



# Good News Bulletin

## February 2021

### **FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:**

We are proud to announce The Students of the Month have been selected for February 2021. They are:

**Freshman – Harrison Wolk**  
**Sophomore – Lindsay Harrington**  
**Junior – Francesca Giannola**  
**Senior – Rosaleen Regan**

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.
- No discipline referrals in the last month.  
Congratulations to all of you!

### **Girl UP**

On February 25, 2021, Girl Up Club hosted their second annual WAVE Seminar. WAVES, the acronym for Working Against Violence Event Seminar was led by the advisor and Girl Up officers:

Dana Beachum	Advisor
Keerthana Talla	President
Bhavna Dhanvadha-Moni	Vice President
Kristine Carreon	Secretary
Samhitha Thella	Treasurer
Sachi Rele	Director of Advertisement and Media
Emily Carey	Outreach Director

Our mission was to empower the viewers by sharing a wealth of information regarding domestic violence and the conscious behaviors and actions used to oppress women. During the WAVE seminar, members of Girl Up skillfully researched and presented information focusing on four countries: Liberia, India, Guatemala, and Uganda. At the end of each presentation, viewers were provided with information about ways they can help to minimize and ultimately end horrific acts of violence and bias discrimination by providing spectators with resources on how to become involved. Girl Up members encourage every person to FIND THEIR VOICE and THEIR POWER to help others in need.

*"I am only one person. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not allow what I cannot do interfere with what I can do"* Everett Edward Hale

# MTHS Paws For Cause NEWSLETTER

February 10, 2021

## Puppy & Kitten Bowl 2021

### What is the Puppy and Kitten Bowl?

Not everyone enjoys watching the regular Super Bowl, but on Animal Planet you can enjoy the puppy and kitten bowl special. The Puppy and Kitten Bowl are annual television programs that mimic the Super Bowl, but involve animals available for adoption. At home you can watch as four teams of puppies and kittens go into the playoffs. This year we got to see team ruff and team fluff showdown at the puppy bowl. There were 70 different puppies from 22 different shelters this year. In the kitten bowl you can watch as teams compete to win the kitten bowl championship trophy. These cute kittens were from shelters all around the country. You will also be able to enjoy the overwhelmingly cute halftime show, watch as puppies compete to win the cocktail-themed competition.

### Why support the Puppy and Kitten Bowl?

Supporting the puppy and kitten Super Bowl encourages the adoption of shelter dogs and cats. Every dog and cat that competes gets adopted by a loving and welcoming family. These types of shows help give animals without a home a chance to find their forever family. So many different types of breeds of cats and dogs compete that it is hard for a family not to find the perfect match. Especially in these trying times it is amazing to see what an annual TV show can accomplish. So many people abandon their pets every year, having a kitten and puppy bowl gives them a second chance.

**Don't forget to follow the club's Instagram page:**  
**@paws\_for\_a\_cause\_2021**

We always encourage new members to join and come to the meetings. Feel free to add any topics you may be interested in or want to learn about on the discussion board, which can be found on the club's schoology page!

Stay tuned for more information on what organization this year's club members will be fundraising for!

**Don't forget to check out and support these organizations as well:**

See Spot Rescued <https://seespotrescued.org/>

Goats of Anarchy [www.goatsofanarchy.org](http://www.goatsofanarchy.org)



## **MTHS CLUB UPDATES**

### **DECA**

Monroe Township's DECA Chapter competed virtually at the NJ DECA State Career and Development Conference during the month of February, participating in testing, role plays and presentation events. DECA's mission is to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Its guiding principles include academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible and experienced leaders. Our local chapter had 20 finalists, with 10 qualifying to represent New Jersey at the International Career and Development Conference in April where they will compete against DECA members from all 50 states and 8 foreign countries.

Congratulations to the following students who will represent Monroe Township:

Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making—Team of Monisha Kapadia and Seva Soni - 7th Place Overall

Buying and Merchandising Management Team Decision Making- Team of Thanmayee Kavuri and Kenneth Sicat-7th Place Overall

Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making--Team of Audrey Chen and Navya Sharma— 7th Place Overall

Financial Consulting Event—Shourya Kandala – 3rd Place Overall

Integrated Marketing Campaign - Service--Team of Anurag Nimmala and Ishaan Salaskar - 5th Place Overall

Principles of Finance Event—Anshul Chandaliya-3rd Place Overall

### **FCCLA**

Students made Valentine's Day cards with treats for residents of a nursing home facility which will be dropped off by the advisor.

### **Model United Nations**

In this year's competition, which was held virtually, Nivriti Agaram placed second while running for Secretary General and Gautami Kunde and Ria Patel won chair positions for next year.

### **MTHS Dance Team**

Members just completed filming their competition dances to submit to their first virtual competition. Their videos along with the rest of the teams competing in the competition aired on the Varsity Channel on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **National English Honor Society (NEHS)**

- All members served as guest readers, live and/or prerecorded on Zoom, for Applegarth, Brookside, Oak Tree, and Barclay Brook schools. NEHS members read either teacher-prescribed books that complemented the elementary class current unit, or in some cases, they had the opportunity to share their own childhood favorites.
- Members are participating in a Senior Pen Pal Program in which they write letters to cheer up the local senior citizens who have been particularly hard hit and isolated by the pandemic.
- Members are participating in the Reading Buddies Program run by the Monroe Public Library. In this program, our NEHS students are helping young children with reading stories, reading comprehension, and learning vocabulary.

## ART CLUB

This past fall, several of Mrs. Naumiks' art students submitted their artwork into a contest that was held for students throughout the United States. Art pieces were selected for their creativity, originality, self-expression, craftsmanship and skill. Congratulations were just announced to the following students who were selected for this honor from thousands of entries from across the Nation. Their artwork has been published in the anthology CELEBRATING ART. Rachel Hanan, Emma Heiser, Chloe Widmer, Shalika Thappali, Lakshmi Rajula, Jillian Mann, Deidre James, Sana Kakumanu, Sahil Trivedi, Sayika Musuku, Lucas Ma, Cameron Carpenito, Salma Abbassi, Sana Kakumanu, and Eesha Suratia. Search any one of their names at Artsonia.com using our zip code to see their portfolios in our MTHS online gallery.



## Science National Honor Society

- STEM professionals are scheduled to talk about their careers and have a Q/A session in the course of the next few weeks.
- The speakers include: Dr. Camille Rabe (Pharmacist and MTHS alumnus), Dr. Satinder Singh (Family Physician), Harvinder Singh (Software Engineer), Dr. Abigail Agoglia (Biologist, Animal Scientist, Neuroscientist), Paramjyot Singh (Mechanical Engineer), Dr. Mikhail Varshavski (Family Practice Physician and YouTuber)

## TEDx

- TedX has been creating episodes for a Podcast. In addition, TEDx will be hosting its TED Talk virtually in late March.





## BOWLING

Congratulations to  
Anthony Riccardella on a  
Perfect Game ~  
12 Strikes in a row!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## BAND

Congratulations to Band members Matthew Cipriaso and Ahisha Srinivasan. Both students received a level 1 rating at the Arts Ed New Jersey Solo competition which automatically qualifies them for the state festival this spring. In addition, Elizabeth Tota, Joshua Fabricant, Michael Preuster and Anna Yannacci all received **Bronze** ratings.

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

