



# MANCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Good News Newsletter



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## Mr. Banta Named Teacher of the Month

Please join me in congratulating the April Teacher of the Month, Mr. Jonathan Banta. Mr. Banta is also Supervisor of Social Studies, ESL, Art, Music, and Technology. Some of the comments from students are: Wonderful! Great Teacher! Helps us understand! Knows his stuff! Fair! Great personality! Thank you Mr. Banta, and again, CONGRATULATIONS!



## April Students of the Month

April students of the month were honored this week for being great community members for kindness, support of others, and for helpfulness to teachers and students. They are (left to right) Jenny Cerda, Grade 10; Lews Roa, Grade 12; Timaf Ishak, Grade 11; and Rbrey Singleton, Grade 12. Congratulations!



MRHS Student

Earns a

## National Scholarship

Manchester senior Sarah Bennett was awarded a first time National scholarship from the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The award is for \$17,000 over a four year period to the college of her choice. Sarah was accepted by and will attend The College of New Jersey where she will major in Education with the aspiration of becoming either a math or English teacher. Pictured are Sarah and her Guidance Counselor, Ms. Neuscheler, enjoying the honor.



## Sniffing Out Coins for Nepal

In conjunction with the units they are currently teaching, Mrs. Hedges' and Ms. Pandya's classes are competing to raise money for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. The generosity of the MRHS community has been staggering, with as much as

\$20 being donated by a single student. Pounds of coins have been sniffed out from under furniture, beneath couch cushions, and from the bottoms of backpacks and purses. It is estimated that close to \$200 has been collected in the last week alone. Stay tuned for the final amount, and keep bringing your loose change to either teacher. The losing teacher will suffer an as-yet undisclosed consequence. Suggestions welcomed!



## Camp MRHS

Camp MRHS this year is Camp SOSA (Students Overcoming Substance Abuse), and it takes place in the school cafeteria Friday, May 8 from 5:00 until 9:00 and on school grounds Saturday, May 9 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The SOSA Leaders have been meeting weekly - working hard as they prepare for Camp SOSA. Forty selected students will attend the camp and learn valuable concepts of leadership, self-awareness and how to reach out and help others. As LEADERS, these SOSA students will learn how to help others and how to avoid the pitfalls that 'lead' us, at times, to making bad decisions. United Way contributed money, and William Paterson University is assisting in the event.



## Journalism Goes On Record

Ms. Krafft's Journalism class visited The Record on Thursday, April 30, 2015. They spent the morning learning about copy editing, journalism at the next level, layout, news reporting/writing, and online news reporting. They also sat in on the morning news meeting. A wonderful surprise for all of them was that Ray Edel, a graduate from MRHS, was one of the Record's presenters! The students were really inspired by the day, and many told Ms. Krafft later that they are definitely going to pursue a career in journalism.



### Coffee House Success

The National Honor Society hosted its second Coffee House of the school year on Friday, April 24. More than 25 talented MRHS students and alumni shared their talents by singing, reading poetry, and playing the piano to an audience of more than 50. The event raised more than \$150 for charity.



### TGIF

The first of three TGIF programs sponsored by the Haledon Police Department was last Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Approximately 40 high school students attended the event where they were able to play either basketball or volleyball. The next TGIF is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m.



### [MRHS Gets Facelift](#)

Of the many capital projects to improve the building over the past few years, the window replacement project is among the most aggressive. The new window installation began May 5, and completion is anticipated by the middle of June. Gone are the old shades, and here are the new thermal pane windows with blinds between the dual panes of glass. Besides being more attractive, they are very energy efficient.

