



## “Veterans Day”



Veterans Day is celebrated on the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, November 11, which ended World War I tensions between Allied Nations and Germany. It is intended to honor all men and women who have served, are currently serving, and will serve in the United States Military. Each year, Manchester Schools hold an assembly to honor our veterans. This year the assembly was held on Friday, November 8, 2013, in the high school gym. Our guest speaker for this year’s assembly was Rhonda Throckmorton, who once served our country as a female Marine and is now a junior high teacher at Ripley Middle School. The assembly featured outstanding performances by our high school choir with the National Anthem, high school band with “The Five Service Hymns”, and the junior high choir with “America the Beautiful”. Fourth grade students Jada Francis, Wyatt Taylor, and Ryland Wikoff led the Pledge of Allegiance. In past years, many MHS graduates have chosen the military as their career path. All five different branches have received some of Manchester’s finest and we are all very proud of them and thank them for choosing the path they have. As

our guest speaker said, thank a veteran any chance you get! It will mean more to them than any of us could ever understand. So from Manchester Local School to all past, present, and future veterans, we thank you!

Tiffany Ricketts

## “Beta Club”



BETA club is doing very well this year. The officers for BETA include: Jazlyn Rust as president, Gabe Horsley as the vice-president, Katie Booker as secretary, Mckayla Smith as treasure and Keisha Palmer as the tech. director. This year there are twenty-nine new members! There are many great upcoming events that they have planned for the near future. When President Rust was asked about the future of BETA this year, she replied, “We have many plans for BETA, everything from collecting for the Clark family to running for Secretary at state BETA. As a BETA, I plan to bring a sense of hope to our school on a foundation of leadership!” It seems as though President Rust has a lot of confidence regarding her presidency. BETA will also be holding a Christmas fundraiser and a Thanksgiving can food drive this month in order to help out the people who are less fortunate. Please donate to this meaningful and important cause.

Kristin Darnell

## “NHS Inductions”



On November fourth, National Honor Society inductions were held at Manchester High School. NHS is proud to have a selective amount of students tapped into the society each year. The advisor of NHS, Mr. Owen Applegate, welcomed ten new students and they are: Brett Himes, Zach Slatton, Sean Frost, Ricky Deatley, Emerald Proffitt, Elizabeth Nace, Morgan Johnson, Kayleigh Robinson, Samantha Hanson, and Katie Booker. Congratulations to all new members!

At the ceremony, a member of the National Honor Society was to tap a new member on the right shoulder with a gable and introduce them to the crowd. After each new member was tapped, the lighting of the candles was held by the following officers: Tiffany Ricketts, Kore Newman, Mason Jones, Marissa Osman, and Devin Blythe. Mason Jones led the ceremony with great integrity, though he had little practice, and did a wonderful job. After each candle was lit and the last speech was spoken, Mr. Applegate had the senior members, as well as the new senior members, stand up at the podium and tell the audience about their future. Parents were shedding tears with warm smiles on their faces as they watched their children grow into smart, young adults. It is a great honor to be a part of National Honor Society and Manchester High School is proud to have Greyhounds that are

dedicated and responsible enough to bring greatness to our school.

Brook Henley

## “The History of Thanksgiving”



It's that time of year again! The time to gather around with family to enjoy a feast of food and to give thanks to all that you are grateful for. When we think of Thanksgiving, the first thing we think of is the delicious food that we eat with our families. The turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie. We all love this holiday and we always look forward to it. Despite this, the most important thing about this day is the purpose behind it.

The first Thanksgiving took place in 1620. It all started when 100 passengers boarded the Mayflower and sailed from Europe to North America. The journey lasted around two months. When they arrived, they found it hard to cooperate in the cold, harsh winter and by the time spring came, they had barely any food. Luckily, they ran into a Native American that spoke English. He took them to Squanto, an English speaking Native American, and he began to show them how to stay alive. They were taught how to fish, hunt, grow crops, and to tell edible plants from poisonous ones. As time went on, the settlers began to grow more healthy and learned how to cook

many different things. Later that year, the Native Americans and the settlers celebrated by serving a three day feast of many foods.

