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PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE CO-PRESIDENTS

As we wind down another year, we would like to take the time to thank everyone who has made P.A.C. a success. We're not done yet. We still have things to do. As always, we appreciate your contributions to the many events that have gone on this year. We have Teacher Appreciation coming up the week of May 3rd. If you can help with the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on May 5th, either with time or a goodie donation, please contact Dorothy George at dorothy-george@optonline.net to let her know how you can help.

Watch your email for information about May's P.A.C. meeting. It will be starting earlier than what is stated on the District Calendar. The Meeting will be starting at 6:30 p.m. and the Presentation will be starting at 7. The speaker will be Juli Harper-Elam from JBWS. She will be speaking about internet safety.

Happy Spring!

Dorothy George and Maureen Byrne

THE PARENT GUIDANCE COMMITTEE AT MHS

WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU FEEL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND FOR YOUR CHILD

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

SEND US YOUR IDEAS AND QUESTIONS

WE WILL FIND SPEAKERS

Email us at jdoc2@optonline.net or fgrossoff@aol.com

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR INPUT



If you are interested or know someone who is interested with being involved with PAC, the following positions are open:

Co-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and Email Coordinator. All positions are two year terms. Contact the Nominating Committee, Fran Rossoff at FGRossoff@aol.com and/or

Colleen Loughman at loughmancolleen@yahoo.com.

All nominations must be in by May 15, 2009.

MHS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Morristown High School Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter has been very involved with Morris Habitat for Humanity this year. More than 100 students have had the opportunity to build at the Hazel Street location. This duplex is the first Morris student built house. This house was built in the early 1900's, and was gutted 3 years ago by then MHS students, and will be finished next month. Our students will help host the dedication ceremony scheduled for April 26, from 4-6pm. Youth United has raised over \$80,000 to build this house with MHS chapter responsible for over \$20,000 in fundraising. Our next venture is a house on Willow Street which had the ground breaking ceremony in late March. MHS students were again showcased, members of the music department supplied background music, and MHS habitat members provided manpower for the smooth running of the ceremony! We look forward to the completion of Hazel Street and new beginnings at Willow Street!

Finally, on May 21, we will hold our annual "Out In A Box". This is our most successful fundraiser as students spend all night in a box on the football field in order to educate the community for the need for decent affordable housing. If you would like to make a donation or pledge a participating student please contact Mrs. McNally at barbara.mcnally@msdk12.net. Habitat is a wonderful way for students to have the opportunity to give back to their community, learn useful skills, develop their leadership potential and work side by side with other volunteers. "I think I just love working with everyone," one student states. "I love the whole process - seeing things from start to finish."

MHS 2009 Project Graduation

Save the Dates!

April 23, 2009

Fashion Show & Dinner Fund-raiser at the Birchwood Manor

June 23, 2009

Project Graduation All Night Alcohol Free Party following MHS Graduation

How Can Everyone Help?

- **Encourage Seniors to attend the party**
- **Attend the Fashion Show Dinner/Gift Auction on Thursday, April 23rd**
- **Donate items and baskets to the gift raffle**
- **Buy 50/50 Raffle Tickets**
- **Donate directly to "MHS Project Graduation"**
- **Acknowledge Seniors in the Graduation Ad Journal**
- **Encourage Seniors to attend the party!!!**



NEWS FROM THE MORRISTOWN HS BAND ROOM

BY MICHAEL D. RUSSO, BAND DIRECTOR

Pride - Honor - Tradition

The Morristown HS Marching Band was led on the field this season by Drum Majors David Gallagher and Philip Trackenberg. The Color Guard Captains are Jessica Johnson and Gemma Johnson. The Section Leaders are Alex Burke, Staphany Lu, Nathaniel Hoshal, Ian Bliss, Casey Carroll, Jason Wicks, Ellesa Effner, Michael Santoro, Jon-Matthew Hopkins and Alex Miller.

This year's competition show was titled "A View From Above," and included: □ Into The Clouds, Heaven's Light, □ and Among The Clouds. The Band Director is Michael D. Russo and the Assistant Band Directors are Doug Rutan and Rob Cross. Music arrangements are by Michael Sopko and Rob Cross. Visual design is by Douglas Rutan and Marching Instruction is by Lee Bender. Woodwind Instruction is by Sarah Kelly and Brass Instruction is by John Schumacher. Percussion instructors are Rob Cross, Erik Donough and Derek Vintschger. Color Guard design and instruction is by Winnie Wu, Brittany Ravo, Krista Underhill and Stephanie Underhill.

