Around the Clock, and A Night at Camp Wannahawkalooogie.

Dangers of Being Dramatic, written by MJ Murray and directed by Mia Valgenti, featured the following actors. Oliva Taylor as Lethe, Jane Marks as Feste, Mia Bramley as Brutus, Luke Rudo as Caesar, and Jack Porcello as Antony. The story follows the main characters Lethe and Feste, two teenagers at a summer camp. They are tasked with creating a short film, due that night for the film competition.

Around The Clock, is written by Christopher Rechner and Griffin Tomney, and directed by Maeve Korth. Maeve says it is “a wacky adventure” about a mishap at a time camp that sends campers through places like the wild west and prehistoric times. It casts the following actors. Ally



McCoy as Jessie, Cameron Lieb as Rodney, Abigail Shaw as Izzy, Clover Weiss as Counselor Natalie, Briana Garcia as Adriana, Peyton Rothenberg as Cassandra, and Sam Edwards as Int Cleastwood.

Safari Scramble, written and directed by, Paige Petruzzello and Camryn Rothenburg, casts Jane Marks as Maria Namarazzi, Misa Bramly as Rosa Peres, Abigail Shaw as Roxy powers, Cameron Lieb as Trevor Armstrong, Christopher Rechner as Clint Smith, and Maeve Korth as Serena Rivera.

A Night At Camp Wannahawkolooogie, written by Jack Nicolay and Directed by Luke Rudo, casts Griffin Tomney as Jordan, Bridget Freeman as Gwen, Zoe LeDue as Ginny, Sam Edwards as Nate, MJ Murray as Old Gus.

Unlike the typical MHS play that is a well known, Broadway production, these original plays truly highlight the all-around creativity of MHS Drama Club.

AMERICAN HOLIDAYS WORD SEARCH

Solve the following puzzle by finding all the hidden words!



HALLOWEEN	VALENTINES DAY	CHRISTMAS	COLUMBUS DAY
GROUNDHOG	NEW YEARS DAY	FATHERS DAY	MEMORIAL DAY
EARTH DAY	MOTHERS DAY	APRIL FOOLS	FOURTH OF JULY
VETERANS DAY	THANKSGIVING	PRESIDENTS DAY	SAINT PATRICKS



Mud for the win!

By: Juliana Casale

The day that Manasquan and Wall football players and their fans dream of finally arrived. On November 28th the tradition lived on as the two rivals competed on Thanksgiving Day to play an intense game of football.

This year the game was hosted at Manasquan High School. The game was memorable for the many pouring rains and absolutely miserable weather. But the Manasquan Warriors did not disappoint and put on a show for their fans. They literally and physically put their blood, sweat and tear on the field.

Captain of The Warriors football team Adam Murphy said about playing their rivals, "There's a lot more to this game."



Above: Patrick Loxley and Dylan Lu Celebrating their victory

The predictions for this game were not in Manasquan's favor as Wall had a better record. But the Warriors proved everyone wrong even in the terrible conditions. On the first play Wall's

Derrick Boss made an incredible catch on a pass from Wall quarterback Franny Scaramellino. But then Wall fumbled on the

second play and Manasquan's Dylan Lu recovered the fumble and ran for a touchdown!

From then on, Squan was able to control possessions and work the clock to an exciting finish.

The dedication of the Manasquan football team was strong. The thrilling idea to beat Wall on Thanksgiving was in the back of all their minds throughout the hardworking and struggling season. Junior Dylan Lu stated, "I've been thinking about beating them all season."

All the struggles, tiring practices and long film sessions paid off for this team. This win was a great ending for



Above: Manasquan player covered in mud after being tackled

MHS seniors sign letters of intent

Manasquan High School athletes began signing their commitments to college on Wednesday, November 13. Twelve athletes joined thousands of others across the country on National Signing Day, signing letters of intent to continue their careers at the school of their choice.

Many of the signings for the boys are lacrosse, a sport that has been reputable for the entire school and has become one of the most popular by far among upperclassmen. To list a few of Manasquan's commitments: Brandon Kunz signed with Lehigh lacrosse, Parker Harms joined Villanova, Ryan Aldi joined Bentley, Chris Carhart committed to Rollins men's lacrosse, and Matt Schneider signed with Monmouth men's lacrosse.

Many outstanding female athletes will continue their college careers as well. Two girls basketball players signed to continue their college careers: Kayden Clark joined Le Moyne's women's basketball team, and Olivia Shaughnessy signed with Loyola Women's basketball. In other sports, Summer Even-Esh will play tennis at Bucknell University, Danni Forester joined St. Peter's softball team, Giuls Ferraro will play volleyball at Austin Peay and Angelina George will run track at Cornell.

In football, Adam Murphy, who plays offensive and defensive line, committed to Colgate university, where he will surely be joining Cole Kozlowski, a star football player from a few years back, as he is attending the same college.

