Good News Bulletin March 2024

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

We are proud to announce The Students of the Month have been selected for March 2024. They are:

Freshman – Adedotun Aderibigbe
Sophomore – Thomas Jude (TJ) Reichel
Junior – Ava Longo
Senior – Anna Yannacci

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!

GIRL UP



As GIRL UP's ongoing commitment to community service., the GIRL UP 4th year FEMININE HYGIENCE drive was a success. On March 14th, the officers of GIRL UP traveled to NJ RISE, to deliver collected products. We were honored with an opportunity to tour the sight, and spend time packaging goods for worthy recipients.

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

Spanish Honor Society's Café Cultural

Café Cultural was the highlight of our winter in the Spanish Honor Society. In this lively event organized by Sra. Carannante and her executive SHS Board members, students signed up to perform on stage or bake dessert items. We had so much interest and talent present that we were able to create a fantastic program with many diverse performances. This included a violin and singing duet, comedic skits, readings of famous Spanish poetry and original poetry, original artwork, and so much more! The baked goods available for attendees included Tres leches cupcakes, Mexican wedding cookies, churros, crepes, and many other desserts served with hot chocolate for our "Winter Warm Up," which was this year's theme. In all, the event was a huge success with people getting exposure to music, dance, poetry, art, and desserts from all around the Spanish-speaking world.

In addition, related clubs such as the Adelante Club were invited to join us and to give presentations on a topic of their choice regarding Hispanic culture. Many other students outside of SHS joined us for our Winter Café to sip hot chocolate and to enjoy the entertaining acts on stage. All attendees truly learned something new regarding Hispanic heritage and cultures. We are so lucky to have such dedicated members and so much musical and artistic talent present in our school. Everyone's positive attitude and active participation on stage made Café Cultural truly incredible this year. It was truly a wonderful experience that encouraged students to step out of their comfort zone and to explore Hispanic culture. The hot chocolate, goodie bags, and delicious desserts also left everyone anticipating our Café Cultural next year!

Thank you so much to the administration for letting us host this event!

Images of the wonderful performers, presenters, and food:









SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY CONT'D























BAND

The Wind Ensemble earned a “GOLD” rating at the Region 2 Concert Band Festival. They received the highest score of all 30 bands from Central NJ and have been invited to the State Band Gala on April 28th at the College of NJ.



The Symphonic Band received their first ever “GOLD” rating at the Region 2 Concert Band Festival.



BAND CONT'D

The Honors Percussion Ensemble won the WGI Power East Regional finishing first in both prelims and finals at the competition held in Toms River.





ART

Congratulations goes out to seventeen MTHS students, both present and past, that have had their ART WORK selected by JURY for inclusion in this past 2023 October's In-Person Community Art Show as well as in the present

Virtual Annual Juried Art Show NOW available for view . What a proud and refreshing intergenerational connection with community through both the 2D and 3D Arts.

The MTCAC 2023 Juried Art Exhibit
Is now available virtually for your viewing pleasure!

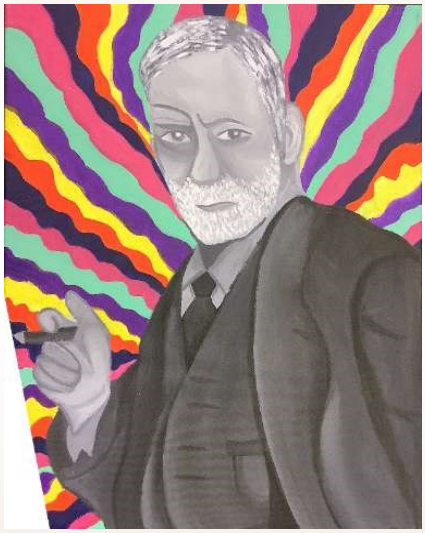
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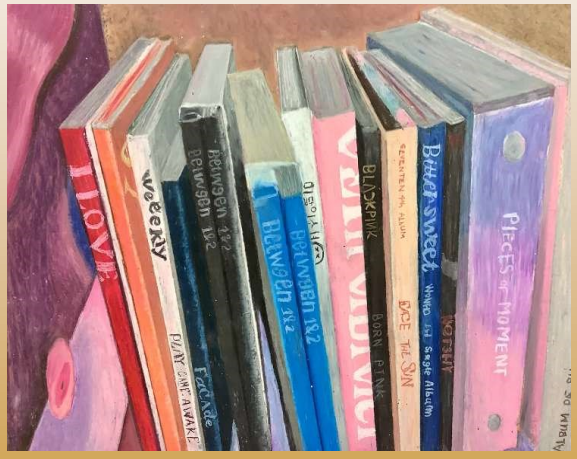
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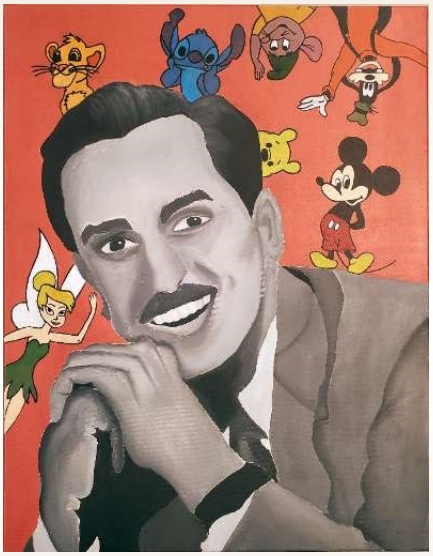
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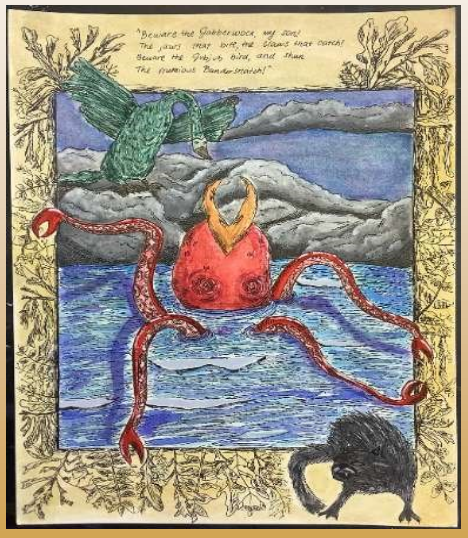
Artist: Naiya Patel



