



[Junior Achievement Kicks Off At Haledon Public School](#)

Our MRHS students were part of a wonderful leadership and learning experience yesterday when for the first time they participated in a Junior Achievement High School Heroes event at the Haledon Public School. A total of 26 of our students taught 15 classes to kindergarten, first and second graders for the entire school day. The program used was created by Junior Achievement to teach elementary students financial literacy. It included interactive games, reading, question and answer sections, worksheets, and ended with each elementary student receiving a Junior Achievement certificate. Mr. Morelli is very proud of the MRHS students who participated yesterday and looks forward to the program expanding to include additional students so we can reach all the elementary schools in our area. Additional information on this program can be found on our MRHS web site under business academics. Pictured below is MRHS Junior Achievement student, Angelica Fusco, with Haledon Mrs. Pulizzano's second grade class at Haledon Public School.



"Smash!!!"

Last week, MRHS conducted its first Video Game Tournament of 2016, "Smash." The "Super Smash Brothers" franchise is one of the most popular video game series ever, attracting players of all ages, and available on every Nintendo platform. Professional tournaments award prizes upwards of \$30,000 for the winner. Two students coordinated a "1 on 1" tournament which spread largely by word-of-mouth. It attracted 21 participants eager to "Smash" their way to MRHS bragging rights (and a coveted bounty of MRHS Renaissance Success Cards). Some players even arrived with their own controllers to play on the two 8-foot projector screens set up in room S2. Reminded that this was a "friendly" event, players shook hands after every match, congratulating each other on their play. The tournament continued this week.



Ryan Pro Leads Pack Again

Senior Ryan Pro took 2nd place in the District 5 Wrestling Championships, and he won his first match in the Region 2 Championships Wednesday night at Bergen County Community College. Tonight he wrestles the number 1 seed in the region. Good luck Ryan! Juniors Jeff Rodriguez and Mike Tesauro took 4th place and we look forward to having their senior leadership next year!



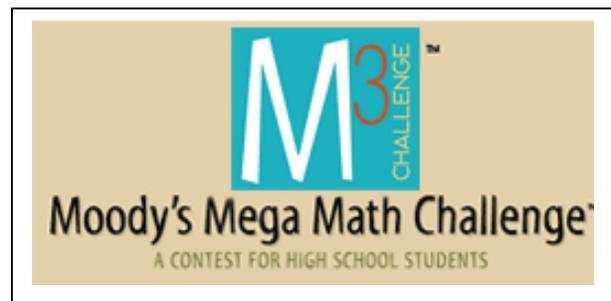
[Snowball Dance Thaws Out Crowd](#)

Ms. Falzarano and Ms. Masci want to extend their gratitude to everyone who supported and assisted with the second annual Student Council Snowball Dance, which took place this past Friday in the gym. The students who were there had a wonderful time. The adults who were there were impressed at the politeness and behavior of the students. A number of faculty and staff members donated their time, energy and snacks for the students, which made the evening even more enjoyable and successful. Also thanks to Spanish teacher and DJ extraordinaire, Mr. Perez , and the custodial staff for all of their assistance. As always, we look forward to continued support of future Student Council events.



[Mega Math Challenge](#)

Shakir Ahmed, Elijah Mathew, Martin Rivera, Leslie Valladares, and Yunis Yilmaz will be participating in Moody's Mega Math Challenge this weekend. As described on their website, m3challenge.siam.org: Moody's Mega Math Challenge is a mathematical modeling contest for high school juniors and seniors. Through participation, students gain the experience of working in teams to tackle a real-world problem under time and resource constraints akin to those faced by industrial applied mathematicians. The Challenge is sponsored by The Moody's Foundation and organized by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM), and awards \$150,000 in scholarships. The M³ Challenge spotlights applied mathematics as a powerful problem-solving tool, and as a viable and exciting profession. This dedicated group of students will meet at MRHS on Saturday at 8am. Upon downloading the problem, they will have fourteen hours to complete the challenge by writing a research paper on a real-world issue.



MRHS Book Club Gets Some Sun

On Wednesday, February 24th the MRHS Book Club met to discuss the book, *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson, an award-winning Young Adult novel. Teachers Mrs. St. John and Mrs. Hedges joined Mrs. Morstatt and the book club members to discuss their feelings about the book. It was a great meeting with teachers and students interacting and sharing their love of reading. The club's next read is *Never Let Me Go*, an international bestseller by Kazuo Ishiguro, and we would like to invite any faculty or staff members to read this book and participate in a joint meeting with students on Wednesday, April 13th, after school in the library. Pictured below are: Melany Quinones, Parisia Fields, Sandy Le, Keyashia Nero, Caroline Delvalle, and Jamonica Fields.

