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*Mamma Mia***





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Mamma Mia: What a Show!

By: Ainsley Price

The house lights go down, the crowd goes quiet, the stage lights come up, and Reese Hearon is in a window. It's the start of Manasquan High School's spring musical, *Mamma Mia*.



teachers and students came back to school with nothing but praises for the cast and crew. Seeing the show, people were laughing so hard they were crying, dancing in their seats,

The MHS Drama Club presented their rendition of the Broadway and film classic. Director Mrs. Schille and choreographer Mrs. Galano worked for months with an amazing cast and crew to create a wonderful production.

The show was full of fun dance numbers, hilarious interactions between characters, and sweet, sentimental moments. With the leads being Logan Ridge, Reese Heron, Kieran Mcmenaman, Danny Colon, Isabella Lopez, Janelle Slovak, and may more, it was bound to be a hit. And boy was it!

After opening night,



and singing out loud.

"Amazing!" Olivia Warner commented. "The flippers part! I did not expect the flippers, it was so great!"

"It's a wow!" Mr. Mawn said to his Journalism class.

A crowd favorite was Janelle Slovak, or as she was seen onstage, Rosie, one of Donna's (Logan Ridge) best friends.

"It felt very surreal performing, like I couldn't believe that it was happening, and I genuinely had so much fun doing it," Janelle said.

She spoke on how grateful and blessed she felt that people liked her character so much.

"I didn't think people would find me so funny and I've had many older women compliment me, so I feel like I was doing something right."

She even gave insight into how she grew into the character and how Rosie grew

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Behind the Scenes with Drama Club

By Natalie Gallagher

As someone who has been involved behind-the-scenes in the MHS Drama club for a collective four years, I feel like I am well equipped to shed some light on it. Being on the outside of the production gives me a totally different perspective than actors, and I genuinely enjoy what I do for the club.

I have been doing drama club for a total of four years, so I can say this one is by far my favorite club. I started the drama club during the performance of *Dracula* and it was just ... odd. The whole production just seemed like a fever dream. During the covid year, I helped with *Silver Linings*, but that didn't have the true Drama feel. *Grease* has a special place in my heart, but *Mamma Mia* really whisked it away because of the charm.

Mamma Mia has been a totally different production than from what we have done in the past. There are no terribly elaborate costumes like *Teen Angel* from *Grease* last year. All of the costumes that are being worn are mostly things that you would wear in the summer, so we really had to make those outfits stand out. We realized very quickly that jean shorts had to be banned. Being a fun musical, people want to come and see the pizzazz and over the top dance numbers, not 30 people in jean shorts.

So that left us with the question, how can we balance out all of these people, while taking away a massive section of traditional summer attire, and also making sure that the leads stand out in the best way possible? We had to experiment a bunch with style categories like boho, preppy, and so much more. There were multiple times where we had to swap out costumes last minute

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Drama Experience Comes to an End

By: Percy Yasenachak

While I was loosely involved in the drama club since freshman year, I couldn't perform at all for two full years during covid. Although this crushed me, it made it all the more exciting to come back junior year, for the fall play as well as *Grease* in the summer.

Still finding its footing and sense of community, the drama club was in a lively (albeit juvenile and reckless) place in my sophomore and junior year. *Evening With The Stars* was a standalone performance, and exactly what I needed for the confidence I lost during quarantine. *I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning* was the first real play that the directors put on. It was also my first high school play, so I was enthralled to get a speaking part. Though I may have slipped up a few times, the show made for an enjoyable night for everyone involved, and one that nobody had ever heard before.

Fast Forward to the Spring play, *Grease*, which I believed to be the best ever performance put on in the school, and we'd gotten the messy stuff mostly out of the way. I tried out, got a role with 2 solo songs and a handful of lines, and I was ecstatic. Those few nights of spring were everything to me, and it was more of a passion project and time-sink than anything I'd ever done before.

For the past 4 months, I haven't missed a single day of *Mamma Mia* rehearsal. 3-8 hours, everyday of the week. The diligence we've exhibited as a team is overwhelming, and impressive especially for high school

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In the Spotlight

Danny Colon

By: Chiara D'Apolito

Entrepreneur. Business owner. Fashion Icon. These words perfectly describe Danny Colon, a senior at Manasquan High-school.

Danny's career began from his love of thrifting and fashion. He explains how this, "spiraled into reworking and designing vintage clothes," which is the foundation of his company Electrix Vintage.

As everyone else was, Danny found himself bored during quarantine yearning for something to fill his time with. Sitting cooped up in his room was not an option for him. At the age of fifteen he began experimenting with clothes, which included, bleaching, tie dying, cropping, and sourcing vintage.

Everyone around him knew and still knows that Danny was more than capable to make something out of this hobby. A close friend, Alycia Holmes, describes Danny with one word, "creative." She goes on to say, "not only with his incredible clothing pieces but with his problem-solving skills as well. Danny is kind, respectful, and bright to everyone he meets. This helps Danny connect with customers and just everyday people so well."

Another close friend, Dalie Healy, agreed with Alycia by describing Danny as, "hardworking, outgoing, and personable."

Luckily for everyone Danny ultimately decided to make something out of his hobbies, and Electrix Vintage was founded in April of 2020. He began sourcing pieces from thrift shops all over and putting in extensive research about each and every piece to price them exactly right.

As a fifteen-year-old Danny was considered under age and many challenges were met. People thought he was just young and dumb. They tried to scam him, overall, he was not taken seriously by anyone in the industry due to his age, this put a lot of doubt into his mind but he immediately pushed through.

Danny worked day and night to prove age was just a number, though it was hard he got a trademark, a lease, and built his company from the ground up.

Roads were a little bumpy at the beginning as well due to haters. People would think it was stupid and Danny was "just selling clothes." Little did they know his stupid idea will now become his full-time job by the time he graduates from its success through the years!

Brielle Day, an annual pop-up flea market that Brielle holds every year, was lurking around the corner and Danny built up the courage to enter. He recalls he, "didn't have high hopes for many sales, and was honestly really nervous."

To his surprise people from all local towns came out to support Danny and his new business. Smiles were seen not only on customers faces but on Danny's as well as he watched his business boom on this warm September day! After participating in many other pop-up shops, Brielle Day is still one of his most successful one every single year.

