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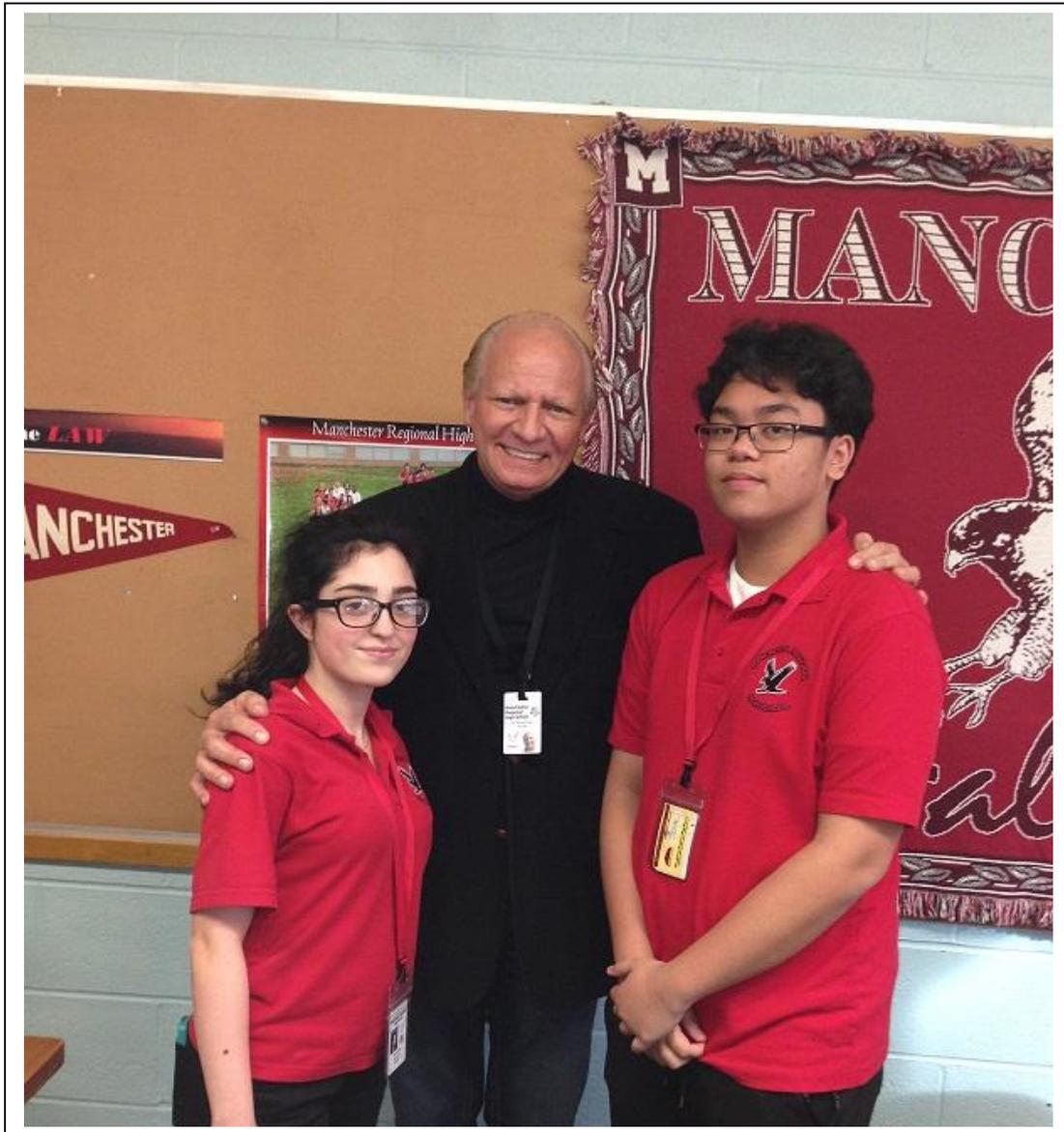
[Teacher and Educational Services Professional of the Year](#)

As part of the annual Governor's Educators of the Year program, the Teacher of the Year and the Educational Services Professional of the Year were selected this week. We are pleased to announce that Ms. Mara Hirschfeld, teacher of math, was selected as Teacher of the Year. Ms. Hirschfeld is in her 11th year teaching at Manchester, and she is also co-advisor of the National Honor Society. We are also pleased to announce that Mr. David Sposato was selected as the Educational Services Professional of the Year. Mr. Sposato is in his 10th year at Manchester, seven years as a social studies teacher and three years as a guidance counselor, his present position. Mr. Sposato is also the girls' basketball coach and spring track and field assistant coach.



