

# MHS *weekly*

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR MONROE HIGH SCHOOL

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## State Bound: MHS Choir

BY: CHELSEA TURNER



Our very own Chorale Choir and Symphonic, Concert bands participated in OMEA large group this past weekend. On Friday evening the Chorale Choir traveled to Eaton High School and Saturday morning the bands performed at Fairfield High School. This competition is what these kids and directors work for all year. Nonetheless, they finally get to show their talent and hard work in front of judges. Not only that but during this competition you're getting scored between a 1 and a 5, 1 being the best and 5 being the worst. Both choir and band did extremely well and scored very high! The bands had a final score of 2 and the Chorale Choir ended with a 1.

Since Chorale Choir got a 1 in districts they will be advancing to state on April 30th at either Tippecanoe High School or Lakota East. Our chorale choir director Mr. Langjahr writes, "Monroe Chorale Choir is going to State! Lots of emotions in this ensemble tonight but right now we are enjoying the moment and then it's back to the grind! These musicians deserve it. #hornetpride #1HAH" This is a huge moment because it will be the first time in a very long time that choir will be going to state.

**FYI & Events**

- 3/22-3/23 ELA II State Testing
- 3/29-4/5 State Testing; 2 hour delay
- Senior Yearbook Space due 4/1
- Spring Break 4/18-4/22

If you are interested in participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program for the 2022-23 school year, ALL students, including those students who are currently in the CCP program taking college courses either here on campus and/or at a college MUST submit a CCP Intent Form 2022-23. This form is due no later than April 1, 2022. If you do not submit this form, you MAY NOT participate in the CCP program next year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dara Laforest, at [dlaforest@monroelocalschools.com](mailto:dlaforest@monroelocalschools.com).

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# THE MAN BEHIND THE CAMERA

## 6S Photography: AJ Fullam

BY: ROBERT DUCKWORTH & ANDREW JOHNSON



AJ Fullam is a member of the Monroe Local School Board of Education, but we mostly know him for his photography work in our community. He has spent countless hours volunteering as a photographer for the athletic program, thespian troupe, graduation and other community events. By trade, AJ is the digital marketing director for Performance Automotive, and has always had a passion for digital design, website development, photography and videography. However, he says his passion truly started when his friend opened an online media company in Butler County. From there, he started doing photography for families and student athletes. He built his business, 6S Photography, in 2007 to help small businesses with marketing, and now does a lot of photography for Monroe events, as he has a close connection to the area. The term "6S" is simply a play on the word "success". AJ says, "I equate '6S' as being synonymous with whatever 'success' means to an individual. We all have different goals and journeys to attain things that are important to us, so you can apply the term '6S' to any of those objectives - and we always work together to help each other reach our '6S'. That's the key to 6S, being supportive of one another as we all work toward our own individual goals." AJ, along with his wife and two girls, live here in Monroe. He says that the community has accepted him with open arms and it's a great place to raise a family. We at Monroe Local Schools are thankful for all of the time he spends capturing the important moments in our lives!

# Interact & Environmental Clubs

## Cafeteria Food Audit

BY: TAYLOUR THOMAS



"Reuse the past, recycle the present, to reduce pollution in the future." The Monroe Environmental Club

and Interact Club are collaborating on a food audit project. The Environmental Club has become educated on recycling in hopes they can spread their knowledge to the schools and community. The Interact Club, known for their service projects, have stepped in to provide their service and support. The results of this food audit will help the Environmental Club collect data regarding food waste and recycling to the board office and hopefully the BOE. These clubs hope to open the eyes of our community and educate our students on recycling in hopes of sparking true change. This food audit will allow us to see how many things we are able to recycle and how much food waste can be prevented. Our clubs have used the principles of **E+R=O** to inspire change: the **event**, realizing our school is producing food waste and could increase recycling; the **response**, educating the student body and collecting real data. This is all to produce the **outcome** of reducing food waste at Monroe. It is up to our generation to replenish our earth in order to pave a way for future generations.