As if making a business during Covid wasn't hard enough, Danny decided that he could go further than just selling clothes. All he needed was a ven-



Pictured Below: Dalie Healy (left) walking in Danny's first fashion show. Kieran McMenemy(right) walking in Danny's second fashion show.



Pictured Above: Danny Colon in his Manasquan Store.

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Scenes from Mama Mia

pictures by Cristian Jose



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ue, some models, and accessories. Two years in a row Danny had successfully produced two fashion shows.

Models were friends who were more than willing to put on his amazing creations and each venue was local. Every clothing sale from the fashion show was matched with a clothing donation by Electrix Vintage to local charities to benefit needs.

Dalie Healy, a model in the show, disclosed "I had a lot of fun, and it was nice knowing I was supporting my friend and was a part of something so important to him. It was just a phenomenal show all together."

Now Danny is eighteen and getting ready to graduate Manasquan Highschool and move to the city to continue pursuing his dreams. Currently he has a small shop in Manasquan housing all his pieces, but he plans to expand by the beginning of the 2023 summer. Danny's progression is astonishing, "from a hobby that I would pursue in my room to having a shop, donating thousands of dollars and pounds of clothes to local charities, having monthly subscription mystery boxes, producing 2 runway shows, hiring employees in the near future, and have a small magazine feature is something I never would've guessed."

Moreover, Danny plans to open shops all throughout New Jersey and eventually reach New York. The ideas in Danny's heads are never ending, "I would love to diversify and add in antique shops to lift up small businesses, coffee shops, and more!" This is just the beginning for Electrix Vintage!

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ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SQUAN A THON!

Friday, March 31 was a day that many MHS students looked forward to for months: Squanathon! Committee members who dedicated hours and hours of time planning and preparing Squanathon finally got a chance to see results. They raised over \$85,000 to support pediatric cancer. The night featured multiple guest speakers, including Jar of Hope, a scene performed by the cast of Mama Mia, music from the band Personal Space, and much more. **Congrats Squanathonners!**



The Fantastic AOF Fashion Show

By: Isabella Lopez

Finance and fashion: what do the two have in common? Both were a part of the fantastic fashion fundraiser hosted by the Academy of Finance (AOF) on March 21st, 2023. As a staple of being a part of the academy, members of AOF hosted the fashion show in the gym, and transformed it into a runway show to showcase the different items and raise money for the academy.

Senior Sofia Wall, who has been involved with the academy since sophomore year, stated, "The goal of the fashion show is to raise money for the Academy of Finance and to showcase the local clothing stores in our area." The local stores who were involved put out their best clothing, some of which can be on the pricey side, but all gorgeous clothes that can be purchased afterward. Some of the money raised goes towards the Academy's activities while some goes towards scholarships for AOF seniors.

This event takes multiple people to run and coordinate. Mr. Driscoll and Mrs. Hoeler are the two main teachers who supervise this event, but mainly this show is run entirely by the students.

Initially, the fashion show was first introduced to the school by Mr. Driscoll and Mrs. Hoeler. This was the 18th year for the show, making it a huge success every year to continue hosting it as a good opportunity for many to get involved and realize the size of the academy. Overall, this year there were about 100 people involved in the show. There were around 80 models and 20 volunteers.

Another member of the academy, senior Taylor Hamarich reveals that they locally sourced

the clothes from stores such as "The Bee, Warm Shop, Starlight Tuxedo, and the Tuxedo Den for formal clothes. Our casual clothes were provided by Inlet Outlet, BareWires, Wanderlust, Juli Mei, and Waterlily," she said.

The MCs for the event were Ryan Bannerman and Jake Heilos, who focused on formal wear, and Riley Eldridge and Jude O'Neill for casual clothes.

The biggest challenge, Taylor said, "was making sure that all the models knew which stores they were going to and

ensuring that they got the outfits for the show. I worked a lot on the program too, so receiving ads and model bios was a challenge as well." The hard work put into this show did not go to waste as it was a huge success with hopefully many more years to come.

The people involved with the Academy of Finance are hardworking, intelligent, and especially dedicated to the rigorous checklist it takes to complete and graduate from the academy. The hard work put into the fashion show shines, and the students should feel very proud of the work they put in to make the night a success.



Above: Some of the models who walked in the fashion show.
Below: All the students who participated in the Fashion Show.



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because they just look too similar or just awkward. All of this planning really takes a village, and I'm so glad that we pulled it together.

One of the hardest things we had to do was figure out what we were going to do with Lay All Your Love On Me. For this number, several guys had to march in with diving flippers in order to whisk Sky away to his traditional island bachelor party. Sourcing several genuine flippers are harder than you would imagine. Luckily though, one of the actors' family owns a Scuba shop and kindly let us borrow the equipment for the show. That's what I love most about drama club, a lot of what it takes to put a production like this on is practice, dedication, and the willingness of the community around us to support us. So many donations were given to us by so many generous people, and it means so much to all of us.

In the end, I don't regret any of the hard work I put in. Drama club helped me find so many of my friends and it gave me lifelong memories that I will cherish forever. It also gave me leadership skills and eased my perfectionism, so if you're on the cusp of deciding, I say, "what do you have to lose?"

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on her. "I always found Rosie a little annoying but the reactions of people to her have been the highlight of the show."

Even our leading man, Kieran McMenaman, has something to say. "I felt like I was in my own world. Part of that was the set, it felt so real on stage that I was able to really get into character." And for anyone who saw it, you could see how magical it was on that stage. The set looked amazing.

He talked about all the new friendships he built and how fun it was just dancing backstage. But he also talked, with a little sadness, about how fast it went. "It was over before I knew it. I am really going to miss it."

That is another thing that makes the drama club and the musicals so special. The bonds between the cast and crew are like nothing we've seen before; they truly are a family.

And of course, we wouldn't have this wonderful show without the amazingly talented director, Ms. Schille.

"In my opinion, it is the best show that we

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students, some of which have jobs, sports, or AP classes. Last week, this all culminated into the best show I've ever been a part of. The sound quality was incredible, the singers were talented, and even though I was ill, I performed my heart out. I was one of the four lead harmony singers, or Greek Choir members, meaning I taught and sang all the lower male harmonies, and I also played the priest, who marries Donna and Sam. But nothing compared to the camaraderie of the flipper scene, easily the hardest dance in the show.