Thanksgiving is not only about the food, but it's about counting your blessings with your families and to show the appreciation of the Native Americans. If it wasn't for the generosity of the Native Americans, there would be no reason to celebrate Thanksgiving every year. The meaning is to be thankful for your surroundings and to the people that influence your life in great ways. Be thankful and have a great Thanksgiving!

Courtney Shirey

### “Manchester Varsity/ JV Girls’ Basketball 2013-2014”



The Lady Hounds started off their season on a Friday night at North Adams High School. They defeated the Eastern Lady Warriors, letting the other teams know that they are going to be a tough team to face this year. On Saturday, November the 18<sup>th</sup>, both the varsity and JV girls defeated Felicity at the foundation game. The girls topped Felicity 21 to 16. It was a close game! They came out on top though. The varsity girls' game was an even closer game than the JV girls. The Lady Hounds went into halftime, beating Felicity 31 to 16, but came out winning 50 to 49. They fought hard and didn't let Felicity beat them. Great job, Lady Hounds! We are very excited to see how their season is going to turn out. So

far, they are doing an excellent job. Keep up the good work!

Hannah Rideout

### “High School Boys Basketball”



This year's high school boys' team consists of 14 players. Seniors: Cole Hensley and Timmy Jones. Juniors: Austin Smith and Phillip Thomas. Sophomore's: Jordan Freeman, Sean Frost, and Rickey Deatley. Freshman: Arturo Hernandez, Justin Aldrige, Colton Thornburg, Hunter Conley, Kaulen Cox and Bryan Young. When asked as a coach, how do you feel about this upcoming season? Coach Lockhart responded with, "I feel great about the upcoming season. We have an extremely young team but they are working hard each day, which we have to in order to compete at the varsity level." He says, "We have a ton of new players playing varsity this year. They have a lot to learn, but I feel they are up to the task." He also says, "My expectations are to compete each and every night, breaking the season down to 4-5 games at a time. We have to show growth and get better in order to compete come tournament time." Good luck in your upcoming games boys!

Haven Hopkins

## “Academic Team Update”



The Manchester High School Academic Team has started its season recently; Mr. Crask is the coach again this year, and the team is very promising, even in spite of their current record of two wins and five losses.

The team has had several freshmen join their ranks - Deron Blythe, Jace Howard, and Jamison Wilkins are all welcomed additions to the team. The sophomores this year consist of Emerald Proffitt, Katie Booker, and Jacob Purdon. Jazlyn Rust, Ian Sundeen, and Samantha Aldridge are the juniors.

The Academic Team has many seniors this year. Mason Jones and Kore Newman are co-captains of the team; Devon Blythe is both humorous and a great team player; Marissa Osman rocks the Alphabet Round; and Zach Slatton gives his all every match and is always a real team player.

Emerald Proffitt

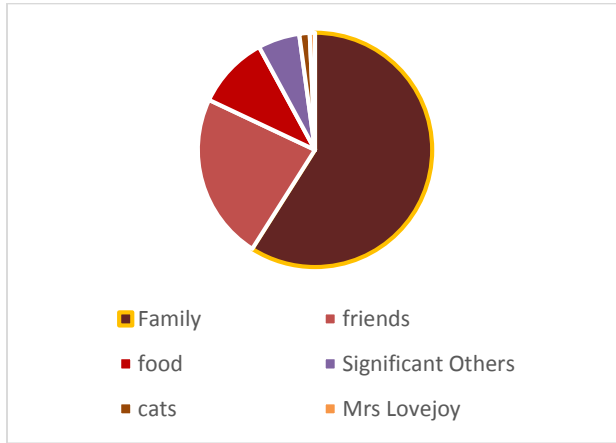
## “Junior High Boys' Basketball”