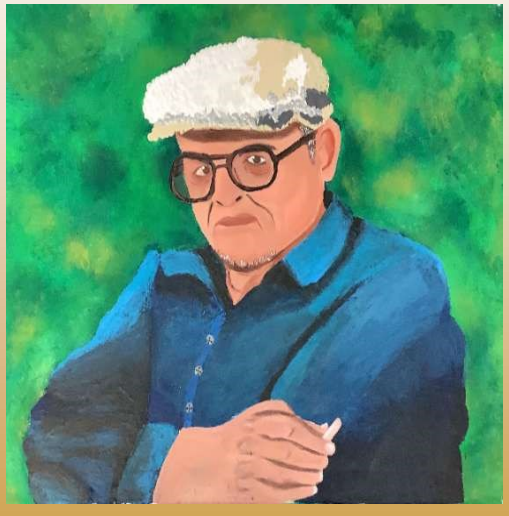
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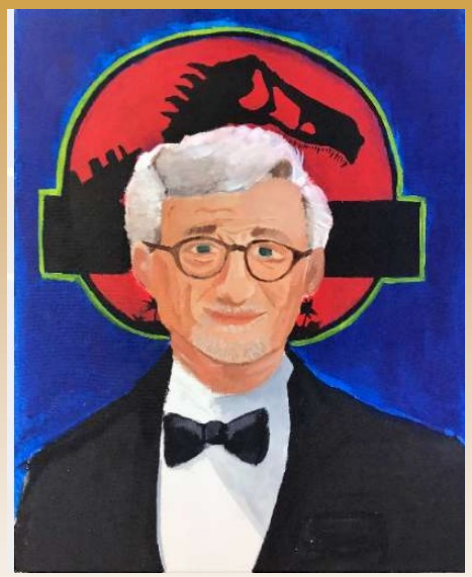


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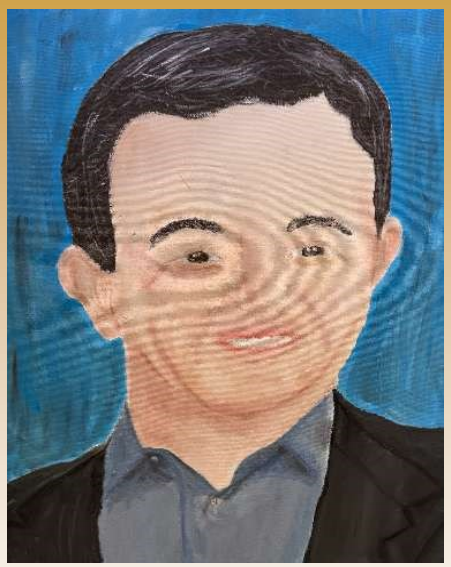


Pooja Shukla

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Siddhi Patil



Penelope Chen



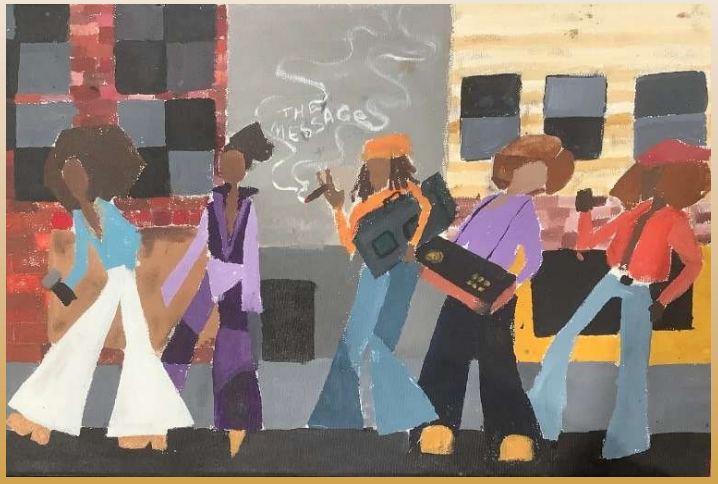
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Megha Gambhirwala



