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HALLOWEEN RISES FROM THE DEAD AT MHS



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Michael Giacchino is the brilliant mind behind the music of so many loved movies and shows like The Incredibles (2004), JoJo Rabbit (2019), Ratatouille (2007), Coco (2018), Spiderman No Way Home (2021) and Academy award winner UP (2009) which won him an Oscar for Best Original Score in 2010.

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For years he has brought us so much classic and unique music in these movies. Now with Marvels Studios Werewolf by Night (2021) where he has stepped onto the directing chair for this fun and scary story. Werewolf by Night released on October 7th and is 91% certified fresh on rotten tomatoes and 93% Audience score making it the one of the few Marvel phase 4 projects to have over 90% with both critics and Audiences.

In his first time directing he has already brought a unique style with Werewolf by Night being a complete homage to the Classic Universal Monster Movies of the 30s and 50s but, don't let the old classic style turn you away from watching.Giacchinos film is a fun modern take on old classic monster movies.

So, what is this all about? well we follow Jack Russell as he is one of the five monster hunters called into the Bloodstone mansion after leader Ulysses bloodstones death. His now widow instructs them to compete in a hunt battel to determine who is the new leader and along the way Jack Russell meets the mysterious Elsa daughter of Ulysses bloodstone. After forming a friendship, we find out that Jack Russell is the one with more dark secrets and the more you watch the more secrets are revealed for better or for worse.

The online community have reacted positive to the special with people saying it's the most unique thing Marvel has done and actually pulled off in a great way. Other people enjoy the length of Werewolf by Night. Clocking in at 52 min with a runtime like that it's more convenient to watch compared to a 2-hour long movie and 8 plus hours of show content.

Students at Manasquan High



By: Cristian Jose

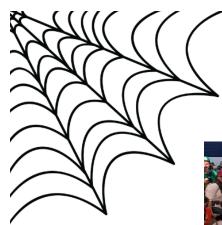
School are giving Werewolf by night love. Eleventh grader Martin Ash Brophy had this to say when I asked him what he thought. "I liked it a lot it was different from other Marvel movies it was very cool how it was all in black and white that made it stand out, also the special affects look really good compared to recent Marvel movies I give werewolf by night a 9/10 I wish it was longer".

A lot of pople love how this film looks with more pratical effect and less cgi. Most recent marvel movies have had people complaning about the cgi quality and how marvel only uses cgi with things that shouldn't. Audiences don't think its necessary to have Spider-mans suite completely cgi just to have it be off putting so Werewolf by Night dose a great job stepping away from more cgi.

Twelfth grader Ever Mendoza had this to say when I asked him about the special. "I enjoyed watching this, I'm not really familiar with the style of it but this makes me want to go watch old monster movies. My favorite part was when it went from black and white to color that was a very cool transformation, I give werewolf by night a 10/10".

Looks like Michael Giacchino really made his mark with Werewolf by Night. with all the positive reactions, we don't know what Michael Giacchino's next move is. Back to music? Another film? Maybe a nice long vacation? Whatever it is, we sure know very well it will be good. Watch marvel studios Werewolf by Night now streaming exclusively on Disney +. Fall 2022

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It's Halloween Hour at Manasquan High School

By: Reagan Scime



Pictured Above: The staff members of MHS pose in their costumes.

While Halloween is thought to be filled with spooky characters such as ghosts, goblins, and witches, there was nothing spooky about Manasquan High School's version of Halloween.

On Monday, October 31st, MHS hosted a Halloween assembly during the morning hours of the school day. This consisted of a solo, duo, and group costume contest for prizes as well as 3 games for students to participate in.

Junior Mae Stoll liked the Halloween parade, but she had a favorite costume out of all of them: "Braden's bunny costume was one of my favorites."

The first game required 1 student from each class and 1 teacher to participate in a competition. Each were given a set of skeleton hands and hula hoop. There were pumpkins scattered around the floor and the participants had to run and collect the pumpkins

Pictured Below: Mr. Goodall and other staff members dress as the Mystery Machine members.



with the skeleton hands to bring back to put in the hula hoop. They were allowed to steal from each other as a form of sabotage. Ultimately, the senior class came out on top with a win from Luca Bertinelli.

The second game called for 4 participants from each class and staff. There were 5 lines for each group to stand on. One person would be the pumpkin thrower, one would be the runner, one would be the point-counter, and the other would catch the pumpkins in the bucket. At the end, the senior and junior class tied for the victory. The victory was crowned to both classes.

The final game asked for one member from each class and staff member where 1 baseball bat laid on a cone for them to start from. Once they spun around the bat 13 unlucky times, they had to run to their corresponding cone where a fake animal bat laid. The participants had to collect it and run back all while being dizzy. Everyone who participated fell over except for the teacher who took the win.

On top of that, the staff members surprised the students with a dance they had been working on. The teachers showed off their skillful moves as they wore their coordinated costumes. Some administrators and counselors wore the Mystery Machine costume, Mr. Glenn and Mr. Harvey were characters from Indiana Jones, and the gym teachers were a group costume as well.

Junior Jacky Stewart spoke on her favorite part of Halloween at MHS: "The teacher flash mob was the best part because it was so fun to see all the teachers dancing, and it was honestly really unexpecting." The costume contest was a success as there were many participants who wanted to compete for prizes. Top costumes that stood out included senior Kieran Mcmenaman being a rooster, junior Alex Passes dressing up as Santa Claus, Dalil Suluki dressing up as T-Bow from *ICarly*, senior Braeden Chek wearing a bunny costume, Adam Murphy and 2 friends being the trio "Duck-Duck-Goose", seniors Danny Colon and Mary Rose O'Connell being the duo Diego and Dora, and Kiki D'apolito and friends dressing as their dads.

Dalil won the solo costume award as T-Bow, Luca and his partner winning the duo's costume as the Lords of Squan, and Adam with his 2 friends winning the group costume as Duck-Duck-Goose. They were awarded prizes for their outstanding efforts. The costume contest was nice to be able to see all the costumes people were wearing. Some of the costumes were interesting while others were cleverly put together.

Junior Katie Collins explained her favorite costume and part of the day: "My favorite costume probably had to be the T-Bow costume worn by Dalil, and getting candy was my favorite part of the afternoon."

