



MANCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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[MRHS Represented at Regional Poetry Out Loud](#)

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation have partnered with U.S. state arts agencies to support Poetry Out Loud, a contest that encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This is the first year Manchester Regional high school has entered this academic competition.

First, students were asked to memorize one poem for a classroom contest. The winners moved onto the second level of a school-wide competition. Shannon Baer, a sophomore, won the school-wide competition. On Monday, February 8th, Shannon went on to represent Manchester Regional High School at the Bergen County Performing Arts Center. At the thirds level, which is the regionals, students had to memorize three poems to be recited. Even though Shannon Baer did not win the Poetry Out Loud competition, she eloquently represented the school, and she is passionate about entering the competition again in 2017.

An enormous thank you to Mrs. Morstatt, school media specialist, for coordinating this as well as the teachers who entered their students into the contest: Mr. Bamford, Ms. Greene, and Ms. Pandya!!! (MRHS' Shannon Baer in center of picture.)



[Haiku Poetry Contest](#)

The Library Media Center announces the winners of the Annual Valentine's Day Haiku Poetry Contest. A haiku is a Japanese lyric verse form having three unrhymed lines of five, seven, and five syllables, traditionally invoking an aspect of nature or the seasons. For this contest the theme was Valentine's Day. Mrs. Morstatt would like to thank all who participated and helped to make the contest a huge success, with almost 200 entries and 9 winners! First place went to Sandy Le, second to John Carlo Cano, and third to Amani Alqaralleh.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Jordan Wilson for the Most Heartbreaking poem, Katherine Salazar for the Sweetest, Stefanie Rekesius for the Most Literary, Leslie Valladare, for the Most Creative, Shane Perkins for the Most Humorous, and Maya Abaza, for the Most Endearing.

Congratulations to all the winners! The winning haikus will be on display in the library. Pictured are the winners.



[Dollars for Pizza for the Class of 2017](#)

The Class of 2017 held a fundraiser at the California Pizza Kitchen at the Willowbrook Mall, Wednesday, February 17, from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Any customer who presented a flyer, provided by a member of the class, had 20 percent of their bill donated back to the Class of 2017. Among others, pictured are class member, Faith DeRuiter, office secretary, Carol Santoro and her son, Mr. Sanchez of the physical education department, Mrs. Orsita, and two of her grandchildren.



[Make A Difference for Valentine's Day](#)

The Falcons' Lounge hosted the Make A Difference Club in celebrating Love as Respect for Valentine's Day. Plenty of food, fun and games were had. Musical hearts was one of the activities in which students participated. Musical hearts is just like musical chairs, except hearts were used instead of chairs. Prizes were given away at the end of the event as well. Pictured from left to right: Veronica Moreno, Tyrese Jordan, Ariela Nunez, Carolyne Lowry, Jaylin McFarland, Nicole Mendez, Arwa Ensour, and Ilire Goca.



[First-Time Skiers](#)

Mrs. Edwards' class participated in a ski lesson yesterday, February 18, at Mt. Peter. First time skiers learned how to put on and take off their skis, start and stop skiing, and use the lift to get onto the bunny slope. The students did a great job and enjoyed learning how to ski while challenging themselves with a new skill.



Celebrating Basketball Seniors

Senior basketball players were recognized for their time on the team and their achievements. They celebrated by playing a special "senior's game," yesterday, February 18. A brochure was provided with a seniors' pictures and where they are going to attend college. Helping them celebrate were members of the Make A Difference Club.



Guitar Hero DNA?

In biology this week, students learned about DNA replication. To keep it interesting, students played a game called "Transcription Hero," which is the science version of "Guitar Hero" (a series of music rhythm games). Students had to use the keys on the guitar to match the DNA base pairs with their RNA counterparts. It got pretty competitive throughout the day! Pictured below is Victor Escuderi playing the guitar.

