



Good News Bulletin

OCTOBER 2024

OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

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

Freshman – Ashley Trivino
Sophomore – Jenna Naoum
Junior – Isabella Grippa
Senior – Henry Rosales

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!



"The MTHS Marching Band performed at Rutgers' SHI Stadium on Saturday, October 29th at the Bands of America New Jersey Regional Competition. After their preliminary performance against schools from Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, and NJ, our band was invited to perform in finals competition; this is the second time the band has attended an event of this size and first time in school history to make Finals Competition!

The band will perform at their final competition, the NJMBDA State Championships, on Sunday, November 3rd, at TCNJ.

October Newsletter

Key Club

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Fall Rally

Key clubbers took a trip to six flags and interacted with other members. This event was a kickoff to the service year which all members enjoyed. The purpose of this event was for all members of Key Club from New Jersey to learn from, and listen to lieutenant governors speak about how to be involved, as well as fulfill our roles as keyclubbers.



Beach Sweep

Key club members made their efforts to clean the beach by picking up litter. This service project helps the environment by reducing pollution and keeps beaches clean for locals, and tourists.



Haunted high school

An event in which Key Club helped kids have a fun Halloween! We had many activities including spider/monster making and cauldron picking. Spider/monster making allowed key clubbers to have hands on experience working with children and teaching them how to make a spiders or monsters using yarn. Cauldron picking challenged kids to pick candy out of a cauldron using chopsticks or tongs. Both activities were a success!



Fall Fundraiser

Key clubbers will experience hands on business during this fundraiser. The fundraiser is from "Gifts 'n Things & Yankee Candle." If students sell 3 items, they will earn 1 hour. This fundraiser is to raise money to fund senior scholarships.

Food Drive

A drive to help those who are struggling with affording food. Non-perishables like canned vegetable and soup are recommended.

Parker House of Monroe

An event in which key clubbers will volunteer at a senior home. They will interact with residents, play games, and talk about their interests.

FBLA

On Wednesday, October 23, 2024, the MTHS FBLA chapter once again hosted its annual Haunted High School event! The club helped raise \$3825 for Mama Mare Breast Cancer Foundation. In preparation for the event, FBLA members were encouraged to donate bags of candy for 5 membership points per bag. The National Honor Society also encouraged its members to donate candy for the event. 179 FBLA members signed up to volunteer at various stations throughout the event, including a cupcake decorating station and a Wheel of Fortune. These members received volunteer hours for their contributions from set-up at 2:30 pm to clean-up at 8:30 pm.

We would like to thank all of the clubs and student associations that made this event possible: Environmental Action Club, DECA, the MTHS Freshman Girls Volleyball Team, Girl Up Club, Paws for a Cause, Project F.U.N., Key Club, Muslim Student Association, Spanish Honor Society, Peace Ambassadors, GSA, TED-Ed, Unified, Class of 2028, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Math Honor Society, French Honor Society, and Red Cross Club. We also express our gratitude toward the amazing MTHS faculty who contributed to the event's success, giving special thanks to our wonderful custodians, security staff, and club advisers. Of course, the event could not have run smoothly without our sponsors at the MTEA, 99 Cent Plus Outlet, Gasko's Family Farm, ShopRite, and Stop & Shop supermarket.

Finally, FBLA's hardworking Executive Board spent several weeks planning the event with advisers Ms. Jennifer Solomon and Mr. Brian Keough. The FBLA Executive Board members are as follows: President Nicholas Alummootil, Central Region VP Dhvani Binu, Executive VP Kavya Barathy, Chapter Awards and Recognition VP Nandhini Kannan, Membership VP Vikram Ranganath, Community Service VP Akilan Prabhu, Finance VP Pranav Puranik, Chapter Awards Coordinator Laasini Kavuri, Chapter Awards Coordinator Apramatt Bharadwaj, Awards Leader Arnav Chintakayala, Community Service Organizer Adharsh Krishnan, Community Service Organizer Aniya Thaker, Membership Coordinator Alina Chaudhary, Membership Coordinator Arjun Bandaru, Secretary of Communication Sudiksha Prassanna Kumar, Secretary of Communication Ananya Akanambattu, Webmaster Hasini Pasupuleti, and Webmaster Arun Subramanian.



FBLA CONT'D



Adarsh Krishnan, Jafar Rizvi, Pranav Puranik, Nicholas Alummoovil, Apramatt Bharadwaj, Arnab Chintakayala, Vikram Ranganath



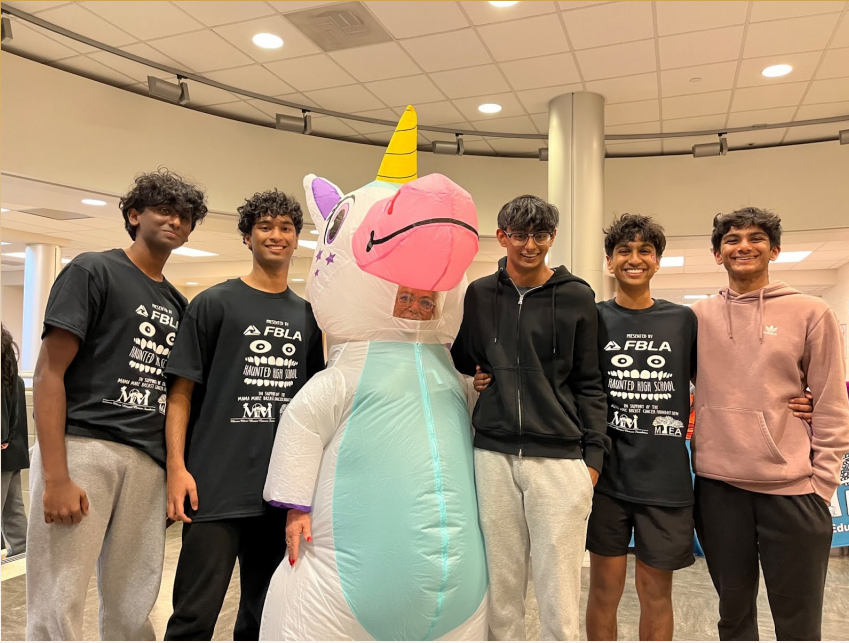
Chloe Suryadi, Adhya Mukunda, Shreya Harish, Nila Beatrice Angappan, Jiya Parikh, Rithika Lanka