The head coach of junior high basketball this season is Mr. Kyle Brewer. As head coach this upcoming season, he hopes to have the JH Greyhounds compete in every game and get better as the season continues. He is very pleased with his new athletes, as they are working hard and trying to earn playing time throughout the season. He feels the team's biggest improvement from past seasons is a better knowledge of the game. His expectations for this upcoming season are to be a 500 basketball team and finish strong in the tournament. Coach Brewer's one word to describe his team was enthusiastic. The team consists of 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Mason Bilyeu, James Arias, Shane Grooms, Nick Griffin, Trent Dryden, Logan Francis, Jaime Combs, Jalen Boyd, Ethan Pennywitt, Jalen James, Kaige Cox, Gage Lucas, and Bryan Vincent. Good Luck, boys!

Zach Slatton

### “What Are You Thankful For Survey”



Delaney Young

“Gas Pedal”, by Sage the Gemini, while eating her favorite food, pineapple pizza. Miss May Lynn’s favorite colors are pink and black. Her best friends are: Kayleigh Smith, Ariel Cantrell, Kenzie Bell, Michael Prichard, Tony C., and Natasha C. May’s relationship status is single at this moment. Also, her favorite senior is Daniel Brinker. She would like to end this by saying, “I love to talk to my best friend; her name is Natasha C.”



### “Seventh Grade Profiles”



May Lynn Schroeder is a twelve year old seventh grader. She came into this world on July 3, 2001. Her favorite activities are shopping and spending time with her loving family. May Lynn also likes to read, but if you don’t see her reading, you could catch her listening or dancing to her favorite song

Our seventh grade boy is Dane Osborne; he is a twelve year old and was born on February 3, 2001. He attends Manchester Jr. High School. Hey ladies, Dane is currently single! Green happens to be his favorite color, and his favorite food is bacon. Dane’s favorite activities are basketball and baseball. If you don’t see him outside playing his favorite sports, you could see him hanging out with his best friends Landon, Isaiah, Cody, Cameron, Logan, Dylan and Brady. He doesn’t have a favorite senior or a favorite song. He would like to end this by saying, “Bye!”

Haylee Adams  
“Ninth Grade Profiles”



Our first freshman profile is Dylan Conley. His birthday is March 10, 1998, and he is currently taken! Dylan enjoys spending his free time playing Xbox. He loves any music by Of Mice and Men and Bring Me the Horizon. His favorite color is blue, and his favorite food is Pop-Tarts. Dylan considers Miss Delany Young to be his favorite senior. He has no best friends because he is friends with everyone! He would like to end by saying “Bye!”



Our second freshmen profile is Miss Kylie Lucas. Kylie was born on January 3, 1999. Sorry guys, this girl is currently taken. Kylie enjoys playing basketball, volleyball, softball and hanging out with friends. She loves listening to her favorite song “305 to My City” by Drake. Her favorite color is pink, and her favorite foods are whale crackers and red velvet Pop-Tarts. Kylie’s favorite seniors are Brett Himes, Hannah Rideout and Haylee Adams. As for best friends, Kylie has two: Cassidy Spires and McKenna Hughes. She would like to end by saying, “Follow me on Twitter @kylie\_Sue.”

June Frost

## “Junior Profiles”



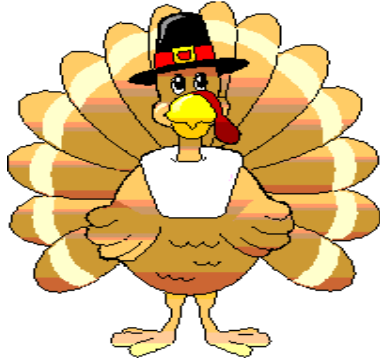
Our first junior profile goes to Cara Wagner. She is currently seventeen years old and was born on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Hey guys, Cara is single! She enjoys dancing. Cara’s favorite song is “True Love” by Pink, and her favorite color is lime green. She loves to eat Super Whoppers. Her best friends are Michael Crummie and Jaylen Hackathorn. Cara’s favorite senior is Jessie Robertson. She would like to end her profile by saying, “I’m going to marry Michael Crummie when I’m thirty!”