Mr. Buss did a fantastic job announcing and made the atmosphere a fun place to be in. Halloween at Manasquan High School was a positive environment where it made the holiday fun for high school students. It gave everyone a break from the school day.

The seniors had fun dressing up for their last year in high school as well: "I enjoyed dressing up as a Yankee's baseball player," senior Natalie Vukovich said.

Fall 2022 The Blue & Gray Page 4 "A Night of One Acts" Debuts at MHS

By : Isabella Lopez

Typically, Manasquan High School's fall play is a popular drama that was once on Broadway, but recently, the Jack Nicholson Theatre saw Drama Club perform "A Night of One Acts!" Unlike any other to grace our school's stage, this fall play was a completely student written, directed, acted, and coordinated

Friday, October 21st, for one night only, four short parodies' were performed as this year's fall play!

The four parodies were "The Rad-edgy of Skylar and Chaz", "Midnight", "Why we're Noy Allowed to do Shakespeare shows Anymore", and the "Bizarre Bazas". Each one was truly spectacular and a fantastic experience for all participants who did the writing, directing, acting, and the behind the scenes crew work.

One of the four stories told was "Midnight", written by Jocelyn Fajardo, and directed by CJ Srour. This Cinderella spin off was incredible and featured five MHS students in their quest to finish the fairy tale of Cinderella and return home. Jocelyn was given the task of casting the story that she wrote.

"It was extremely hard, choosing the cast," she said. "A lot of them were my friends, and I had to pick based on who fit the role the best and not who I'm friends with."

When being thrust into the role of writer and co-director she had to learn many skills that she may have otherwise not known of. It was the same for all the other student directors and writers as well. This unique experience not only cultivated their leadership and creativity, but lead many to discover new passions they otherwise would have not realized.





Above (top): Drama Club's first rehersal for "A Night of One Acts"; Above (right): The lovely married couple dancing in "The Bizarre Bazas!" Above (left): Abraham Lincoln dead! Featured in "The-Rad-Edy of Skylar and Chaz". Bottom: Cinderella's Fairy Godfather, featured in "Midnight".



The last show of the evening was "The Bizarre Bazas!". Written by junior Caleb Quatrone and directed by senior Jonathon Kane and junior Mirabelle Elliot, this play followed a strange, eccentric, and bizarre family as they try to help their butler find love. Taking some inspiration from the Addams family, this play was hilarious.

Mrs. Schille, the choir, stage, vocal, drama, and thespian director at MHS expressed her pride in all that her students accomplished. "Watching students who I've directed in the past using my vernacular and diction, it sounded like hearing my own voice through their voices," she said.

She loved their creativity in writing the stories as well as staging the shows. "There is a "strong potential for this to be a yearly thing," Mrs. Schille added.

This new format of the fall play was refreshing to see. Many students thrived when creating, acting, directing, designing and more. To follow up "A Night of One Acts" Drama Club is excited to gear up for the spring Musical Mamma Mia! The Blue & Gray

Custodian's Day



By : Casey Bennett

On October 3rd, Manasquan High-School's Custodians Day was upon us, a day to celebrate the hard work and dedication from the custodians. After a busy summer getting the school ready for teachers and students to return, Manasquan School District decided to have celebration for the hard work that the custodians provide for us.

Mrs. Hodnett, MHS math teacher, said, "What we had planned was to give the custodians breakfast and some gifts in the morning." Mrs. Hodnett also mentioned that there was an email that was sent to all the staff for donations to help fund the gifts and food they were going to supply.

The custodians were gifted with a breakfast from Bagel Basket and twentyfive-dollar Wawa gift cards and lunch was



Above: one of our great custodians , Mike



to be supplied to the noon shift. One of the custodians, Mike, shared his thoughts about the day. "There was a lot of appreciation as well as a lot of thank you emails being sent to us and overall, it was a good day."

Remembering the custodians and appreciating their hard work is important every day, but it was nice that they had a special day just to themselves.

Outdoor groundskeeper Kevin Richey summed it best. He wrote an email to the staff, saying, "On behalf of all the district custodians and grounds workers I would like to thank you for all the support and kind words we received yesterday as well as the gift cards we were presented. Also a special thank you to Pam Puryear for the delicious cake Thanks again it was greatly appreciated."

Finding Your Future with Drama Club

By : Natalie Gallagher

The spotlight in Manasquan High School's Drama club isn't only reserved for the actors. Crews like Stage, Costume, Light-

ing, and Sound have time to shine too.

MHS Drama Club is home to many creative students that participate behind the scenes. In a working environment where skill is valued, kids in theatre learn a variety of them. Some skills might include leaning how to work a sound and light board, leadership skills, sewing, building, and so much more. These skills tend

to be very useful to students once they have graduated and moved into the work force.

M.H.S. Drama Club Director Mrs. Schille explains how students benefit from Drama Club. "I think



that the best I can do for my students is to constantly give them opportunities to learn and grow," she says. Mrs. Schille hopes to bring in qualified adults to teach students about their respective crews in real world scenarios.

> For students like Anthony Bisazza, the Sound Crew Manager, who wants to pursue audio engineering in the future, using the sound board is a valuable skill. "I'm glad that I get to use the board. I feel like it will give me a bump up from everyone else in college," he said.

> So if you don't love to act, but you might be interested other ways of getting involved, come join the MHS Drama Club. It is a great way to start a fu-

ture career and hang out with a great group of students!

Welcome to MARIS

Introducing... Mrs. Blewitt

By: Jessica Mackown

From having a waitress job in her mid-20s to becoming a school nurse for Manasquan High School, Elena Blewitt continues her career in nursing. Mrs. Blewitt was and continues to be an ER nurse alongside with being the new school nurse for MHS. Hearing from a friend while she was working as a permanent substitute at a Long Branch elementary school and Wall elementary school.

She enjoys her more permanent job here at MHS.



"Everybody is so friendly and welcoming and helpful" she says.

Mrs. Blewitt started May 1st and she became a school nurse so she would be on a very similar schedule as her children. She wanted to go into nursing so she would have a different job then waitressing. She went to Rowan to get to her bachelor's degree to become a nurse. She wants to continue her education next September to get her master's degree in Nursing Education and trying to get a DMP

(Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. A



doctorate in nursing.)