In October the 8th Grade visitation with the Frelinghuysen Middle School and Morris Plains Borough School musicians was an excellent way for the students to experience a day in the life of the Marching Colonials. Approximately 40 students brought their instruments and performed with the Marching Band during a home football game. The MHS Marching Band staff is excited about the positive enthusiasm that was generated and looks forward to having these students as members of the Marching Colonials next season.

The Morristown HS Marching Band performed at all Varsity Football games and at the events listed below:

Festival On The Green
Yamaha Cup Competition at Giants Stadium
Randolph HS Competition
- 1st Place, Best Music
Performance, Best Percussion Performance
Morris Knolls HS Competition
USSBA New Jersey State
Championships - Sewell, NJ
Halloween Parade
Veterans Day
St. Patrick's Day Parade



Future events for the Marching Colonials include:

Heritage Day, Friday, April 24, 2009

Memorial Day Parade - Morris Plains, Saturday, May 23, 2009

Memorial Day Parade - Morristown, Monday, May 25, 2009

Relay for Life, Friday, June 5, 2009

Once again the Marching Band will perform at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life □ on Friday, June 5, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Morristown HS Football field. Please support this worthwhile cause by turning out at Memorial Field as the Marching Colonials lead the Relay for Life as they perform the theme from Rocky! □

Marching Colonial Band Camp for next season is scheduled for August 17 - August 21, 2009 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Morristown HS. Please note these dates as you make your summer vacation plans.

The Annual Marching Band Awards Dinner was held on December 10, 2008. Marching Band members received their Varsity letters and were honored for their years of service in the Marching Colonials.

The Music Department presented very successful December Concerts on December 4, 2008 and December 11, 2008. The String and Symphonic Orchestras, the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Vocal groups performed for large and appreciative audiences.

Woodwind, Brass and Percussion students attended a small ensemble concert at the Presbyterian Church on the Green. The Recital Series Fridays on the Green featured Nancy Shearer and Flutacious. The student musicians have been very excited about the recital and are planning their own performances for the annual Solo and Small Ensemble Concert at Morristown HS on Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

Morristown High School Wind Ensemble musicians held a night sectional rehearsal in preparation for their March performances on Wednesday evening, February 18, 2009 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. The sectionals were led

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by Diana Glassman from Randolph HS - Flutes and Oboes; Jean Bowers from Alexander Hamilton School - Clarinets; Erik Donough from the MHS Marching Band Staff - Alto and Tenor Saxes; Erin McClure from West Orange HS - Bass Clarinets, Bassoons and Baritone Saxophone; John Maiello from Nutley HS - Trumpets; Dr. Thomas Siebenhuhner from the Westminster Academy - Horns, Doug Rutan from Morristown HS - Trombones, Euphoniums and Tubas; and Rob Cross from the MHS Marching Band Staff - Percussion.

Band Director Michael D. Russo was selected to conduct a trumpet sectional with the Symphonic Winds of Randolph HS in preparation for their Spring Concerts and Festivals.

The Music Department presented a very successful March Concert on March 5, 2009. The Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble performed for a large and appreciative audience.

On Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at the National Band Association Concert Band Festival held at Randolph HS the Wind Ensemble under the direction of Michael D. Russo earned a Gold rating!!!

As a result of the Wind Ensembles score from their performance the group has been invited to perform at the National Band Association Gala Concert to be held at Bridgewater-Raritan HS on Sunday, April 26, 2009!!!! The MHS Wind Ensemble had one of the top scores from the 3 night competition featuring 20 concert bands from North Jersey. The Gala Concert honors the top 4 highest scoring bands in each of the three regions from New Jersey. Only 12 ensembles from the entire state are selected for this honor. The is third time in the last four years that the Morristown HS Wind Ensemble has been invited to perform in the State Gala Concert!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Spring Band and Orchestra Concert is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 28, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the MHS Auditorium. Please plan to attend for a great evening of music!

The Morristown HS Jazz Ensemble held auditions in December. The Jazz Ensemble, directed by Mr. Russo, rehearses weekly and the students learn about Jazz and Improvisation.

The Morristown HS Jazz Ensemble performed in the New Jersey International Association for Jazz Education Preliminary Competition held at Steiner HS in Hamilton on March 10, 2009.