Our second junior profile goes to Jordan Franklin. He is seventeen and was born on August sixteenth. Jordan is currently single, ladies! You can probably find him hunting, which happens to be his favorite activity. His favorite song is “My Kind of Night” by Luke Bryan. Jordan’s favorite color is blue, and he enjoys eating deer meat. He says he doesn’t have a favorite senior; he likes them all. He is best friends with everyone. He would like to end by saying, “nothing”.

Jaylynd Boyd

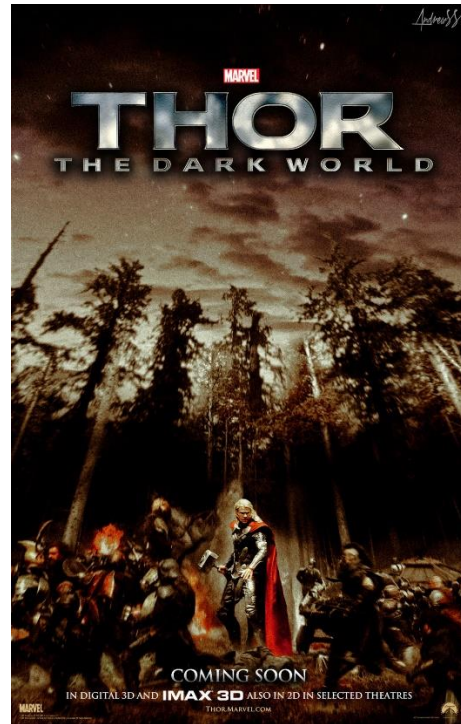
“Thanksgiving Jokes!”



- Q. Why do turkeys gobble?  
A. Because they never learned table manners.
- Q. What happened when the turkey got into a fight?  
A. He got the stuffing knocked out of him.
- Q. Why did the band hire a turkey as a drummer?  
A. Because he had the drumsticks.
- Q. Why don't turkeys fly?  
A. Because they can't afford plane tickets.
- Q. What's a turkey's favorite type of doll?  
A. Gobble-heads.
- Q. Why didn't the turkey eat dessert?  
A. He was already stuffed.
- Q. Why did the turkey cross the road?  
A. It was the chicken's day off.
- Q. What do you get when a turkey lays an egg on top of a barn?  
A. An eggroll

Angel Rigdon

“*Thor: The Dark World* Review”



Marvel has once again reminded the entire movie industry that they are not to be forgotten. The original Thor was a decent movie in its own right, but it was neither remarkable or one of the stronger Marvel films. It paled in comparison to the Iron Man trilogy and the Avengers, and it made the comic book fans a bit hesitant about a sequel. Thor: the Dark World, though, redeemed the Thor movies and added depth to the movie adaption of the superhero himself.

The exposition of the film captured the entire cinema's attention, and the movie was perfectly paced; there were emotional scenes and background information tied in with the action and adventure one would normally attribute to superhero movies about godly blonds with magical hammers. Dark World's plot was an intriguing blend of traditional Norse mythology and pieces of



comic book stories patched together, and the complexity of it definitely paid off. The Night Elves were unique concepts with beautiful character designs (with “beautiful” being synonymous for “uniquely unsettling and a bit scary”).

I have always had a soft spot for the architecture and world-building involved in a movie production, especially one that mainly takes place in a fictitious place with no practical constraints of the modern day and its rows of steel buildings. Asgard - and the different worlds Thor visits – was completely breathtaking, and I could have spent hours watching footage of nothing but the buildings and geography of this world.

The actors in Dark World gave an awe-inspiring performance. Chris Hemsworth once more captured the essence of Thor, all mighty rage and too much heart, and Tom Hiddleston has always been one of my personal favorites, but he really blew me away in this film. I fell in love with his acting all over again; while he was snarky and blank-faced, his eyes clearly portrayed the pain that Loki was feeling. Malekith, the main villain, was played by Christopher Eccleston and – even though it was hard to tell it was actually him beneath all of the make-up – he did an amazing job. The most notable thing about the acting, though, was that everyone in the film gave near-flawless performances, and that included the supporting actors’ talent, an unusual thing in most films, where all of the production money is spent on the main characters, leaving the casting crew to hire mediocre actors.