Mrs. Blewitt says that she is "Definitely enjoying this next chapter in my life." She also says that there is always something to learn in nurs-

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ing. Although it has been a bit stressful for her (because it is a new job she is taking on) Mrs. Blewitt's arrival to MHS has been fantastic! Thank you so much for taking care of us so far

this year.

A New History Teacher is in Town!

Former student teacher at Hamilton High school and Kilmer Middle school is now teaching at Manasquan High School! Students on the first day of school may have been anxious to meet their new history teacher but are now loving his class. Mr. Giannios is a new teacher at Manasquan High School that teaches US history I and II. He has a lot of enthusiasm for History and has wanted to teach ever since he graduated from High school.

Mr. Giannios loves teaching and "has a passion for history and loves educating others." he says. He is enjoying Manasquan and says that it's filled with great people. He has made a great fit with the school so far.

MHS students have given a warm welcome to Mr. Giannios and are really liking his class. Julie CavanaBy: Julia Fahy



Above: Mr G smiles as he teaches a class.

gh, a sophomore student at MHS says, "I think that our class has done a great job welcoming him and since then we have a had a very fun class."

As well as the students welcoming him, he has done a good job welcoming or introducing himself to the students. He has quickly adapted to the methods of Manasquan and ensures that the students look forward to his class every day.

One of the reasons that students feel welcome in his class is because he is "a relatable teacher" as well as "very friendly" say students Julie Cavanagh and Michael Deflora. Students say he has a very fun class while still giving the right amount of work for the students to learn and understand history.

I as well as staff and other students at Manasquan high School hope that Mr. Giannios feels welcome, included, and is having a terrific time teaching here at MHS.

A New Addition Benefits the Math Department at MHS

She maintains a near perfect AP pass rate each year, provide students with knowledge to enable their success in collage, and now she is a member of the Manasquan High School teaching community.

Mrs. Canonaco, the new MHS math teacher, is here to teach some of the most rigorous math courses at MHS, including Calculus and Advanced Placement Calculus. She exemplifies passion in her work and has a high success rate in guiding students to succeed in the AP classroom. Coming from the East Brunswick School District this year, Mrs. Canonaco has set a goal to inspire students for years to come at Manasquan High School.

"She was the most qualified, innovative, and experienced teacher" said Mr. Robert Goodall, MHS principle and head of administration, when asked how Mrs. Canonaco stood out amongst the competition.

Mr. Goodall made an emphasis that Mrs. Canonaco had surpassed all expectations when being put through the interview process to be considered for a role at MHS. He viewed her extensive career ac-

By: Teddi Campi

complishments and years of developing an innovative teaching style as "extremely impressive."

Another key factor that Mr. Goodall had considered was Mrs. Canonaco's incredible pass rate on the AP exam. He stated that "When you have an accomplished and successful teacher, it better prepares a student for a test."

Mrs. Canonaco emphesized her excitment for her future at MHS, stating that she is "Always [excited for] the students, and teaching them!". In doing so she remarked on her passion for inspiring learning and promoting academic success for students in and outside of the classroom.

She continued with presenting confidence that her students will succeed and that she believes students have responded well to her teaching style.

One student in particular, Ethan Miller, believes Mrs. Canonaco is a good teacher and is doing a good job at preparing her AP students for collage work. While he agrees that Mrs. Canonaco is preparing students well for the AP exam and beyond, he does think she assigns "A ton of homework..." and that she "really makes students work."

While her students may disagree with the quantity of work they are assigned, they know that it is all part of a plan. They acknowledge that the constant practice and learning that Mrs. Canonaco expects of her students is why those that came before them have had great success in her class.

With Mrs. Canonaco as their teacher, students are guaranteed success in the classroom as long as they are willing to put in the effort. AP scores this year are going to be impressive, and the hope is that they will continue to improve as Mrs. Canonaco puts her stamp on the math scene at MHS.





A handful of people can argue that their culture and heritage is often overlooked or ignored by many others. Manasquan High School tackled this problem by organizing a celebration on Friday, October 14 to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and vast histories of the American Latino community.

The event was brought by Señora Fatima Mulroy, event coordinator and ESL counselor, and Mrs. Christina Rice, event co-coordinator and ESL teacher, two years ago. "I wanted all the students to feel proud of their rich culturalheritage, proud that they want to share it with others" said Mrs. Mulroy. Especially when someone is in the minority, they feel as if they are inferior and are ashamed of their culture when they should feel extremely proud of where they come from.

The evening included many exciting activities for people to enjoy. Many families, students, and teachers were able to come and celebrate the extensive history of the Hispanic community. It was held in the gymnasium of Manasquan High School from 6pm to 8pm.

The party included enjoyable activities such as music, food, and cultural dancing. The music was mostly latin genres and the Nicaragua Mia which is a Folklore song. Most of the foods were Mexican foods like churros, corn soup, tamales, rice, beans, and more. Some cultural dancing included the San Marqueña, salsa, and the merengue. These dances were mostly danced by students, families, and children.

Many people were able to enjoy the food made by the students' families. Families were able to bring in their

By: Niky Li



Above: Family wearing traditional hispanic clothing.

own original version of different foods.

"The food was delicious; my favorite was the corn soup. If I have to be honest, the best part of the event is the food," said Mr. Harvey, a teacher in Manasquan High School.

In addition to that, there was different cultural clothing on display. One of clothing is called National Folklore. These clothing are usually reserved for special events and celebrations. Fashion is one of the more visible elements of culture that tell us stories about a country's heritage and history.

Due to the successful organi-



zation, many people were able to enjoy the celebration and leave with positive feelings. According to Juan Ruic, a student at Manasquan High School, stated that he had an awesome time at the party. He and his family contributed to the event by cooking food as well as participating in the dances. Not only that, but Juan also was one of the students who chose songs to be included at the celebration.

Marisol Pena, who is also a student at Manasquan High School, stated how she adored the dancing, music, and food that were included at the event. Like Juan, she danced to the different songs being played

and her family brought food for others to consume. She stated that there was nothing that made her feel uncomfortable or offended. Since the event was for students and families to party without any negativity, it was nice to hear that many people were able to indulge themselves in the many activities that were presented to them.

This event could greatly improve a student's mentality. Students can see people who are like them and people who appreciate their culture, which makes them feel special and included. Due to the language barrier, students struggle to express themselves freely so an event like this

would help them feel at home.