The MHS Jazz Ensemble earned a Silver Rating and Senior Tenor Saxophonist Ben Kovacs earned an outstanding soloist award and the Trumpet Section was awarded the Best Trumpet Section award!

As a result of the score from the performance the ensemble was selected as one of the top groups in our division (based on school enrollment) and has been invited to the NJ State Finals Jazz Ensemble Competition on Friday, April 24, 2009 at Princeton HS!!!!

Future performances for the MHS Jazz Ensemble include the Mall Project at the Rockaway Mall on Tuesday, April 21, 2009; The NJ State Jazz Finals on Friday, April 24, 2009 at Princeton HS; a performance at the Colonial Symphony Concert on Thursday, May 7, 2009; The Intergenerational Prom on Friday, May 8, 2009; and the Annual Jazz Night Concert on Tuesday, June 2, 2009. The Louis Armstrong Award will be presented at the Jazz Night Concert to the jazz ensemble member who has demonstrated the highest levels of jazz performance.

Ten students from the Morristown HS Band program successfully auditioned for a chair in the North Jersey Area Bands. Student musicians performed scales, a solo, and sight-reading at a live audition competing against students from 40 other high schools in northern New Jersey. Students selected for the Wind Ensemble include Senior Alex Burke - 1st Chair Flute, Sophomore Caroline Grano - Flute, Senior Staphany Lu - Clarinet, Sophomore Nathaniel Hoshal - Bassoon, and Senior Jason Wicks - Trumpet.

Students selected for the Symphonic Band include Senior Ian Bliss - Oboe, Sophomore Andrew Austin - Trumpet, Junior Sam Brusco - Trumpet, Senior Tim Kennedy - Horn and Junior Craig Perkins - Euphonium. The concert for the Honor Bands was held at Mt. Olive HS on January 18, 2009.

On Monday, March 16, 2009, three MHS music students members were selected for the Region 1 Jazz Ensembles. Senior Trombonist Michael Santoro was selected for the HS Region Jazz Ensemble and Freshman Baritone Saxophonist Gus Bacas and Freshman Bassist were selected for the HS Region Jazz Ensemble! These 3 students competed against over 150 other musicians for a chair in these ensembles.

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MHS Dance Club and Musicians “Perform Around the State”

Presenting at the MHS Theater

LA DANCE AND MUSIQUE “EN LAIR”

FREE for ALL STUDENTS, STAFF AND SENIORS

WED., APRIL 22, 4 PM

SAT., APRIL 25, 7 PM

Tickets \$8



Proceeds are used to support

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A MHS Performance Scholarship Fund

The Morristown High School Dance Club, consisting of student dancers specializing in various genres has been eagerly preparing for their annual performance. This year’s theme “Dance En Lair” reflects the beauty and diversity of both the dancers and musicians as they express their extraordinary talents. The club has grown over the past few years in both membership and caliber, consisting of about twenty five current dancers, in addition to a full production stage crew. President Keeshana Marshall reports that the large number of incoming freshman helps to “give fresh talent which makes the show interestingly unusual.”

Our four year club members, past Presidents and current scholarship candidates show no shortage of talent, as Premier Ballerina Jane Cracovaner and Modern Expert Theresa Gold, already perform in professionally based troupes and will continue dancing at the collegiate level. Additionally, our multi-talented performers, Jon Mitchell, Danny Dones, Ryan Aceituno and Mariah Getty will once again grace the MHS stage after performing in the musical.

The show numbers are vast in diversity including Middle Eastern Dancing, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Ballet, Modern, Indian Swing, Irish and Tap, with our accomplished tapper Gabrielle Debah and the Indian Dancing with Jill Trividi and Divia Sharma. Of course, our club Signature “Swing Dance” number will hit the stage running.

We are pleased to say that MHS musicians, Guss Bacas Jazz combo band and Jennifer Sigh, who is our concert pianist, will also grace the stage with their extraordinary concert pieces.

Entering into our fifth season, the club members have decided to use the money raised for student Scholarship Funds. They will be awarded this year at the Honors Banquet to our honorable four year Club members that pursue an Academic Arts based collegiate degree. Each year the large number of MHS students who attend the show to admire their fellow class mates has been very rewarding to our entire student body and the parents who have long supported their diligent efforts.