The memories I've made on the Jack Nicholson Theatre stage are priceless and unforgettable, and I'm so happy I was able to experience the drama club under Ms. Schille, Mrs. Galano, and Mrs. Badami. These three directors made the drama club a happy and welcoming environment, but also a mentally and physically taxing one. I'm so proud of the time I've spent and the friends I've worked with.

have ever done, and I am beyond excited to start planning for the next one," Ms. Schille commented.

She also talked about the sense of pride and awe she felt when everything came to an end. She is truly a one-of-a-kind director, and you can see on her face how much she loves her kids and what she does.

She even shared how what she does is not typical in a high school: teaching the songs and directing. "The hardest part for me: balancing the teaching 26 songs while directing too; that's not normal."

If you didn't go see this fantastic show, you really missed out on something magical, but there is always next year and we can't wait to find out what it will be!



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BASEBALL IS BACK! MLB Exciting New 2023 Season

By; Lindsay Fuller



Above: The Astros winning the 2022 World Series.

The flowers are starting to bloom, and you know what that means? Baseball season is here! Opening day is just around the corner and the MLB is ready to kick off another exciting season.

Opening day for the 2023 season is March 30th. All 30 MLB teams are expected to play. This has been the tradition since 1968. There are some exciting games starting off the season such as the Red Sox vs. the Orioles, the Yankees vs. the Giants, and the Phillies vs. the Rangers.

Many people are talking about the new MLB rules that are being enforced this year. A pitch timer is being introduced to speed up the game and reduce dead time between pitches.

The MLB is also restricting defensive

shifts, hitters will have a better opportunity for a higher batting average and higher on-base percentage.

The bases this year will be going from 15 inches to 18 inches. The reasoning behind this is to reduce the number of injuries and to give fielders and runners more space. The bigger bases will also affect the distance between them, making stolen bases slightly easier and force plays slightly harder.

The American League East is expected to be competitive this year. Teams like the Blue Jays and Rays have had amazing preseason performances with their winning percentage both being .550. This will be exciting since the Yan-



kees and the Red Sox usually lead that division.

The Kansas City Royals have had an amazing preseason this year and are most likely going to lead the AL central. The AL west is going to be decent this year. They have solid teams such as the Astros who are returning World Series Champs, and then the L.A. Angels.

The National League is decent. The NL East is definitely the strongest division out of the three within the National League. Solid teams like the Braves, and the Phillies are in the NL East, and they have had pretty good preseasons. Both of their winning percentages are over .500.

The NL Central and West are a different story. They have some good teams like the Dodgers and Cubs. Many people are predicting that the San Diego Padres are going to make it to the postseason this year. They have a preseason winning percentage of .517 which means they are on the right path.

My predictions for the 2023 season are as follows: the Yankees are going to become AL East Champs, the Guardians will be

AL Central Champs, the Astros will be AL West Champs. As for the National League, the Braves will be NL East Champs, the Cardinals will be NL Central Champs, and the Padres will be NL West Champs.

The playoffs will be full of drama and excitement. Maybe a team will lose because of the new rules. That will cause controversy!

And when it's all done, the team that I think will bring home the World Series title for the 2023 season is... the Yankees!

Below: Aaron Judge after hitting his 62nd home run last year



Below: The Yankees, celebrating after winning the 2022 American League Championship, will celebrate a World Series Championship in 2023.



Tornadoes Terrorize Jersey Shore

Sea Girt Army Camp suffers extensive damage

By: Ainsley Price, Niky Li, Angelina George, Jessica Mackown, and Lily Hendricks

Saturday, April 1st areas of Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania experienced extreme weather warnings, along with other states from the Midwest to the South. These areas experienced extreme hail, rain, thunderstorms, and even severe tornadoes. It has recently been confirmed that there was about 104 tornadoes total that occurred across the country on Saturday.

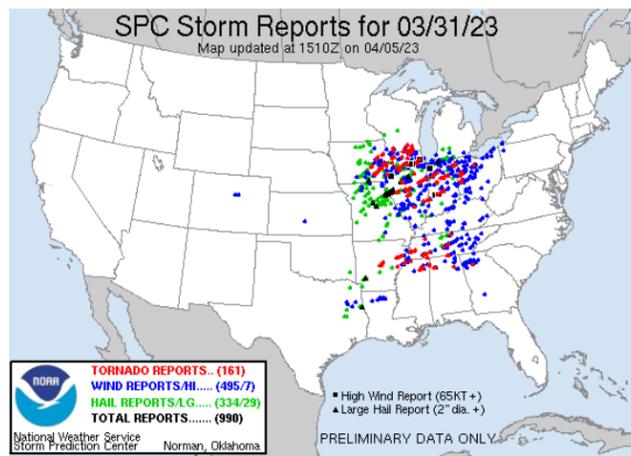
"I was at my house with a bunch of my friends, we were watching a movie when the alarm went off and we were about to sing happy birthday to my friend when the power went out. So, then we hid in a little hallway," explained sophomore Maeve Brooks.

She also talked about how she was not that scared but a little worried because her friends were scared.

A total of 4 tornadoes touched down during the storms on Saturday. A strong EF-2 tornado touched down in Jackson Township at 7:27 p.m. Saturday, then crossed into Howell Township in Monmouth County before lifting at 7:28 p.m. "The tornado in Jackson Township carved a 1.4-mile path and reached peak winds of 130mph," said the National Weather Service

A smaller EF-2 tornado touched down at the National Guard Training Center grounds in Sea Girt. The tornado was only 50 yards wide and was on the ground for just .14 miles, from 7:42 p.m. to 7:44 p.m. Its top winds were estimated to be 110 to 120 mph.

Across New Jersey, nearly 14,000 JCP&L customers had no power as of approx-



Top: An aerial view of the damage.
Middle: A house with no house in Lehigh Valley.
Bottom: A map of all the tornadoes.

imately 1 p.m. Sunday, and at 6:30 p.m., that number had risen to over 15,000. Many people were affected by the tornado. Close to 75 people now have no place to live.

Several students were shocked to see tornadoes taking place in their very own hometowns.

"I brought my dogs to the basement and Elizabeth (her sister) was taking her sweet old time. I did grab my ukulele and started to play," said sophomore Kaitlyn Carton. She explained that she was home alone and took charge of her sister and pets, but she was not worried at all.

