



MANCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

# Good News Newsletter



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## [Scholars of the Marking Period Honored at Board of Education](#)

Scholars of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period were honored at the Board of Education meeting on December 10, 2015. These are students who attained the highest grade among all students in their respective classes for the 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period. The students pictured below attended the meeting and were awarded their certificates. From left to right, they are: Tara Mott in social studies; Bryan Campos in English; Pedro Arias in mathematics; Amani Alqaralleh in T.V./video production; Natania Feliciano in science; Timaf Ishak in art; Jalissa Yepes in girls' physical education; and Jeremy Perez in general studies. Not pictured are: Kataherine Caicedo in business education; Yahaira Lopez in computer arts; Dave Fondeur in English as a second language; Matthew Cruz in theatre arts; Jasmine Henao in foreign language; Jan N. Cordero Correa in marketing education; Anthony Escarraman and Justin Ramirez in music; Daniel Gomez in boys' physical education; and Victor Monge in CISCO Internet Academy.



## [Holiday Concert](#)

The annual Winter Holiday Concert was performed to a packed audience in the school's auditorium Thursday night, December 17. Seasonal music was performed by the varied musical groups including the General Chorus, Show Choir, Choral Ensemble, Concert Choir, Band, Honors Band, and Drum Line. All groups performed very well, the audience was appropriately responsive, and everyone went home with a boost to their holiday spirit.



General Chorus under the direction of Ms. Persenaire



Honors Band under the direction of Mr. Merino

### [Choral Ensemble Performs for Board of Education](#)

The Choral Ensemble and Show Choir performed for the Board of Education on Thursday, December 10. Among other songs, the Show Choir performed "Mary Did You Know," and the Choral Ensemble performed "O Holy Night."



### [Mr. Mercadante Wins No Shave](#)

This year's No Shave November Contest winner is Mr. Gerald Mercadante, special education teacher, who gave up the razor for a month to participate in this fund raiser sponsored by Student Council. Student Council matched funds raised for the contest. Mr. Mercadante has chosen to donate the funds to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer. Congratulations Mr. Mercadante.





## MAD Toddler Toy Drive

Friday, December 18, marked the end of the Make a Difference toddler toy drive. They collected a nice assortment of toys that were distributed to needy families through Falcons' Lounge.



## Cookies with Santa

On Saturday December 12th, the Senior Class hosted "Cookies With Santa." Children from the community participated in arts and crafts, games, and even got to take pictures with Santa Claus, played by senior Rafael Lugo. Other seniors who facilitated the event were Valentina Villa, Jalissa Yepes and Yarlynn Liberato.



## Happy Kwanzaa

During this holiday season Falcon's Lounge embraced diversity. We had a special guest, Raheem Smallwood, director of the School Based Youth Services Program at John F. Kennedy High School in Paterson. Mr. Smallwood taught the students about Kwanzaa, the seven principles of Kwanzaa, and how to use the seven principles in their everyday lives. He used seven student volunteers to recite the seven principles and he explained to them what each one means.