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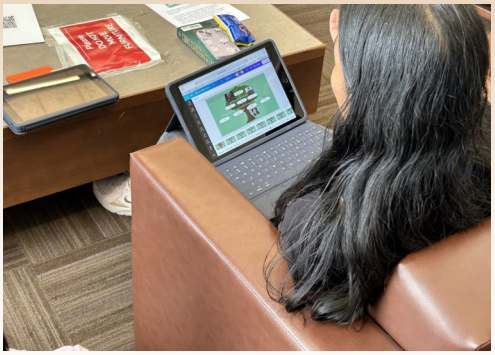


Aja Styles

ONE BOOK READ

The MTHS Media Center held their annual One Book Read Event on March 12. After polling the students, this year's selection was The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes. Approximately 100 students and staff gathered after school to participate in activities based on the novel. Students rotated through five different stations: designing a family tree, a rebus puzzle game, solving word riddles, discussion questions, and a one-pager gallery. Special thanks to Ms. DeMarco and the National English Honor Society for providing the one-pagers and volunteering to lead the stations. And thank you to dining services for providing the after school treats.













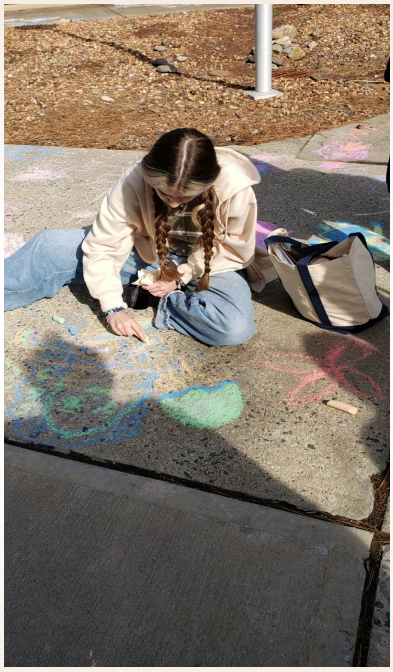
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TEEN ARTS NEW JERSEY

30 of our Visual Arts students artwork was chosen by Mrs. Naumik, Mr. Virelles, Ms. Singer, Mrs. Hawxhurst and Mr. Lombardi to be displayed at the Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival! The Teen Arts Festival is the countywide culminating celebration of the arts dedicated to inspiring New Jersey teen artists, educators, professional artists, and arts advocates from across the state to unite as one grand all-inclusive community. Selected students were invited to attend the festival to view the showcased work from schools all over Middlesex County.

Congratulations to Miriam Abdel Malik, Jason Henry and Mia Ruiz for receiving recognition of artistic accomplishments and having their artwork chosen to represent Monroe Township High School at the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival in June!

Pictured are the artworks selected for the State Teen Arts Festival, as well as our students participating in some of the many workshops that were offered.













Entrepreneurship and Innovation Association

Fishbowl Challenge



On March 26, 2024, the MTHS Entrepreneurship and Innovation Club held their annual Fishbowl Challenge. This competition allowed participants to develop a product, service, or business, and pitch it to a panel of judges. The event was open for all students to compete in, but members of the club had been working on their pitches for several months. There was a great turnout with 12 groups presenting, and many snacks available for viewers to purchase.

Participants were given 5 minutes to pitch their ideas and 3 minutes to answer any questions from the judges. The judges of the competition included Michael Matthews, founder of Orange Key Realtor, Vanitha Gaurishanker, an engineering teacher at MTHS, and Dana Beachum, a finance and accounting teacher at MTHS. The judges provided competitors with insightful advice and critiques, causing participants to think more in depth about their ideas.



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All competitors did an incredible job at creating engaging and interesting proposals. For many, it gave them an experience with creating and presenting pitches in the business world. For others, they gained a chance to develop their public speaking skills and participate in new opportunities.



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Prism View, a projector made from recycled materials that makes teaching easier, cheaper, more accessible. Developed by Diya Modi, Loukya Narne, Anish Padma, and Ashwika Bodicherla.

Road Beam, an innovative solution to protect drivers and deer on dark roads. Developed by Ishika Gandhi, Jannat Zaanoun, Jiya Soni, and Meghana Vellampalli.



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TherapyForMe, an app that makes therapy easily accessible right at your fingertips. Developed by Nikhil Thummala.

Although all participants did wonderful, 3 presentations were chosen by the judges to be awarded. In first place was AgriTech by Aveeka Agrawal, in second place was Modu-Cycle by Kartikeya Yadavalli, Param Ghetia, and Akilan Prabhu, and in third place was Electric Flow by Anish Nilesh and Aatish Sabari. Additionally, Mrs. Vitalin and the EIA board felt an additional group deserved recognition because of their hard work and courage to compete, and presented an award to CommuniTech, developed by Sophia Winfough and Divya Das.



Thank you to all of the competitors for participating and congratulations to all the winners! The EIA is excited to continue growing the competition and to see all of the new ideas next year.

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