Our past rave reviews and congratulations to one of the finest groups of performers who will be graduating his year!! The seniors have worked hard to build the MHS Dance Ensemble as well as raising the support for Morris Community Dance. Since our inception in 2004 the MHS Seniors of the Dance and Music Ensemble made us what we are today. A note worthy and special thank goes out to Morgan Cole who has done our incredible art work for the past 4 years. We will miss you!!!

Please join with us this year as we wish them all the best in their higher education and great success in their future and help to cheer on our new entourage as they soar to great heights at MHS.

“Dance & Music En L’air” will premier on Wednesday, April 22, at 4 pm with an open run, free to students, staff and our community senior groups. The evening performance will be April 25 at 7 pm. Information and ticket reservations can be made by calling 973-2929-2000 x 2005.

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We look forward to more rave reviews and thank you for all of your help Morrystown!! From our community, administration of MHS, the parents and faculty of all our young and very talented students, we couldn't do it without you.

Dance Club Members

Sr. Jane Cracovaner, Pres. 1 VP 2 Star Dancer, 4 yrs
Sr. Threasa Gold VP 2, Star Dancer, 4 yrs
Sr. Sarah Ryan Star Dancer, 4 yrs
Keeshana Marshall Dance Coordinator 2 yrs,
Tamara Copeland
Gabby Dabah
Bria Lansing
Laura Crowley
Bridget Byrne Irish Step
Meghan Loughman Irish Step

Emily Goss Irish Step
Katherine Bonkowski Irish Step
Irish Dancer
Jill Trivedi
Divya Sharma
Jael
Mariah Getty
Morgan Cole Club, Artist Program Design for 4 years
Ana Mccabe, Tech-crew manager
Public Relations
Business Relations
Jocelyn Burney, Stage Manager
Ashlynn Florino, Asst. Stage Manager



THE STUDENTS IN MORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL'S RESEARCH SCIENCE PROGRAM RECEIVE SEVERAL RECOGNITIONS

Balancing all of your life activities as a high school student is not an easy task. However, there are seven students at Morristown High School who are balance more than just school, work, after school activities, and community service. Stephanie Alvarado, Michael Boysen, Austin Colaluca, Kelsey Cromie, Jack Klocksins, Isamar Valenzuela, and Jackie Viotto, are students in the research science program offered through the Science Academy at the High School. These seven students have spent the past eight months research, writing, conducting, analyzing, and now presenting their own original scientific research on top of all of their other commitments.

The process started back in September when they enrolled in Research Science, a course open to any student attending Morristown through the Science Academy. The course taught by Erin Colfax, introduced the students to the principles and practices of research science with a focus on research skill development. These students then underwent the grueling process of researching and selecting a topic, designing a scientific protocol, and applying for grant funding. Several of the students were successful in receiving grants this year.

Juniors, Jackie Viotto, Michael Boysen, & Austin Colaluca, as well as sophomore, Jack Klocksins were awarded research grants from the Young Science Achievers Program. Students submitted to the organization back in late November and competed against hundreds of students from the Greater NY and NJ areas. In addition, Jackie Viotto and Junior, Isamar Valenzuela were awarded prestigious research grants from the New Jersey Academy of Science in the junior scientist division. Isamar Valenzuela also received an instrumentation grant from Heartmath, a company supplying her with the instrumentation needed to quantify her results.

The process then continued when the students had to have their research investigations reviewed by the district's Independent Review Board and Scientific Review Committees. Upon approval each student proceeded to conduct their research over a four week time period.

Stephanie Alvarado's research examined the "Integration of Pre and Post Play Stretching as Alleviation and Preventative Measure Against Shoulder Injury in Competitive Tennis Player". Michael Boysen's research explored "Using of classical music in a suburban backyard habitat to attract wild birds". Austin Colaluca's research focused on the "Disruption of Comptonotus noveboracensis path-integration during navigation through artificial electromagnetic fields". Jackie Viotto's research used "Stroop Task to Measure Mental Acuity in Adolescents in Varied Humidified Environments". Kelsey Cromie's research tested the "Application of Wii Fit in Adolescents as a Non-Traditional Method to Improve Balance, Agility, and Coordination". Jack Klocksins' research was an invention that used gravity fed reservoir water to produce electricity via Hydroelectric Turbines. Isamar Valenzuela's research examined the "application of controlled symbolic images as a form of visualization to alleviate test anxiety in adolescents".

