

# MHS *weekly*

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR MONROE HIGH SCHOOL

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## *Congratulations* Class of 2022



**hello!!**

# SUMMER

- SPEND AS MUCH TIME OUTSIDE AS POSSIBLE
- READ NEW BOOKS
- RIDE A BIKE IN A PARK
- HANGOUT WITH FRIENDS/FAMILY
- VISIT A POOL
- VISIT A THEME PARK

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## A JOURNEY WORTH REMEMBERING

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# This School Year in Review

BY: HOPE MUNCY



What a year we've had. Let's take a look, shall we? We started off wearing masks optionally. Within a few weeks, they were mandatory again. Quarantine rules were all over the place. When the dreaded phone call came during 5th period, you didn't know who was going to be sent home on a mini-vacation. Now, there are no quarantines or mask requirements, and we can hardly remember what that feels like. You may recall that pep rally we had at the beginning of the year...we didn't have any more pep rallies after that.

Throughout the year we were encouraged by PBIS to show future ready behavior. Everyone had to own their 20 square feet and be mindful of their E+R=O. Put those phones away or risk detention! Instead of texting during class, try joining the student council as a hornet time rep. Focus on a growth mindset, and try earning some tickets and stickers.

This was the year for fall sports. The football team had a wonderful season; they had the first home playoff game since 2005. Coach Williams was awarded 200 wins for her role as the girls' soccer coach, a huge accomplishment. Homecoming was fun, as students had the option to go outside as well. Chris Reber and Vanessa Temple were this year's homecoming king and queen. We had the usual senior Halloween, where we saw some interesting costumes. Unfortunately, exams were back. But, thanks to the new PBIS program, you were able to be exempt from one exam if your attendance and grades were proficient. Go you! The fall play was a first, as the show, *Baskerville*, was set up black box style.

Winter was a little different this year with the presence of Reggie the Elf. If you were smart enough to solve his riddles, you could get a small prize. We made it through a whole winter without snow days (thanks Ohio), so we had to hold strong until Spring Break. Wrestling was successful, with Alex Pitsch recovering from a devastating football injury and making it to state. Bowling was great as well, and Riley McMonigle set 6 school records. The blood drive was also back, times two!

Spring has sprung. The days were still cold, until they weren't. Seriously, the weather changed in the blink of an eye. Freshman Serve Day returned as well, serving at Mount Pleasant, here in town or Camp Lebanon. The theater program put on the show, *Annie*, which was an entertaining triumph. The band performed for *Sounds of Sundaes*, the first time every band in Monroe from 6th grade through high school performed together. To celebrate the top 20 in each class, the Jesse Mayabb Banquet (a sacred Monroe tradition) returned. Prom was back and normal, with Chris Reber named prom king, and Bri Large named prom queen. Spring sports were business as usual, except for the fact that Lizzie Whisler broke the school record for the 300m hurdles. The school record that just so happened to be set by Monroe's own Coach Williams.

We ended the year with our first ever Friday night under the lights graduation. It was a great year, Hornets, and we're happy you made it through.

## New Student Follow Up: *Mauricha Davis*

BY: MAURICHA DAVIS (ORIGINAL ARTICLE POSTED IN VOL. 7)

Coming from the City to Monroe, was completely challenging and new. When I came to Monroe High School I was shy, very quiet, and sad. I didn't really interact in class. If a teacher called on me I would say I don't know the answer. Being shy is what I was used to and most of the teachers respected that I didn't like being called on in front of the class. The class that I would say was difficult for me was Applied Communications because I didn't speak to people so I felt uncomfortable, but now I feel as if the class really helped with me coming out of my comfort zone. After that I became more talkative, enjoyed others' company more, liked speaking in front of class, and made some friends. All of my teachers I have are really good teachers and have helped me out of my shell, especially Mrs. Frye. She is really fun and easy to talk to. Prom was something I didn't think I would go to because I didn't know if I would really know anyone, but it was so much fun. This year turned out great for me, and I can't wait to be a senior here.



# From Ms. Laforest: *Class of 2023 info.*

Don't know what to be when you grow up?? You know what you want to do, but do not know how to go about it? Want to apply to college, but don't know how??

## Check out Naviance

Here is how you log in...