For the country as a whole, this is the largest tornado outbreak since December 10th, 2021. This time, in Tennessee alone, there were ten deaths due to the tornado and several injured. But for New Jersey, with the six total tornadoes, it was the second biggest single-day outbreak on record.

Now, this was not a Wizard of Oz moment for New Jersey, but many people still took their families to the lowest part of their houses and hid from the scary funnel of air. Many people lost power, had trees fall near them, and some even have windshield damage from the hail.

Despite this not being the most severe tornado this country has ever seen it was one of the most widespread, making it a significant weather event. This spur of tornadoes affected thousands of people throughout the country and their lives.

And remember, if it looks like it is not moving, get away far and fast because it



B. Lee: "During the storm I was very worried that there could be multiple houses with damage around the area and that people wouldn't get home in time to get into a safe place."



Jonathon Kane: "I was in my living room reading a book. When we got the alert on our phones, I was shook and my mom wanted us to be safe. She had us go into the bathroom in the bathtub because we do not have a basement."



Eddie Gunnell: "I was at Bubakoos with my friend, and we didn't think it was going to be bad. Both of our parents called us, and we went back to his house. As I was driving back from Bubakoos I could not see anything. I was not really scared."



Mr Critelli: "I have some patio furniture and one of the chairs flipped over. It was wild. That was the extent of the tornado damage at my house. Well, when I saw my patio furniture, I was terrified. I hid in the basement, and I called every immediate family member that I could think of to say my goodbyes."



Emily Black: "I was at dinner at Anchor Tavern. Everyone's phones went off and we were very confused. I just saw a ton of lightning outside. My parents decided we should go home right away. So, we rushed home and hid in our basement, until the warning was over."



Julie Cavanaugh: "I was taking out my dog with Cameron Lieb and his mom called to tell us to go inside. We saw all of the lighting and the whole sky turned back."



Dalil Saluki: "I was in my friend's basement. She has like 4 dogs, 2 cats, and a bunny. Her parents had them all come downstairs, and they went crazy. I had to sit on the cat's crate to keep it from going crazy."



Charlotte Michko: "I was sleeping when the alarm went off. I went down to the basement."

What Are You Doing FOR Spring Break?



Shep Cooper: " I am super excited to just spend time with my friends and play lacrosse"



Desmond: I am going to key west to go fishing!



Mr. Critelli will be continuing the "Journey to Greatness" with his girls golf team along with enjoying the Spring weather that Easter bings!



Maddie Ireland. Over Spring break I plan on visiting my sisters

Cocaine Bear Movie Review

If you're looking for some fast-paced fun, this one's for you

By:Cristian Jose

Cocaine Bear is a 2023 horror comedy directed by Elizabeth Banks and distributed by Universal Pictures. Starring Keri Russel, O'Shea Jackson Jr and Ray Liotta, and presented in glorious technicolor, the movie is about a bear who accidentally overdoses on cocaine, after eating an entire delivery left in the great outdoors by a drug smuggler.

As crazy as this might sound, the movie is based on real events. In 1985 a drug dealer's plane crashed in the forest in Georgia, and cocaine was found by a bear, and the bear did ingest it. That bear became the most powerful bear in the world for about four weeks, when he died from an overdose. The bear didn't attack anyone and was found dead, and its body was taken to then be stuffed and now remains in Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area on display.

So, the movie is more of a what if and an interesting one. The main character is Cocaine Bear and (unlike the true story) he goes around the forest attacking people who unfortunately run into him. It's a comedy and a good one at that. It's not meant to be taken seriously, but a movie to put on and have a good time.



Don't expect any Oscar worthy acting or blockbuster story telling. You can't go into a movie like this with that mindset, and you



Above: A head shot of Cocaine Bear.

won't have a good time if you do.

While this isn't a Quentin Tarantino movie, it does go full Tarantino with the gore. It's rated R for a reason so expect some R rated blood and guts and killing. It's gory.

But that's ok because it's a B film (low Budget), so it goes 2 ways: one it looks cheap so it's not as painful to watch, and two, you can tell at times it's a guy in a bear suit but still it gives it a charm, as if you're watching those home-made films you would make as a kid for fun. And that's what Cocaine Bear is all about: fun.

So if you watch it, you will have definitely laugh and have fun. And get ready for the rip off flicks that will take inspiration from Cocaine Bear. Already Cocaine Shark is in production and coming soon to a theater near you.

All in all Cocaine Bear is definitely something special that people can enjoy I definitely recommend it and give it 8 out of 10. It might be to late to see it on the big screen, but you can rent on Apple TV, Amazon Prime, YouTube and Google Play.



Editor's note: It's time for The Blue & Gray's annual College Acceptances List! This year's seniors have earned acceptance to many excellent schools, where they will continue their education next year. We compiled our list by sending emails and surveys to the senior class, and a team of Journalism students also set out to find and ask seniors about their acceptances the old fashioned way. While not every senior is represented in our list, the list does represent every senior who responded to our requests. Next month we'll publish College Choices, as seniors make their final decisions and commit to the school they'll attend. We'll also write about the plans of some seniors not attending college next year. Enjoy!

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University of New Hampshire
Scranton University
Quinnipiac University
Elon University
College of Charleston
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Loyola University

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Ramapo College
Monmouth University
Seton Hall University
Georgian Court University
Rider University
The College of New Jersey

ALLIE BARBERA
Rutgers University
University of Delaware
Virginia Tech
College of Charleston
Pace University

KATIE BEAVIS
Air Force Academy
Fordham University
Florida Atlantic University
Rensselaer (RPI)
Rutgers University
University of Vermont
University of Delaware
UC Boulder
University of Arizona
Catholic University

CASEY BENNETT
Coastal Carolina University
East Carolina University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Augusta University

LUCA BERTINELLI
Rowan University

ANTHONY BISAZZA
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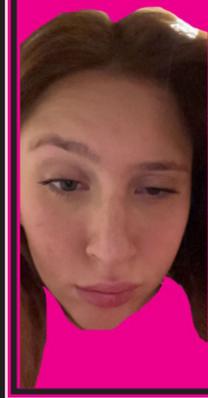
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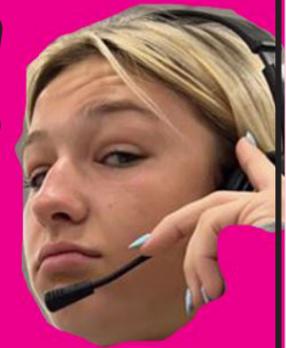
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Morgan and Kiki Want to Know!



