Stephen Hill Presentation

Stephen Hill had everything going for him in high school: a loving family, lots of friends, and he excelled in school—especially sports. Elevated to play on the junior varsity lacrosse team in 8th grade, Stephen was introduced to drugs and alcohol by older peers. He started drinking and smoking his freshman year of high school, and his life quickly spiraled out of control.

After Stephen graduated high school, he fell deeper into the grips of drug addiction. Before long, he was addicted to prescription painkillers and heroin. He was eventually able to overcome his addiction, but not before going through years of treatment and difficult times.

On Wednesday, January 15, 2020, Stephen will be sharing his story of recovery and message of wellness with the students at Madison High School during the school day, and with the parents in the evening. Both students and parents will hear about his struggle with substance abuse and inspiring story of recovery that led him to become an advocate for sobriety, motivational speaker, author, and law student!

This event is sponsored by the Madison Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Madison Education Association & Madison Public Schools. Read more about Stephen in his website: https://speaksobriety.com/

Wednesday, January 15, 2020
AP District Honor Roll

The Madison School District has been selected for the 10th Annual AP District Honor Roll. This award “recognizes school districts committed to increasing access to AP for underrepresented students while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. AP District Honor Roll recipients are committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.” Madison is one of only 21 schools in NJ to receive this distinction.

Presidents Volunteer Service Award

The Board of Trustees from the Kids2Kids Special Needs Mentoring Program recognized alumni Alexander Jacqmin '19 and Ryan Selquist '19, Junior Kiley Selquist, and Sophomore Lily Barisonek for their work as teen mentors.

Kids2Kids is a nonprofit community based program where teen mentors teach kids with special needs basic skills in a variety of different activities like swimming and golf. Mentors have dedicated much of their time and talents to providing a safe and fun place for over 150 families in the Morris County area.

The four students were recipients of the prestigious President's Volunteer Service Award. This award recognizes and celebrates those Americans making a positive impact as engaged and deeply committed volunteers. In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation launched the President’s Volunteer Service Award in 2003 to recognize the importance of volunteers to America’s strength and national identity, and furthermore, to honor the deeply invested volunteers whose service is multiplied through the inspiration they give others.
Winter Pep Rally 2019

The MHS Student Council hosted a Winter Pep Rally on Friday, December 20, 2019. The pep rally culminated the week long “Spirit Week” in which faculty, staff, students and administration showed their Dodger Pride by dressing according to daily themes. From pajama day to the end of the week “White Out”, Dodger Spirit was at an all time high at Madison High School!

The winter pep rally was planned and hosted by the MHS Student Council. During the pep rally the captains of the fall and winter sports were acknowledged and celebrated. Faculty and students faced off in a Knock Out tournament. Freshman through Seniors participated in a doughnut eating contest and the Juniors won! The pep rally was a complete success and all who attended felt the Dodger Spirit in the air!

The Student Council would like to thank the administration for allowing the event to take place and for scheduling it on the half day before the winter break. The date and time contributed to the success of the event. Student Council would also like to thank the MHS PTSO for their very generous financial support and for the hot chocolate and donuts served to the junior class who won the most points during spirit week and the pep rally. A special thank you to Mrs. Jen Gero, Mrs. Tricia Armstrong, and the PTSO volunteers who served the hot chocolate and donuts to the students after the pep rally. Thank you to Russ Batch and to Coach Radzieski, Mr. Joe Cecala, and to all of the faculty and staff who participated in the Knockout event. Events like the Winter Pep Rally remind all of us that “it is always a GREAT day to be a DODGER!”

MHS Student Council Host Monthly Leaders Meetings

The MHS Student Council has been hosting meetings bringing together the student leaders of clubs, teams and extracurricular activities. These monthly meetings are held during common lunch in the media center. Bringing together all of the student leaders has helped facilitate communication between all of the different student interest groups. They have also helped develop a forum to provide ways for all groups to support one another.