After running their experiments and analyzing the data the students then prepared a formal scientific paper and research poster of their work and findings. Now that their research has been completed all seven students have begun the process of presenting their findings at various scientific symposiums and fairs throughout the greater New Jersey Region this Spring. The students' research was most recently displayed at the North Jersey Regional Science Fair in March and will be showcased at the Young Science Achievers Program, the Mid-Atlantic Laboratory Robotics Interest Group, and the New Jersey Academy of Science from now through June.

To date the students have been receiving several recognitions. Kelsey Cromie, won two prestigious awards at the North Jersey Regional Science Fair. Cromie's research investigation, received third place in her division and a Rutgers University Award for being an Enthusiastic Young Scientist. Austin Colaluca's, Jackie Viotto's, and Isamar Valenzuela's research was recognized at the North Jersey Regional Science Fair as well. All three students were invited to present their research at The St. Elizabeth's Psychology Research Symposium alongside the work of undergraduate and graduate research projects from several New Jersey colleges

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Six students from Morristown HS successfully auditioned for a chair in the Region 1 Bands. The student musicians performed scales, a solo, and sight-reading at a live audition competing against students from 80 other high schools in northern New Jersey. Sophomore Caroline Grano was selected for the Wind Ensemble and Orchestra on Flute, Senior Alex Burke was selected for the Symphonic Band on Flute, Senior Staphany Lu was selected for the Wind Ensemble on Clarinet, Sophomore Nathaniel Hoshal was selected for as the 1st Chair Alto Saxophone for the Wind Ensemble and the 1st Chair Bassoon for the Orchestra and Senior Michael Santoro was selected for the Wind Ensemble and Orchestra on Trombone. The concert for the Honor Bands was held at Randolph HS on February 1, 2009.

Four students from Morristown HS successfully auditioned for a chair in the All-State Bands. The student musicians performed scales, a solo, and sight-reading at a live audition competing against students from all high schools in New Jersey. Sophomore Caroline Grano - Flute was selected for the Wind Ensemble and Orchestra, Senior Staphany Lu - Clarinet was selected for the Symphonic Band, Sophomore Nathaniel Hoshal - Bassoon was selected for the Wind Ensemble and Orchestra and was also selected on Alto Saxophone and Senior Michael Santoro - Trombone was selected for the Symphonic Band. The concert for these Honor Bands was held at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on February 21, 2009 at 3:00 PM.

Freshman Trumpeter Danny Reardon from Morristown HS was selected as the 1st Chair Trumpet for the Junior Region Band!!! This ensemble is just for Freshman students in North Jersey. The concert for the Honor Band was held at the Madison Junior School on Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 3:00 PM. Mr. Douglas Rutan from Morristown HS was selected as the Guest Conductor and Mr. Michael Russo was selected as the Manager.

Senior Trombonist Michael Santoro was selected to perform in the All-Eastern Band. He joined fellow MHS musician Ben Kovacs who performed with the All-Eastern Jazz Ensemble on Tenor Sax in Providence, RI on Sunday, March 15, 2009.

Michael and Ben were recognized as two of the top musicians in 12 states from Maine to Washington, DC!!!!

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and universities. Jack Klocksins was also recognized for this work as a young engineer and will be receiving a subscription to Scientific American to spur future inventions.

These students walk the halls of Morristown High School every day just like any other student, but ask them a question about their research and you'll soon see that they are extraordinary budding young scientists!

Erin Colfax
Research Science Educator
The Science Academy at Morristown High School
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A note from your editor...

Thank you for the opportunity to be your newsletter editor. Now that I've completed my second year, I am happy to say this newsletter has grown to be not only about the students, but a forum for teachers to show their pride.

If you have any articles you would like to send me during the summer, please send them to me at Denise-broesler@remax.net.

Have a great summer everyone and thanks for reading!

Denise Broesler



WEST SIDE STORY ON BROADWAY

BY TAMAR ENGLISH

On March 18, 2009, the Morristown High School ELL/Bilingual Department went to the opening show of *West Side Story* on Broadway. The trip was made possible by a generous grant from the Morris Educational Foundation. For many of these students, this was their first time visiting Broadway. The students and teachers represented countries from all over the world and enjoyed the show immensely. Noemi Lopez, a junior at MHS, said "I will always remember the awesome dancing and singing".

