



PantherPride NEWSLETTER

Spring has officially sprung and with the new season comes warmer weather and longer days to enjoy. We are so happy to be on a forward path after a difficult two years and nothing compares to finally seeing the smiling faces of students and staff in our classrooms and hallways. We have a lot of exciting events coming up and are looking forward to finishing out the school year as strong!

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SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE



We have two shining stars to celebrate in Middle Township — Superintendent Dr. David Salvo and Director of Guidance, Joelle Tenaglia, who have both been recognized for being outstanding in their fields. Dr. Salvo was named Superintendent of the Year for Cape May County by the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA) and Mrs. Tenaglia has been awarded the 2022 Cape May County Counselor of the Year by the New Jersey School Counselor Association.



Dr. Salvo has been Superintendent in Middle Township since 2014, and formerly served as the district's Assistant Superintendent of Support Services. He joined the district

as an assistant principal in 1995 and has built a solid career as a highly regarded educator, committed to the students, families and communities the district serves.

Mrs. Tenaglia began her career with Middle Township in 2021, but has been in education since 2001, when she worked as a special education teacher for Salem County Special Services School District. She always knew she wanted to be a guidance counselor, after she was greatly impacted by her own school counselors when she was a student.

Mrs. Tenaglia was recognized for the honor along with other winners across the state during a luncheon in mid-March. Dr. Salvo is now in contention for one of three Regional Superintendents of the Year for the state, one of which will go on to be named Superintendent of the Year for the state.

Congrats to our two superstars!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 29 | MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE GROUP PHOTO

May 2-6 | HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 2-13 | HIGH SCHOOL AP EXAMS

May 3 | HIGH SCHOOL PANTHER'S CHOICE AWARDS, 6:30 pm @ PAC

May 4 | HIGH SCHOOL NNDCC AWARD CEREMONY, 6:30 pm @ PAC

May 4 | HIGH SCHOOL'S SCHOOL NURSE'S DAY

May 7 | HIGH SCHOOL SAT TESTING

May 12 | HIGH SCHOOL SPRING VOCAL SHOWCASE - 6:30 pm @ PAC

May 13 | HIGH SCHOOL PROMENADE, 4:45 pm

May 13 | HIGH SCHOOL PROM, FLANDERS HOTEL

May 13-14 | HIGH SCHOOL AFTER PROM, 11:00 pm-4:00 am

May 18 | HIGH SCHOOL SPRING DANCE SHOWCASE, 7 pm @ PAC

May 19 | MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING MUSIC CONCERT, 6:30 pm @ PAC

May 24 | ELEMENTARY #2 BAND-CHORUS-DANCE CONCERT, 6:30 pm @ PAC

May 26 | HIGH SCHOOL SPRING BAND CONCERT, 6:30 pm @ PAC





Robotics Team Receives Tools Thanks to Grant



A photographer from Philadelphia's 6 ABC visited the school to cover the donation. The story was featured in the evening newscasts that night, making it extra special for the members of the team.

MTHS was chosen to receive the Argosy Tool and Equipment Foundation Grant through its participation with the FIRST Mid-Atlantic Robotics program. The equipment will help the MTHS Robotics Team members enhance their skills in building robots and other devices. The school has since partnered with Lower Township High School's Robotics Team, who received the same tools through the grant.

The Middle Township High School (MTHS) Robotics Team accepted a delivery of tools worth almost \$5,000 from FIRST Mid-Atlantic Robotics. Not only did the team receive a HUSKY workbench and toolbox already filled with tools, but also a 3D desktop printer and multiple RYOBI hand and bench tools.

The MTHS Robotics Team was one of six rookie teams to compete in the FIRST Mid-Atlantic Robotics Competition in March. Contestants are judged by elements such as knowledge of robotics, professionalism, engineering, safety and quality, plus "coopetition" that encourages collaboration for mutually beneficial results.

ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR DRAWS LARGE CROWD



Dozens of colleges, universities, trade schools and military representatives participated in Middle Township High School's 9th annual College Fair, including a familiar face who once roamed the halls, U.S. Army National Guard First-Class Morgan Kern.

PFC Kern spoke to current MTHS students about the benefits of joining the military post-graduation.

Other representatives provided valuable information to almost 125 MTHS students to better prepare themselves for their future and the best course of action for taking their next steps after graduation.

This was MTHS's largest student turnout yet for the annual event.





MTHS Senior Earns a Rare Perfect Score on Math SAT



Middle Township High School (MTHS) senior and promising future mechanical engineer, Xander Hardin, achieved a perfect 800 on the math portion of the SATs.