Todd Jensen, Assistant Principal, assists the MHS Student Council and their advisors, Karen DeTrolio and Suzanne Monkemeier in scheduling and hosting the monthly meetings.

The meetings are also attended by representatives of the MHS PTSO, who provide refreshments for the meetings.
Key Club

The MHS Key Club wrapped up a successful food drive for Students Change Hunger! Students and staff donated 2,493 pounds of food and $1916 in monetary donations. A special thank you to Chef Loryn, Chatham-Madison Kiwanis, Coldwell Banker Madison, as well as Mrs. Rawding and Ms. Carputo’s classes for their generous donations.

The Red Cross Club and Key Club also hosted a blood drive on December 6th. The drive resulted in 26 productive donations which can potentially save 78 lives. Thank you to all the donors and volunteers.

All-Star Band

Junior Tyler Bradshaw auditioned and was accepted into the Bass Drum line of the 2019 Tournament of Bands All Stars. The All Star Band was the featured Band at the 100th anniversary of the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Band was made up of All Star musicians from 26 bands in the 9 state T.O.B circuit. The parade was featured on channel 6 WABC and its affiliate stations across the United States.
MHS ART STUDENTS PAINT WINDOWS IN DOWNTOWN MADISON

In coordination with the Chamber of Commerce, Madison High School students painted storefront windows in preparation for the holiday season. MHS artists contacted and worked with the store owners to come up with a design. Students then worked to paint the design on the windows and create a festive feeling in downtown Madison! MHS has been working with the Chamber of Commerce for several years to create these hand painted storefronts. It adds to the charm and personality of Madison, especially during the holidays!
A MESSAGE FROM THE SAC

Suicide - It’s often worried about, rarely discussed, and always scary. It’s in the shows we watch (13 Reasons Why, A Million Little Things) and the books we read (All the Bright Places). And according to the National Center for Health Statistics, suicide is now the 2nd leading cause of death for people aged 15-24.**

It is a common misconception that talking about suicide puts the idea in someone’s head; by contrast, talking about it puts the issue out in the open and demonstrates your awareness and desire to help.

If you, or anyone you know, are struggling with thoughts of suicide please call The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255.

For non-urgent concerns, please call our Student Assistance Counselor, Vanessa Morgenthaler 973-593-3117 ext. 3160.

Talking to Your Teen

Teens and Suicide: What Parents Should Know

Children, Teens, and Suicide Loss

Pain Isn’t Always Obvious- Know the Signs

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GUIDANCE

The MHS Guidance Department will be hosting two information nights during the month of January:

On January 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, Ms. Gloria Derteano from Saint Elizabeth’s will be presenting in the Spanish Language on the topic of Financial Aid. Ms. Derteano will speak about how financial aid can help you, what documents are needed, and how to work through the application process.

On January 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, our counselors will be hosting our annual Junior Parent Night. Some key items that will be discussed: scheduling process, testing options, letters of recommendation and much more. We hope to see you there!

We are also HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE that college acceptance letters have been rolling in for the Class of 2020. The list of schools include: Boston College, Catholic, College of Charleston, Cornell, Duke, Elon, Franklin & Marshall, Hobart & William Smith, Johns Hopkins, Princeton, Villanova, William & Mary, among others.
Boys Basketball

The Boys Basketball team had a strong showing in a tough Chatham Holiday tournament. The Dodgers went 1-2 with close losses to Somerville and Chatham, and a win over New Providence.

On Friday, January 3rd, The Boys Varsity team defeated Parsippany on the road, 61-43. The Dodgers improved to .500 at 3-3 after building a double-digit halftime lead. Andrew Stack finished with 14 points for Madison and Daniel Oyediran finished with 12. The boy’s record currently stands at 3 wins and 4 losses.

Come out to support the boys basketball team as they host Kinnelon on January 10th. On January 19th both the Boys and Girls Basketball teams will host “Believe in the Cure Showcase” at FDU-Florham Park. The event will help raise funds for the Children’s Brain Tumor Foundation. Their mission is to improve the treatment, quality of life and the long term outlook for children and families affected by brain or spinal cord tumors.

