

MHS *weekly*

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR MONROE HIGH SCHOOL

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FYI

- PSAT forms and \$18 are due by Friday, Sept. 30th. Seats are limited, sign ASAP if you are interested.
- Homecoming tickets will be available for purchase until Saturday morning at 10am through Hometown Ticketing (Same as purchasing sport tickets).
- If you are planning to park on campus-even for 1 period, **YOU MUST PURCHASE A PARKING PASS**. Passes are \$40 and all prior year school fees must be paid. Application forms are available on the Principal's Bulletin.
- Make sure to check your email and progress book daily to keep with events and grades.
- Homecoming parade drop off is 6pm at the primary school.
- Homecoming King and Queen crowning will take place at half time of the game Friday.

Senior Year: *Make it Count*

BY: HUDSON CAPTIO & PAYTON SAYLOR



August 2019 was a buzz of excitement for all of the incoming freshmen, new relationships and memories ready to be made, all of us thinking we'd have a "Victorious" high school experience. Everything was smooth sailing and then in March 2020 we heard the exciting news that we were getting an extended spring break...little did we know that would impact our lives forever and our fun perception of high school would go down the drain. The COVID-19 virus hit us like a bag of bricks and turned our world upside down: people scared for their friends' and family's health because of this unknown virus, everyone locked in their homes unable to go anywhere for the fear of becoming sick, places shut down, wearing masks and virtual learning became the new norm. School dances, sports, theater, and many other activities that make high school fun had been canceled; we can't forget about the lovely taped floors telling you where to go, and the clear backpacks replacing our lockers.

Now two years later, creeping up on three, we're finally back to the norm: worried freshmen thinking they won't make it to class on time, crowded hallways of people trying to get into their lockers while others make their way into classrooms, big laughs and hugs, squeaky shoes, memory-making, seniors loving life and enjoying football games. We can't forget that sentimental feeling the seniors have even if they don't like to admit it, walking down the hallway thinking "only a few more months and I'm gone" or "this is one of the last rides home with my friends." It's a strange feeling, being nostalgic and yearning for the high school experience we never fully got. We're all ready to graduate but it eats us alive thinking about the time we could've had and most of us are terrified of what's to come. It's addictive to wonder where all the time went but it's important for us to live in the now and make the most of what little time we have left.

So push your way through those crowded hallways, find something to enjoy about that class you're only taking for the credits, and remember all the great memories you were able to make. And for the new freshmen, or even some of the sophomores, and juniors: hangout with friends, join that club, go to games,

enjoy it the best you can because one day you'll wish you'd done more to make high school magical for you. Make it count.



WELCOME TO HORNNET COUNTRY

MHS has welcomed a number of new faculty and staff members this school year. Over the next few weeks, we will highlight them all.



BY: DYLAN GUBA & JACK GILLHAM

Mrs. Joellen Turvey has been teaching for 21 years. She has taught at Fairfield Middle & High School, and was a Career Counselor at Butler Tech before becoming a Hornet. Mrs. Turvey teaches Career & College Readiness at Monroe High School currently, but she has also taught Baking & Pastry Arts, Cultural Cooking, and a Leadership course. She was brought to Monroe because she helped create the Career & College Readiness course at Fairfield (through Butler Tech) and was offered the opportunity to teach the course here at Monroe. "I love creating new experiences and providing real world connections for students, so this was perfect!" She says. The appeal of a smaller school and being closer to her home was also an advantage. Being a part of Monroe feels like a dream to Mrs. Turvey so far, from the engagement of the students and the support of the administrators and staff. She says that she has received the warmest welcome from everyone and is truly grateful. She is looking forward to continuing to connect with the staff, students, and the community as she continues to teach here at Monroe High School.



BY: SARAH PERKINS

Mr. Bret Mustain is back and teaching geometry, honors precalculus, and AP calculus, with his favorite class to teach being calculus. He has been teaching for 12 years, starting his career at Edgewood before coming to Monroe (the first time). After seven years here, Mr. Mustain left Monroe two years ago to take on his dream job and teach at Lakota East, his alma mater. However, as grateful as he was for that opportunity, he missed the staff and community of Monroe and jumped at the chance to come back as soon as it came up. He describes Monroe as a place where you get the chance to "build meaningful relationships with people." Outside of school, Mr. Mustain enjoys biking and backpacking. He has biked across all of Indiana and Iowa, and has backpacked across some of the Appalachian Trail. In the future, he wants to visit more states and backpack across more trails in the US. Welcome back Mr. Mustain, we are so happy you are here!

THRIVE IN THE HIVE

BY: ADAM SASSER & JESSE WETHINGTON

If you have never been to the Friday night football games, the time is now to come out and root on your Hornet football team. Come join the best student section around with all our crazy themes every week. If you are a senior, it is recommended you come out and enjoy your last year of being able to go to these events as a student, because we guarantee you will regret it if you don't go. For all the other grades, if you have ever wanted to feel like you are part of something big, there is no better place to feel more like your part of a family than the Monroe student section!

