



Good News Bulletin

March 2022

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

We are proud to announce The Students of the Month have been selected for March 2022 They are:

Freshman – Sophia LoBue
Sophomore – Kyle McCauley
Junior – Nancy Bernal Ramirez
Senior – Nicolette Piro

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!

HOSA

Future Health Professionals

On Friday night, 3/25/22, NJ HOSA held the closing ceremony for the State Leadership Conference. MTHS: HOSA chapter treasurer **Sia Mathur** took **5th place** in the **Medical Reading** competition.

NJ HOSA awarded 5 scholarships statewide to seniors graduating in June. The application process was lengthy including a personal essay, 3 recommendations, and a personal scholarship interview. As the advisor, I am excited and proud to announce our

V.P. of Social Media & Newsletter, Laila Vaysbukh was awarded a **\$4000 Scholarship**.

Congratulations to Sia for placing 5th statewide and Laila for receiving the scholarship!!!

WINTER GUARD



Congratulations to the Winter Guard and Honors Percussion Ensemble on qualifying for WGI finals at their respective WGI regional events in March.

MTHS BAND



Congratulations to the Wind Ensemble for receiving a “Gold” rating and the Symphonic Band for receiving a “Silver” rating at the CJMEA Concert Band Festival.

ACADEMIC TEAM

The MTHS Academic Team recently competed in Round 1 of the annual Allentown Academic Open. Team Monroe 2, composed of seniors Hiba Siddiqui and Sarah Benedicto and juniors Emily Bai and Obai Ahmed placed 1st out of 31 teams and qualified for the playoffs, taking place Friday 4/1/22. Team Monroe 1, composed of seniors Siri Harish and Aditi Mahendran and junior Philip Regalado placed 8th overall, and also qualified for the playoffs. In fact, first place Monroe 2 will face 8th place Monroe 1 in the first round of playoffs. Playoff Results will be sent next weekend. Wish our teams luck!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month provides teachers with an opportunity to feature the stories and voices of black scientists, engineers, and mathematicians in the context of their science instruction. During the month of February, the biotechnology classes at Monroe Township High School participated in a competitive poster-making activity intended to spotlight the contributions of lesser-known African-American scientists and inventors in the field of biotechnology. After choosing a scientist, students researched background information, significant childhood events, major scientific achievements, and the overall impact of the scientist's achievements on society. The posters that were developed with this information were then judged by a panel of MTHS science teachers to determine the most informative and visually stunning poster. While not everyone could be crowned a winner, all students reflected upon and gained a greater appreciation of the achievements and progress made by individuals of African descent in the field of biotechnology.

Congratulations to the winners!

4th place: Hannah Obando, Mia Terranova, Ally Loscalzo - Scientist: Augustus Jackson

3rd place: Ava Patti, Kylie Roy, Nikki Piro - Scientist: George Washington Carver

2nd place: Kade Williams, Ishani Jena - Scientist: Leonidas Berry

1st place: Kayla Doran, Joshika Selvakumar - Scientist: Percy Lavon Julian



This past Monday, March 21st, the Girl Up Monroe executive board along with their advisor, Ms. Beachum, traveled to The Center For Great Expectations in Somerset to drop off over four boxes of feminine hygiene products for women in need!

From December 18th to January 21st, Girl Up Monroe held a Feminine Hygiene Drive in which members worked hard to collect various donations. Items included pads, tampons, shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, and toothbrushes/toothpaste. After a successful drive, a small group of club members gathered with the executive board and assembled close to 50 goody bags for the amazing women in the shelter. As a

club, we feel that it is important to unite efforts and work together to help as many women as possible. We hope to continue our efforts through the Self-Defense Seminar and Work Against Violence Seminar upcoming this year!

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PUFFINS

There are 4 types of puffins, Atlantic puffin, horned puffin and tufted puffin live in the North Atlantic and pacific oceans. The last kind are rhinoceros auklet which breed in pacific waters from southeastern Alaska to Washington. Each spring, thousands of puffins return to the ocean islands to breed, the residents of the main village on Heimaey island formed a puffin control to keep the puffins safe if they wander into town. "2639 pufflings were brought into the Vestmannaeyjar Fish and Natural History Museum to be examined and then released"(Ainsworth).

Puffins have orange beaks and are often called the clowns of the sea or sea parrots because of their colorful beak and expressions. Puffin beaks change to a more duller color right before winter and return to the bright orange color before mating season. Also, the puffins don't just use their wings to swim and get fish for their mates, but can also fly for 55 mph, flapping 300-400 times a minute to stay in the air.

Puffins generally mate for life and have one egg per year, their babies are called pufflings. Puffins are sea birds that get food by driving in the ocean to get fish, much like penguins. Puffin parents can supply their baby with fish about 100 times a day. Puffins have tongues to catch and hold fish, in Britain a puffin set a record of 62 fish in its mouth at a time. Their favorite fish to eat include small fish, such as sand eels, herring, sand eels, hake, and capelin.

Puffins dig burrows in the ground in protected areas away from predators. Puffins live over 20 years, however the oldest puffin recorded was 36 years old. The leg bands to track some puffins erode in their salty habits or rocky areas so it is difficult to know the maximum age.