1. To log in please go to <https://www.naviance.com/>
2. Click on for Students and Parents
3. Type in Zip code: 45050
4. Choose Monroe High School
5. Username for most of you is your first name and last name  
Example: DaraLaforest (No space between)
6. Password: You chose that (If you need it reset, please email your counselor.)

Want to research careers? Click on the "Careers" tab at the top of your screen.

Want to check out colleges? Click on the "Colleges" tab, then click on the SuperMatch College Search Need to Request a Transcript?

I will not be sending transcripts over the summer

I will not begin to send transcripts to colleges until September 2022.



## Common App Information

The Common App is an online college application which many colleges use. The wonderful thing about the Common App (CA) is it is one application which can be sent to many different colleges. It takes awhile to complete the application, but it is worth it.

If you have an idea where you are planning to apply to college, and it requires the common application, I would recommend completing many parts of it over the summer. This will definitely help you get ahead of things. I will not begin sending transcripts to colleges until September 2022.

What is the Common App? Common App: What is it??

How to Create your Common App Account and the BASICS: Common App BASICS



## Scholarship Information

Naviance is a GREAT tool for checking out scholarships.

How to Video: Naviance Scholarship Search

All of this information may be found on the Class of 2023 Counseling Google Classroom!

# IGSP Updates

Class of 2023 - All ACT and Spring, 2022 OST scores have been added to your plans. If you earned a "College Ready" Diploma Seal based on your March ACT score this has been marked on your plan. If you earned a "Citizenship" Diploma Seal based on your OST scores, this has been marked on your plan as well.

Class of 2024- Spring, 2022 OST scores are currently being added with the exception of ELA II (these scores have not been released from state yet). Keep checking your plan if you do not see scores listed yet. If you earned a "Science" Diploma Seal based on your Biology OST score, this has been marked on your plan. All PreACT scores will be added over the summer.

Class of 2025- The goal is to have all OST scores added by the end of May. Keep checking your plans for updated score information. If you took the Algebra test and earned a score of 684 or higher, you have met the competency score for Algebra. This will be marked on your plan as well.

As a reminder, you can find Diploma Seal information and other graduation requirements on the Counseling Office google classrooms. Every student must earn a minimum of TWO Diploma Seals for graduation. Please contact your School counselor if you have any questions or have paperwork to submit for any diploma seals.

## CLUBS TO CONSIDER JOINING NEXT YEAR!

COME AND JOIN US!

- LOOKING TO EDUCATE AND MOTIVATE THE COMMUNITY ON HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT?
- LOOKING FOR A CLUB THAT ALLOWS YOU TO BRING AWARENESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES?
- LOOKING FOR A GROUP THAT CARES ABOUT HELPING THE WORLD JUST LIKE YOU?
- JOIN ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB!

For more information about Environmental Club contact: [jthornton@monroelocal-schools.com](mailto:jthornton@monroelocal-schools.com)



WHY JOIN US?

- Looking for a club that allows you to become more educated on others cultures and customs?
- Looking for a club that allows you to educate the student body on the history of many diverse cultures?
- Want to connect and learn more about your peers?
- Join Multicultural Club!

For more information about Multicultural Club contact: [Natierra.simms@monroelocal-schools.com](mailto:Natierra.simms@monroelocal-schools.com)

For more information about Interact Club contact: [jalexander@monroelocal-schools.com](mailto:jalexander@monroelocal-schools.com)

- Looking for a service based club that allows you to serve our community?
- Looking for a club that focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club?
- Looking for a club that covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community?
- Join Interact Club!

BY: TAYLOUR THOMAS

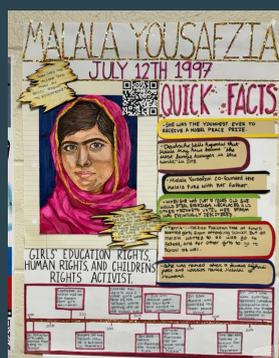
# Teacher Shoutout: Mrs. Soete

BY: PEYTON JACKSON



Mrs. Soete has done a lot for the Monroe students. She, along with Mrs. Qucsai, are in charge of the Student Council. They put together homecoming, two blood drives, added the hornet time reps, organized senior parking spots, and planned all the spirit weeks we've had just to name a few things. They've worked very hard all year and bettered the community at Monroe High School. Mrs. Soete is always willing to volunteer to help, and is often on of the first people there and the last to leave. She cares a lot about every student here and works really hard to make this a great place to be. She's involved in almost everything that goes on at the school on top fo teaching 9th grade World History and Psychology. Monroe is lucky to have her.

