

MHS *weekly*

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR MONROE HIGH SCHOOL

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SWBL Leadership Conference

BY: HOLLI RHODUS



On Friday, March 4th, Monroe athletes from grades 9-11 attended the SWBL Conference held at Wright State along with athletes from schools across the league. They met up to talk about leadership and sportsmanship. Two students from each grade, nominated by their coaches, went to participate on behalf

of Monroe. At the SWBL Conference, Jim Place, a recognized member of the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, spoke to all the athletes that morning. Jim Place is also well known for his education in the field of character, which he shared with students on that Friday. He spoke about the philosophies a leader should carry and how that can be used to help out the team.

For the students to experience a situation where steady leadership is needed, they participated in a tower building contest. Each team was a mixture of students from different schools and each had five minutes to build a tower as tall as they could with fifty blocks. The catch? Each team member was tied together by the wrists and had to build this tower without untying themselves in the process.



Olivia Weiseman, a freshman athlete nominated for the conference, said that the conference was really fun because it was a level playing field. "It was cool to spend time with the other teams because we were there for the same reason and not to compete."

FYI & Events

4TH QUARTER STARTS MONDAY!

-3/13 Baseball & Softball Mattress Sale 11:00-5:00

-3/22-3/23 ELA II State Testing

-3/29-4/5 State Testing; 2 hour delay

-Senior Yearbook Personalized Space due 4/1

-Spring Break 4/18-4/22

Don't forget to purchase a parking pass if you are driving to school

GOOD LUCK TO ALEX PITSCH AS HE COMPETES IN THE STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND!

4th Quarter Incentive

SENIORS WHO MEET THE CRITERIA CAN EXEMPT ALL EXAMS.

UNDERCLASSMEN WHO MEET THE CRITERIA CAN EXEMPT 1 EXAM.

1. NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES OR TARDIES
2. NO OFFICE REFERRALS INCLUDING CELL PHONE VIOLATIONS
3. MUST HAVE A C+ OR BETTER IN CLASS YOU ARE EXEMPTING AND MUST NOT BE A (COLLEGE OR COLLEGE CREDIT COURSE)
4. YOU HAVE 5 DAYS AFTER AN ABSENCE TO TURN IN ANY DOCUMENTATION COVERING THE ABSENCE AND/OR TARDY

EXEMPTION CRITERIA

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASS

BY: MACY CREEKBAUM & SANDHYA KADEL

Budget Project: In Mr. DeMichele's economics class students have started working on the Budget Challenge. This is an online simulation that allows students to learn the time management skills of paying bills on time. Mr. DeMichele has a post on Google Classroom with the due dates of bills, and students are responsible for paying them by the due date in the Budget Challenge. Everytime a student pays a bill they are also responsible for tracking what they did on a spreadsheet. This spreadsheet also keeps track of how much money they have left. Budget Challenge is a valuable tool for preparing students for their future and brings an element of challenge to economics class.

Egg Drop: Mr. Boyer's physics class had a partner project where each group had to construct an egg drop device that protected two eggs from breaking. However, there were some regulations they had to follow. The egg drop had to be a maximum of two pounds and not be any larger than 12 inches. They also couldn't use common materials such as foam, cloth, bubble wraps, cotton padding, etc. The egg drop is tested three different ways. First, the device is dropped from the top of the rotunda. Then, it is trampled with a force of 150 pounds. Lastly, it is thrown against the wall from a four foot distance. The students final grade is determined by whether their eggs survived the three tests and if they were able to take both the eggs out of the contraption in under 30 seconds.



Art Teacher Appreciation

MS. LARBES & MRS. GATES

BY: LAYLA ETTER



Mrs. Larbes and Mrs. Gates are two artistic women that take on the challenge of working with junior high and high school students every day. From 7:40 to 2:50, they're teaching teenagers how to use their imaginations to create unique pieces of art. Mrs. Larbes never saw herself as an art teacher. She went to college for accounting, but her mother thought it would be better for her to switch her major to education her junior year. On the other hand, since kindergarten, Mrs. Gates saw herself educating students. She realized this when she would help her peers with their artwork. Out of the multiple classes the art teachers have, Mrs. Larbes likes painting best while Mrs. Gates likes 3D sculpting. 7 years ago, Mrs. Gates started working at Monroe. She chose this small city school because it was close to home and she liked how Monroe was a district with not as many kids. About 21 years ago, Middletown High School decided to split, leaving Mrs. Larbes thinking, "What am I going to do?" And thankfully, she decided to transfer in 2001 to Monroe. To her, it seemed safer to come to Monroe, and it was an extra plus when she saw the elementary had an opening.

Any student that has or had either of these teachers definitely appreciates being able to be in the class at least once a day, getting to relax and use their hands and heads to create a piece of artwork. From all of their students, we send them a huge thank you for all they have done for us!

School Spirit Shoutout

Men's Soccer

BY: MAKENNA BAKER



For the past few weeks, many staff and students have noticed the bright neon green shirts displaying "4US" that the men's soccer team has been sporting every other Friday. These brightly colored shirts have raised many questions, and only a few Hornets knew the answers. Players on the men's soccer team explained that the shirts show unity and team bonding. The team is coming together after a season of change. Evan Wills, one of the team's midfielders, added: "It's encouraging; we wear them to stand out and be different to represent our school." Last season was the team's first season playing without Coach Oster in years. He took a break from coaching to spend time with his kids but returns back to his team to take the field this fall. Ty Gronostaj, who has played multiple positions, was asked how he would describe Coach Oster's philosophy, and said, "He wants us to be hardworking, and put in the work in the preseason so that it pays off in the offseason. He wants us to do well in school, and be the best team academically."