"We were hoping people could experience the different cultures being represented from different countries," said Mrs. Rice. She wished for her students to feel like they are part of a community and feel accepted. She wanted students to know that their culture is appreciated, and they should not deny their culture but instead embrace it.

TUG OF WAR By: Morgan Mechler



Above, Manasquan Elks and Manasquan Lifegaurds fight to win heat three of the tug for the Manasquan side.

The fourth annual Manasquan Inlet Tug of War occurred this past Sunday, October 9, 2022, after being rescheduled due to torrential rain on Saturday the 1st. The Inlet Tug of War is a Manasquan tradition that consists of multiple tugs of war against Point Pleasant Beach across the 500-foot-wide Manasquan Inlet. The community event was filled with laughter, guest speakers, 13 tugs across the inlet, food, drinks, and even craft vendors. Even though it was rescheduled, thousands of people attended the 2022 Tug of War. This year, the event was opened up to the general public, where fans could come up with and participate in their own tug. The different heats of tugs included Manasquan District staff vs. Point Pleasant Beach District staff and the Manasquan Fire Department vs. Point Beach Fire Department.

The most popular tug of the day was saved for last. In the eighth heat, the Manasquan High School Football team

ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE INLET

competed successfully in a tug against the Point Pleasant Beach Football team. One of Manasquan football's senior leaders, Jack Dettlinger, was very happy with the results for Manasquan. "It was awesome to represent Squan and get a dub. We took care of business and got the job done," Dettlinger said. Despite losing by an overall score, the boys' win contributed to the three individual heat wins that Manasquan took home.

The Tug of War event also does a terrific job at raising money for both Manasquan and Point Beach's recreation departments, as well as amazing charities. The Tug of War has managed to raise nearly \$100,000 since its start in 2018. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey was present at the Tug of War and presented select speakers.

The foundation brought two children with pediatric cancer to talk about their dreams or "wishes" and how Make-A-Wish was able to make these wishes come true. Michael Dominick, a member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation said that the funds raised during the event and the funds from those tugging in the event are both going right into granting the wish of a local child.

The Tug of War was also a great oppor-

tunity for many different organizations and businesses around Manasquan to set up a table and interact with attendees. Jersey Mike's Subs was the main sponsor of the event and was happy to be a part of causes, and brining in a great turnout.
The event against Point Pleasant Beach
has turned into another favored annual
Manasquan tradition. The Manasquan
Inlet Tug of War Committee will continue
of organize a great community bonding
event at the Jersey Shore for many years
to come.



Above, the Manasquan Inlet during the 2022 Tug is crowded with people to support the Squan side.

a now well-known community event in both Manasguan and Point Beach.

Rich Hope, the chief marketing office for Jersey Mike's said, "Jersey Mike's is honored to be a part of a unique and fun day that brings people together on both sides of the Inlet and from across the Jersey Shore community."

Another popular organization present was the Squanathon Committee from MHS. The Squanthon Committee informed attendees about how the organization raises money for pediatric cancer and they collected donations, as well as sold merchandise. Emma Brown, a senior at Manasquan and a member of the Squanthon executive board though the event was very successful overall. "It's so cool that so many people are interested in Squanthon and are eager to donate at the Tug of War" Emma said. The 2022 Tug of War proved to be very

successful, raising money for various

DOUBLE THE PERIODS DOUBLE THE EDUCATION

BY: AINSLEY PRICE



Above: Mrs. Cananaco teachs her Honors Pre-Calculus class.

Most students in high school try to do as little amount of work as possible, but not these students.

The 2022-23 school year, Manasquan High School has started doubling up the AP math and science periods. Students can now take two periods of AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Biology, and AP Calculus AB.

"In retrospect, take the right class for you, regardless of how it affects your schedule," said junior AP Chemistry student, Elle Duffy.

Below: This is Ryan McLaughlin's schedule this year. leges to see. Although she

PER	COURSE
1	AP Calculus AB
2	AP Calculus AB
3	AP Laboratory Environmental Science
4	AP English Language & Composition/11
5	Peer Leadership I
6	Honors Laboratory Physics
7	AP United States History
8	Spanish IV

Elle is a very h ard - w orking student and took AP Chemistry in the hopes to major in chemistry when she attends college.

She plans to use her chemis-

try knowledge to help her go to medical school.

Although she comments on the fact that it is a very difficult class, the double periods make the workload easier to manage.

This appears to be a common thread amongst the students taking double periods. Junior Ryan Mclaughlin is taking AP Calculus AB. She says that the fact that they have more time to learn and practice and it makes the workload easier. "It takes away from homework time, but it has some difficult concepts." Ryan takes this class because she wanted to challenge herself and

to have difficult class for col-

eges to see. Although she wants colleges to see it, she is not interested in a future career in math, unless it relates to what she wants to do in business. After getting a student's view point, Calculus BC

teacher, Cheryl Cananaco offers her opinion.

Her classes do not have double periods but that does not mean that they



should not. She says that she is finding that she has to teach the material of AP Calculus AB because a majority of her students came straight from Honors Calculus.

She said that her pervious school they had "A/B blocks. You had periods one through four one day then five through eight the next."

She goes on to say that normally the single period would be just fine, but since so many students made the big jump, the double periods would be helpful. That there are many limits in a single period.

Through asking students, most find the double periods helpful but challenging. That students should only take it if they are confident in that subject and have a strong work ethic.

We will be able to tell the proficiency of the double periods later in the year and after AP tests are scored. But as of right now, we can only wait and learn.

Are You Ready To Win 100 Grand?

Do you have what it takes to win 100 Grand? Mrs. Busco thinks you do!

Mrs. Busco, MHS guidance counselor, started the 100 Grand challenge to promote respect throughout the school. She is rewarding students who show respect with a 100 Grand candy bar.

Mrs. Busco has awarded 11 students with the prize so far. These students include Charlie Mawn, Laila Pederson, Nick Walsiffer, Bella Lopez, Shay Callahan, Brad Chapman, Dylan Miller, Roman Chippany, Owen Dunn, Shawn Etienne, Luke Rudo, and Tommy Reynolds.

The idea for this challenge came to her 5 or 6 years ago to help students get recognized for acts of kindness and respect. She said, "I think that students need to know that we see when they do good. They need to know they are appreciated for what they do."

She started off by putting the 100 Grand candy bars into the teacher's mailboxes.

