

Good News Bulletin March 2023

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

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

Freshman – Bhavishya Jammuladinne Sophomore – Monica Bukowczyk Junior – Marjorie Veras Senior – Megan Lawson-Levy

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!



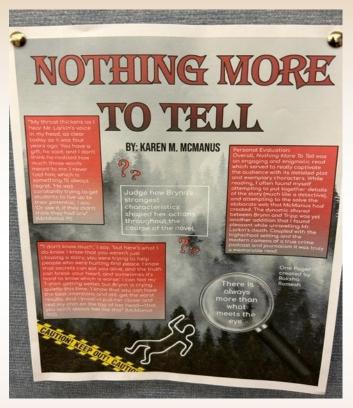
Congratulations to 12th grade AP Visual Arts Students,

Sana Kakumanu and Madision Bell for receiving recognition of artistic accomplishments in the Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival by sharing their creative efforts. These two top Students who excel in the visual arts, have been selected to showcase their work along with their peers from other county schools at the 2023 New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival next month!

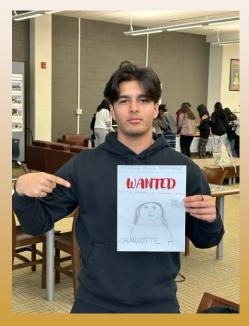
ONE BOOK READ

The Media Center hosted its annual One Book Read event after school on March 9. Over 100 students and staff gathered to participate in activities based on the book "Nothing More to Tell" by Karen M. McManunus. Groups rotated among 4 different stations: Discussion Questions, Wanted Posters, One-pager gallery, and a Scavenger Hunt, following clues to identify the suspects hidden in the library bookshelves. This activity utilized our catalog system, Destiny, along with students deductive reasoning skills, to guide them to the correct locations.

Thank you to our NEHS volunteers for helping the event run smoothly and to Mrs. DeMarco's classes for providing the one-pager gallery.







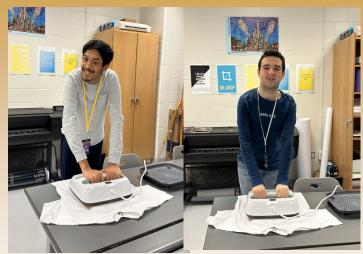


UNIFIED ART

In Ms. Singer's Unified Art Class, students became immersed in the world of Keith Haring. The class learned about Haring's artwork, the meaning behind the figures that he created, and subsequently created their own. Although he is no longer alive, Keith Haring's work is still gaining popularity and you can find it sold on clothing in many different stores today. To commemorate a great project, the class decided to recreate Keith Haring's "Dancing Figures", utilizing the same background, and adding each students' unique figures dancing around the words "Unified Art". These works were then printed and pressed onto t-shirts by the students, creating a unique, and personalized piece of art that they can carry with them throughout their lives, and memories they can look back on fondly.



UNIFIED ART CONT'D









ENTRE X

Two MTHS EntreX entrepreneurship class teams competed in the Regional Venture Showcase, a pitch competition held by the University of Delaware on February 28 at Rutgers University. Harrison Wolk and Dhruv Shetty competed in the Business Venture track with Easy Funds, a digital fundraising and payment system for schools and clubs. Lindsay Harrington and Sara Conenna competed in the Social Venture track with GirlBoss, a women's sports platform designed to create exposure and equity for women's sports and female athletes.



Harrison Wolk and Dhruv Shetty presenting Easy Funds to the panel of judges at the Regional Showcase.

The MTHS Entrepreneurship and Innovation Association is proud to announce that six of our entrepreneurial teams will compete in the STEAM Tank™ Challenge, a New Jersey School Boards Association's K-12 innovation competition.

The chosen student-developed projects include Globe explorer - an eco-tourism app, Study Hungry - an app that acts as a constant companion to help battle procrastination (already launched in Apple's app store!), Coral Reef Restoration Kits, and Belle, a menstruation support platform.

ENTRE X CONT"D

Eric Wong, Dhruv Shetty, and Shaurya Sarma, members of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Association and the LaunchLab conceptualized, built, and launched Study Hungry, a study companion app that helps students avoid distractions, beat procrastination and establish healthy study habits. The app is available for download in Apple's App Store!









BAND



The MTHS Wind Ensemble received a "GOLD" rating at their recent Carnegie Hall performance as well the Central Jersey Music Educators Concert Band Festival. In addition, the Wind Ensemble was selected for the first time in school history as one of the top 4 bands from Central New Jersey. They will perform at a concert on April 30th at Rowan University with 11 other ensembles as the best bands in the state for 2023.

The MTHS Honors Percussion Ensemble was crowned WGI Power East Regional Champions after placing first at a regional competition held at MTHS. The competition featured 40 percussion ensembles from 7 states and MTHS placed first in the Percussion Scholastic Concert Class.

RED CROSS

The Red Cross Club collected and donated 295 pounds of non-perishable goods to the food pantry run by the Red Cross at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.



RED CROSS CONT'D

On March 21, 2023, the Monroe Township Red Cross Club, led by presidents Reyna Patel and Jesi Goldstein, and advisors Ryan Parker and Michelle Ballard hosted its second annual Red Cross Night! First responders from Monroe Township's firefighters, EMS, and police officers attended the event with their emergency vehicles and informative booths. Student representatives from the club presented projects displaying important information the Red Cross provides on preparedness, disaster relief, and blood donations just to name a few. With a nonperishable food donation as an entry fee, the club was able to collect 295 pounds of donations for the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Red Cross food pantry. Children of all ages attended the event to learn more about the American Red Cross and contributing members of the Monroe Township community. The event was a huge success, and the Monroe Township Red Cross Club looks forward to continuing the annual tradition!



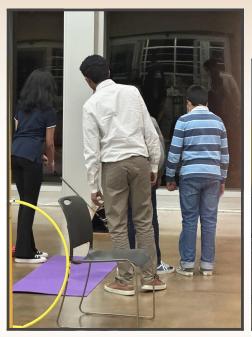




NJ TSA CHAPTERCON 2023

Chapter con was a STEM based competition hosted by Biotechnology High School on Feb 24th, 2023 as part of the NJ Technology Student Association (TSA) initiative to get the students prepared for the NJ TSA State conference.

The competition was an engineering and intellectual challenge requiring teams to put their skills to the test. The competition consisted of three rounds that teams were asked to complete. One of them was an Engineering challenge where students were given a plastic bottle, popsicle sticks, tape, foil and other materials to create a wind powered car that would be going down a one-foot tall ramp.









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bunch of questions based upon Engineering and science in general. The final mini round was a teamwork-based obstacle course. The freshman team finished the entire course within a minute and no mistakes were made.

Finally, the last engineering challenge was that students had to create a building that would withstand an earthquake (simulated by shaking a board that is on top of marbles) and a hurricane (simulated by a hair dryer). Inside the building were 10 cotton balls which shouldn't fall out in order to receive full points. The freshmen team accomplished this and got all the points for this event.





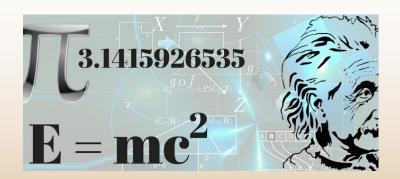


3 teams from Monroe participated; the freshman team (Team B) won the entire competition, beating 14 total teams by ten points!

MATH HONOR SOCIETY



Math Honor Society Celebrated PI-Day on 3/14 in which we had members participate in various competitions including a Pi-Digit Recital, Capture the Flag, and Pi-Day Bingo! Members finished off the wonderful day by enjoying some pie and taking our annual digits of Pi photo!





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

