

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Junior, **William Kennedy**, was selected as a winner of the **Joyce Kilmer Poetry Contest** sponsored by Boiling Springs Savings Bank. Fifty-eight original poems were submitted by both children and adults for the contest and ten winners were chosen. The Joyce Kilmer Society of Mahwah's mission is to encourage an appreciation of writing and reading poetry.
- On February 9th, the **Student Congress** participated in **PS I Love You Day**, which is a new tradition at Ramsey High School. Eight hundred purple hearts were made and delivered to every student at the high school with a different message written on the back that was intended to brighten their day. The goal is to prevent bullying and suicide and promote self-confidence. Members of Student Congress also sold valentine carnations and will be using the proceeds to purchase maroon and silver ribbons to hand out to our staff and students in honor of the 17 students and staff members who were killed at Margaret Stoneham Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.
- Forty-four **French language students** travelled to Quebec City to experience their **Winter Carnaval** on February 9-11. Students enjoyed eating food prepared with maple syrup followed by dancing at the sugar shack, learning about local folktales while visiting a local wood sculptor's studio, and the carnival activities, like dog-sledding and tubing, that culminated with a parade.
- On February 12th, the high school Chorus hosted the **District Choral Collage**. It was standing room only featuring 400 students from grades 3-12.
- **The Debate Club** hosted on February 28th. Jack Curran and Nakul Chadha led the day, winning the First Place Team Award as well as First and Second Place Speaker Awards. Cece Taylor took home the Outstanding Judge Award.
- Congratulations to all **DECA** members who competed at the State competition. Marisa McEntee, Jason Lee, Jason Yusko, Sean McGahan, Lily Brickman, Katie Magennis, Caroline Voigt, Kunjal Kapadia, and Taryn Twohig will be moving on to the international competition in April.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **March 15** – Sophomore Parent Night at 7:00pm in the Lecture Hall.
- **March 20** – Parent Academy: How To Talk To Your Children After Stressful and Traumatic events at 10:00am at Dater School and at 7:00pm at Smith School.
- **March 22-24** – Drama Club presents the spring musical, *Godspell*, at 7:30pm in the Auditorium.
- **March 27** PTSO meeting at 7:00pm in the Staff Cafeteria.
- **March 30** – Good Friday, no school for students K-12 and staff.
- **April 2-6** – Spring Break, no school for students K-12 and staff.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

The Winter Athletic season is winding down and the Rams were competitive all season long.

- **Ice Hockey** ended the season in the NJSIAA Public School C State Tournament. The team showed great improvement this year. After missing the playoffs last season, the team finished in the top 8 schools in classification C. The team compiled a record of 11-13-2 and qualified as an at large team making it deep into the playoffs.
- **Winter Track** – The girls team were Big North Patriot Division as well as the 4th consecutive Bergen County Championship winners. Kudos to Kaela Monte divisional, county, section, and state group champion in the girls high jump; Emma Cunningham placed 6th in the triple jump, setting a new school record of 37' 10.5"; Hanna Leto, Kaela Monte, Lauren Chamberlin, and Emily Grubb 3rd place in the running shuttle hurdles at Nationals. The boys were very competitive led by Justin Illes, winner of the county championship in the 600 meter run.
- **Boys Basketball** finished the regular season with a 19-7 record. The squad won the North 1 Group 2 State Sectional championship.
- **Girls Basketball** played in the state tournament on February 27th. They finished their season with a record of 8-17.
- **Wrestling** team ended the year with a record of 11-15. The team was led by regional qualifiers, Jonathan Siemsen, Steven Lowery, Pedro Ascencio and Seniors Burhan Khawaja and Mike Ryan.

- **Swim Teams** – the boys finished the year at 5-6 and the girls at 4-7. Both teams have shown great improvement.
- **Bowling Teams** – the girls team finished 2nd in the Patriot Division with an overall record of 81-17. The boys team finished 4th with a record of 41-57.
- **Cheerleaders** took home a 3rd place win in the Big North Division at the Division Championships.