Friday, April 1st @ 7pm  
Saturday, April 2nd @ 2pm & 7pm  
Sunday, April 3rd @ 2pm

Students \$8  
Adults \$15

starring Baker Prohaska



# Annie



# STAFF SHOUT OUT

## Mr. Stanger

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*Impactful Influencer Award*



# MIKE STANGER

PRESENTED BY:  
PETTY OFFICER MARK CARROLL  
AND THE UNITED STATES NAVY

Mr. Mike Stanger, who has been a teacher for 32 years, 20 as a Monroe Hornet, was awarded the "Impactful Educator Award". To be selected for the award you must be nominated by someone in the US Navy. It is given to teachers who demonstrate qualities of a "well-rounded individual through academics, and moral character." It is given to those who help build a strong community and have a meaningful impact. Congratulations Mr. Stanger!

# Top 5 in the Hive

NEW EPISODE!

ON SPOTIFY

## TOP 5 IN THE HIVE

EPISODE 5: TOP 5 MOVIE GENRES (6 MOVIES IN EACH)

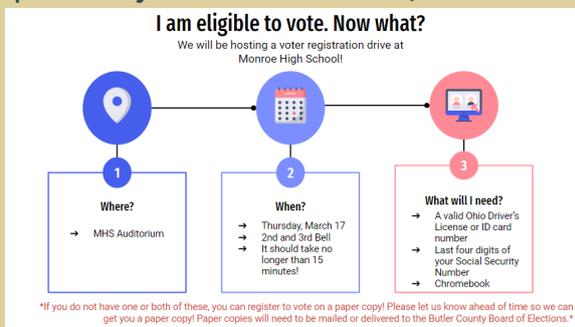
hosted by:  
Spencer Campbell and Chelsea Turner  
with BEN DIRKSEN

hosted, written, and directed by high school students

# Erin Burrier VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE



On Tuesday, March 15th senior, Erin Burrier led an assembly for all 17 and 18 year old students to inform them about how to register to vote. Additionally, she created a voter registration drive for all eligible students on Thursday, March 17th. In her presentation, Erin focused on why voting matters and the "my vote doesn't really count" myth. She says, "I realized that the biggest problem with kids my age is the lack of exposure and education when it comes to registering to vote, so I thought I could at least offer the opportunity." Because of her (and other student volunteers) efforts, 31 students were able to take 15 minutes to become registered/pre-registered voters. Erin has political aspirations herself, so maybe this is the first step toward voting her into office one day!



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Jack McLainland

BY: BRAYDON DEFRATES

- **FUTURE PLANS:** I plan on getting my real estate license
- **HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A HORNET:** Since 4th grade
- **WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT MONROE:** The homies
- **WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:** Hanging out with the homies
- **FAVORITE MONROE MEMORY:** (undercover) trashketball in 9th grade. That class was wild.
- **BEST TEACHER YOU'VE EVERY HAD:** Mrs. Dirksen



# Creative Corner: Carson Keith

BY: MAKENA BAKER

Carson Keith is very involved with the theater and choir program at Monroe. Carson has been in many productions at the Performing Arts Academy, where he acts outside of school, and several productions here at Monroe, totaling around 25 shows. His theater career at five years old when he acted in Winnie the Pooh. He's been in four productions at Monroe: Alice in Wonderland, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, Baskerville, and will be in the upcoming show, Annie. He was going to be in Grease before the show was canceled due to the pandemic. A few of his more major roles over the years include Simba in The Lion King, Linus in You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, and Sir Henry Baskerville in Baskerville. Carson has decided to pursue his career in theater and plans to attend college to be a Music Education major while working on a minor in theater. He says, "Theater gives me a purpose; it gives me a purpose to do something bigger than myself." He also says the best thing about theater is the friends he has gained along the way. You can support Carson and the theatre department by getting tickets to see Monroe's production of Annie, where you can see Carson on stage as Bert Healy and Drake.



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## 6 Ways to Handle Stress

**Physical Activity:**  
Walks outside or sports can help decrease feelings of stress and improve well-being.

**Write it Out:**  
Writing positive things daily can help reduce mental distress like anxiety, depression, and stress.

**Getting Sleep:**  
Getting enough sleep doesn't only effect your physical health, but also your mental.

**Talk about it:**  
Talking about your feelings and stresses to a trusted adult can help release concealed feelings.

**Meditate:**  
It can give you a sense of calm, peace and balance that can benefit your emotional well-being.

**Creative Outlets:**  
Creative outlets helps you deal with anxiety and stress and helps make space to overcome obstacles.

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