"*West Side Story*" transports the achingly beautiful tale of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* to the turbulent streets of the Upper West Side in 1950's New York City," according to the producers. "Two star-crossed lovers, Tony and Maria, find themselves caught between the rival street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds, the 'Jets' and the 'Sharks.' Their struggle to exist together in a world of violence, hate and prejudice is one of the most heart-breaking, relevant and innovative musical masterpieces of our time." The production introduced an unprecedented element of weaving Spanish into the music and dialog. Ms. Tamar English, the ELL Coordinator and organizer of the trip, thanks all the teachers and staff that helped make the trip possible.



MORRISTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL
HERITAGE CLUB

*Cordially Invites You to Attend
The Thirteenth Annual*

Heritage Day Ceremony

Friday, April 24, 2009 1:00pm

Morristown High School Auditorium

50 Early Street Morristown, NJ

Distinguished Honorees include:

Teachers' Corner: Rhoda Lippincott and Edward Eisenhart

Rededication of Teachers' Wall

40 Years of Service Award: Joanne Belmonte

Wall of Fame Inductees: Kemper Chambers, Thomas Delaney,
Robert Largman and Craig Newmark

**LATIN CLUB CONGRATULATES THE MORRISTOWN QUIZ BOWL
BY MARK GUTKOWSKI**

The Latin Club would like to congratulate the Morristown Quiz Bowl teams for their performance at the New Jersey Junior Classical League Certamen (Quiz Bowl) Competition at Princeton University. As this was the first time that we had entered this competition, we decided just to show up and see how things went. To our surprise, things went exceptionally well! Maybe it was the sight of Morristown students decked out in their "Fatalis Machina" t-shirts, headbands, and war paint that frightened the other schools. Tactics of intimidation are not below us. Perhaps, it was just the sheer brilliance of our kids. Whatever it was, our Upper-Level Latin Certamen team (Ben Levenson, Sarah Ryan, Greg Jones, Mark Caravaglia, and Sarah Brothman) took a 3rd place win in the Northern Region of the State competition, while our Level II Latin Certamen team (Michael DiMare, Paul Cipriani, Tim Carroll, Meghan Kelly, and Erin Schwartz) went undefeated in each of their rounds, but did not score

enough total points to stand at the podium! Our Latin I team (Shannon Beston, Rebekah Lee, Jake Resnikoff, Remy Schwab, and Tommy Johnson) also performed respectably. Excellent work, everyone! Next year is our year. I can feel it!

I would also like to offer congratulations to MVP Felipe Vargas and MVP Hailey Arkelian for their winning performances in the "Nemini Crede" game. Felipe tallied up 13 eliminations for the Marian Clan, while Hailey accrued a whopping 18 eliminations in the game for her fellow Aemilians! Wow! Current rankings for the Latin Club Factiones game are as follows: Cornelians (Emperors), Flavians (Senators), Marians (Equites), Julians (Plebs), Marians (Plebs), and Tullians (Currently, in a state of ignominy). If you have no idea what I'm talking about, you're probably better off.

The upcoming months will see the return of the Roman Naval Battle in our pool and the annual Chariot races in May. The fun just doesn't stop here!

CHARLES D. 'DUD' WARNER, JR., MORRISTOWN HS ALUMNI

Charles D. Warner, Jr., was part of the graduating class of MHS in 1952. Read some interesting facts about MHS during the 1950s.

What years did you attend Morristown High School? My first year was after I graduated from Alfred Vail School in Morris Township. It was the fall of 1949. At that time, we did our freshman year at Alfred Vail, and then went on to the high school. I graduated from Morristown HS in 1952.

What was one of your favorite "senior year" memories? All three years of high school were great. Some favorite things I was involved in were: running track all three years, playing sports, singing in the choir and operettas, and being class president in my junior year. Proms were great. Being with all my good friends made high school special.

What sports or clubs did you participate in? I played three years of varsity football and was co-captain my senior year. I was on the varsity track team in the spring, and ran indoor track as well. I ran the quarter mile and was part of the mile relay team. I also threw the discus and javelin. We won the county mile relay two years in a row and took third in the Long Branch relays. In individual events, I tied for 6th place in the Newark indoor meet. Because of the age rules at that time, I couldn't compete in my senior year. The rule has changed since then.