Hardin's former middle school principal and current director of curriculum and instruction, Dr. Toni Lehman, recalls making special accommodations so Hardin could begin taking high school level math courses while he was in just 8th grade. As a senior, he is currently enrolled in five advanced placement courses. During his junior year, he achieved four perfect scores out of the five AP exams he took in Spring of 2021.

Hardin is excited to be able to finish his high school career on such a high note. He's hoping these perfect scores will give him the recognition he'll need to be accepted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he'd like to study Mechanical Engineering.

David Giulian Makes Panther's History at Wrestling State Tournament



Middle Township High School senior David Giulian made history as the first Panther wrestler to reach the state semifinals.

This run landed him a spot on the podium at the NJSIAA State Wrestling Championships held in Atlantic City in March.

"Having all the coaches and teammates support me and push me to be able to compete at such a level is something special. Without them, I'm not the athlete I am today," said David.

"One of the best things this achievement has shown me is how proud my mom and dad are. Seeing them just as happy, if not more — makes being on the podium just a little more special."

Giulian finished his high school career 6th in the state and with 117 career wins, making him the most successful Panther wrestler. He hit his 100th career win back in January. Coach Matthew Wolf, MTHS '02, has coached Middle Township High School wrestling since 2008. He has 158 career wins, making him the school's most successful wrestling coach.

Giulian is a team captain not only of the wrestling team, but also of the football and track and field teams. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council, he carries a 4.22 GPA, and loves spending his summer being a member of the Avalon Beach Patrol.





A History Lesson with a Local Connection



This Black History Month, eighth-graders from Middle Township Middle School visited the Harriet Tubman Museum of New Jersey. Located on Lafayette Street in

Cape May, the museum opened in 2021 as a tribute to the rich history of abolitionist activism and Tubman's strong connection to the area. Students were able to learn about the connections between the iconic freedom fighter and the pivotal role Cape May County played in the right to end slavery.

Tubman, who escaped slavery herself and became an abolitionist, lived and worked in Cape May in the 1850s, using her earnings to help rescue slaves on the Underground Railroad. She is said to have brought more than 200 people into freedom through her efforts, which are all detailed through different exhibits at the new museum..

Students learned about Tubman's contributions from a friendly face — Ms. Crystal Hines, an MTMS physical education teacher who also happens to be a regular volunteer at the museum.

Cape May County Champs



Way to go, MTHS Mock Trial Team, the new 2022 Cape May County Champions! Congratulations on a successful season, Coach Kim Moore and Cape May County Champions: **Front:** Alexandra Campbell, Emily Mawhinney, Angelina Maffei, Katrina Fuentes, Sophia Elliott, Xander Hardin **Back:** Kate DiGilio, Kristen Kallok, Griffin Yerk, Ohm Patel





Elementary #1 Celebrates Read Across America



Students at Elementary #1 celebrated Read Across America Week from February 28 to March 4 with five days of phonics and fun! Special readers visited classrooms

both in-person and virtually to share their favorite books with students. The secret reader for Mr. Tridente's second grade class was none other than Mrs. Tridente!

Miss Legler's class loved reading "A Promise in Every Color," a story about the colors in a rainbow. Mrs. Moore, a teacher at Elementary #2, kindly sent in all the supplies for her daughter, Skylar, and her classmates to create their very own mini rainbow treats.

Launched in 1998 by the National Education Association, Read Across America is the nation's largest celebration of reading. The program is designed to engage and encourage children to read books.

In addition to having special readers visit, the students enjoyed a festive spirit week. They were asked to wear a shirt they can read, silly socks, gear from their favorite sports teams, as many colors as they could and to dress for success.

NBC 10 Visits Elementary #2

Third-graders in Ms. Nicole DelCorio's class got a very special visit from their favorite newscasters — NBC 10's Keith Jones and Erin Coleman. The morning anchors spent time with the students talking about their jobs and answering questions about what it's like having to get up so early, where they grew up and where they went to school.

The long-awaited visit came about after the class had asked Ms. DelCorio to participate on their behalf in NBC 10's Coffee with the Crew promotion in the hopes they'd win a coffee mug and a chance to chat virtually with the news anchors. The class began watching the morning news show along with their teacher from home when they were quarantined back in January.

The news team was so excited to hear the students had become such big



fans that they decided to come and visit them in-person by visiting their classroom in March. The excited students rolled out the orange and black carpet for the news team and presented a custom NBC 10 themed banner, some Middle Township School District swag, handmade books including all of their photos, and other special goodies. Keith and Erin didn't come empty-handed. They brought gifts for the students, including drawstring tote bags that each included a special NBC 10 morning news mug, activity book and other knickknacks. The anchors even took time to personally thank the teachers and staff members at Elementary #2 with enough mugs to go around.

One of the highlights from the day was when the students performed a song they wrote for NBC 10, which was recorded by their crew for a special segment that will air in April.