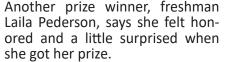
Teachers nominate students when they see acts of kindness and respect. Then, Mrs. Busco comes to their classes and rewards them with the candy.

Her favorite part of this challenge is seeing the reactions from students when they receive their prize.

It is quite easy to be nominated for the prize. You do not need to do anything major. It can be as simple as telling someone they look pretty, holding a door, or cleaning up. Students who win the prize do not know what it is they did to get it.

One prize winner, senior Bella Lopez said, "I was stoked."

Below: Laila Pederson showing off her prize.



The 100 Grand challenge is not the only challenge this month. This month of October includes week of respect, school violence awareness week, and red ribbon week.

Mrs. Busco has sent out a calendar with an activity for students to do each day to bring awareness to these themes. Activities include wear purple as a symbol of peace and anti-violence, hold the door for three people, wear blue to stomp out bullying, and a handful of days reminding you to be kind to yourself.

October is not the only month you should show respect. Show respect and be kind to your teachers and students every day.

Below: Mrs. Busco holding the prizes.





BY: RONNIE WHILLE & SYDNIE CHEK

CURRENT EVENTS



Dies at 96

After reigning for 70 years and being the UK's longest serving monarch, Queen Elizabeth II passed away on September 8th at Balmoral Castle in Scotland.

"I know her loss will be deeply felt throughout the country, the realms and the Commonwealth, and by countless people around the world." Said King Charles III, Queen Elizabeth's son who is now king.

They royal family gathered in London after they received news about the Queen's health that morning, including Prince William, the new heir to the throne, and Prince Harry who had stepped down from the royal family. Later that day, the Queen died of old age.

On September 9th the British Government officially started the national mourning period with all flags at half-mast until seven days after the funeral. Queen Elizabeth's funeral took place on September 19th.

King Charles' coronation date is set for May 6th this year and will be held at Westminster Abbey in London.

"We offer him our loyalty and devotion, just as his mother devoted so much, to so many, for so long." Prime minister Liz Truss said, about the new king. By: Lily Hendricks

"And with the passing of the second Elizabethan age, we usher in a new era in the magnificent history of our





great country, exactly as Her Majesty would have wished, by saying the words 'God save the King'" Truss added. Queen Elizabeth's rein spanned through fifteen prime ministers in the United Kingdom from Winston Churchill to the current Prime minister Liz Truss.

Queen Elizabeth had many accomplishments in her life such as passing the Crown Act 2013 making the succession of the crown going to the oldest child instead of the oldest son. She was the first British monarch to address U.S Congress which strengthened the relationship between the UK and the US, and she was also the first British monarch to visit Ireland despite the UK and Ireland's violent history.

There is some controversy on the Queen's history though. Great Britain has a big past with colonization, and after the Queen's death there is more discussion on Britain's many colonies under her rule. In Australia, the relationship between the British monarchy and the Indigenous Australians. In South Africa there was discussion on the Queen's involvement in the Apartheid movement.

Despite the controversies, leaders and people of all around the world have acknowledged the Queen's legacy.

AARON JUDGE BLASTS HISTORIC 62ND HOMERUN

CURRENT EVENTS



Aaron Judge hits his 61st homerun of the season against the Blue Jays in Toronto.

You in the left field bleachers, heads up! The ball is flying your way. You better catch it. It isn't just any ordinary baseball.

In 2022, New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge entered his sixth season in the MLB. Known for his tremendous power at the plate and missile-like arm in the field, Judge has become the face of the Yankees franchise. Easily the fan favorite, every time #99 walks up to the plate, the crowd fills Yankee Stadium with roars of excitement. Then, all the cameras come out, hoping to catch one of Judge's monstrous homeruns on video.

To say the least, this season has been one to remember for Judge. All year, he had been launching baseballs into the outfield seats of a variety of ballparks across the country. It seemed like Judge hit at least one out every game. Going into the MLB All-Star break, Judge held the league-high of 33 homeruns. He continued his historic season in the second half, hitting nearly another 30 homers.

With just three series left, the Yanks traveled to Toronto to take on the Blue Jays. At this point, Judge had been sitting at 60 home runs on the season. The Yankees dropped Game 1 by a score of 3-2 in a long 10-inning battle with the Jays. Luckily, they won Game 2 5-2, but there was still no noise from Judge. Then, on September 28th, he did it. Judge sent his 61st homerun of the seaBy: Austin Griffith

son at 117mph 394 feet into the left field seats of the Rogers Centre. With the help of Judge's American League Single-Season Homerun Record-tying blast, the Bronx Bombers took down the Blue Jays 8-3 in order to win the series.

Now that No. 61 was in the record books, Judge began the hunt for his 62nd homer. "He's the MVP of the league," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said, "We're talking about a historic record, obviously, so hopefully he gets it. But either way it doesn't put a damper on what's been a historical great season."

After a quick home stretch with the Orioles, the Yankees traveled to Texas to play the Rangers in a 4-game series, the final games of the season. It was Judge's last chance to break MLB legend and former Yankee Roger Maris' 1961 American League homerun record.

The Yankees won Game 1 and 2, but still no homer from Judge. With only two games left in the season, he was running out of time. On October 4th, the Rangers took the field with pitcher Jesus Tinoco. #99 was the first to step up to the plate for the Yankees as he was batting in the leadoff spot.

On the first pitch of the at-bat, Judge took a high fastball for ball one. Next came a slider down the middle, which he watched for strike one. In a 1-1 count, Tinoco came set to deliver an important pitch to Judge. Out of his hand came an 88mph slider sitting over the heart of the plate. With a loud crack of the bat and an explosion of cheer from the crowd, Judge hammered his record-breaking 62nd homerun ball at 100mph 391 feet into the left-field seats of Globe Life Park. As he trotted around the bases, Judge's name was written in the history books under the title, American League Homerun King. When he returned to home plate, his teammates waited there to congratulate him on his monumental achievement. "It was amazing to watch," said MHS junior and Yankees fan Alex Schmieder, "He's had a great season and he deserves to finish it by breaking a record that will be re-



Aaron Judge hits is record-breaking 62nd homerun against the Rangers in Texas.

membered forever in MLB history."

Although the Yankees went on to lose the game 3-2, they had already clinched their playoff spot in the American League Divisional Series. Only one thing mattered that day for the Yankees. Aaron Judge broke the record.





