



# Good News Bulletin

## FEBRUARY 2026

### FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

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

**Freshman – Jazzy Antony**  
**Sophomore – Zoey Runtevski**  
**Junior – Ava Leung**  
**Senior – Jake Evanchik**

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!

### **BHM—BIOTECHNOLOGY CONCEPTS**

Black History Month provides teachers with an opportunity to feature the stories and voices of black scientists, engineers, inventors, 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 and district supervisors 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- Klara Hinen and Allana Mehra

2nd Place- Vedant Bangad and Hriday Upadhyay

3rd Place (tie)- Kaanchi Ashar, Aditi Khanna, Diya Daddala and Craig McPherson

## SPEECH AND DEBATE



The Speech & Debate team attended the Bridgewater Invitational.

Out of our 10 debate teams competing across two categories, 7 advanced to the semifinal round—an incredible accomplishment in such a competitive field. Of those, 4 teams earned finalist trophies. In addition, 3 of our students advanced to the semifinal round in their respective speech categories.

I was especially proud of how our students conducted themselves throughout the entire 14-hour day. They were consistently polite, supportive, and professional. They encouraged one another between rounds, demonstrated resilience in tough matchups, and represented Monroe with integrity and class at every turn.

They truly made me proud and reflected so positively on our school community.

## SPEECH AND DEBATE CONT'D



The actual individual student results:

### Public Forum Debate

#### Novice Finalists:

- 4th PLACE: Saanvi Billa (10th grade) & Keerthana Nuti (10th grade)
- 6th PLACE: Krish Mathur (10th grade) & Lillian Zhou (10th grade)

#### JV Finalists:

- 5th PLACE: Rishi Bidwai (11th grade) & Arjun Sarsam (11th grade)
- 6th PLACE: Rishit Chandra (10th grade) & Aarush Dhavane (10th grade)

#### JV Semifinalists:

- Vani Shah (11th grade) & Sheinali Mehta (11th grade)
- Sahil Mathur (10th grade) & Aahan Bhatnagar (10th grade)
- Ishta Bhoomireddy (11th grade) & Aashi Sharma (11th grade)

### Original Oratory Speech

#### Semifinalists:

- Arjun Kulkarni (10th grade)
- Sahithi Pakeeru (11th grade)
- Krish Kshatriya (12th grade)



## ROBOTICS CLUB



On Saturday, February 21st, the Monroe Alchemy Robotics Team delivered a statement win at the VEX V5 Push Back Competition at South Brunswick High School - battling through a thrilling final match that went to official review before securing the overall win in the Competition!

MTHS Alchemy finished 1st overall & earned a coveted spot at the VEX V5 Regional Championship in March, moving one step closer to VEX Worlds, where teams from 50+ countries compete on the global stage.

Team Alchemy wasn't the only MTHS Team that ran through the competition...

All three Monroe teams - Alchemy, Reflex & Eclipse - advanced to the tournament semifinals, affirming Monroe's place as the top public school amongst 56 teams from across New Jersey present. Our MTHS students continue to showcase elite problem-solving, teamwork & strategy throughout the day when competing against peers.

Congratulations to our MTHS Competition Team Members: Saksham Garg, Vedant Hathiramani, Tanush Siva, Nitish Sunku & Vivek Suryanarayanan.

Additionally, congrats to our Shadowing Team Members, whose learning, support, & collaboration play a vital role in team success: Arnav Bansal, Om Donga, Soham Gupta, Aman Patel & Ansh Patel.

MTSD Robotics is on an absolute tear this season - dominating competitions up and down the state, stacking wins, podium finishes & regional qualifications. This recent MTHS victory comes in the week of several MTMS victories and state-qualifying events. The 25-26 competition season is proving that the MTSD is a true statewide force in competitive robotics.



## CLASS OF 2028

### Beat the Buzzer



Thank you to everyone that registered and competed in the **Beat the Buzzer Music Challenge** Competition sponsored by the Class of 2028 in The Commons. It was a battle to the end with musical tunes from a variety of categories with **“Spice Girls & Owen”** team (TJ Reichel, Gabrielle Lawless, Tyler Nalepka, Sophia Morse & Owen Ross) ultimately taking 1st Place in the final round against **“good kids, b.A.A.d skills”** team (Ritik Thukral, Janakariam Mudumbai, Vihaan Menon, Azlan Siddiqui). Congratulations to our winners and to everyone who participated and thank you for supporting the Class of 2028!

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