MHS principal Dr. Kukoda complimented all of these athletes, writing in his weekly update: "These remarkable student-athletes...have demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout their high school careers. We take great pride in congratulating these student-athletes, as their achievements on-and-off the field align with what it means to be a Manasquan Warrior."

Congrats to those who signed on National Signing Day, and to so many other outstanding MHS athletes who compete throughout the school year and represent with pride.



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many of the seniors on the team, but also a great start for some, like Adam Murphy as he continues his football career at Colgate.

The final score of the annual Thanksgiving game was 13-7. This was a victory for the team, town, and community. To celebrate the win all of the players ran to Mac's pond to jump in. After many of the players took their victory slide in the mud, and even Coach Price glided through the muddy field with the boys. Then he enjoyed his usual victory ice bath dumped by his athletes.

Sports Spotlight

Junior Sets New School Record

Ace Etienne

By: Mya Bea

The Manasquan High School (MHS) football team entered its second game of the season on September 7th, against Monmouth Regional High School with the same attitude that led to the previous week's 33-0 showdown of Neptune High School. The game was virtually decided by halftime, with the star running back Ace Etienne leading the charge in a dominating first half performance.

Ace Etienne had an incredible performance that day, breaking a school touchdown record that had stood strong since 1933—all in just one half of the play. By the end of the first quarter Etienne had scored touchdowns of 2, 40, and 60 yards. The second quarter continued his dominance, adding touchdowns on runs of 8, 7, and 40 yards.

By halftime, Ace's personally tally was six touchdowns, or 36 of the team's 48 points. And, he averaged over 16 yards per carry.



Mr. Hyland, MHS Athletic Trainer, has much to say about Ace too.

"Ace is an ace of a person! He's polite, he's hardworking and an outstanding athlete with a great smile," Mr.

Hyland said. They have a close relationship, according to Mr. Hyland, due to "his position (running back) and after games he's in here a lot to get ready for the next week."

According to Ace, one of his biggest motives is to be the best version of himself. He has been getting all the spotlight shifted to him, which is making him gain more and more attention from people in the halls, other schools, and after games.

"My brother was testing me about how I wasn't going to do anything good in life, so I wanted to prove him wrong," Ace claimed. He used his brother's words as motivation to go above and beyond.

As impressive as it all seems, Ace doesn't take all the credit. "It was a big group effort; it would be wrong if I took all the credit to myself," Ace ex-

pressed. He praises his teammates and coaches for their contributions and helping him by aligning the play be successful. In particular, some of those teammates are Patrick Loxley, Caden Eastmond, and Adam Murphy.

Etienne has been playing football for around 8 years. And due to his achievements, some colleges are becoming interested. He has concluded that he would enjoy going D1 not just in football, but in track too. His top two colleges he has in mind are Penn State and UPenn.

Beyond athletics, Ace is very impressive academically as well. "He represents us well in the classroom and on the track and football field," our new principal Dr Kukoda stated with pride.



Above: Ace Etienne grabs the ball off a handoff with his teammate and makes his way down the field.

GIRLS EXCEL in FALL SPORTS



By: Giuls Ferraro



Pictured Above: Junior Ciara Dunne and Senior Summer Even-Esh

Manasquan High School fall sports have been thriving, especially for the girls. Throughout all five teams, they have had many successes.

The Warriors are blessed to have an awesome athletic director, Mr. Bramley, who has made sure athletic programs are an integral part of our education. He makes sure all of the student ath-

letes are motivated. and her goal is to make it to quarterfinals for individual states. Together the Warriors have had one of their best seasons yet. Summer stated, "Everyone is playing really well and has been really aggressive."

Girls Soccer is having a successful season this year, even after their loss of 11 seniors from last year. With many incoming freshmen, the team has a fresh new look. Senior Ally Attardo said, "it's a new team, but we've had so much growth through the season." She goes on and mentions Freshman Brooke Mack. "Brooke has contributed not only talent but a positive attitude to the team."

Girls Volleyball has had their best season yet. Their record is 5-2 in the Shore and made their first ever Shore Conference Tournament this year. Senior Brooke Loughlin said, "This season has been the most competitive and successful, with the help of Giuls Ferraro and Danni Forester". The goal for the Warriors this year is to win the division!

Last of all, Field Hockey has had a very successful season so far, being 6-0 in the Shore. On Senior Night October 1st, 2024, the

Warriors won the division! Senior Ava Blumenstock was excited to be division champs, and she is looking forward to Shore Conference, States, and their upcoming pink out game. She shoutouts players "Ciara Dunn, Finley O'Neill and our goalie Ellie Sitar." Field Hockey has many success years ahead because of the talent with the underclassman.

The girls fall sports have already made many achievements and headlines, here's to wishing more wins and championship titles to come!

Pictured Below: Junior Elle Vitiazio



letes are motivated.

Girls Tennis is undefeated in the Shore making their record 6-0. Senior Summer Even-Esh is the Warriors #1 singles. She is currently undefeated in her season



Pictured above: Freshman Brooke Mack



WARRIORS FALL SPORTS