CURRENT EVENTS

Hurricane Ian Wreaks Havoc on Florida



Bridgit Budd owns a restaurant in Sanibel, Florida, but in the wake of Hurricane lan, she had to close due to the devastating effects of the category four storm.

In addition to her restaurant, Budd's home was also hit hard by the storm. "I wouldn't leave. I mean, my husband built the house. It's hurricane safe. I wouldn't leave because I knew I couldn't come back," Budd recalls. Her connection to her home is something Budd holds close to her above all else.

"I didn't stay there because I wanted to go down with the ship – I stayed there because I knew nothing was going to happen to me." Budd's dedication and faith in her home helped her to feel

By: Lukas Nordell

safer than most in a time of great uncertainty. However, the same cannot be said for her restaurant.

Starting September 23 and concluding on October 2, Hurricane lan brought weeks of devastation to residents of Florida as the tropical storm made its way up north along the eastern coast. The effects of the storm have caused many to lose their homes, careers, and for many, their lives.

The immense flooding of neighborhoods and streets have been so bad that even Mike Seidel, a meteorologist for The Weather Channel, says, "I haven't experienced anything close to this in over 30 years." Seidel's personal opinion of Hurricane Ian truly illustrates the severity of the tropical storm, and that storms from decades past do not even compare to that of Ian.

Hurricane lan has not only had destructive impacts on the people of Florida but also on the economy. Vice president at HR technology firm UKG Dave Gilbertson says that Florida counties that were hit the hardest by the storm, such as Lee and Hillsborough, had a fifty percent decrease in workforce activity which

indicates a devastating loss of economic activity and earnings.

"It's pretty uncommon to see a nearly 50% decline. This is a deeper disaster than we've seen over the past couple of years," Gilbertson said. Gilbertson's professional opinion expresses his uncertainty of the future of The Sunshine State's market.

Florida's state of ruin has provoked a response from the governor, Ron DeSantis. Additional disaster funding was approved by President Joe Biden and Florida's 100% federal funding was increased to another 30 days. This gives Florida 60 days at 100% funding in response to Hurricane Ian, requested and organized by Governor DeSantis.

DeSantis's efforts to combat the destructive loss of the storm has helped many to get back on their feet during these trying times.

Conclusively, it is apparent that there are drastic measures taking place so that Florida and all locations directly affected by Hurricane lan's waves of devastation can smoothly transition back into a state of normalcy.

THE BLUE AND GRAY Feature Story



Football is more than just a game. It is a family, and no one needs a family more than Saint John Vianney football player Aaron Van Trease.

On Friday, September 23rd, Aaron Van Trease suffered a severe spinal cord injury in the football game against Manasquan.

Aaron was stretchered off the SJV football field and within an hour, he was airlifted out by state police to the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. There, he underwent a 7-hour surgery.

"It seemed as if it was just a normal play, until he was laying on the ground and being stretchered off the field" Manasquan football player Caden Eastmond said. Caden was on the sidelines about 20 feet away from the incident.

MHS Athletic Trainor Mr. Hyland was on the field helping Aaron as soon as he was unable to get up. Mr. Hyland said that in football when an injury involves the neck, they usually need to get a spine board, which is exactly what Aaron got stretchered off the field in.

Aaron has been in Saint John Vianney High School's minds and prayers. Every morning SJV

Prayers for Aaron Van Trease

By; Lindsay Fuller

has said a prayer for Aaron during their morning prayers according to SJV junior Belle Cattelona. SJV has been doing everything they can to show support for their beloved quarterback.

Aaron's classmates at SJV have painted him a mural on the side of their snack shack saying, "Don't worry about me coach, go win the game." These were Aaron's last words to his coach before being stretchered off the field.

The SJV football team has



Above: Aaron's fellow classmates make Aaron a mural on the SJV snack shack.



Above: SJV football players carrying out Aaron's jersey.

shown their love for their fallen teammate as well. "The first game after Aaron was hurt, the football players gave the game ball to Aaron's father and sister. It was very thoughtful", Belle said. Aaron's teammates miss him out on the field.

As members of our community, many donations and fundraisers are being held for the Van Trease's in efforts to do as much as possible to help Aaron on his road to recovery.

Local businesses such as Jimmy's cucina, Bubbakoos Burritos, Batch, Asylum, and many sports teams/clubs here at MHS have raised tons of money. On top of all these fundraisers, there has been a GoFundMe sight for Aaron created by town member Lindsay Scollo. The GoFundMe has already reached funds of over \$150,000.

Recently, Tampa Bay Buccaneers quaterback Tom Brady reached out to Aaron and made him a personal video showing his support to Aaron and his family.

If in any way shape or form, you can contribute to the donations and fundraisers for Aaron, please involve yourselves and help Aaron and his family.

For the next few months, the Van Trease's will be in everyone's thoughts and prayers. It is our responsibility as people of the community to do as much as we possibly can to help Aaron and his recovery.

THE BLUE AND GRAY Feature Story

Dresses for Aaron

By: Hudson Gorham

Football is known as a fun fall activity most high schools take part in, but it can be a very dangerous game. Aaron Van Trease was a starting senior on the St. John Vianney High School (SJV) varsity football team. In one play of the SJV versus Squan football game on September 23rd, Aaron was tackled and unable to get up. When help reached him on the field it was clear that the situation was bad. He ended up getting airlifted off the field but told his coach, "Don't worry about me. Go win this Game". Aaron is currently facing a serious spinal injury; he has been in the hospital for a few weeks since the accident.

"Dresses for Aaron" is a fundraiser designed to raise money for Aaron and his family. All while allowing girls access to fun party dresses, that can be worn to homecoming, prom, or any special event. The dresses that are donated are brand new with tags, worn once or very gently used. All dresses are in excellent condition. They are being



sold at a discounted price - so that those who cannot afford expensive dresses can buy them - while all profits made are being donated to Aaron. Some of the dresses being sold are designer brands that some girls don't normally have access to, but are being recycled, making them a lot more affordable.

To participate in this fundraiser, those interested in purchasing a dress should go to "dresses. for.aaron" on Instagram. Either "DM" me or comment on the post if interested. The dresses I am selling will either be dropped off to the buyer or mailed depending on where they live. I am taking any sort of party, formal, or just fun dresses that are in excellent condition and are not needed anymore. I have set up a GoFundMe account for people to pay directly for the dresses, that way all the money will go straight to Aaron's family.