8/17 @ Talwanda	9/23 vs. Carlisle
Black out	Neon
8/26 vs. Ross	9/30 @ Franklin
Jersey	White out
9/2 @ Western Brown	10/7 vs. Waynesville
Hawaiian	Pink out
9/9 @ Brookville	10/14 @ Bellbrook
USA	Gold out
9/16 vs. Oakwood	10/14 vs. Eaton
Wild West	Purge



Back For Season 2:

THE TOM AND JON SHOW

BY: CARLA ALANIS & THALIA GONZALEZ



The Tom and John Show is hosted by our high school principal, Mr. Prohaska and our assistant principal, Mr. Creamer. Every Friday at 12:30pm

all high school students are shown their broadcast during their Hornet Time. The Tom and John Show, that originated during the year 2021, came to be when they wanted to spread information about any school events using a source other than email. They wanted to show the students and the staff a side that they had never seen and have some fun with the announcements, so they broke away from the traditional structure. This show is meant to be informative, comedic. In the Tom and Jon Show, the pair inform us of many things. For example they inform us about the semester incentives, upcoming events, what is happening in sports, etc. They also highlight staff members, clubs, and the R Factor. Most importantly (for students at least) they do the weekly PBIS ticket drawings. They plan on having this as a tradition for as long as possible and say one of their favorite parts of the Tom and Jon Show is seeing the students' reactions.

Creative Corner: Joseph Ramirez

BY: PATRICK PETERSON & CALEB WILSON

Looking at him, Joseph Ramirez appears to be just another senior ready to graduate. However that's not all there is to him; Joseph is a rap artist, his father introduced him to rap and has continued to pursue it. He found out he had a niche for rapping and he's been working at improving ever since. One









of his songs, "When I'm Gone" speaks to why rap matters so much to him. It sounds like it's referring to death, but it means so much more than that, Joseph wants to leave a legacy, he wants people to remember what he did while he is still around. This song was a reflection of his past, each lyric talking about how he felt. Joseph's strength is writing lyrics with meaning behind them, not just a catchy beat. He looks to J Cole for inspiration on how to create his sound. There's a lot more to songs than just inspiration and emotions; Joseph has to find a beat he likes and purchase it. Then he records in a studio which can cost 50 dollars an hour, before doing this though, he made his own. After all of this work, he has to find an engineer, someone who knows how to mix and master the sounds and truly put the song together. After graduating high school Joseph plans on taking his talents to the next level and attending audio engineering college. He also plans on making a studio and creating his very own record label. Give his music a follow and keep an eye on Joseph Ramirez; maybe one day we will be able to say we knew him when he was just getting started. 2

Homecoming Week Information

September

Homecoming Week

BY: ELLIE DOWNEY & AILEEN SALINAS

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
 <p>19 Jersey Day</p>	 <p>20 2000 DECADES</p>	 <p>21 SUPER HERO</p>	 <p>22 blue and gold Homecoming Parade!</p>	 <p>23 Homecoming Game!</p>	 <p>24 HOME COMING</p>

This week the MHS PBIS group is challenging Hornet Times to show their school pride with class competitions! After round one (class flags) Mrs. Wolf's Wolfpack and Mrs. Frye's Friendly Fries lead the way point wise, with quite a few Hornet times close behind. This week Hornet times will earn points for every student dressed for spirit days. points will also be awarded for the three team challenges. Monday there will be a staff trivia competition. Wednesday Hornet times will competes in "Are you Smarter than your Teachers?" And, Friday points will be given for a game matching staff members to the artist that would be on their ultimate road trip playlist. All points earned will be used to determine which Hornet times earn an end of the quarter incentive.



Homecoming Court

9th Grade:
Maya Martinez & Gavin Stromberg

10th Grade:
Gracie Smith & Sam McCausland

11th Grade:
Ella Schwab & Amari Winchester

12th Grade:
Lojain Juma, Natierra Simms, Taylor Thomas, Anna Ross, Brady Heagen, Alex Bemis, Zach Fox, & Elijah Jackson (Rylie McKinney, Not Pictured)

Senior News from Mrs. Laforest

College Application Help Sessions

Each week Mrs. Laforest will be sending out sign-ups to meet with her to go over the basics of Naviance and the Common App. Please sign up and don't forget your chromebook. She will be providing sign-ups each week until the end of October!

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Day & Night Sessions

Are you wondering how you will pay for college??? Do you need financial aid, scholarships, work study and/or grants? On October 12th during the DAY Karen Heavin will be here to walk seniors through the student portion of the FAFSA. On October 12th during the EVENING Karen Heavin will be here to assist parents in completing their portion of the FAFSA. Sign-ups will be posted the week of September 12th!