Top 5 in the Hive

LISTEN NOW!

ON SPOTIFY

TOP 5 IN THE HIVE

EPISODE 4: TOP 5 INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE




hosted by:
Kody Bond, Scott Newlin, & Jason Cochran
with BRI LARGE & CHRIS REBER

hosted, written, and directed by high school students

Monroe Memorial Funds

Kaylie Jackson

If you would like to support the scholarship fund, established in memory of Monroe student, Kaylie Jackson, this is an excellent opportunity. Those interested in purchasing a car wash and supporting an MHS senior can email Kaylie's mom, Amanda Chapin, directly: Angarcia1017@outlook.com.



Support The Kaylie Jackson Sunshine Memorial Fund

The Kaylie Jackson Sunshine Memorial Fund is a scholarship program for a Monroe High School Student

BRING SOME SUNSHINE TO YOUR CAR!

DETAILS: Purchase the Ultimate Wash (\$20.00) or the Basic (\$9.00) **50% of the proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund!**

You will receive your e-wash directly to your e-mail address (Money do not expire and can be used at any MIKE'S Carwash location) All orders must be submitted by March 18, 2022



Patti Schull



Mrs. Patti Schull was a life-time educator who served 43 years in the Monroe and Middletown school districts. To honor her legacy, her family has created foundation to award scholarships to Monroe High School seniors and to honor Monroe staff and community members. The foundation's core values are "integrity, donor satisfaction, community goals, service, and stewardship." The scholarships and awards are given to students, staff, and community members who exhibit excellent citizenship, give back to the community, and work to meet the educational goals of the Monroe school district.

2021 AWARD WINNERS:

- Golden Hornet Scholarship: Austin Rilling
- Staff Legends: Kelly Kaiser (primary), Sheilia Holbrock (elementary), Laura Jeffers (junior high), Melissa Wolf (high school)
- Community Service: Tom Leeds (school board member), Doug Haddix (community member)

INFORMATION TO APPLY FOR THESE (AND MANY OTHER) SCHOLARSHIPS IS AVAILABLE ON THE SENIOR SCHOOL COUNSELING GOOGLE CLASSROOM PAGE.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

Aubrey Clements

BY: JACKSON FIELDS

- AFTER GRADUATION:** I'm going to sleep in and reflect on all of the high school memories.
- FUTURE PLANS:** Going to art school
- HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A HORNET:** My whole life
- WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT MONROE:** The events I've attended like football games
- WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:** Seeing my friends and favorite teachers
- FAVORITE MONROE MEMORY:** 8th period art class junior year. We could have had our own show.
- BEST TEACHER YOU'VE EVERY HAD:** Krista Larbes! She's like my mom. She makes jokes and helps not only with art but problems. I love her and will miss her!



Creative Corner

Sarah Perkins

BY: TAYLOUR THOMAS



Sarah Perkins, a junior here at Monroe, is an exceptionally hard-working and talented individual. She seems to

excel in managing her schoolwork, her music pursuit in the band, and contributing service to our community. She is an active member of the National Honors Society, Interact Club, and the Environmental Club. Sarah plays the trumpet in our school marching band as well as Pep band. Although she has only been playing trumpet for two years she has shown a substantial amount of growth in such a short amount of time. She received a great score while performing at the Solo and Ensemble competition. She has even been honored to receive solos as well as being selected to join Honor Band at Wright State University. Sarah says she has really enjoyed her experience and was honored to take this opportunity. Each day, she performed with several musically inclined individuals. Joining the band has allowed her to express herself creatively, open herself up socially, and be happily herself.

PROS AND CONS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

THE BENEFITS

- COLLABORATIVE LEARNING:** YOU CAN LEARN AND APPRECIATE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES AROUND THE WORLD.
- STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIP:** HAVING ACCESS TO FAMILY MEMBERS WHO MAY LIVE MILES AWAY OR FRIENDS THAT HAVE MOVED, AND YOU CAN STILL COMMUNICATE

EXPERT ADVICE

KNOWING WHO FOLLOWS YOU CAN BE SUPER IMPORTANT WHEN POSTING ABOUT YOUR PRIVATE LIFE. YOU CAN'T DELETE WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN VIEWED, SO THAT BEING SAID MAKE WISE CHOICES ON THE INTERNET.

THE NEGATIVES

- SHARING TOO MUCH:** DON'T CONSTANTLY POST YOUR LOCATION AND LET PREDATORS KNOW WHERE YOU ARE
- MENTAL HEALTH:** HIGH LEVELS OF SOCIAL MEDIA CAN BE LINKED WITH ANXIETY AND EVEN DEPRESSION.

SUMMARY

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO SOCIAL MEDIA IF YOU USE IT IN A GOOD WAY, SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS CAN BECOME HARMFUL TO TEENS.

BY: ELLA SCHWAB & EMILY FREDERICKSON