Girls Basketball

Madison High School hosted a JV and Varsity Girls Basketball Holiday Tournament on December 27th and December 28th. Congratulations to the MHS Varsity Team for their wins over Whippany Park, Mt. Olive and Hackettstown. Varsity girls moved to a 6-0 record after their defeat of Millburn 51-13 on Saturday, January 4th.

The Dodgers had 20 steals in the match-up and 8 different players scored. Tess Callaghan led all scorers with 19 points and 6 steals, Julia Olesen added 10 points and 3 steals, and Vivian Summerlin 6 points and 2 steals.

Wrestling

The wrestling season started off slow. Scrimmages were cancelled due to illnesses and injuries. The JV and Varsity teams placed 8th at Dover and 11th at Parsippany. At the Pioneer Classic in New Providence on Saturday, January 4th, the following wrestlers earned 4th place finishes: Anthony Collins, Steven Herrera, Julian Moszcynski.

Girls Ice Hockey

The inaugural season for the girls ice hockey team got off to a great start with a 10-3 win over Randolph in their first game. The Lady Dodgers were led by Maya Tahl and Josie Piacente who combined for all 10 goals including one on a penalty shot. Julianna DiPaolo held Randolph to just 3 goals in her first game ever in goal. The girls record stands at 1-2 heading into the new year after hard fought losses to Westfield and Chatham.

Boys Ice Hockey

Varsity Boys Ice Hockey finished their Holiday tournament with a 2-1 record beating Vernon 6-4 and Scotch Plains/Fanwood 4-0. The loss came against Verona/Glen Ridge. Goalie, Keaton Tom, made 28 saves in the shutout against Scotch Plains. In the three games, the offense was led by Jacob Erickson who totaled 2 goals and 5 assists and Cormac McNamara who had 5 goals and 1 assist. Aidan Niceberg, Matty Gero, and Tyler Shannon all scored while Liam O’Hearen recorded his first varsity goal. The boy’s record currently stands at 6 - 5 - 1.
Bowling

A new season and year has dawned, and the Dodger Bowlers are striving to accomplish new goals. Returning bowlers Jackie Sheppard and Marc Torres have started off strong. Captain Aidan Stewart, Connor Wasik, Luke Schuszler, Brendan Cobb, Dylan Mohsen, Max Gomez and Nick Esposito fill in the Varsity lineup. Newcomers Sadie Hoberman, Katelyn Amaral, Kristian Kassis, Jessica Brazeau, Dean Fillipone and Harry Ponzerti make up the Junior Varsity Squad. Season highlights include a victory over Morristown HS on Dec 12th. High games for season so far include Jackie Sheppard (208), Marc Torres (204), and Brendan Cobb (208). All conference matches bowled at Rockaway Lanes. We hope to see you there!

Swimming

The Boys/Girls Swim team have enjoyed an early start to the winter season with December wins against Hanover Park and Morristown Beard. The teams hosted Mendham High School on January 8th at Drew University at 4PM for their Senior Day.

Indoor Track

In the annual Cliff Back Invitational, Aidan Bergin captured his first individual varsity medal in the 300 meter race while Sophia Crucis also received 6th place in the 300 meter race.

The Boys Indoor Track team wrapped up the Morris County Frosh Soph Relays with a 4th place in the frosh 4 x 400 m. John Sutton, Michael Keller, Mark Su and Eric Selquist also medaled. Ruari Callaghan & Eric Selquist place 6th in the shot put. MHS Track earned 6th place in the 4x200m which included John Sutton, PJ Giglio, Mark Su and Adam Angelone. The 4 x 200 team of Michael Keller, Eric Selquist, Eddie Coen and Brendan Coen also medaled.

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All-American Addict
A Journey to Recovery
Madison Community Event

Stephen Hill
Motivational Speaker
J.D. Candidate
Author

A real, relatable story of addiction, its devastating effects, and the road to recovery.

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Doors Open 6:30pm