Southwest Ohio Regional College Fair and Financial Aid Session

OVER 70 COLLEGES IN ATTENDANCE!
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE ATTENDING MIAMI TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!

Financial Aid Session

When: October 18th from 6:00-6:30pm
Where: Parrish Auditorium Miami Hamilton Campus

College Fair

When: Tuesday, October 18th from 6:30-8:00pm
Where: Miami Hamilton Campus, 1601 University Blvd., Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Naviance ACT Test Prep

So how do you find it???

1. Log into your Naviance Account
2. Go to the HOME page
3. Scroll to the bottom of the HOME page
4. You will see a section called NAVIANCE TEST PREP
5. Click on this section and you will be linked to the ACT prep

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HORNET STORIES: Patrick Peterson

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People's biggest dreams come in many shapes and forms. Patrick's biggest dream is to travel the world. He desires to see how the world is constantly changing around him because not everything stays the same. His favorite thing about traveling is experiencing the wilderness and enjoying the beauty of forest nature. His first stop is going to be Germany. Patrick wants to explore the country and visit some of the mountains, like Schneefernerkopf. He also hopes to see the great blue holes one day before they disappear. The great blue holes (a.k.a Belize Blue Holes) are famous underwater sinkholes that fill in and disappear. These holes are one of the most iconic dive spots. Patrick has done a lot of research about his Germany trip and other adventures he plans on taking.

Senior Spotlight: Brady Heagen

BY: HAILIE PETERS

Brady Heagen has been a Monroe Hornet from the very beginning, all the way until now, his senior year. Brady plays baseball and is the president of National Honor Society. Brady's favorite part of his time at Monroe is the small size of the school that allowed him to develop close relationships with not just his fellow students but the other teachers and faculty. Those relationships are what Brady will miss most about his time at Monroe. That along with Friday night football games are the most memorable moments to Brady. After high school he would like to go to college and pursue a career in engineering or teaching.



Girls Volleyball

BY: ABI MONTGOMERY

Monroe Varsity Volleyball is tearing their way through the season. The girls began the season with a record of 9-0. This year's volleyball team has really made a name for themselves and have been recognized as a top team by many of the surrounding schools. Two of our players are even on the AVCA All-American watchlist, Kaylie McIntosh and Olivia Weisman. They are a tough team to beat and don't have plans on slowing down anytime soon. If you have the chance, check these Hornets out in action as they plan to go all the way to the top this season.



How to Make the Most of High School: Advice from Mrs. Norsworthy's Seniors

#5. Get involved! It's all going to go by so fast, so don't hesitate to join clubs or teams. Even if you hate it at least you can say you tried. Go to the sports games, events, dances, and plays because eventually you'll look back and wish you did. Make new friends, build a connection with your teachers but most importantly your peers. We all are here to graduate so make the memories together!

#4. Show up. Don't allow yourself to fall behind on class work, you want to enjoy high school, not constantly stress about what you

missed from the day before. You want to be able to have every high school experience and not miss out on things like homecoming and prom.

#3. Have fun and don't overstress. Making a schedule around your school day can be a great way to manage your time and stop yourself from stressing out. Also take classes that you like. Don't force yourself to take a physics class because your friends are taking it or you like the teacher. Take classes that you need (of course), but also take electives that sound fun or interesting to you. This can also help reduce stress levels and lead to a better high school experience.

#2. Never be afraid to be yourself! Don't be afraid to wear what you want to express yourself and how you feel (as long as it is in dress code). It may give you a boost in confidence to get you up and moving for the day and make you ready to learn because you feel good about yourself.

#1. Don't try so hard to impress others. Going to high school can be a scary thing to think about. Thinking about all the people you are going to see every day can be overwhelming. You may think it's a good idea to change who you are just to fit in, but it isn't. Falling into peer pressure and doing things you normally wouldn't is not a good path to go down. The best way to make true friends and make the best of high school is to stay true to yourself.

Monroe Clubs

BY: PENELOPE GROTE
& HAYLEE PALACIOS

Club + Advisor	What The Club Is All About	Monthly Meetings
Interact - Ms. Alexander	Interacting with the community, and more through service projects	Every other Thursday
Spanish - Ms. Alexander	Discussing and enjoying Spanish culture, with movies, food, music and more	Contact Señó
German - Ms. Chernovol	Discussing and enjoying German culture with movies, food, games and more	See flyers for dates
MAS - Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Wiley	Planning fun events for students such as after prom	2nd Wednesday
Thespians - Mrs. Norsworthy	Celebrating all aspects of Theater and live performance	2nd Thursday
Multicultural - Mr. Terry, Natierra Simms	Discussing and understanding the different cultural backgrounds people have	To be determined
Environmental - Mrs. Thornton	Raising awareness for the environment	See flyers for dates



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