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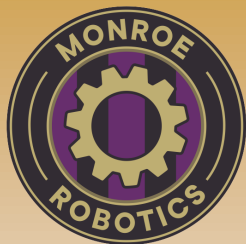
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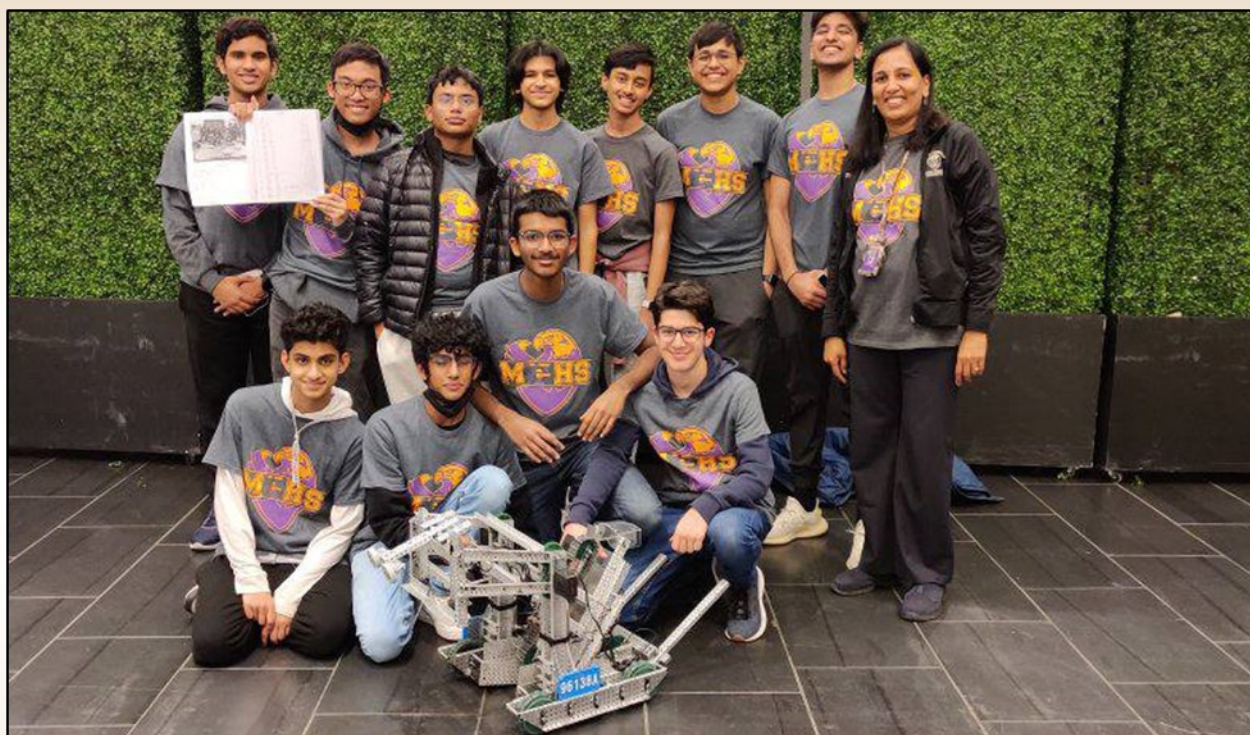
SPRING IS NEAR

As spring starts to approach, so do the holidays that come with it. Easter may be a fun and festive time to spend with your family, and eat tons of chocolate. But with these candies that you may be getting in your basket also brings new dangers into your house for your pets. Chocolate and raisins are extremely dangerous for dogs to ingest. The chemicals processed in chocolate are capable of seriously harming your dog. Along with chocolate the chemical tartaric acid found in raisins can also do serious damage to your pets.

To avoid your pets from ingesting either of these make sure to store your baskets and candy in a high spot where they cannot reach them. If you have candy out on the table in a bowl for others to enjoy, make sure you are watching your pet the entire time it is out, a split-second can make the difference.



MTHS reaches NJ States VEX Robotics Competition



Saturday, March 5th, the Monroe Township High School Robotics Team participated in their first ever VEX Robotics Competition(VRC) State championship at the Bell Labs Holmdel Complex. The team set up their station and began to formulate a plan. After seeing what teams they would be competing with and against, they formulated plans with their alliances to form strategies. Similar to the format of the MTHS Tournament, 30 second autonomous rounds were held before the main two minute driver control rounds. A teamwide effort was made to ensure the robot was running at maximum efficiency while taking it between competition challenges and skills challenges. After all qualifying rounds were completed, the top scoring teams got first pick on who their alliance would be in the elimination rounds. The MTHS Robotics Team had a one of a kind first experience and were immensely motivated by the recognition / certification of appreciation given at the March Board meeting for every team member. This is a great stimulus for the team to keep working and improving as they prepare for next year's competition.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council and Key Club hosted a schoolwide “Hunger Games” to see who could collect the most food for the Middlesex County Replenish Food Bank

46 classes participated and were able to collect 32 bins of food

- 1st Place- Ms. Scalletti's 3A class** (92 boxes of mac and cheese)
- 2nd Place- Ms. Dillion/ Ms. Mascali's 4A class** (84 cans of canned ravioli)
- 3rd Place- Ms. Dillion/ Ms. Mascali's 2A class** (75 boxes of pasta)
- 4th Place - Mr. Byrnes' 2A class** (72 boxes of mac and cheese)



MEDIA CENTER

The Media Center hosted the One Book Read on March 22. The One Book Read is an annual event where students vote to choose a book to read and discuss together. This year's selection was "The Girls I've Been," by Tess Sharpe. Students participated in 5 different stations led by volunteers from the National English Honor Society. The activities included a discussion group, design your own movie poster, book themed Wordle, alternate ending, and one-pager gallery. We would like to thank everyone who submitted one-pagers, volunteered, and participated in our successful event.



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

