



MANCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

# Good News Newsletter



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## [North Haledon Firm Supports Manchester Regional High School](#)

Mr. Hitesh Bhatt, CEO of Bhatt CCS, LLC – Technology Solutions Center in North Haledon, and his wife, Kim, donated a color printer, copier, fax machine to Manchester Regional High School, valued at \$8,000. Additionally, this year, they have donated \$5,000 worth of computer equipment, \$2,000 in cabinets, and a \$1,000 commercial tool box. Mr. Bhatt said that he is supporting Manchester because he and his wife are grateful for the education the school has been providing for his two daughters. Amy Bhatt graduated in the top ten of her class two years ago. She is now attending George Washington University in Washington D.C. and plans to become a pediatric cardiologist working for Doctors Without Borders. Haley Bhatt is currently in the top ten of the Manchester freshmen class in the Medical Sciences Academy program and plans on becoming a dermatologist.



Yanal Saleh, Technology Coordinator; Dr. Richard Ney, Principal; Mr. Hitesh Bhatt; and Dr. Miguel Hernandez, Superintendent

## [Holiday Concert](#)

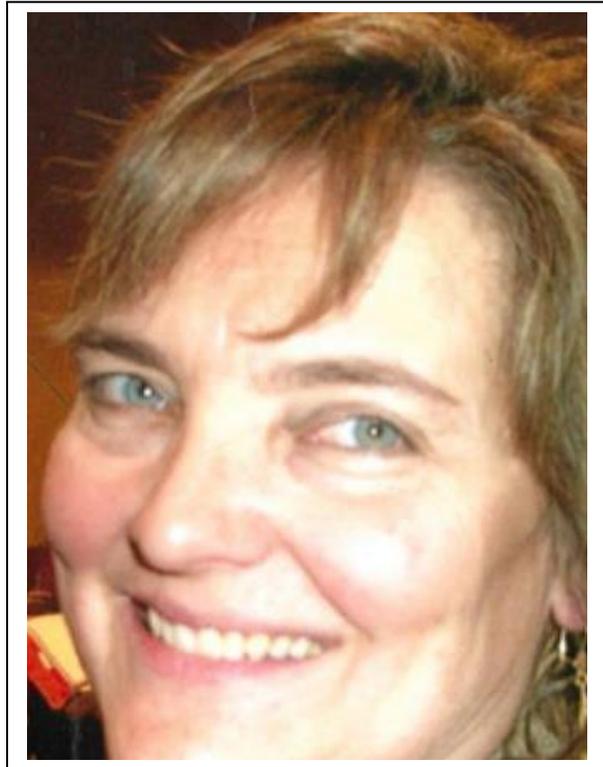
The music departments Holiday concert was Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The concert choir, chorus, Bel Suono, Show Choir, band and drumline performed a delightful variety of holiday music in front of a large and appreciative audience.



## Meet Mrs. Orsita

iHola!

I am Bernadette Orsita, and I teach Spanish here at Manchester Regional High School. I am married to my best friend and the greatest husband on earth, Peter Orsita. He is not just a great husband, but an awesome father, grandfather and cook! I started working with children 15 years ago as a lunch aide in Lincoln Park, New Jersey. While there, I realized how much I loved working with children, and I decided to attempt college in the hopes of obtaining enough credits to become a substitute teacher. Having not graduated high school, this was a terrifying task. However, with hard work, dedication, and lots of support from my family, I tested, enrolled, persevered, graduated and was actually offered a scholarship to Harvard! I am passionate about the Hispanic culture and simply LOVE the food and music. Therefore, it was simple to decide what content to teach. This is my ninth year at Manchester, and my greatest desire always is to make a difference in the lives of those around me and to remind the youth of today that there is a plan and a purpose for their lives. When I am not teaching at school, I am teaching at home and raising my 3 grandsons; Isaiah, 14, Joshua, 13 and Caleb, 12. Every night, we can be found around the dining room table for HOURS and HOURS doing *homework*. However, it is worth it as I try to instill the value of perseverance (which served me so well) in their young hearts. Much of my 'free' time is spent at ball games throughout the year, as each of the boys play multiple sports. Needless to say, my family and my career at Manchester are keystone to my identity as a grandmother, mother, wife, mentor, and teacher.



### [NHS Coat Drive](#)

The NHS Coat Drive is over. Thanks to the generous faculty and students at Manchester Regional High School, 206 coats and 41 accessories were collected, sorted and delivered to Father English Community Center in Paterson. Shown here are Asia Watson and Brianna Pritchard sorting the donations.



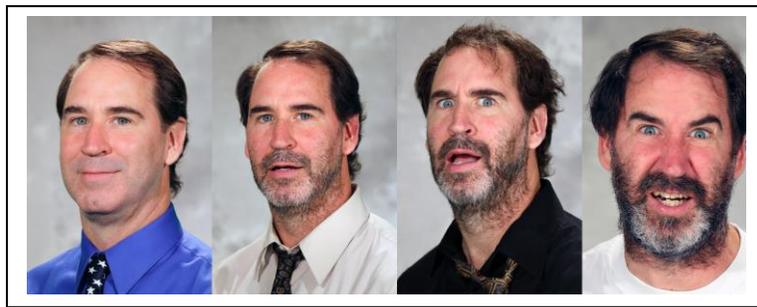
### [Interact Distributes Paterson Rotary Coats](#)

The Paterson Rotary Club also collected coats this season. On Monday, December 19, the Manchester Interact Club helped the Paterson Rotary Club and Santa pass out over 420 coats, hats, scarves and pairs of gloves along with a toy to all the Pre-K through 4th Grade students at Paterson Public School #10. Pictured below are David Caraccio, D'annaLee Lamberty, Mary Haddad, Jagger DeFenza, Jaylin McFarland, Shannon Dooley, Summer Watkins, Abel Mercedes, Noelia Calderon and Juan Vargas.



### [Okay, Now You Can Shave!](#)

In November, Student Council hosted their annual No Shave November competition. No Shave November is an organization that raises awareness of embracing hair growth, which many cancer patients lose. Fifteen participants from the MRHS faculty participated in this hairy event. Using Google Forms, MRHS narrowed the contestants down to the final four: Mr. Chinskey, Mr. Perez, Mr. Roberson, and Mr. Savastano. The final four participated in penny wars. In a penny war, silver coins and dollar bills take away points and pennies add points. At the end of the competition, Mr. Roberson had the least negative points (the number closest to zero) and won! The charity of his choice is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Approximately \$300 was raised and will be donated in his name to St. Jude!



### [Kean University Trip](#)

The Falcon's Lounge took five seniors on a field trip to Kean University for an informational session and tour of the school. Out of the five students currently in process of applying or awaiting a reply from Kean University, two of them have already been accepted (one of whom participated in an instant decision on the day of the trip). Congratulations to Caroline Ajami and Gustavo Alvarado!



[Happy Holidays from the Board Office](#)

Wishing you a wonderful Holiday Season!

