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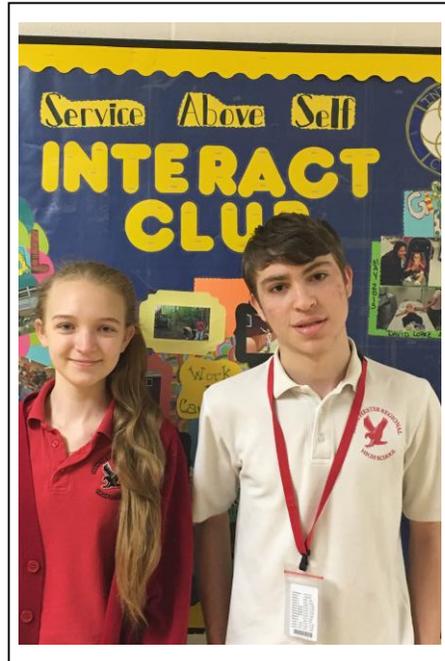
[Sweeny Todd Sparkles](#)

The musical play, *Sweeney Todd*, by Sondheim and Wheeler, was spectacularly performed by Manchester's music and theater arts departments' students last Friday and Saturday night. It was a very elaborate production with a substantial set design, outstanding singing and acting, and innovative choreography. It was accompanied by a 19 piece orchestra under the direction of choral teacher, Ms. Persenaire. Congratulations to Mr. Bamford and Ms. Persenaire, and their entire ensemble for an outstanding production. Pictured below are Charlie Cano, who played the demon barber, Sweeney Todd, and Edna Olmedo, who played Mrs. Lovett, his co-tenant with whom he had a sinister relationship.



Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Congratulations to Tara Mott and Kevin Baeli for being selected by local Rotarians to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) June 27-29 at New Jersey City University. RYLA students are 11th grade students awarded this leadership training and distinction for their past and present leadership and service activities.



Three Girls' Basketball Players Recognized by County

Three members of the girls' basketball team were recognized by the county and the league for their performance this past season. Yazmeen Johnson, on the left, was named Honorable Mention, All League; Randee Maclin, in the center, was named Honorable Mention, All County; and Aaliyah McCrae, on the right, was named 2nd Team, All League, and Honorable Mention, All County.



[Manchester English Teacher Goes International](#)

Ms. Amy Hughes, one of our new English teachers this year, has recently been invited to speak about 21st century classroom pedagogy and technology at a summer workshop, organized by the Armenian Communities Department, of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, which will take place this July in Sintra, Portugal. The goal of this gathering is to bring together individuals who work with Western Armenian language in various domains contributing to the growth of the younger generation. While Ms. Hughes teaches English, she has been specifically tasked with demonstrating to the 40 teachers, coming from around the globe, the best practices for integrating 21st century skills and technology into classroom applications. This intensive weeklong workshop is, for Ms. Hughes, just the first step in joining international working teams tasked with jump-starting innovative, global educational projects. Ms. Hughes feels honored and excited to share her ideas and experiences with such a dynamic group of pioneering educators.



NHS Students Brave Cold Fixing Camp Bernie

On March 5 and 6, our National Honor Society students traveled to YMCA Camp Bernie in Port Murray, New Jersey, where they braved the cold to paint, cut, and hammer in an effort to improve the facilities. Camp Bernie is the summer home to hundreds of campers through the New Jersey YMCA. Camp directors were very appreciative of the work our students did. Pictured below are, Martin Rivera, Leslie Valladares, Adam Zadeh, Elijah Matthew, Amani Alquaralleh, Mr. Nunez (parent), and Shakir Ahmed.