One of the biggest problems I had with Thor was the forced love interest in the form of Jane Foster. She was an underdeveloped character that only added unneeded interruptions in what plot it had.

In Dark World, she is still a *bit* irritating, but the love feels much more real; it was written with care this time, and it gave Jane her own unique characterization in turn.

The Warriors Three and Lady Sif returned once more, and I was absolutely thrilled at how included they were in the story line; they have always been my personal favorites. Frigga earned the respect of the entire movie audience with her courageous sacrifice, and it was a definite pro-feminism film in that Frigga acted independently of Odin while the All-Father himself did absolutely nothing consequential. Loki really earned his “silver-tongued” title in this film, his dialogue a perfect blend of biting remarks and sarcastic quips that occasionally drew out into rambles merely to irritate those that were forced to listen.

All in all, Thor: The Dark World was an outstanding film. I was very emotionally invested in the story line (to the point that there were tears during several occasions, much to my mother’s amusement), and the CGI was break-taking. The actors gave riveting performances and the mid-credits scene was the perfect prelude to the Guardians of the Galaxy movie.

Emerald Proffitt

## “Catching Fire Released”



After much anticipation, the long awaited movie *Catching Fire* was released in theaters November 22<sup>nd</sup>. *Catching Fire* continues the story of Katniss and Peeta, taking place right after the previous Hunger Games. The Capitol is not happy with the stunt Katniss and Peeta tried, and in order to punish them, President Snow forces them into another Hunger Games named the Quarter Quell, a special Hunger Games that occurs every seventy-five years that always has special rules. The rules for this particular Quarter Quell were that the participants had to be previous Hunger Games winners. This much anticipated film starred returning actors Jennifer Lawrence, as Katniss; Josh Hutcherson, as Peeta; and Woody Harrelson, as Haymitch. The estimated DVD release date of *Catching Fire* is March 2014; be sure to buy a copy, as it is sure to be very good! Thus far, *Catching Fire* has been very well received and enjoyed much more than its predecessor.

Zach Slatton

## “Typhoon Haiyan Strikes the Philippines”



Earlier this month a typhoon hit the Philippines, killing more than a 10,000 people and leaving more than 600,000 people displaced; more than 9.5 million were affected. Roads, bridges and airports were destroyed or covered in all of the wreckage. Not one building escaped damage. The city and nearby villages were flooded, leaving floating bodies and roads covered with debris from fallen trees, tangled power lines and flattened homes. Ninety U.S. Marines and Sailors headed to the Philippines in a first wave of promised military assistance for relief efforts. U.S. aid groups also launched a multi-million dollar relief campaign. President Benigno Aquino of the Philippines said the government had deployed 300 soldiers and police to restore order in Tacloban, which is a city in the Philippines. We can only hope that the Philippines has a quick recovery.

Adreanna Spires

## “British Police Arrest Couple on Suspicion of Holding Three Women Captive”



A man and a woman, both sixty-seven, were arrested for allegedly holding three women captive for over thirty years. All three women appear to be extremely traumatized and also appear to have been held in servitude most of their lives. The investigation was launched in October, when the Freedom Charity reported receiving a call from a woman who said she had been held against her will in the house for more than thirty years.

A sixty-nine year old Malaysian, a fifty-seven year old Irish and a thirty year old British woman have been taken to a place of safety, according to the Metropolitan Police. “We applaud the actions of Freedom Charity and are working in partnership to support these victims who appear to have been held for over 30 years”, said Detective Inspector Kevin Hyland. “We have launched an extensive investigation to establish the facts surrounding these very serious allegations,” he added. Last month, the charity Walk Free Foundation issued the first Global Slavery Index, in which it was revealed that there are more than 4,000 slaves in Britain.