When the dresses are donated, I will provide pictures of them on a mannequin so girls can see their size and how they fit. When donating a dress, people can either send me a picture of them wearing the it or I will take a picture of it on the mannequin. All the dresses collected are barely used and in excellent condition. If you are interested in donating a dress but are not local, you can either mail the dress to me or to the future purchaser.

I decided to start this fundraiser to help Aaron because I seemed to have all these dresses just sitting in my closet that I did not wear. This way I thought they could get a new home where they could



be worn and appreciated, while helping a good cause. I also figured that I could not be the only girl that needed to part with a prom dress or homecoming dress. I am a cheerleader for Manasquan High School, I was at the game when Aaron got hurt and since then, I have been wanting to do something to help.

I am imagining how difficult this must be for Aaron. He must be incredibly strong; I want to be able to help give him some hope to his situation.

This project is a work in progress, so bear with me. If you want to message me on Instagram, the user name is "dresses.for.aaron", any suggestions are welcomed! Help me get the word out by sharing or tagging the Instagram posts as much as possible. Help get the word out!





Manasquan High School Students and Faculty Welcome a New Addition

By: Chiara D'Apolito

A couple of years ago it was a softball field, now it is dominated by a huge structure. This new field house is located behind the parking lot on Atlantic Avenue, and offers plenty of features that cater to stu-

dents, teachers, coaches, and athletes. The field house is finally open to the Manasquan High School Community after about 2 years in the making.

Opening in October of 2022, many students have already utilized the new facility, which includes a weight room, a turf field, and a wrestling room. There is also a set of bathrooms, as well as multiple water fountains to keep students and athletes hydrated.

Gym Teacher and Varsity Cheer Coach at Manasquan High School, Mrs. Warncke, was very happy that the field house



was open and claimed that she believed it was necessary. She elaborated, "Most schools have two gyms, and we didn't have extra space for our athletes."

Above: a landscape shot of the field house interior

Along with the extra space for athletes there is also more room for gym classes. In previous years senior and junior classes or other grades would have to share the gym. This quickly became overcrowded and uncontrollable. Now, one class is in the gym, another class is in the field house, and if there is a third, they are outside!

Mrs. Warncke emphasizes that, "It's nice to have extra space for our students to engage in physical activity."

Casey Bennett, MHS senior, looks forward to having gym in the field house because he enjoys the wide variety of activities offered and the newer experiences. He also was excited about the new and improved weight room in the building. He was excited that the 5 minute walk to the former weight room behind the elementary school became a one minute walk. Casey describes that while his class was in the field house, he played kickball on the open turf field and also participated in

weight room on certain days. Another student, Mor-

gan Mechler, a varsity cheerleader at MHS is excited about the wrestling room. This is because cheer is able to practice in the wrestling room rather than outside on the wet grass.

Ms. Warncke, a.k.a. Dubs, added that she "[hasn't] had an issue scheduling practice time in the field house, it is nice to use the wrestling room."

In all, since the opening of the field house everyone has immediately been taking in the amenities that it has to offer.





Field Hockey Takes on States

They are determined. They work hard. And they are ready to win. The MHS field hockey team is ready to take on states.

They have had a long season and are ready for the long-awaited states tournament. The girls have been working hard since August and have had multiple great wins.

On September 21, the girls had a wonderful win against Neptune with a final score of 7-0. Senior Chase Hearon scored three goals and senior Caroline Guinco had five saves. Other goals were scored by Juniors Sydney Cacci-

mise, Reagan Scime and Sofia Russell and freshman Olive Becker.

Five days later on the 26th the girls won again against Raritan finishing at 6-1. Reagan scored three goals, junior Tess Calzaretta scored two goals and other junior Noel Jeskulski scored one goal. Sydney had two assists and Caroline had three saves.

The girls have been playing tough teams but keep pushing for victory. "Winning or losing doesn't necessarily matter as long as the girls are getting along," says coach Antonette Bruno. "they bond and get along well which makes their playing so much better," she said.

They have recently

By: Jacquelyn Stewart



Above: Juniors Reagan Scime and Sofia Russell are ready to win! Below: the eam celebrates their victory against Colts Neck





had two close games, one being away against Holmdel on October 18th. The girls won 2-1 with goals scored by Sofia and senior Brigid Cosgrove. This game was Sofia Russell's favorite game this season, "My favorite part about this season was scoring the winning goal on Holmdel on their senior night," she said. After Sofia scored the winning point, all the girls hugged and cheered to celebrate their victory!

Their other close game was against Colts Neck on October 28th. Manasquan won 2-1

once again. Sophomore Finley O'neil scored, and Reagan scored the winning goal.

"We're well connected to each other but were in a hard division," says junior Reagan Scime. The girls have had many games this season that challenged them as players, but they pushed through and showed their skills!

Unfortunately, the girls lost their states game against Wall, but they are more than ready to win next year.

Left: Seniors pose for a picture on their senior day



Girls Cross-Country Qualifies for Shore Conference



Above: Junior Charlotte Stroff and Sophomore Angelina George race to first place!

After a decade Manasquan High School's girls' cross-country team qualifies for Shore Conference.

The girl's cross-country team has been working extremely hard all season and has been doing very well at all of their meets. Earlier this month on October 13th, the girls scored 5th place as a team at the Monmouth County Championships with a score of 160 finishing behind Freehold, Rumson-Fair Haven, Middletown South and Red Bank Catholic. It was the team's best finish in thirteen years.

By: Jacquelyn Stewart

Individually, sophomore Dylan Clancy scored in 9th place with a time of 20:08. Not far behind was sophomore Angelina George in 12th place at 20:03 and junior Charlotte Stroff in 13th place at 20:25.

The girls also placed in second as a team at the B North Divisional meet on October 2nd. The individual placements for the 500-meter run were Angelina placing in second at 20:44, Charlotte placing third at 20:45 and Dylan placing in 9th at 21:07.

Charlotte, who is a new student at MHS is having a lot of fun this season. "The season is really good so far, it's lots of fun and I'm not as nervous when I race anymore," she says. "Now, it's more enjoyable than it is scary."