March Feels Edition



Mrs. Anderson: "March was great except the stomach bug went through my house for the third time this month"



Bennett Devincens: "March was an interesting month, there was a lot of changes in my life. A good thing though is that I committed to Clemson and found a roommate!"

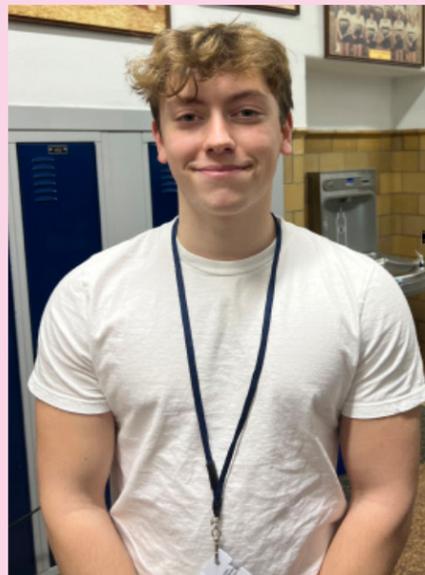


Ellie Krebs: "March is good because the weather starts to get warmer but I did get sunburnt from it..."

SPECIAL MORGAN APPEARANCE!!!

Mrs. Hodnett: "March is great, spring season started which is nice, and the field house is beautiful as softball season just started. Pi day also happened and March Madness has been mad!"

Griffin Linstra: "March was great because we won the group two state championship and the weather is becoming warmer. The season is over but I have still been hanging out with the team."



Thomas Schnurr: "I visited colleges and saw Kiki in South Carolina. Basketball ended in march which was sad though because it was my senior season."

Casey Bennett: "My March was pretty fun I had a good time so I didn't really hate March. I found out I got into Coastal Carolina and ended up committing there!"



Warrior

Winter Sports



Boys Tennis Season Begins with Optimism

By: Teddy Campi



Pictured Above is the MHS Men's Tennis

Dusting off the old racquet once again, the Boys Tennis season is about to begin!

The MHS Tennis team's 2023 spring season is about to commence following a season last year where the team went 10-2 but sadly did not come away with any titles. They are excited this year to improve and continue the winning record they have set from last season.

MHS Senior Vincent Hyland states, "Our goal is to win our division and have fun."

Like all of his teammates, Vinny can't wait to step back on the court for their opening match April 4th at Monmouth Regional. Their first home match will be on April 5th vs. Wall. This year, the team's biggest rival is Holmdel and so they are also gearing up for that exciting match.

Led by coach Ryan Richey, the team is going to be well prepared for what looks like an interesting season. In addition to Hyland,

a few juniors and seniors on the team to look out for are Anthony Chermak, Liam Hoverter, and Thomas Watson. These players have had impressive seasons before this year, and are expected to lead the team this year.

Senior Thomas Watson thinks that it will be interesting this year because they moved divisions, but he hopes "to make a dent in the Shore Conference and potentially win the tournament".

With the momentum and anticipation building, the Tennis team deserves some attention. This season, make sure to stop by and support the team as they work to bring more bragging rights to MHS!

On the team this year includes some really talented students who can't wait to represent Manasquan with all they have! Go out and wish them luck when they play at home vs. Wall on April 5th!

Sports Spotlight

Ryan Frauenheim: A True Warrior

By: Morgan Mechler



Above, Ryan silences the crowd after a three-pointer.

Heart. Mentality. Dedication. Perseverance. That's what makes a true warrior.

Manasquan High School's Ryan Frauenheim embodies a true warrior both on and off the basketball court. From being named one of the top junior players in the shore, to winning multiple MVP tournament titles and leading the 2023 Varsity Manasquan Boys Basketball team to victory, Ryan Frauenheim is unstoppable.

Ryan developed his love for the game at an early age, as he grew up on the basketball court alongside his father who was a coach himself. Ryan has always been a talented and hardworking player; however, he really showcased his abilities and his spirit this past basketball season. Frauenheim and the rest of the team proudly achieved all of their goals for this year: winning the shore conference tournament, the Central Jersey Group II championship, and the overall Group II championship for the first time ever in school history.

When asked to describe Frauenheim, fellow teammate Darius Adams defined him as "hardworking, fearless, and the true definition of a point guard". Racking up tons of points during games was not the only way Ryan led the team to victory throughout the history making 2022-2023 season. It was the behind-the-scenes motivation and leadership that made the difference. "Ryan was one of the leaders on the team and he always pushed us during practice to be great" Adams said. Frauenheim represents the legacy of the warriors in all aspects, through both his athletic ability and his passion.

Ryan's mother, Christine, sadly passed away last November after a nine-year battle with ocular melanoma; cancer of the eye. Even though she is not here with us today, Ryan feels her spirit with him every time he steps onto the court. When asked who his biggest inspiration was, Ryan immediately answered his mother. "My mom is my biggest inspiration because of what she was going through and how she continued to live her life fighting everyday with no complaints. It inspires

me tremendously," said Ryan.

Ryan's mom passing away is the biggest challenge he has ever had to face. "My mom passing away our first full week into the season this year was extremely hard, but basketball was an escape for me to take my mind off of everything" Ryan explained. His bond with basketball grew stronger than ever this year. Even though Ryan was battling with grief, he persevered, made his mark on the court, and most importantly, made his mother proud. Frauenheim and his family said that their mother had the "beast seat in the house", always watching over them.

Every single game this season the boys proudly ran out to their favorite hype up songs wearing specially made "Team Christine" warmups to honor Mrs. Frauenheim. "Ryan gave the season a meaning" said senior team member Thomas Schnurr. "He always points up to her after foul shots and three pointers". Gaining inspiration from his mother, Ryan certainly did not fail to inspire the rest of the team.

Sprinting up and down the court, hearing the loud roar of the crowd with sweat dripping down his face. Passing to teammates, executing the practiced plays, making every three-pointer shot he shoots, then glancing at tons of cameras to capture the moment. This is just an average game for Ryan, helping a great group of hardworking guys earn celebrations and parades.

