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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR MONROE HIGH SCHOOL

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FYI & Events

- Spring Break 4/18-4/22
- Senior Yearbook Space due 4/25
- Prom Tickets Currently on Sale
- Prom Friday, 4/29
- After Prom (12-3 am) prom night
- Graduation 5/20

****Reminder to keep up your grades, behavior, and attendance for the 4th quarter exam exemption incentive!**

Girl Scout Gold Award Allison Palmer BY: HOPE MUNCY



Allison Palmer, a senior here at Monroe, has been a member of the Girl Scouts for 13 years. She recently earned the Gold Award, the highest achievement for any Girl Scout. The goal of this award is to find a problem and develop a long lasting solution. Allison's project took 177 hours to complete; she started in 2020 and is just now receiving the award. Her project is called Growing Middletown's Health. It was done in partnership with a nonprofit NAACP organization called 3R Development. 3R Development offers services to kids that need a little extra help with school, or just the extra resources. Because the organization is nonprofit, the students involved are offered free lunches. Many of the kids turn away from the fruits and vegetables with distaste, so Allison sought to solve this problem by creating an interactive plant engineering program. She taught, through an 8-week program and hands-on experiments, the importance of organic fruits and vegetables, along with the scientific process about how the plants grow. Two fundraisers and many donations made it so Allison could build cedar wood raised garden beds, which are now run by the 6th graders. The 8-week program has been condensed into 2-weeks and is taught during the summer at the STEM camp.

For Allison, Girl Scouts has been much more than badges and awards. It's been about learning fundamental skills and experiences, along with the creation of some solid friendships. Allison says, "Without each and every one of the experiences Girl Scouts has given me, I wouldn't be who I am today." After graduating, which she's very excited about, Allison plans to attend Miami University and double major in Chemistry and English Technical Writing with a pre-med track.

If you're looking for places to volunteer, check out 3R Development! If you're good at reading, math, science or English, then they would love to have you working with their students. Congratulations Allison!

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A JOURNEY WORTH REMEMBERING

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Environmental Club *Food Audit*

BY: TAYLOUR THOMAS

As Vice President of the Environmental Club we would like to thank everyone for their engagement in our food audit project. We were glad to see the results of the audit were a success. The food audit has allowed us to acquire data that will support our initiative to increase recycling at Monroe. We are also pushing for the initiative of Share Tables to try and decrease food waste at Monroe. Recycling will continue to be a big push and we encourage you to help us achieve our mission. The Environmental Club has recognized some of our students wants to know more information about recycling and what's recyclable and what is not. We will continue to educate and motivate our students and community. In order to better Monroe we will need your help. So once again "Don't be trashy, keep it classy."



The Tom & Jon Show's *Mr. Creamer*

The past few school years have been full of inconsistencies, but the one thing we can all agree on to be consistent is none other than the Tom and Jon Show and their ear bursting STAFF SHOUTOUT! So, in honor of the men at the heart of the show, here's MHS Weekly Newsletter's very own staff shoutout. Tom Prohaska, principal to Monroe High School, and Jon Creamer, vice principal to Monroe High School, have made themselves well known to the student body this year. Through the Tom and Jon Show they have delivered us important school information while letting their personalities shine. Few can deny that there are moments that never fail to grab our attention. I managed to have a short interview with Mr. Creamer about his thoughts on the show.

BY: HOLLY RHODUS



Q: What are your overall feelings about the Tom & Jon Show?
A: I love the show, this idea was born over the summer this past school year and I am so glad we did it.

Q: What are some of your best experiences in producing the show?
A: When Mr. Prohaska makes me laugh or we go off-script and then we struggle to get back on track.

Q: What are some of your worst experiences in producing the show?
A: When we have to film late on a Friday morning and then have to get the editing done in time for Hornet Time, it's really stressful.

Q: Have you felt burnt out about the show?
A: Great question! I can honestly say no, even on days when things are crazy and stressful the show becomes a nice and fun break to press pause, get our minds right, and have a good time.

Q: Will you try to continue this show next year and do you want to create different segments with the show so other staff can be more involved?
A: I think the plan is to absolutely continue the show. It may look different to answer your next question as to what things we may branch out to and try to involve more people and cover more topics around the school.

So it sounds like those of you who aren't graduating, will get to enjoy Tom and Jon next year too! 🎉

From the Desk of Ms. Laforest:

College Credit Plus News (for next year)

- If you have applied to an area college, for CCP courses, please make sure you email Mrs. Laforest and let her know once you have been accepted. dlaforest@monroelocalschools.com
- If a college has accepted you, please make sure you complete your orientation and set up an academic advising session in order to schedule your classes.
- Once you have scheduled either Summer 2022 or Fall 2022 courses, please send a screenshot of your college schedule to Mrs. Laforest ASAP.
- Remember... All athletes must have 5 solid courses in order to be eligible to participate. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact either Mr. Silverman or Mrs. Laforest.