The girls have had a great season so far! "It's been a really good season and we have worked so hard all summer," says Angelina. This is Angelina's first year doing cross-country after playing soccer her freshman year. She's

Below: Girls Cross-Country team takes a picture after a meet!





Above: Sophomore Angelina Geroge *leads her team to victory!*

one of the team's top runners and has a close bond with her teammates.

Shore Conference was on October 20th, and the girls placed in 11th overall! Charlotte placed 11th individ

ually with a time of 19:04 with Dylan close behind placing in 15th at 19:08.

As the cross-country season comes to a close, the girls are proud of all the work they've put into the season and can't wait to do even better next year.



Girls Soccer Kicks Grass!

Shooting, scoring, and winning is something Manasquan High School Girls Soccer has been consistent with all season. Led by Coach Bailey Price, their 10-4 record so far has reflected their success. Their 2nd place spot in the B-North intimidates opponents coming into games. As per usual, Manasquan usually ends up on top. The team's stat leaders this season have been led by junior Kali Saito who has netted 14 goals, junior Rylie Rampone following with 7 goals, and junior Bianca Chiarella assisting 6 times.

According to Coach Price, there are several players who stood out this season, which include some of the stat leaders. Renee Herbert had a bunch of assists, and she is a serious playmaker in the midfield. Rylie held down the defense but also scored some goals. Bianca and senior Lily Carhart are also playmakers in the midfield. Kali finishes with the ball in the back of the net, but the play always generates with the ladies in the backfield. Everyone as connected which is what makes a successful team.

"I feel like we have had better chemistry this season on and off the field. Everyone is working together better in years past," Coach Price said. "Whether that is while playing or on the bench, they are all supportive of each other."

Entering the Shore Conference Tournament, Manasquan earned the 13th place out of 26

teams. The first round of the tournament opened on October 10th, 2022. Manasquan was set to play #20 Jackson Liberty with home field advantage. Manasquan got to work and dominatBy: Reagan Scime



Pictured Above: Senior Lily Carhart and junior Kali Saito high-five.

ed the entire game, ending with a 7-1 victory for the Warriors. Bianca racked up 3 goals, sophomore Ella Condon kicked for a single goal, Kali with 2 goals, and junior Talia Blum added 1 goal to the score.

The Warriors moved on to the second round of the tournament on October 13th, where they traveled to face the #4 seed, Middletown South. Within the first couple seconds of the game, the Eagles of Middletown South strike first. However, the MHS girls didn't

Pictured Below: The Mansquan High School girls varsity soccer smiles for a picture. give up and Renee Herbert netted a goal late in the second half. This forced the game into a gut-wrenching overtime period where Rylie scored the game winning goal for the Warriors. Their win shocked the Shore Conference where the girls were moving on to the quarterfinal round.

Rylie spoke on their win: "Winning against Middletown South was the best feeling ever!"

Two days later, October 15th, Manasquan faced #5 Saint John Vianney High School. Although Manasquan didn't get the outcome they had wished for, reaching the quarterfinals round is the farthest girls' soccer has reached in about a decade.

"Next season I am hoping for another shot at the Shore Conference tournament because we made it really far this year, and we will be a strong team next year," Kali said.

MHS girls' soccer has dominated and will continue to get better as their season comes to an end. Another win came on senior day as the Warriors rallied past Matawan 5-3. Goals game early from junior Violet Nolan and Kali. Later in the game, senior Katie Beavis and Bianca scored one goal a piece while Kali added another one to have two on the night.

MHS girls' soccer still has the states tournament to look forward to. They play Rumson-Fair Haven in a pickup game on Octo-

ber 20th, and Wall on Saturday, October 22nd. All they are to prepare for the state tournament is practicing and resting. It starts Wednesday, and they will find out their opponent for the first round on Monday.





All Out, All Game, All Season

Boys soccer gets to work during the season and post-season play!

By: Reagan Scime

The swoosh sound of the ball hitting the back of the net is the sound of pure victory, something the Manasquan High School Boys' Soccer did consistently all season long.

They stand in 4th place in the B-North Division, which is within the Shore Conference.

Overall, Coach Tom McGill has led the team to a record consisting of 12 wins, 5 losses, and 1 tie. Within the conference they are 10-5 and while 4-3 in the division. The Warriors have compiled a total of 42 goals in which has lifted them to numerous victories.

Junior Luke Roy had nothing but good words to say on the success of the season: "This year we really over-

achieved, and hopefully that will help us make a little run in the state tournament. I am very happy with our results."

There are several players who have come into each game showing their talents to the stats sheet. Senior Matt Karolak has netted 10 goals so far this season while assisting 9 other times. Senior Aiden Sugrue has added 8 goals to the 42 total team goals while sophomore Christian Gonzalez has 6 goals on the season. Senior goalie Tyler Collinson has 25 saves if not more while defending the goal.



curred on October 14th, 2022, where #15 Manasquan faced the #2 Holmdel Hornets. The hard-fought game resulted in a tie, but the Hornets advanced due to their higher rank.

To shift away from tournament play, the Warriors faced their rivals, the Wall Knights in

Pictured Above: The seniors of the Manasquan Boys' Soccer Team pose for a picture.

The Shore Conference Tournament approached the Warriors as they prepared for the first round on October 11th, 2022. They earned the 15th spot out of 30 teams. Manasquan played against #18 Manalapan at home where they secured a victory: 2-0. Sophomore Griffin Linstra and freshman Cruz Farkas each had 1 goal.

The second round of states oc-



Pictured Above: The team huddles before a big game.

a night game on Saturday, October 22nd, 2022. Although this game was played at Wall, Manasquan fans still showed up to support the boys. The Warriors beat the Knights 3-0 with a goal from Matt and 2 goals from Aiden. Senior Vin Hyland had an assist on the night while Tyler had a minimum of 2 saves.

Manasquan entered the first round of the NJSIAA Central Jersey,

Group 2 Tournament on October 27th, 2022. They were ranked #6 out of 16 teams. Their first matchup was against #11 Delaware Valley being played on Manasquan's home turf. The Warriors came out victorious with a 4-1 win over the Terriers. Goals came from Aiden and Cruz with 2 apiece. Assists were handed out by senior Mike Flanagan, junior Lukas Farkas, and Griffin.

With a successful season, they hope to carry that over into the following games of the NJSIAA State Tournament.

