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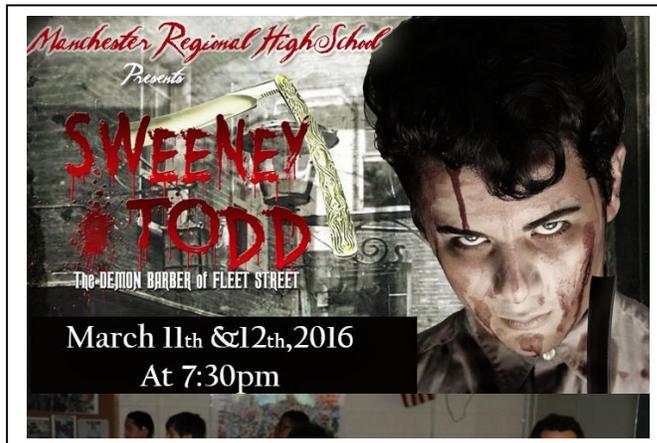
February Students of the Month

February Students of the Month were honored today for their kindness, support of others, and for helpfulness to teachers and students. They are (left to right); Anthony Corro, Grade 11; Alaa El-Deen Farghaly, Grade 9; Thomas Foti, Grade 10; and Shakir Ahmed, Grade 12. Congratulations for being great members of the school community!



School Play – Sweeney Todd

The musical play *Sweeney Todd* will be presented by the Manchester Regional High School music and theater arts department Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12 in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. *Sweeney Todd* is the infamous story of Benjamin Barker, AKA Sweeney Todd, who sets up a barber shop in London where he engages in a sinister partnership with his fellow tenant, Mrs. Lovett. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door.



Boys' Varsity Basketball in Championship Tournament

The boys' varsity basketball team ended their regular season at 16 and 7, tied for first place in the Conference with Elmwood Park. We hosted Kinnelon's basketball team last Tuesday night in the first round of the State Sectional tournament and beat them by a score of 58 to 41. We advanced to the second round which was played at home last Thursday night, beating Pequannock in a hard fought game, 53 to 45. Manchester beat 10th seed Mahwah Saturday night in double overtime by a score of 65 to 59 to advance to the State Sectional final against Ramsey tonight at 9:00 p.m. on their court. Last year, Manchester beat Ramsey for the State Sectional title. Pictured are sophomore Jerrell Wright on the left and Keshon Pearson on the right. Wright led scoring with 21 points against Mahwah and 19 points against Pequannock.



Author Visit

On Wednesday, March 2nd, the MRHS Library Media Center held its 9th Annual Author Visit. This year's author was Jay Sullivan, who wrote *Raising Gentle Men: Lives at the Orphanage Edge*. The book is based on two years of Sullivan's life when he taught English in Jamaica over thirty years ago. The crux of the story is about the time he spent with the boys at the local orphanage and the connections he made with them and the nuns who ran the orphanage. Sullivan's talk focused on the idea of what defines a person, and he spoke about the importance of surrounding oneself with people who build you up, not tear you down. He also stressed the concept of helping others in small ways, sometimes just by being present to another person, paying attention to them, or helping them in some way. He challenged the students to go home and ask their parents how they could be helpful to them. About 400 students attended the presentations throughout the day thanks to their English teachers. If anyone would like to borrow a copy of Sullivan's book, just stop by the library at any time.



Twenty students also shared a pizza lunch with the author. They were able to ask Sullivan any questions about his experiences in Jamaica, his writing process, or his life in general. Sullivan also asked the students questions about themselves and their individual interests. The students were thrilled to interact with Mr. Sullivan throughout the lunch and learned even more about him and his experiences in Jamaica.



[Quazier Dailey Named to All County](#)

On Tuesday night, county coaches met to name an All-County Winter Track team. Manchester's Quazier Dailey was selected 1st Team All Passaic County in the 55 meter event. This is the Manchester's first All-County selection since starting the winter track program two years ago. Quazier set numerous school records and made it all the way to the State Group II championship meet this season.



[Former Manchester Student to be Honored](#)

Manchester alumnus, Aleksandra Tasic, Esq., will be honored later this month at the Annual Women's History Month Award Reception by Senator Nellie Pou (Senator, 35th District Passaic & Bergen Counties). The award reception will be held March 31, 2016 at the Paterson Museum. Senator Pou specifically cited Ms. Tasic as being a role model to future generations of women because of her service to family and community. Ms. Tasic is an alumnus of MRHS, class of 2003. She went on to graduate summa cum laude from Seton Hall University in 2007 with a B.A. in Political Science. In 2010 Ms. Tasic received a degree in law from Seton Hall University School of Law. She is a licensed attorney in the state of New Jersey, New York and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Ms. Tasic is currently employed as an associate attorney in the office of Paul G. Jemas, Esq., P.C., in Roseland, NJ.