Niami Anand, Amulya Gowda



FBLA CONT'D



Shubham Byram, Arnav Mani, Om Delada, Dev Patel, Aditya Alvekar

Saketh Dintakurti, Nitil Janyavula





GMC CHAMPIONS!



**Varsity won
1-0 over Old Bridge**

**JV won
1-0 over East Brunswick**



PLTW National Summit *San Diego 2024*

In early October, Mrs. Vanitha Gaurishanker was invited to serve as a presenter and panelist at the 2024 Project Lead the Way (PLTW) National Summit in San Diego, CA.

The PLTW National Summit is a massive professional learning conference that connects K-12 Technology Education instructors, specializing in K-12 STEM education, from across the country. Mrs. Gaurishanker earned the honor to represent the MTSD & serve as a panelist on the topic of: "Unlocking the Power of Partnerships: Best Practices for Building Community Partnerships".

During her presentation, Mrs. Gaurishanker highlighted the opportunities & benefits the Monroe Township High School has been able to generate for students & staff in our PLTW Engineering & Computer Science track. Mrs. Gaurishanker highlighted the role community partnerships have played in allowing our district to maintain pace with these rapidly evolving/growing content areas.

Unlocking the Power of Partnerships: Best Practices for Building Community Partnerships

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Thursday, October 3, 2024 - 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM PT (UTC)
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This session will explore the Community Partnership Framework featured in the PLTW Teacher Guides. Gain fresh insights, exchange ideas with fellow educators, and discover how to cultivate strong community partnerships. Hear directly from teachers who have successfully integrated community partnerships into their PLTW curriculum. Learn the essential steps to kickstart your own local industry collaborations. You'll also receive a template that will help you visualize and plan potential community partnerships in your area.

About this session

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Our unique ability to repurpose existing and new resources between all our high school's programs and finding multiple ways to help the students benefit from industry/college level experts was the primary focus of the presentation." noted Mrs. Gaurishanker.

During the presentation, which was attended by nearly 100 educators, industry professionals & school leaders, Mrs. Gaurishanker discussed the following:

- Lockheed Martin | Mentorship program for the MTHS AP Computer Science Principles classes, the opportunity to attend their annual CODE Quest & CYBER Quest competitions & internships for MTHS alumni.
- New Jersey Department of Transportation | Capstone expert consultation & final presentation critique/analysis, speaker at the Girl Powered Workshop session as a breakout session during the Women's Leadership Conference, contact for a new robotics competition hosted by the NY/NJ Port Authority.
- Rutgers University & N.JIT | Current post-secondary student teams & robotics club alumni, expert consultation & assistance with the annual, regional VEX Robotics Competitions at the MTHS.
- JAKTOOL Engineered Solutions | Visiting engineers for the mid-year and end-of-year presentations for our Capstone Engineering classes & regional VEX Robotics Competitions, speakers for the Girl Powered Workshop to showcase, annual field trips & internships for current students & alumni.
- Monroe Township Department of Public Works, Water Works & Police Department | Expert consultation to support capstone classes.
- Monroe Township Public Library | Showcasing high school robots at the annual MakeFest to support youth learning & engagement.

AVID

On September 30th at Monroe Township Middle School, the AVID 12 tutors (current seniors who are a part of the Work-Based Learning: School-Based Internship program) hosted teachers and administrators from the Robbinsville School District. Under the direction of Ms. Christine Viszoki (MTMS) and Ms. Renata MacKenzie (MTHS), the AVID 12 tutors modeled a tutorial session with current AVID 8th graders, met with Monroe and Robbinsville leadership, and facilitated a panel discussion on the program. The students then participated in an AVID Contract Signing Ceremony. The visiting school's team of curriculum specialists, teachers, and administrators were thoroughly impressed with the enthusiasm and knowledge of the senior AVID students, and look forward to using their insight to help build their AVID program.

Fall season Individual and team sport awards:

Boys Soccer:

All Red Division – Aidan Ayar, Christopher Durant, Christian Tay & Nate Offenberg

All Conference – Aidan Ayar & Christopher Durant

Girls Soccer: GMC Champions (back-to-back)

All Red Division – Sofia Gartner, Jayme Beninda, Misan Uduaghan, Angelina Rocha & Meridith Artz

All Conference – Sofia Gartner, Jayme Beninda & Misan Uduaghan

Girls Volleyball:

All Red Division – Natalie Grant & Sarah Levy

All Conference – Natalie Grant

Gymnastics:

All Conference At Large – Keisha Gandhi

Field Hockey: GMC Sportsmanship Team

All Red Division – Daniella Rubino

All Conference – Daniella Rubino & Victoria De Sousa e Melo

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

