



Good News Bulletin

JANUARY 2026

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

We are proud to announce The Students of the Month have been selected for January 2026. They are:

Freshman – Iman Saidu
Sophomore – Isabella LaGrasso
Junior – Samantha Taylor
Senior – Kyle Fernandes

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!



BOWLING

Congratulations to the **Boys Bowling Team** and their coach, **Andrew Isola**. After beating the number 1 and 2 teams in the state, the Monroe Township Boys Bowling Team is now ranked **#1 in the State of New Jersey.**

Also, our Boys Bowling Team, who set a new **MTHS Record and State Record with a 1313 (5-Person) Game Score** at their match against St. Joes High School. This score grants the team an automatic qualification for the **2026 USHSB National Championship.**

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations to Josephina Corona on winning a NHS National Scholarship!

NHS Scholarship Winners Announced!

We're excited to share that Monroe Township High School has an NHS Scholarship Winner:

Winner(s): [Josephina Corona](#)

Award Level: [National Semifinalist](#)

Award Amount: [\\$3,200.00](#)

Their dedication to scholarship, service, leadership, and character has earned them this prestigious recognition. Since its inception, the NHS Scholarship program has awarded over \$30 million to exceptional student leaders like **Josephina Corona**.

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A NHS MEMBER

Thank you to all the NHS Members and Class of 2029 students that registered and competed in the **2nd Annual Are You Smarter Than NHS Members?** Competition! It was a battle to the end with questions from a variety of categories and ultimately the Class of 2029 "Great Gladiators" team (Aarav Jain, Gabriel Da Silva, Jayratnadeep Lingipalli, Vihaan Vandamsetty, Sahil Mehta) taking 1st Place in the final round against NHS Members "GK Secret" team (Anish Niles, Vihar Uppalapati, Aditya Mote, Ruthvik Saidala, Hriday Upadhyay). Congratulations to our winners and to everyone who participated!



SPEECH AND DEBATE



Arjun Kulkarni, a 10th-grade student who serves as secretary of our Speech & Debate Team, competed at the Pennsbury Falcon Invitational Tournament in Fairless Hills, PA, where he earned third place out of 45 entries.

Thanks to consistently strong performances across multiple tournaments this season, Arjun has qualified for both the NJSDL State Championship in March and the University of Kentucky National Tournament of Champions in April—an outstanding accomplishment!

In the coming weeks, Arjun will continue to represent MTHS at several major tournaments: February at the University of Pennsylvania Speech & Debate Tournament; Harvard National Speech & Debate Tournament; at the Montville Invitational.

Additionally, our team attended the Freehold Township High School Winter Invitational held in January. Two of our board members earned trophies in the Original Oratory category: Arjun placed second, and Sahithi Pakeeru placed fifth.

Sahithi is an 11th-grade student and serves as our team's Vice President of Speech. She and Arjun will be joined by the rest of our board and our largest competitive group of the year at the upcoming Bridgewater Invitational Tournament on Saturday, February 28.

On January 16th, NJIT – Maayana Medovoy a freshman at NJIT’s Hiller College of Architecture and Design (School of Architecture) came to visit the High School to share her college experience with our PLTW CEA students.



While Maayana was presenting to the class, (which was a seat that she once held), I could not help but notice how her presentation skills had improved tremendously. When I complimented her about this, she said that she is always doing presentations at NJIT. The way that she spoke about her experiences was in a way that the students could understand and relate too. She spoke about the rigor of the program and explained some of the projects that she worked on. For example, Maayana really found the “Rock Project” super challenging. Who would think that there is an architectural interest in rock? There were



other projects that she shared with the students that captivated their interest. When Maayana took PLTW CEA she designed an Architectural Farmhouse which was one of the best projects in all the PLTW CEA classes that I have taught. She also mastered manual drafting, AutoCAD and Autodesk Revit computer skills which are going to be an asset to her college career.

Her exposure to the different courses and skills learned here at Monroe High School helped to shape her into the outstanding student that she is undoubtedly will continue to be.

Our programs here at Monroe: Drafting, Drafting and Design, CAD, and PLTW CEA are preparing students for college admission and student success.



I am so very proud of our Monroe graduate that I have had the pleasure of teaching and mentoring for the past four years.



Congratulations to the Boys Wrestling Individual GMC Champions. **Anthony Caponegro (12)** – 138 pounds, **Nick Cavallo (12)** – 132 pounds, **Kyle Capodanno (10)** – 106 pounds.



Congratulations to our high school cheer teams. In their first competition of the year at Woodbridge High School, the **Gold Team** came in second in the advanced category, and the **Purple Team** finished first in the intermediate category.

The Monroe Boys Winter Track team placed 3rd overall at the GMC Relay Championships. Helping to contribute to the 3rd place finish were team performances from the following athletes:

- **4x200m relay team (2nd place; 1:34.02)**: Jayden Boyd-Williams, Adedotun Aderibigbe, Shashaank Kapa, Nishanth Tamma
- **4x400m relay team (1st place; 3:33.91)**: Shreesh Santhosh, Adedotun Aderibigbe, Shashaank Kapa, Nishanth Tamma
- **Sprint Medley relay team (3rd place; 3:46.36)**: Joe Latona, Adedotun Aderibigbe, Shashaank Kapa, Nishanth Tamma
- **Distance Medley relay team (3rd place: 11:11.07)**: Veer Agarwal, Shreesh Santhosh, Aryan Bhatt, James Giordano

Congratulations to the following members of the Boys Winter Track Team for breaking the respective school records in their events.

Adedotun Aderibigbe (55m) – 6.62 seconds at the South Jersey Track Coaches Meet #3

Nishanth Tamma (200m) – 22.37 seconds

Nishanth Tamma (400m) – 49.62 seconds, both at the South Jersey Track Coaches Meet #5.

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