When he is not winning championship titles for Squan, Ryan plays basketball on his elite Team Rio AAU team. "Even on my off season I just continue to play basketball almost every day and I have more time to spend with my family and friends," said Ryan. He hopes to have an even more successful senior season next year, and then continue his basketball career in college, while also attending a challenging academic school as well.

All the points Ryan has contributed for Manasquan and all the victories he helped earn came straight from his heart. The Manasquan Boys Basketball team talks frequently about "cementing their legacy". It has become quite clear that talented, committed, wholehearted junior Ryan Frauenheim has already cemented his own.

Below, Ryan Frauenheim wears his "Team Christine" shirt during warmups.



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SPORTS

A Running Start to Spring: Boys Track Takes Off!

By: MJ Murray

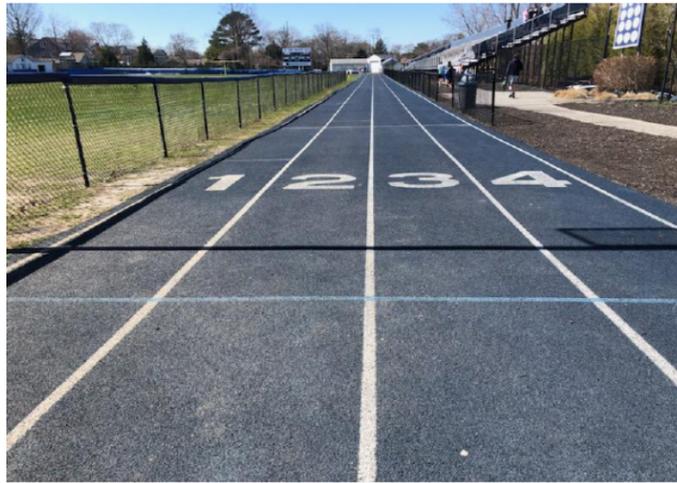
The Boy's Track team is sprinting into the new season with Coach Brian Prendergast. He coaches the Boys JV and Varsity track and is fully prepared for another great season for the school.

"He wants everyone to reach their goals and dreams- out here on the track or academically. He is such a positive guy," junior Holden Becker told The Coast Star.

The first varsity meet is happening on April 8th against Howell High School. However, the biggest rival is Wall who is on the schedule later in the season.

The team is aiming to place in the Meet of Champions at Franklin High School. However, before they can achieve this goal, they will need to succeed in the big moments, like the Monmouth County Championship and the Shore Conference Championship.

During the winter, many of the students participating in Spring Track broke personal and school records. One



Above: a picture of the track on a sunny afternoon

of those was Dalil Suluki. He, alongside other talented students, got the opportunity to compete in the Stanner games at the Armory in New York. He came in 7th and set the new school record at a whopping 8.18. Having talented people like Dalil on this year's team will definitely vault the team toward success.

Another star player for the Boys Track team will be Holden Becker. He had a solid cross-country season, with his specialty being in distance and middle-distance events. Last year as a Sophomore, Holden participated in the Track and Field NJSIAA Sectional. He not only brings his talents for

running, but also a positive attitude that radiates through the team.

Having track veterans is always good, but newcomers to track are always highly appreciated. An example of this are soccer players, Braden Chek and Tyler Collison. They, like many new additions to the team, were convinced by their friends who

were on the track team to join. "We have 100 in all," said Dalil, according to the Coast Star. "We are building. The only thing our track team lacked was depth. We have the talent. We have some familiar faces and new people you might not know have it in them."

The team has had great success in the previous years. Despite the pandemic impeding on the start of spring sports, the team had a great season. Last year, they made it to the Central Group II State Sectional. They have a great team this year and are on the track for a great season.

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SPORTS

Sprinting into a Spectacular Spring Season

The girls track team, coached by Michaela Read and Brian Prendergast, is preparing for an amazing spring season!

By: Ronnie Whille

pionship.

George said, "Last season was definitely a breakthrough season for me, so that leads me feeling super excited for spring with some big goals set!"

They have been training by practicing six out of seven days a week. During the winter season, there were many accomplishments and school records beaten. Junior Kat Keefe currently holds seven school records for track, four individuals, and three relays. During their winter season sophomore Angelina George broke five individual school records. She also won the Shore Conference 800m and 1600m as well as Group II 1600m cham-

The team hopes to win Sectional and Group 2 state titles and beat their biggest rivals, Rumson-Fair Haven and Point Boro. Keefe says, "Rumson-Fair Haven and Point Boro are both very strong teams that we compete against frequently and I think this year our team can beat them both."

Practicing almost every day, doing lots of challenging workouts, lifting, and prioritizing proper sleep and nutrition is going to pay off at their first meet.

Below (left): junior Kat Keefe turns on the jets; below (right): sophomore Angelina George leads the field



The first track meet will be the Rebel Frosh/Soph Nite Opener on April 6th in Howell. "I'm most looking forward to Penn Relays, I had so much fun at Penn Relays last year and I'm so excited to go back as a more experienced runner," said Keefe.

This season the team is eager and ready to do their best at their meets and compete at their full potential. "I feel as though this will be a breakthrough season for us as a team, we are finally in a position to score some major points at big meets. I am looking forward to striving to big goals with my team and having fun!" said George.

This Season is Going to be a Hole in One!

Boys and Girls Golf are ready to tee-off the start to their season. After winning states last year, the boys are ready for more competition.

By: Sydnie Chek

Coached by Chip Sweeny, the boys practice 4 days a week at Howell Park and Manasquan River Golf Club to prepare for their matches. The girls practice there as well, but do not compete.

This is the second year Girls Golf has been available at MHS. Coach Critelli said, "This is our first big year. Historically, golf has been a sport closed off to young ladies. This [team] is a huge step in the right direction."

Although they do not compete, the girls take the sport seriously by practicing and watching the sport. "If one girl walks away from this year and says 'man, I had a great time,' then that makes it all worth it," said Mr. Critelli.

This is junior Billy Cosgrove's third year playing golf. He said, "I think that the team will have a great year because we have a young team that has great players." Their team includes juniors Liam Starkey and Robert Badenhausen.

They began their season on Monday, May 27th with the Wall Invitational Tournament at Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune.

On Wednesday they defeated Frehold and Ocean in a tri-match at Shark River Golf Course. "The team played better than the first tournament of the season on Monday in the Wall invitational," said Billy. "The matches were closer than expected, but we were happy to win."