Class of 2022 Information

Final Transcript Request 2022 Form

If you are planning to attend college in the fall, please make sure you complete the Final Transcript Request 2022 form. This was sent to you as a google form from Mrs. Laforest on April 5, 2022. If you do not complete this form, we will not be sending your final transcript to the 1 college you are planning to attend. Colleges require your final transcript prior to scheduling your fall courses. Please take care of this ASAP. If you need the form sent to you again, please contact Mrs. Laforest. You must complete this online form by May 13, 2022.

Senior Future Ready Survey

Right after Spring Break, You will receive a Senior Future Ready Survey as a google form. Please complete this survey no later than May 4, 2022. We need this information for the Senior Awards Slideshow, Senior Ceremony, and/or the graduation program. If you do not submit your information by May 4th, it will not be included.

Graduation Information Letter

A graduation information letter will be mailed home to all seniors and their families by the end of this week. Please make sure you read through all of this information. Mr. Prohaska will also send it to your Monroe email. Please be checking your email for this important information.

GRADUATION STAGE

Mr. Baltzer's Class

In just five short weeks, all the hard work of Mr. Baltzer's engineering class will come to life. The students have spent the 4th quarter working to build the stage that our seniors will cross the day they officially leave Hornet Country. With only 13 students participating in the build, Adam Duff and Brady Haegan have taken the lead and done a fantastic job on this project.

BY: EMILY FRIEND



Senior FAQs

What is the date, time and location of graduation?

- **Graduation** will be at **7:30pm on Friday night, May 20th**, at the **Monroe stadium**.
- Seniors **report at 6:30pm in the main gym**. This is our staging area.
- Rain date: **Saturday, May 21st (Either morning or evening)**

Leadership in Action: Logan Schaeper

BY: ALAYNA FIERMAN

High school gym teacher Mr. Stanger wants

to recognize senior Logan Schaeper for his leadership skills. Mr. Stanger explained that there is a tournament at the end of each unit, and this time, in the football unit, Logan and his friends showed the class who was boss! He showed great leadership and when asked about what his classmates mean to him he said, "I love these kids. They're my friends and are some of the purest people I have ever met. They are on my team so that I can lead them to victories they deserve. But I would like it to be known that they led me just as much as I led them. I've never seen a smile as genuine as theirs. I can't say I have ever noticed someone to be so happy to score a basket, to catch a ball, or to see a teammate succeed."



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

Casey Ribling

BY: ADRIENNE ROPER



- **AFTER GRADUATION:** attend Ohio University and major in Spanish education
- **FUTURE PLANS:** travel to Spain, try new things, meet new people, and have an impact on people's lives
- **HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A HORNET:** since 1st grade
- **WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT MONROE:** the fact that I grew up here and built a family (of friends)
- **WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:** the structure and teachers and the childhood aspect of life
- **FAVORITE MONROE MEMORY:** Friday night football games this year because post Covid we finally got to enjoy it!
- **BEST TEACHER YOU'VE EVER HAD:** Miss Curry (Freson) because she was my first class with a mature learning style and taught me to love writing and Mrs. Holthaus because she taught me to love Spanish and helped me figure out what steps to take for my future

CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATION WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY
MAY 16

senior exams
7th & 8th bells

Be in the auditorium at 7:40 am regular schedule
-senior tailgate
-graduation rehearsal
-senior walk
-senior picnic & field day

TUESDAY
MAY 17

senior exams
3rd, 4th, & 5th bells



WEDNESDAY
MAY 18

senior exams
1st & 2nd bells



THURSDAY
MAY 19

exam
make-ups



FRIDAY
MAY 20

Be in the auditorium at 7:30 am
-senior assembly

pay outstanding fees

GRADUATION!!
report by 6:30

MONDAY
MAY 23

Return your gown and receive your DIPLOMA!!



SENIOR GRADES WILL BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY, MAY 13TH. EXAMS ARE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT MEET EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS.

Creative Corner:

BY: GAGE SAXTON

Bradley Russell

Bradley David Russell (also referred to as Brad) is a junior at Monroe High School. Brad is quite the icon, being voted to both homecoming and prom court and also being elected to represent the juniors as their class president 2 years in a row! Talk about undefeated. Brad has a knack for creating thrilling and original short stories and poems that are sure to keep readers wanting more. Brad has always loves writing, but having taken a creative writing class here at Monroe, he is even more motivated to write longer stories. He hopes that one day his works of art could be published for many to see. Even though he may not always stand out from the crowd, his aspirations of stardom reach far past the small city of Monroe.



Waterfalls, Mountains, and Grasslands
By: Brad Russell

Waterfalls are vast in their beauty
Rushing waves across a cliff
Only assurance in their duty
Unto the ground they sniff
Mountains tall bask the sun
Piling peaks peek from high
Signaling Heaven's work begun
To the ground below, "Goodbye."
Grasslands prairie say, "Hello."
A bright blue sky above the world
Amazing and wondrous show
Where all of life is unfurled.
But when these things be said
Your perfection I prefer instead



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