



News & Updates - October 2021 Welcome to Fall!

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District Adds SLEO Class III Officer at Lazar Middle School

In September, Steven Groseibl joined Robert R. Lazar Middle School as the school's SLEP (special Law Enforcement Officer) Class III. The introduction of this position was delayed a year due to the pandemic circumstances of hybrid and remote instruction during the 2021-2022 school year. Officer Groseibl brings 25 years of experience with the New Jersey State Police and additional background in public safety and security in the private sector to his new role. In addition to servicing as a Commanding Officer with the NJSP, he served as a liaison with other agencies including the Secret Service, Department of State, and the FBI. We warmly welcome Officer Groseibl to the Montville Township Public Schools!

State Board of Education Adopts Graduation Assessment Requirements for Classes of 2023-2025

At their September meeting, the New Jersey Department of Education adopted the graduation assessment requirements for the Classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025. The new requirements are aligned with State statute N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 *et seq.* and require all students to demonstrate proficiency by achieving a passing score on the English language arts (ELA) and mathematics components of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment, by achieving a passing score on a substitute competency assessment, or by submitting portfolio appeals through their school district.



Students in the classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025 will take the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11. The assessment will be aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for grade 10 ELA and NJSLS for Algebra I and Geometry. The assessment will be delivered through the same online platform at the current New Jersey Student Learning Assessments.

A Parent Program on the Lifelines Curriculum (Suicide Prevention) will be offered virtually on Wednesday, October 27th from 7 to 9 p.m. Details to access the program will be forthcoming.

Schoology As An Important Communication Tool



Parents are reminded that Schoology (the District's Learning Management System) remains one of our primary vehicles for communicating important information to parents and students. Principals use the platform to send updates about school activities as well as to communicate critical information, such as the reporting of the

identification of positive COVID-19 cases.

Schoology has a useful app that will allow you to receive updates and access information about your child's courses, etc. Parents are encouraged to install the app. You can find the Schoology app in the Apple App Store or on Google Play.

If you have any issues establishing your Schoology account, kindly contact parentaccess@montville.net.

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Bits and Pieces...

Congratulations to Lazar Middle School teacher Suzette Given who received the OnWord 2021 Inspiration Award at September's American Writers Museum Gala in Chicago. Suzette was nominated for this award by one of her former students, Jenny Xie. [Watch this moving and well-deserved presentation.](#)

Congratulations to the following MTHS students who won art awards at the 2021 New Jersey State Fair:

First Place: Brook Haltmeier, Annalisa Kilanowski, Dom LaScala, Rebekah Mathew, Chloe Megaro, Caroline Slunt, Gabby Suppa, Antoinetta Vecchione

Second Place: Sophia Canilla. Peter Fragomeni, Tarik Hakimi, Ian Kaiser, Sam Laino, Chloe Megaro, Samantha Michalakakis, Nicole Maly, Gabby Suppa. Anjali Yarlagadda

Third Place: Sophia Canilla, Paige Gille, Tarik Halimi, Sam Laino, Lucia LoPresti, Chloe Megaro, Hannah Vidovich, Jason Vogt

Honorable Mention: Tarik Hakimi

Kudos to Dom LaScala for earning the Peters Valley School of Craft Scholarship!

Congratulations to Sophia Kuznetsova on being named as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. High school juniors entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

We also salute all of the students receiving a Letter of Commendation from the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program: Daniel R. Arena, Elizabeth A. Bazhenov, Elena Chauhan, Miryoung Choi, Jared S. Edelman, Sophie K. Edelman, Danial Gologorsky, Isabella L. Ivankovic, Alexandra I. Keezer, Madison M. Keezer, Amelia S. Moon, Nicholas J. Park, Neel N. Patel, Pratham Pilli, Alexander Scardigno, Aayush Sharma, Priyanjali S. Solanky.