



Good News Bulletin

FEBRUARY 2025

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

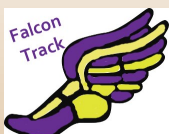
We are proud to announce The Students of the Month have been selected for February 2025. They are:

Freshman – Yidan Wong
Sophomore – William Ruckdeschel
Junior – Emily Cugini
Senior – Charlotte Bertoni

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!

WINTER TRACK



Congratulations to **Stephen Barbera** and **James Giordano** on both winning the county championship in their respective races. Stephen lapped the field with a time of 9:31.16 in his 3200 m race and James set a new personal best of 4:31.88 in his 1600m race. They both will compete in a couple of weeks at the NJSIAA Sectional Championship meet.

ATHLETICS

Exciting news from the MTHS Athletic Department:

The **Wrestling Team** won their first-ever State Sectional title in MTHS history, defeating the favored Old Bridge High School 34-31.

The **Ice Hockey Team** also defeated Old Bridge, coming back from two goals down, to win their second Kolodny Cup (GMC Championship) in a row.

Evangelina Francisco led her team to a GMC tournament win, becoming Monroe Township High School's all-time leading scorer in girls' basketball history.

Steven Barbera won the State Sectionals in the 3200-meter race for Indoor Track, running a personal best time of 9:27.26. Steven's time is considered Elite and a Gold Standard by [MileSplit US](#)., meaning Steven is considered first-team all US for this event.

Bowling: Aiden Wysokowski -Third in the State individual tournament. **Aidan Hoppe** – Seventh in the State individual tournament.

Competition Cheer: The Purple Competition Cheer won a State Championship in the Intermediate All Music Large Varsity Division.

Winter season athletic recognitions:

Ice Hockey - All Conference - **Douglas Jorgensen, Peyton Million, and Cameron Schwartz**

Girls Basketball - **Evangelina Francisco** (All Division, All Conference), **Kiera Longs**- (2nd Team All Division), **Zoe Wilcher** – (2nd team All Division)

Boys Basketball – All Division **Braeden Hoiberg and Logan Fotiadis**

Swimming: All Conference & All Red Division – **Jenevieve Warner, Brandon Anand and Aidan Lui.**

All Red Division – **Jorden Barnett**

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Key Club

February 2025

Arts and craft night

Key club collaborated with the Monroe Township Middle School's Builders Club to host an inside out mental health themed arts and craft night! There were various stations with arts and crafts including cookie decorating, bookmark making, shrinky dinks, joy ride, slime making, coloring, face painting, and sensory box's. This event was a huge success!



Coat Drive

Key club held a coat drive from February 11th to the 24th! Thank you to all those who donated, we appreciate your kindness!

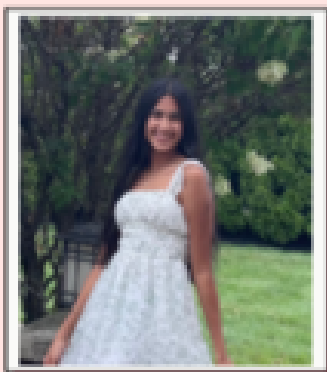


Crumbl Cookie Fundrasier

Key club held a fundraiser on February 13th in order to raise money for DECON to lower the cost. This event was a success, all cookies sold out!

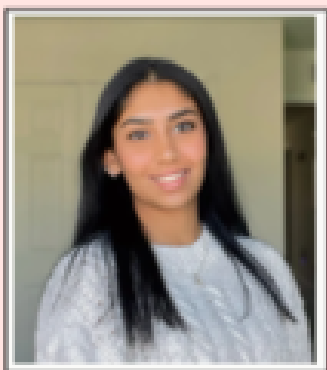


KEY MEMBERS OF THE MONTH!!!



Siya Desai

Our first key member of the month is Siya Desai. She has volunteered in many events for key club, as well as doing volunteering on her own. Siya is currently our clubs advocacy liaison and always does her best! Thank you so much for your hard work!



Ashrita Billanuka

Our second key member is Ashrita Billanuka. Ashrita has helped out our club in many ways like volunteering at Oak Tree Elementary School PTA events. She also attended our beach sweep and helped with Grandparent's day along with the Bridge of Books marathon. Lastly, she has also assisted with the Teacher Appreciation dinner. Thank you so much for your dedication to our club, we appreciate you very much!



Rahul Arunachalam

Our last key member of the month is Rahul Arunachalam! With over 30 hours of service this year, Rahul has greatly helped out our club. He has volunteered for our NJ Rise events and also does volunteering for other clubs. Thank you for your service!

SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

The Speech and Debate Team participated in the Bridgewater Invitational tournament this month.

