Good News Bulletin
September 2022

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

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

Freshman – Zachary Carmichael
Sophomore – Joshua Hernandez
Junior – Julianna Seixero
Senior – Sofia Marretta

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!

MTHS COMMUNITY SERVICE

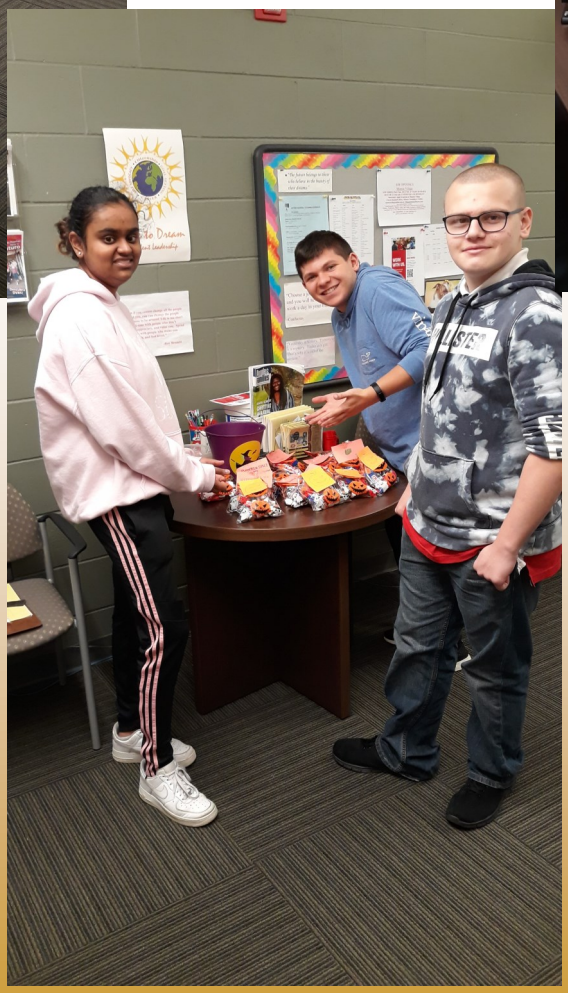
Monroe Township School District received school supplies kits through the Staples 2022 Community Give Back Program. Some students in the elementary schools in the township, at MTMS, and at MTHS were the recipients of kits containing pencils, pens, highlighters, markers, erasers, and glue. **Shreya Chonkar**, a senior student at MTHS that has Work-Based Learning this year at the high counted out 300 supply kits from 25 cases to distribute the proper amount to send to each school. **Erica Friedman,** the District Transition Coordinator at M.T.H.S. secured and received the donation from Staples once the Monroe Township Board of Education approved acceptance of this donation.

MTHS COMMUNITY SERVICE CONT'D

Students from M.T.H.S. assembled 95 Halloween Treat bags for children of families in need that receive a monthly food distribution from *The Deacons' Food Cupboard* in Jamesburg. Each bag included a variety of delicious treats. The students that assembled the bags are **Noah Black, Shreya Chonkar, and Micheal Ditullio** along with **Erica Friedman,** the District Transition Coordinator at M.T.H.S. and paraprofessional **Virginia Ullrich.** A shout-out to **Noah Black** for the nice artwork he included on each gift tag attached to every bag.









Mrs. Vanitha Gaurishanker Named Project Lead the Way Outstanding Teacher

Late in August, we were notified that Mrs. Vanitha Gaurishanker (Teacher of Technology Education, MTHS) was identified as one of 57 teachers in the United States of America for the designation of **Project Lead the Way Outstanding Teacher**. It is also important to note that within this designation, Mrs. Gaurishanker is only one of 13 teachers nationwide to earn this recognition for **Engineering**.

"Mrs. G." entered our district six years ago. In her role as a teacher of technology education, she has served as the chief architect for the Monroe Township School District's engineering and competitive robotics programs. Mrs. G. teaches all levels of engineering and robotics to all types of learners. As the head coach of the high school's competitive robotics team, she works tirelessly to ensure her hundreds of students are given the opportunity to explore the dynamic nature of engineering, programming, and robotics content.

Mrs. G. maintained a cutting-edge engineering and robotics program throughout the pandemic to avoid any slowing of our initiative's development. She can often be found in the classroom at all hours of the day, with both her robotics team and students, guiding them through the various stages of the design process. Mrs. G. is a consummate professional and instructional leader. In addition to offering high-level instruction and program management, Mrs. Gaurishanker has quietly (officially and unofficially) mentored dozens of teachers and students, which has resulted in the well-publicized build-out of our district's engineering and robotics initiative.

This recognition is significant given the nationwide commitment to teaching STEM within diverse public school systems. The efforts of Mrs. Gaurishanker have allowed the Monroe Township High School to simultaneously build-out highly competitive and rigorous programming alongside full-inclusive, adaptive STEM programming that prepares all learners for relevant, 21st-century post-secondary experiences. Mrs. Gaurishanker's leadership has significantly enhanced the overall academic culture of our school district and has resulted in countless new opportunities for all learner types.

Here is the official link: https://www.pltw.org/experience-pltw/national-awards-and-recognition

ENGINEERING CLUB

Congratulations to Anshul Chandaliya, who participated in the Governor's School of Engineering & Technology (GSET) at Rutgers University this past summer. He took four classes related to math, science, and engineering, and completed a research project regarding autonomous solar tracking, using 3D printing and machine learning algorithms. Aside from academics, he toured several prominent engineering companies and completed engineering challenges within the program, getting the chance to network with professionals. Congratulations!





ART CLUB

Sharing an outstanding sampling of nine total MTHS STUDENT ARTWORKS juried for the **Monroe Township Community Juried Art Exhibit**. Most on public display at the Monroe Township Library within the month of October and forthcoming to be included in a virtual art Show for the remainder of the year to be announced at www.monroetownshipcultural.com

CONRATUILATIONS to ALL the following students for stepping outside the classroom studio & sharing their talents with our community at large: **Sahil Trivedi, Madison Bell, Sophia Lebow, Morgan Hoiberg**.

Jennah Ayoubi



Sana Kakumanu



Sophia Papasso



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