PSAT Champions

On October 14, 2015, 76% of our juniors and 67% of our sophomores took the PSAT. Congratulations to junior Larissa Sagha and sophomore Justin Fernandez, who earned Manchester's highest PSAT scores for their grade levels! Larissa scored in the 95th percentile of the national average, earning a 1270. Her score surpasses the state average for 11th graders by 280 points, and the national average by 262 points. Justin earned a 1270, as well, scoring in the 96th percentile of the national average. A 10th grader with a 1270 score earned 322 points above the state average, and 339 points above the national average.



[Saint Anthony's Comes to Manchester](#)

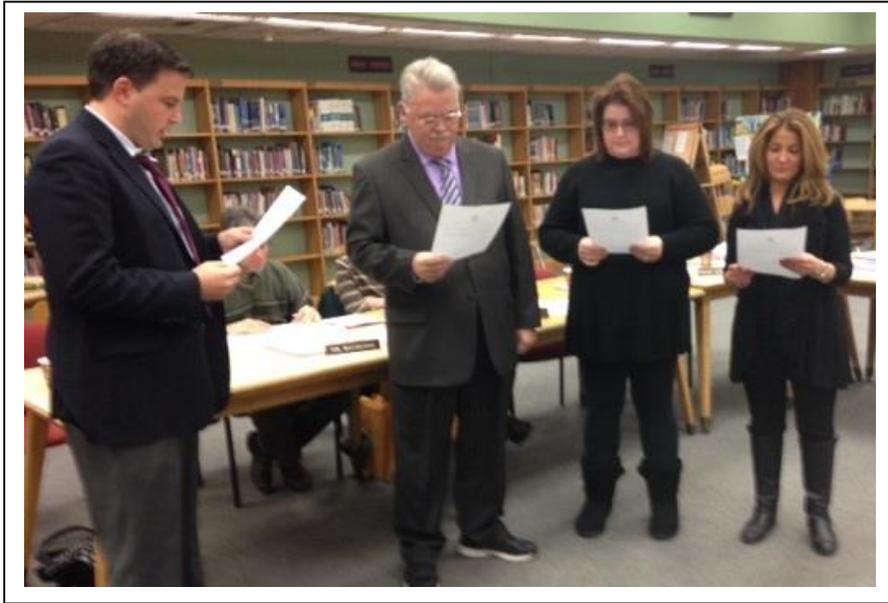
The St. Anthony Friars basketball team of St. Anthony High School in Jersey City coached by the famous Bob Hurley is coming to Manchester Regional High School for a shoot-out with the Manchester Falcons on Tuesday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Manchester Regional High School gymnasium. Last year the Falcons won the sectional state championship and have several returning players. According to Wikipedia, the Friars have amassed 27 state championships under Coach Hurley who has more than 1,000 wins in 39 years, and on April 5, 2010, was the only coach to be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame that year (only the third high school coach in history to be so honored). The Falcons are looking forward with enthusiasm to host and compete against this famous team and coach. It is certain to be an exciting evening. Tickets are available at the door, \$5.00 (\$2.00 for Manchester students). Thus far this year, the Falcons are 5 and 1 and have high hopes for another outstanding season.



Image of Friars 2012 championship team

[Board of Education Reorganization Meeting](#)

The Board of Education held its reorganization meeting Thursday January 7, 2016. Congratulations to re-elected Board member John Vander Molen from Prospect Park and new Board members Cynthia Fusco and Maria Sole from North Haledon, pictured below taking the Oath of Office administered by John Serapiglia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. During the reorganization of the Board, Mrs. Fischer was also re-elected president of the Board and Mr. Joseph Foti was re-elected vice president of the Board. Congratulations to our elected and re-elected Board members and the officers.



[BCSS Climbs the Rocks](#)

Mrs. Edwards' class in the BCSS program participated in Rock Climbing this week as part of the Therapeutic Recreation program. Students were asked to challenge themselves and face personal fears of heights by climbing rock walls of different levels of difficulty. All students achieved their personal goals of participating and enjoyed this activity.

