



Good News Bulletin

October 2023

OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

We are proud to announce The Students of the Month have been selected for October 2023 They are:

Freshman – Mia Marabuto
Sophomore – Adhya Mukunda
Junior – Janelle Otoo Appiah
Senior – Isabella Heiser

The above students have met the following Criteria:

1. Must meet high academic standards in class.
 2. Exhibit positive character and influence on class/school, dignity, respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, caring, and citizenship.
 3. No unexcused lates of any kind for the month.
 4. No discipline referrals in the last month.
- Congratulations to all of you!



As a member of the junior national USA AAU Taekwondo team, Cameron Massay along with other students around the nation, represented our country in Romania in an elite international tournament. It gives me great pleasure to share that Cameron earned the gold medal! Congratulations on an outstanding accomplishment. We are so proud of you.

GMC Champions!



Girls soccer won the GMC Championship and also won the Red Division

All-Conference Award = Jen Ward, Dani Lovaglio, Sofia Gartner

All-Red Division Award = Jen Ward, Dani Lovaglio, Sofia Gartner and Ava Soares



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the Boy's Cross-Country Team, winning the GMC Conference Meet on October 21. Seniors **Maan Patel (16:27.40)** and **Matthew Lucas (16:36.00)** finished first and second in the meet. Sophomore **James Giordano (12th)**, Junior **Stephen Barbera (13th)**, and Senior **Ryan Daunais (22nd)** rounded out the top five.

ROBOTICS CLUB



On October 5th, 2023, **MTHS Robotics** hosted the first ever Girl Powered workshop during the Women's Leadership Conference hosted by the MTHS Entrepreneurship Club. Girl Powered is an internationally recognized workshop promoting girls in Robotics and STEM. It is an initiative by the REC foundation (incorporating VEX Robotics) with the aim to redefine the face of STEM and to reflect the diversity of the millions pursuing STEM. Led by Mrs. Vanitha Gaurishankar (advisor of MTHS Robotics & PLTW teacher) and her student leaders, the event was extremely successful.

The first half of the session consisted of speeches from notable women engineers in STEM - Aimee Hurst (NJDOT), Cristy Richards and Victoria Kaiser (JAKTOOL). They spoke about their careers, challenges they faced in STEM, and how it helped them become greater leaders in their fields.

Student leader Manvi Sinha then led a hands-on robotics workshop for students from the high school & Monroe and Jamesburg middle schools. They were able to build, and code VEX Go-Bots together in groups. At the end, the goal was to create a Women in STEM parade with images of notable females all across the globe such as Laika- the first dog to fly into outer space, Kalpana Chawla, and Rosalind Franklin to name a few.

Over 30 students attended this event with positive response. Overall, the event was a huge success as a tribute to women in STEM, as well as an addition to the many achievements of the MTHS Robotics Club.



Middle school students building VEX GO Bots



Cristy Richards, CEO of JAKTOOL



Speakers, MTHS Seniors & Mrs. Gaurishankar

Other Student Leaders

Samhita Mattipalli, Loukya Narne, Allison Nieves, Ananya Akanambattu, Akshara Karthik, Manvi Sinha, Ankita Ahlawat, Arushi Chintakayala, & Jenna Palladino



FBLA HAUNTED HIGH SCHOOL

On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, MTHS FBLA chapter once again hosted its annual Haunted High School event! The club helped raise upwards of \$3,000 for Mama Mare Breast Cancer Foundation. In preparation for the event, FBLA members were encouraged to donate bags of candy for 5 membership points per bag. The National Honor Society also encouraged their members to donate bags of candy for the event. 154 FBLA members signed up to volunteer at various stations throughout the event, including a cupcake decorating station and Gasko's Pumpkin decorating. From set-up at 2:30 pm to the clean-up until 8:30 pm, FBLA volunteers received volunteer hours for their contributions.