# The Fight for Freedom Research Posters



Chloe G

Mrs. Frye's Honors English students ended their unit on the fight against oppression with research projects. Throughout the unit, students read literature, such as "The Censors", listened to a podcast interview with Congressman and Civil Rights leader John Lewis, and more. Students analyzed these works with the big question in mind: "How did these people fight for freedom in the midst of oppression?" The culminating project was a research based poster. All 59 students selected a different person throughout history to research, ranging from Martin Luther, to Shirley Chisholm to Abby Wambach. Every poster included a timeline of the fight for freedom, facts about the subject, and a QR code linked to a voice recording teaching about the person researched. The posters were hung gallery style in the halls for students and staff at MHS to enjoy.

# PATTI JO SHULL FOUNDATION

Congratulations to Mr. Steve Moon for being awarded the Patti Jo Shull Legend Award for his 33 years of service in the Monroe School District at the foundations second annual award ceremony. Additionally teachers Mrs. Boggs, Mrs. Austin, and Mrs. Kelly received awards for their excellence in the classroom. The four seniors recognized with scholarships were Stevan Jiang, Hazel Moon, Heather Esau, and Olivia Fening.



**LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB? THESE 5 PLACES ARE HIRING TEENAGERS!**

MOUNT PLEASANT Ohio Living

**SUMMER Playlist**

BY: CADEN GRIFFITH



# TOP 5 IN THE HIVE PODCAST



# An Interview with Coach Mullins

BY: JACKSON SCHRADER

-What are your thoughts on this past season?  
We had a really good season. I'm proud of the kids; we took major strides in our program.



-What changes have been made to the coaching staff?  
We brought in Coach Popplewell; he is coming over from Mason, and Coach Buck from Lakota East.

-With the seniors gone, do you think the team can repeat the success they had last year?  
Absolutely, we have good senior leadership that will do a good job of stepping up and becoming leaders.

-What do you think the teams record is going to be in this upcoming season?  
The expectation is to win every game.

-What do you think is going to be the biggest positions to fill in this upcoming season?  
offensive line

-What do you think needs the most improvement in this upcoming season?  
offense, defense, or special teams special teams

# SPRING SPORTS SPOTLIGHT:

## Boys' Tennis

BY: NEV SIMMONS



As the Monroe boy's tennis team wrapped their season up last week, they finished with a record of 7-9. Led by Coach Hai Sam, this young team has a lot of potential in the upcoming seasons. For now, they sit back on what turned out to be a fun season as they prepare for their season next spring. The Hornet's captured victories against their rival Edgewood twice, Little Miami, Northmont, Fenwick, Waynesville, and Brookville. They ended up placing third in the SWBL East tournament, and fourth in the league overall. The team this year was led by two captains: Calvin Garde and Ethan Volk. Alongside Calvin were two seniors, Blake Jamison, and Noah Hesson. The rest of the team was made up of freshman Carson Graft, Gavin Volk, Kayden Meritt, Evan Hale, Wesley Heintzelman, and junior Nev Simmons. The future looks very bright for these young players. If you are interested in joining the team, there are weights over the summer on Monday and Wednesday from 2-3 starting June first. **WANT TO KNOW IF TENNIS IS FOR YOU? CHECK OUT MONROE'S TENNIS CAMP!**

SCAN ME



# Creative Corner:

BY: MACY CREEKBAUM

## Kara Dykes

Kara Dykes is a junior here at Monroe and she is a very artistic person. She does many different forms, so I asked her to tell me a little bit about her experience with art. Here is what she had to say. "I'm typically inspired by scenes with lots of detail and bold lines and colors. Because of this I usually paint architectural or floral scenes. I usually work in acrylic or watercolor but have also ventured into ceramics. Art has the ability to take emotion from the creator and share it with a viewer; it's an open expression of what it means to be human. This transfer of beauty and the human experience is what I strive to convey through my work."



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