

Notes From our Jr/Sr Counselor

BY HOLLI RHODUS



With the winter starting to thaw, many changes are occurring throughout our lives. Our school lives are no exception to this. Mrs. Laforest, one of our school counselors, is responsible for both our juniors and seniors. Every day she works with 11th and 12th grade students about graduation requirements, CCP options, scholarships, career and college readiness, and more.

One of the most common questions students ask is about the length of their school day. Below is information that can help clear this up:

Abbreviated Schedule (a 5 or 6 period class schedule)

- All 12th grade students who have earned 18 or more credits by the end of 11th grade may potentially be able to participate.
- The 5 or 6 periods do not include study halls, hornet time or being a teacher's aide.
- Parents must complete a permission form for students to be able to participate. This will be available closer to the end of the school year. If you are interested in this option, you must complete the survey.
- You must provide your own transportation.
- You may not choose a morning or afternoon schedule. This is determined by when the classes you need for graduation are offered during the day.
- Once you are at school, you will stay here until your 5 or more classes are complete. You are not permitted to leave school and come back later in the day.
- If you fail a course during 1st semester, you may be required to return to Monroe for a full 8 period schedule.

if you have any questions about this, CCP, CBIP, early graduation, or anything else related to junior or senior year, please check out the online resources or email Mrs. Laforest dlaforest@monroelocalschools.com.

Staff Shoutout: Cafe Ladies

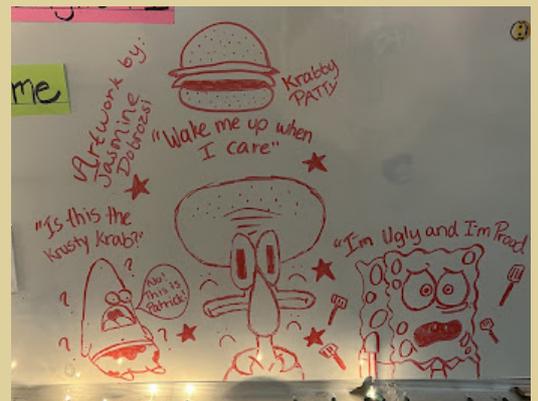
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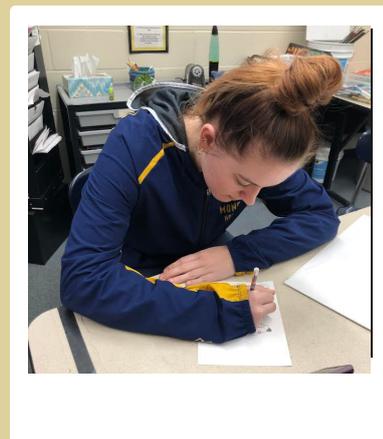
Some of the kindest people in Monroe are a part of our cafeteria staff. Though you may only pass by them once or twice, they have such an important role in the school. Our lunch ladies prepare delicious meals everyday, and they make sure everyone gets their fair share of food. They are kind to every student they come in contact with, brightening everyone's day. Even if you feel like you go by unnoticed, never fear, the wonderful lunch staff is here! Just recently, my friend, who goes through the line everyday, was out for a few days due to sickness. When she returned, one of the checkout ladies asked her where she had been and said she was happy to see her back. How sweet! We are so lucky such a kind cafeteria staff here at Monroe!

Creative Corner • Jasmine Dobrozsi

BY BLAKE HAMMOND



JASMINE DOBROZSI IS A JUNIOR AT MONROE HIGH SCHOOL. SHE PLAYS BASKETBALL, PARTICIPATES IN MAS CLUB, AND IS ALSO A LIFEGUARD. JASMINE THRIVES CREATIVELY: READING, WRITING, PAINTING, DRAWING, EVEN DOODLING. SHE SAYS, "ART MEANS SO MUCH TO ME BECAUSE IT'S AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR CULTURE AND IT HELPS YOU



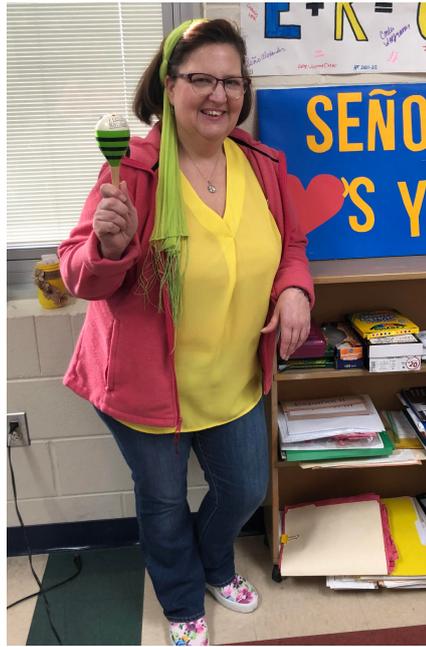
HAVE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR EMOTIONS. IT ALSO BRINGS JOY TO SO MANY

PEOPLE'S LIVES AND CAN BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY WHEN THEY SEE IT."

A PEEK INSIDE Room E202

BY ELLA SCHWAB, EMILY FREDERICKSON

You can always expect a good time when you enter Senó Alexander's room: dancing, singing, food days; no matter what the lesson, it is taught with enthusiasm. This week in Spanish II, students read a book with the class called Clumsy Cow. They are now in the process of creating their own version of the book with a farm animal of their choice and fun characteristics. Spanish II students are now planning a food and drink day for next week. In Spanish III students got to have fun with Valentines themed lessons. This week they are creating a FlipGrid about a camping trip to Chile! In addition, the Spanish Club gets to host a special guest from Spain coming up.



Book Club Spotlight:

BY PEYTON JACKSON



I've always enjoyed reading, but I've never been motivated enough to start. I was chatting with some friends when the idea

"I like living in a fictional world. Book Club is a good place to socialize and talk to new people!"

-Aeryn Riegel

of Book Club came to my mind. It's a place to read and socialize with new people. It's also a place to feel comfortable and a

place to share your thoughts. We meet once a month at the end of a school day. In Book Club you read your book outside of school. When we meet, we get in groups and discuss the book. We have 3 different genres right now. We have mystery/thriller, dystopian, and a group that is random. We have around 20 students. Book Club is laid back but you have to read your book to be in the club. Overall, Book Club is super fun and is a place to chill with friends!

If you are interested in joining you can contact Peyton Jackson or Mrs. Wright peyton.jackson@monroelocalschools.com cwright@monroelocalschools.com



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BY MAKENNA BAKER



MHS is celebrating Black History Month by shining a light on multiple Black stories throughout the month of February.

Before Black History Month was celebrated, Negro History Week, created by scholar, Carter G. Wilson, was celebrated during the second week of February. In 1970, fifty years after the first Negro History Week, Kent State University held the first month long celebration of Black history.

Here at Monroe High School, Mr.

Terry led several staff and students in decorating the rotunda. Mr. Terry, Natierra Simms, and Jay'da Williams put together a Google Slides presentation in hopes of further educating students and faculty about Black stories as well. As important as stories of the past are, it's equally important to realize that Black history is still in the making. For example, a recent, inspiring Black story is that of Erin Jackson, this past Sunday, February 13th, Jackson became the first Black woman to win an Olympic gold medal in speed skating.



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