The boys are looking forward to a season of fun during practices and matches this year!



Above: Mr. Critelli leads the girls squad this year

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Girls Lacrosse Grind into New Season

By: Finley Nielsen

The Girls Lacrosse team is hoping to keep the Sectional Title by doing what they do best... Winning!

The team is made up of strong, experienced players, many that have already committed to college athletic programs. Five juniors have already committed to play throughout their college career.

Those players are Bianca Chiarella (Rutgers), Julianna Farinacci (Delaware), Kali Saito (Temple), Belle Porazzo (Jacksonville), Ellie O'Shea (Stonehill).

The girls have some tough competition for them this year with their two biggest rivals being, Rumson Fair-Heaven, Trinity Hall, and Red Bank Regional.

The girls beat RFH last year to grab their sectional title and are hoping to do it again!

However, they lost to Trinity in the Shore Conference Semi- Finals last year, but, according to Coach Eldridge, the team is ready to win and hopefully grab their first Shore Conference championship win.

Kali Saito, who is a junior and committed to Temple University, said that she knows that the team is capable, because the team is a bigger and more experienced than last year. "I think we are capable of achieving a lot," she said.

Last season's motto was "Be Better" and the team does not have a set motto yet for this year, but they are counting to build on what was created last season.

And the team has already chosen to build on that. Their countless goals literally and physically is what makes the team complete.

Their season began with a win over Red Bank on Tuesday, April 5. Off to a good start!



Above: the girls lacrosse team in all of their glory; below: the



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Manasquan Boys Lacrosse Prepares For The Upcoming Season

By: Reagan Scime

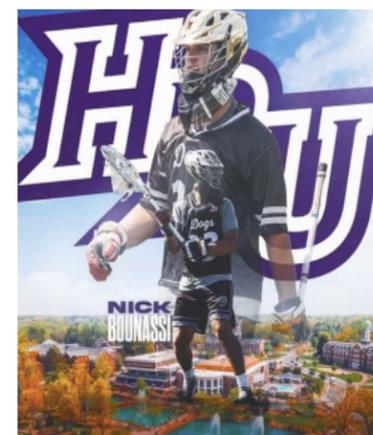
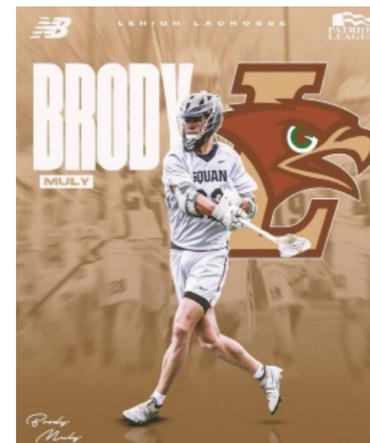
have already verbally committed to play D1 Lacrosse in college: Brody Muly to Lehigh University, Kyle Capodanno to Bryant University, and Nick Bounassi to High Point University. Recent Bergen Catholic transfer junior Connor Kelly has also verbally committed to the University at Albany, who will be a big asset to the team. Two seniors have also signed their National Letter of Intent to continue their lacrosse career in college: James Farinacci to Middlebury College and Matt Porazzo to Monmouth University. Some returning key players include sophomores Parker Harms and Brandon Kunz, juniors Joe and Nick Carabetta, and senior Blake Gorski.

After losing in the final round of the NJSIAA State Tournament, South Jersey, Group 2, to Rumson-Fair Haven, the Manasquan Boys Lacrosse team is out for revenge this season. Last season, Coach Sean Cunningham led the Warriors to a record of 16-5 overall and 7-0 in the Shore Conference – B South. After losing 13 seniors to college this past year, there are big shoes to fill with the upcoming season approaching.

Manasquan will be in the hand of three rising juniors who

As far as stats goes, the goal leaders are James, Matt, Brandon, Blake, and Brody. James tallied 59 goals in the 2021-22 season, Matt netted 31 goals, Brandon scored 22 goals, Blake with 20 goals, and Brody scored 25 goals. Assists came a vital part to the high scoring season, with James dishing out 29 assists, Blake with 21 assists, and Brandon adding 16.

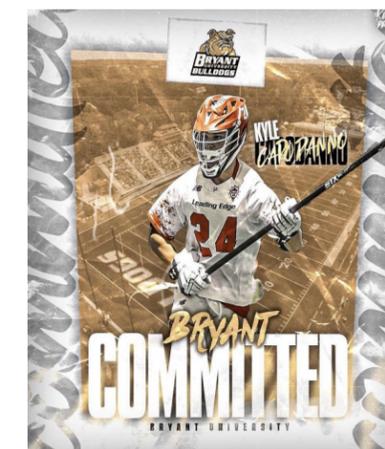
The first scrimmage of the 2023 season was on Monday, March 27th against Shore Regional High School which was an away game, and the first home scrimmage is against Red Bank Regional High School on March



29th. The first official game of the season is against St. Rose on April 5th, which is a rival of the Warriors. Other rivals would include Wall and Cristian Brothers Academy.

Brody commented on the upcoming season: "I am looking forward to going against Seton Hall Prep and playing in the Shore Conference Tournament."

As they look toward another successful season, they prepare for what is to come. They hope to seek revenge in winning the Shore Conference Tournament and State Tournament.



March Madness Mayhem

UCONN defeats San Diego State to take home the National Championship

The annual NCAA men's basketball tournament known as March Madness started on March 12th, and to say the least, it has been madness so far. The tournament consists of four regions, the South, Midwest, East, and West.

A total of 64 teams are accepted into March Madness, and play six rounds, single elimination, until a champion is determined. These rounds are the Round of 64, Round of 32, Sweet 16, Elite 8, Final 4, and the NCAA Basketball Championship.

The Round of 64 brought many close games, blowouts, and shocking upsets. All of the #1 seeds moved on except for one, Purdue. Purdue faced #16 ranked Farleigh Dickinson, and very surprisingly lost 63-58, leaving fans speech-

By: Austin Griffith

derella runs both came to an end in the Round of 32 with a pair of tough losses.