1st place in Original Oratory Speech - Krish Kshatriya

2nd place in Original Oratory Speech - Sahithi Pakeeru

3rd place in JV Public Forum Debate- Simran Singh & Rithika Panchumarthi

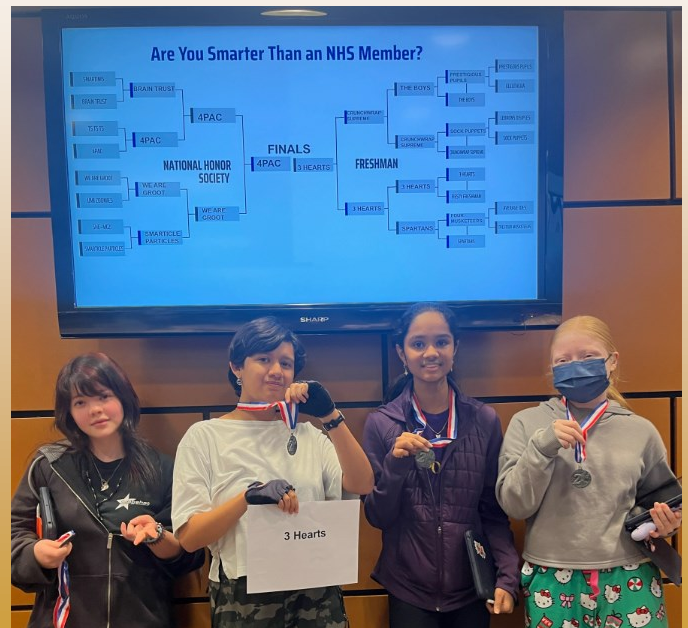
Additionally, Krish has qualified and been invited to participate in the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



On Thursday, February 20, 2025, MTHS Class of 2028 students competed against MTHS NHS Members, in the 1st Annual "Are You Smarter Than NHS Members?" Competition in the Commons to a packed audience. NHS Officers, Aarav Modi, Amulya Gowda, Anurag Kolla, Adharsh Krishnan, and Joel Abraham, worked together with NHS Advisors, Ms. Beachum and Ms. Dale, to organize and plan the event. The NHS Officers created competition brackets, question banks and emceed the event, taking turns asking questions to our teams. We also had audience participation. Our teams competed in a single elimination style tournament, and they all did a great job! Our teams were very competitive, and some rounds were super close! As we moved through the competition, it all came down to **Team 4PAC** (Pranjal Soni, Akilan Prabhu, Benjamin Kitaygorodsky, Abishek Anand, and Joseph Kirk) representing MTHS NHS Members and **Team Three Hearts** (Keyuri Patel, Kaitlyn Calleja, Grey Aviles, and Jeanine Miles), representing the Class of 2028. Down to a 3 to 3 score, Team 4Pac answered the winning question and were awarded 1st place medals. Team Three Hearts received 2nd Place medals. Congratulations to all!



BAND

MTHS welcomed internationally acclaimed band composer Carol Brittin Chambers to the district from San Antonio, TX. As part of her time in Monroe, she worked with the HS Symphonic Band (Shawn Nagpal, Director). Ms. Chambers instructed our symphonic band students and gave them great feedback and tips as they prepare for the upcoming CJMEA Concert Band Festival as well as Spring performances.



Congratulations to the following students on their acceptance and participation in the New Jersey Music Educators Association's Competition! These students were accepted into this honors ensemble based on their audition against several other high school students from across the state.

All State Treble chorus - **Sai Brinda Bhupatiraju , Ivanna Samuel , Saanvi Shringare , Gabrielle Siochi**

All State Wind Ensemble - **Eric Crowley – Percussion, Preston Masigla - Percussion**

All State Symphonic Band - **Aidan Lin - Percussion , Edward Tsistinas - Trombone**

WIND ENSEMBLE

The Monroe Township HS Wind Ensemble performed for the first time at the New Jersey Music Educators Association Convention which was held in Atlantic City from February 20th – 22nd. MTHS was one of the many ensembles invited to perform at this annual conference which recognizes outstanding groups from across the state.



BIOTECHNOLOGY CONCEPTS

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 Concepts classes at Monroe Township High School participated in a competitive poster-making activity intended to spotlight the contributions of African American scientists and inventors in the field of biotechnology. After choosing a scientist, students researched background information, significant childhood events, major scientific achievements, challenges overcome, 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!

1st Place- Chaarumathi Dheeban Vannamoli, Jiya Patel, Madhura Rane and Akshara Vruddula

2nd Place- Henry Rosales Mercado

3rd Place- Anshu Karee, Alka Patel and Arya Patel

Honorable Mention- Francesca Bruno, Avamarie DiBenedetto, Jessica Grace and Christa Tramontana

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

