



MANCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

# Good News Newsletter



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## Happy Holidays!



### Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Mr. Ercolani, Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Cerelli, Educational Services Professional of the Year. The State revised procedures for naming Teacher of the Year. Beginning with this year, the Teacher of the Year must be selected to the State by December 19, and it must be selected by a committee. In addition to Teacher of the Year, the State created a second category, Educational Services Professional of the Year. The Educational Services Professional must be a certified non-classroom position, i.e. counselor, psychologist, SAC, social worker, reading specialist, behaviorist, LDTC, or any other similarly certificated position. Dr. Ney comprised a committee of prior Teachers of the Year who deliberated over the past two weeks. Mr. Ercolani is in his 13<sup>th</sup> year as a social studies teacher at Manchester. He has coached baseball and football and currently is the advisor for the Gifted and Talented program. Mrs. Cerelli is currently serving her eighth year as the school social worker and is involved in many activities that promote the school as well as provide services to our students.



## Music Department Delivers Outstanding Concert



Band



Chorus

The Holiday Concert was in the school auditorium Wednesday night. The Band, Drum Line, Chorus, Concert Choir and Chorale performed seasonal music to an almost packed house. As usual, Mr. Lilore and his band were impeccable and enjoyable as he showcased a number of outstanding students performing arrangements. This was Ms. Persenaire's debut concert selection was appropriate, and her groups all gave impeccable performances as well. The Drum Line under Ms. Haase was also received by the audience with great enthusiasm. BRAVO Mr. Lilore, Ms. Persenaire, Ms. Haase and all of our wonderful student musicians!!



Concert Choir



Chorale

## Making A Difference with Toys

The Make A Difference Club collected 200+ new toys for infants and toddlers during their recent toy drive! Hundreds of diapers and other much needed items were also donated! Pictured here are Samuel Nieves, Joshua D'Alessandro, Justin Ramirez and one of the many happy elves who work for Healthy Families/ Families First organizations! A great big Thanks to everyone who contributed! A member of Healthy Families picked up the toys for distribution December 18.



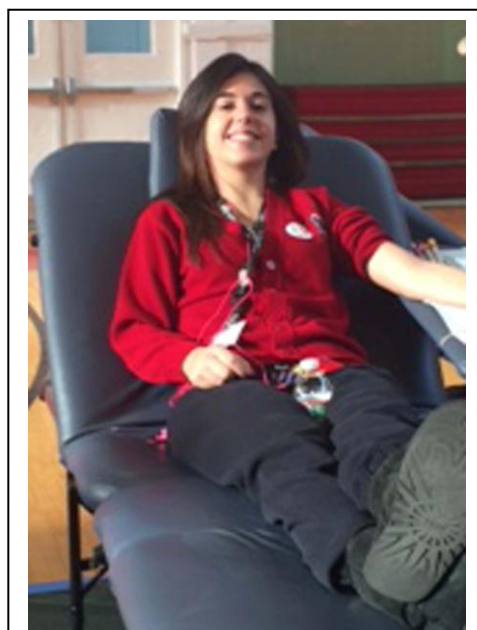
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## Making a Difference by Giving Blood

The annual blood drive was conducted last (Thursday) in the school gymnasium. Mrs. Carr was very pleased at the response. She reports 100 staff and students signed up including 30 new donors and 70 pints of blood collected.



Henry Cruz registering



Daniella Deposki donating blood

## MAD Christmas Party...

Last Thursday Make a Difference had their annual Christmas party! Alumni Matt Talley, Jackie Santiago, Adrian Sandoval and Ashley Alba came to help celebrate! Santa also made a Grand appearance with his elf- who helped handout the goodie bags! We even had some moms come in and show us their dance moves!



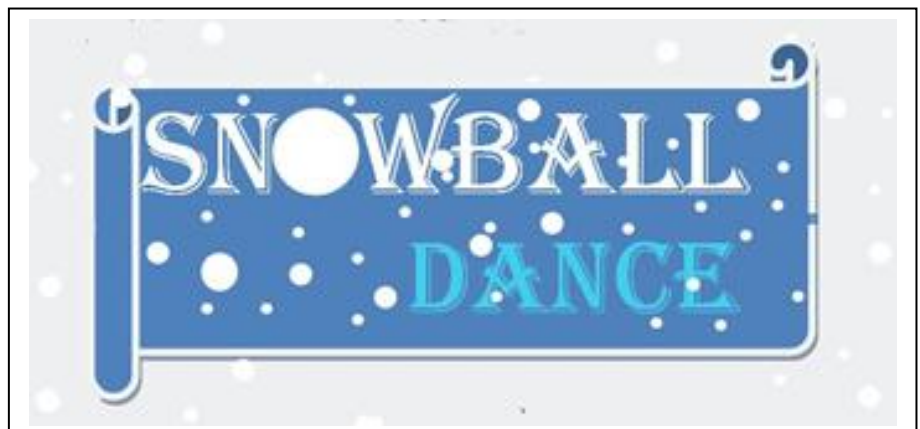
### Teen Life Conference

On Thursday 12/18, Melissa Murtha and Kenya Pauldo (from Falcon's Lounge) took 20 students to the Teen Life Conference at William Paterson College. This conference was hosted by Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan NJ. It was a full-day event that provided students with a wide-range of workshops. Topics included relationships, planning for the future and becoming aware of media influences. The students enjoyed interacting with youth from all over Passaic County and spending the day on a college campus.



### Snow Ball Dance

Student Council is excited to announce that they will be hosting Snowball 2015, a winter dance that is open to all grades. The event will take place in the cafeteria on Friday, January 30th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The theme will be "Winter Wonderland" and the dress code will be semi-formal. Light refreshments will be served. A pre-sale of tickets, which will be \$5 each, will take place during lunch periods starting Monday, January 26th and continue for the remainder of the week leading up to the event. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan and prepare for Snowball 2015 should see Ms. Masci and Ms. Falzarano.



### Scientific Ornaments

In Ms. Beres biology class, a few students who were ahead were able to do a borax crystal lab for the holidays. They heated up borax and water using a hot plate. They then created stars out of pipe cleaners and strings. They placed these into the borax and water solution. If all goes well, the borax will crystallize onto the pipe cleaners overnight creating crystal star ornaments!



### Sports

Friday morning, in the Boys Basketball Preview in the Record and Herald News: Manchester Boys were ranked 18th in the Top 25 in their reading area (Passaic and Bergen Counties). The season kicked off Friday night with a win over Rutherford, and they beat Hawthorne last night. At 2 and 0 we are hoping to move up the ranks. The girls' basketball team beat Hawthorne for the Bowling is 2 and 2 having beat Eastern Christian and Mary Help. Wrestling starts tonight.

### Alumnus Earns Scholarship

Congratulations to alumnus Ian Smith who is a senior at Clarkson University. The University rewarded his excellence by awarding a scholarship. Mrs. Smith is in our school on a regular basis as a support person for Ilire Goca. Congratulations Mrs. Smith.