The Round of 32 also featured some great games highlighted by #10 Penn State vs. #2 Texas and #6 Texas Christian vs. #3 Gonzaga. Coming off of a crushing victory over

#15 Colgate, the Longhorns felt good going into their matchup with Penn State. The Nittany Lions had some momentum of their own after a 76-59 upset over

less. This game marked only the 2nd time in NCAA history that a #16 seed has beaten a #1 seed in the Round of 64 in March Madness. Another major bracket buster was the matchup between #13 Furman and #4 Virginia in which Furman took a nail-biting 68-67 victory. Unfortunately for the underdogs, FDU and Furman's Cin-



Florida Atlantic celebrates their win over Kansas State in the Elite 8.



San Diego State's Jaedon LeDee throws down a huge dunk



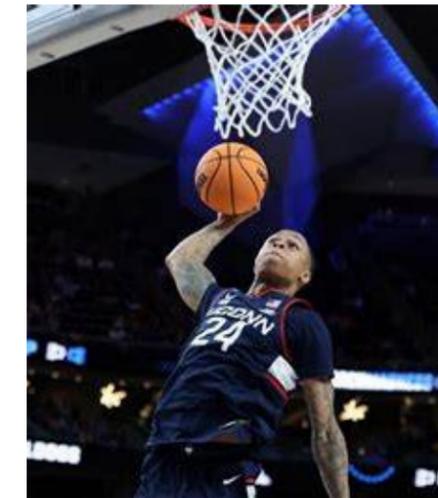
Miami's Wooga Poplar dunks in their win over Texas in the Elite 8.

#7 Texas A&M in the round of 64. Texas ended up pulling out a 5-point victory over PSU to punch their ticket to the Sweet 16. In the West, as the lower seed, Gonzaga's fan base had high expectations entering the tournament, and the team did not disappoint. The Zags took down TCU in an 84-81 victory, moving on to play #2 UCLA.

The Sweet 16 started on March 23rd and displayed many exciting games, such as #3 Kansas State vs. #7 Michigan State and Gonzaga vs. UCLA. K-State and Michigan State went head to head at Madison Square Garden in a nail-biting showdown. Perhaps the craziest game of the tournament so far, the underdog Spartans challenged the Wildcats the entire game, taking it into overtime. At the end of regulation, both teams had 82 points, a very high scoring battle. In college basketball overtime, the period is set at five minutes, and the two teams battle each other until time runs out and a winner is determined. In

this case, the winner was Kansas State who put up 16 points in OT to defeat Michigan State 98-93. On the other side of the bracket, two high-seeded teams, Gonzaga and

UCLA faced off at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. In another close battle, Gonzaga pulled out the victory after being down big in the first half. Then, the Zags came



Uconn's Jordan Hawkins jumps up for a one-handed dunk against

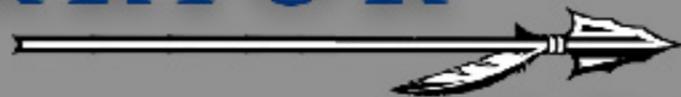
back to dominate the second half, outscoring the Bruins 46-30, which resulted in their 79-76 win. Both Kansas State and Gonzaga would join some great competition in the Elite 8, consisting of #9 Florida Atlantic, #4 UConn, #5 Miami, #2 Texas, #5 San Diego State, and #6 Creighton.

Aside from UConn's

crushing victory over Gonzaga, every game in the Elite 8 went down to the wire. In a tight matchup between K-State and FAU, the two were neck and neck the entire game as it seemed that that neither team could gain momentum. The Wildcats were led by the outstanding performance of Markquis Nowell who dropped 30 points on the Owls defense. Despite an impressive showcase from their star player, it wasn't enough to win the game as Florida Atlantic edged out the 79-76 victory. In the South, Creighton took on San Diego State in an amazing game. It was a low-scoring defensive battle the entire game, but SDSU was able to pull through late in the second half to beat Creighton 57-56. San Diego State will face off against Florida Atlantic in the Final 4, and Miami will take on UConn across the bracket.

Both games of the Final 4 are set to start on April 1st. SDSU and FAU will play at 6:00pm, and Miami and UConn will play at 8:45pm. Both games along with the championship will be held at NRG stadium in Houston, Texas. Once two winners are determined, they will battle in the championship game on April 3rd to determine the 2023 March Madness Champions. What a tournament it has been, and let's hope for a fantastic finish!

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SPORTS

Squan Softball Starts off a Fresh New Season

By: Julia Fahy

After making it through the first round states last year, this year the Manasquan softball team hopes to make it to the top.

"Something I hope to achieve with this team is making it into the Shore Conference Tournament," says junior star player Elena Weinseimer.

The team hopes to make this year the best one, whether that means winning games or just having fun with each other. "My favorite thing about Manasquan softball is the bond with the team and that everyone gets along doing something we all enjoy," says senior Maggie Martin, another one of MHS's star players.



Players talking to coach Hodnett and DVP

"My favorite thing about Manasquan softball is how involved and invested the coaches are in us," says Elena.

Coaching the softball team is Mrs. Hodnett who has been the coach for 5 years. Like the players, she also hopes the team makes it to Shore Conference this year. "My goal as a coach for the team is that they are mentally prepared for each and every situation and able to capitalize on the other team's mistakes," said Coach Hodnett.

According to Maggie, "...our rivals are Wall and SJV. The games are always close and competitive."

College Acceptances

GRACEY TOLOMANOSI

Coastal Carolina University
Charleston Southern
University of New Haven

AVA VUKOVICH

Loyola University Maryland
Sacred Heart University
Quinnipiac University
College of Charleston
Elon University

NATALIE VUKOVICH

University of Delaware
James Madison University
Michigan State University
University of New Hampshire

SOFIA WALL

University of Pittsburgh
Catholic University
Fordham University
UC Boulder
Rutgers University
University of Virginia
Bucknell University

THOMAS WATSON

University of Alabama
University of Louisville
Butler University
University of Pittsburgh
Louisiana State University
Xavier University
Ohio State University
University of Tennessee

LILA WITKIN

University of Delaware
College of Charleston
University of Rhode Island
Penn State University
James Madison University

GRAHAM WEBER

Brookdale

AVA WRIGHT

Virginia Tech
University of Tampa
College of Charleston
Colorado State University
University of Rhode Island

LUKE WOOLLEY

Brookdale
Florida Atlantic University
Rider University
Rowan University

PERCY YASENCHAK

Rowan University

COSTANZA ZAMBRANO

UC Boulder
Rutgers University
The College of New Jersey
University of Vermont

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