We would like to thank to all of the clubs and student associations that made this event possible: Environmental Action Club, DECA, the MTHS Freshman Girls Volleyball Team, Girl Up Club, Paws for a Cause, African-American Club, Project F.U.N., Key Club, Muslim Student Association, Spanish Honor Society, Peace Ambassadors, Science National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National English Honor Society, French Honor Society, and Red Cross Club. Additionally, we express our gratitude toward the amazing MTHS faculty that contributed to the success of this event, especially our wonderful custodians, security staff, and club advisors. The event could not have run smoothly without our sponsors at the MTEA, Gasko's Family Farm, Shoprite, and Stop & Shop supermarket.

Finally, FBLA's hardworking Executive Board spent several weeks planning the event with advisers Ms. Jennifer Baum and Mr. Brian Keough. The FBLA Executive Board members are as follows: President Siri Koppiseti, Vice President of Chapter Awards & Recognition Lakshmi Sarsam, Vice President of Community Service Inaya Khan, Vice President of Finance Yashvi Desai, Vice President of Membership Kavya Barathy, Secretaries of Communication Nandhini Kannan and Shaili Patel, Chapter Awards & Recognition Coordinators Dhvani Binu, and Nicholas Alummoatil, Community Service Organizers Vikram Ranganath and Sathvika Lanka, and Webmasters Pranisha Gorty and Yutika Deshpande.



FBLA HAUNTED HIGH SCHOOL CONT'D



KEY CLUB



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FALL RALLY

Over 2,000 Key Clubbers from New Jersey attended the 43rd Annual Fall Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure. The theme was "Children's Books".

HAUNTED HIGH SCHOOL

The first floor was decorated by the many organizations/groups/clubs and classes from Monroe Township High School. The event was sponsored by FBLA, (Future Business Leaders of America). Kids were encouraged to dress up and participate in activities, trick-or-treating, crafts, games, stories and much more.



FALL RALLY

CLEANUP WITH MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Many volunteers came together at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park to help to keep our shoreline clean and beautiful during this statewide event. They also went to Ireland Brook Conservation Area, East Brunswick to Improve trails and work on resoration project.



Key Club

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION ASSOCIATION

Belle Fundraiser

Entrepreneurship & Innovation Association members Simone Mehta and Riva Paripati held an education and fundraising event for ***Belle: Menstruation with Education*** on September 16th at Eliasbrew Cafe. Belle, founded by Simone and Riva, aims to educate people and eradicate the stigma around periods and women's health.

The event included a feminine hygiene product drive, Henna Art, Tote Bag Painting, a trivia game, and readings by students. The collected feminine hygiene products were donated to women's shelters and homeless shelters to help women in need.



Photo: Riva Paripati and Simone Mehta of Belle: Menstruation with Education

Women's Leadership Conference

The Entrepreneurship and Innovation Association held its first annual Women's Leadership Conference on October 5, 2023. The conference featured two incredible keynote speakers: Avani Sarkar, the Co-Founder of Modi Toys, and Margarita Womack, the Founder and CEO MasPanadas. New Jersey State Senator Linda Greenstein, Cristy Richards, the CEO and President of JAKTOOL, and Aimee Hurst, Project Manager at NJ Department of Transportation, were among the presenters in breakout sessions. Hundreds of students and staff attended the event and many more watched the livestream.



Photo: Margarita Womack, PhD, Founder and CEO of Latin Goodness Foods/MasPanadas speaking at the MTHS Women's Leadership Conference on October 5, 2023. Photo by Steven Martinez Vidal

Delaware Connect

EntreX dual-enrollment entrepreneurship class attended Delaware Connect - a University of Delaware entrepreneurship design sprint organized by the Horn Entrepreneurship Center. Students worked on a real-world innovation challenge presented by the Delaware Credit Union.

Ian Fernandes was a member of the winning team.



Photo: MTHS EntreX student Ruhi Kulkarni presenting her team's innovative solution at Delaware Connect. Photo by Connor Hansen.

BOYS SOCCER



Finished the season 16-6-1 en route to a Red Division and Conference championship. The Boys soccer team lost in the sectional state semi-final to eventual Group 4 state champion Princeton 2-1 to end their season.

Individual honors include:

All Red Division Selections - Justin Graham, Nick Sousa, Jacob Battoglia, and Anthony Alborea

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Justin Graham was also nominated to play in the All-State Senior Showcase game held in December.

We are very proud of all of our students and their accomplishments!

