

A Rally Into Fall

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Friday, September 13th, 2024 was not an unlucky day at Mount Olive High School. The Fall Activities Pep Rally took place after a long day of classes, between 1:25 p.m. to 2:20 p.m., and even featured a special announcement from the Student Council. From the competitive class games to the messages by the captains of the fall sports, this pep rally made sure to encourage school spirit and support our teams.



To begin the pep rally, the Concert Choir students performed the National Anthem with the Presentation of Colors. The anthem was sung in a graceful, melodic manner, while the AFJROTC students held the flag and equipment ceremoniously. Audience members stood at this point in still silence. After that, the Rock and Roll Academy performed music throughout the event, while the marching band played later on in the pep rally. Both groups engaged with the crowd with upbeat and fun pieces. Catchy music was the focus of the students' attention, a source of relaxation from stressful schoolwork. Aside from musical entertainment, the cheer and gymnastics teams also participated with choreographed routines. The gymnastics teams showcased their talents on the floor mat, while the cheerleaders completed an enthusiastic routine. Moreover, the routines were filled with challenging movements, such as the lifts and tumbling, which captivated the students.

Class pride was encouraged throughout the three competitive games in the pep rally. First and foremost, the musical chairs game was played among students separated by grade, with music from the Rock and Roll Academy. Students in the stands were entertained by the struggle between the participants on the field as they wrestled for a seat in one of the chairs. Eventually, the four winners of each class competed with one another for the ultimate victory. Another game



played was the table relay race, with participants lying on the ground and moving the table as they rolled closer to the finish line. The four classes were quite disappointed when the victor was revealed—the staff won. Regardless, watching the participants racing to get up from the ground and racing to the end was

amusing for the audience. Finally, the most exciting game was arguably the tug-of-war game, where the four classes competed against each other. The first round was the sophomore-freshman round, where the sophomores had a smooth victory. The second round was the senior-junior round, an intense struggle between the upperclassmen that ended with a senior victory. In the final round, the seniors won quickly against the sophomores, and the games were an overall success.

Captains of the fall sports teams spoke in between the events of the pep rally to announce records, important dates, and more. Fall athletics includes cross country, gymnastics, field hockey, girls tennis, girls volleyball, girls soccer, boys soccer, unified soccer, and, of



course, cheer and football. The pep rally encouraged each and every student to attend the athletic events and to show school pride.

Finally, the Fall Activities Pep Rally would not have been complete without special announcements, and the teachers being 'pied' in the face. This year, Ms. Hibler and Mr. Kaspereen were the teachers chosen for the event. The Homecoming Court was announced, and flowers were given to the ten contenders for Homecoming Queen and King. Additionally, a final special announcement was made to end the event. Mount Olive High School will be bringing back lip dub this year, and more information will be released as the year progresses. This year's pep rally was an exciting event to lead into the school year, and will be followed by many more activities throughout the year. Good luck to all of the athletics teams, and continue to have strong seasons!