What is the major change you see in the student body from when you went to school at MHS? It is hard to give a single answer since I am not directly involved in school today. It seems to me that students now have a greater variety of new classes which we never had. Also, there are new teaching tools, sports training, equipment, computers, visual, etc., which weren't around when I was in school. When I was playing football and running track,

the only way to get in shape was to run laps; no weight rooms or body building!

What does the Morristown Alumni Association do? I belong to two Alumni groups; the Class of 1952 and the Morristown HS Alumni Association. Our class alumni keep track of the members of the Class of 1952 and organize a reunion every five years. The MHS Alumni Association holds an 'All Class Mixer' dinner-dance every year. Within the school, the MHS Alumni Association is involved in such events/activities as: Hall of Fame, Sports Hall of Fame, the new MHS sign at the Early Street entrance, the wall and walkway, small park, and bench. By the parking lot at the rear of the building, there is a new brick memorial area which the association was involved in building. All of these events/activities were done with the Heritage Club, teachers and alumni members.

For information about the MHS Alumni Association, contact Mr. Dave Perry, association president at the alumni office at MHS.

Note: The Alumni Association is always looking for new members. Graduates of MHS are urged to get involved! A newsletter is sent to members twice a year and is filled with information about the high school and upcoming events.

To those graduating this year, good luck; to underclassmen, enjoy your time at MHS!!

Charles D. Warner, Jr., Class of 1952 at Alumni Walk



NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE ACADEMY

BY JILL MAGIDSON

Partnership with New Jersey Association of Biomedical Research and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals –

Seventeen Science Academy Sophomores and Juniors are participating in a pilot program that NJABR and Wyeth want to develop for use in high schools in New Jersey.

They are meeting at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals' Madison campus and Princeton campus to participate in a program that takes students on the journey of a drug or treatment and how it is developed for the marketplace.

The objectives of this program are to bring students through the decision-making process of how a disease is chosen for research, the factors involved in choosing an illness, who is involved in making these decisions, financial considerations and resource allocation, a company's current research focus, and product portfolio.

Our students meet with Wyeth scientists, who give them detailed information about each specific component of drug discovery. Students are asked to share their opinions and insights, which have proven to be valuable and worthwhile.

The culminating event will take place in April when students will be making a final presentation to the Wyeth scientists. They will analyze their data and make recommendations to the "company" based on this data.

What a fabulous real-world opportunity for our students!

Curricular-enriching Field Experiences –

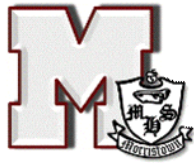
Science Academy Seniors visited the Bodies Exhibit in New York City's South Street Seaport in February. They saw the exhibit as an extension of the science that they have studied in their previous three years here at Morristown High School. This was a wonderful culmination of the four years' experiences our students have had in the Science Academy at Morristown High School.

Our Juniors visited the Hayden Planetarium last month. They learned about the physics in our galaxy and saw how this is put to use in the classroom. They had an opportunity to explore other parts of the Museum of Natural History, as well.

Science Academy Sophomores visited the New York Aquarium at Coney Island. We were able to have a guided tour, which took us through the entire exhibit. Another part of the tour was the "behind the scenes" tour. Students were taken to the top of the fish tank to see the marine life in the water. A marine biologist escorted us around and told students about the ecosystems that are present in each of the exhibits. We also saw the breeding tanks that they use. This tied in perfectly with their Biology classes.

Our Freshmen will be going to Morristown Airport next month. They will be taking a tour of the airport, while learning about the physics, meteorology, and biology that goes into the smooth operation of an airport.

These field experiences enrich and solidify student learning. This continues to be the focus and goal of the Science Academy at Morristown High School.



PAC Meetings

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May 7, 6:30 PM

June 16, 7 PM

All Meetings are held in the
School Library

Save the Date

Thursday, May 14

"Eat Smart & Move More"

Morris School District

Health and Wellness Extravaganza

6:00 – 8:15 PM

Morristown High School

This district-wide family event will include a panel presentation for parents, supervised activities for children, and an exciting end-of-evening "nutrition expedition" for the whole family.

Event partners include:

Morristown Memorial Hospital

Morris Center YMCA

Morris Area Wellness Partnership

Morris School District Parent Associations

representing the families of our schools:

Lafayette Learning Center, Woodland, Thomas Jefferson, Normandy Park, Alfred Vail, Sussex Avenue, Hillcrest, Alexander Hamilton, Frelinghuysen Middle School, & Morrissetown High School