



March 2023

**National Honor Society Students
Visit Shark River Elementary School for
Read Across America Week
by Alejandra Bouchoux**

On Friday, March 3, 2023, National Honor Society members from the high school visited Shark River Hills Elementary School to read books to the students, in a program called, "Proud Fliers Read Aloud" for Read Across America Week. Members were asked to bring a favorite childhood book to read to the students. The Shark River Hills students enjoyed seeing the older high school students, some of whom even went to their school. Students shared their opinions about the books, with humorous books and those with interesting illustrations being the favorites. The younger students also got the chance to ask questions of their older counterparts and were enthusiastic to hear about the high school experience. There was lots of laughter and smiles, and this was a great experience for the National Honor Society

members to interact with younger students as well as a great way for younger students to learn about what their academic life may look like in the future.



Neptune High School Shows Love to Our Furry Friends

Throughout the month of February, The Trident Chapter of the National Honor Society held its "Puppy and Kitty Love Donation Drive" for the Monmouth County SPCA. Thanks to the students and staff of Neptune High School, members collected hundreds of items including food, toys, treats, linens, and more.



National Girls and Women in Sports Day!



Congratulations for Marissa Berrocal for being Neptune High School's National Girls and Women in Sports Day Honoree!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the March
Students of the Month!

Freshmen- Katrina Torres

Sophomore- Emily Laing

Junior- Jaiden Toussaint

Senior- Loudon Jobes

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Mr. Varsalona!!

ART STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the
March Art Student of the
Month
Leydi Banos Zuniga



Spring Musical: Mean Girls



Tickets are officially on sale for this year's Spring Musical, Mean Girls! The musical will be shown on April 20, 21 and 22, 2023 at 7pm and a matinee on Saturday, April 22nd at 2pm at the HS MTL PAC.

Tickets can be purchased through Ludus at <https://mtlpac.ludus.com/200435095> .

All tickets must be pre-purchased there will not be any tickets sold at the door.

Staff members may receive one free ticket (select option in drop down).

Tickets cost- students= \$5 Adults= \$10

Ticket QR Code:



Remember, we wear pink on Wednesdays!

Daisy Jones and the Six

By Emma Rivera

“Daisy Jones & The Six” is a novel by Taylor Jenkins Reid about a rock band in the 70s, loosely based on Fleetwood Mac. The book was so realistic that readers questioned whether it actually existed or not. At the time of the novel, the band was purely fictional. Now, the book has been turned into an Amazon Prime TV series and the cast has recorded an album based on the lyrics Reid wrote for the book. That’s right - Taylor Jenkins Reid wrote a full album’s worth of lyrics for her book, and now the songs have been brought to life with the show adaptation. While it’s always nice to see a book come to life on the screen, there were some notable differences in the show. Don’t worry, no spoilers ahead.

One of the main differences people noticed in the show is the lack of a character- Pete Loving. In the book, he was the bassist of the band and brother to guitarist Eddie Loving. In the show, Pete simply is not there and Eddie, whose last name is changed to Roundtree, is the bassist instead. This causes a bit of a plot hole, since in the book, the band was called The Six prior to Daisy joining, hence the name Daisy Jones & The Six. With the lack of Pete, this leaves the band as just five members before Daisy joins. Another big difference is that in the book, Daisy was already relevant in the music industry before she joined the band. People knew who

she was even if she wasn’t as popular as The Six and she certainly worked her way up to fame. In the show, Daisy gains attention and fame after she joins the band. It is also notable that the way Daisy joins the band differs in both the book and the show. One difference that made fans a bit unhappy was that in the recorded songs for the show, the lyrics differ from the original lyrics that Taylor Jenkins Reid wrote in the book. The first song “Regret Me” was released as a promotional single before the show aired and many people noticed the lyric changes, including the iconic line “And baby, when you think of me, I hope it ruins rock ‘n’ roll” being completely scrapped from the song. Detail oriented fans of the book definitely noticed these differences and more, but at the end of the day, I think we are all excited to see Daisy Jones & The Six exist as a band in real life, regardless of small details that were changed or left out.



ATHLETICS

It is Spring which means Spring Sports begin! If you are interested, contact the spring coaches!

GOLF

The 2023 Varsity Golf Season will be starting on March 16th. We have a full match schedule and are looking forward to another season of building our golf swings and working as a team to improve our game. Contact Coach Loveland if interested in joining. Follow us on Twitter @neptunegolfteam for updates and pictures!

BASEBALL

Coach Frederick is looking forward to a great season! Anyone that is interested in playing baseball, see him ASAP!

LACROSSE

We are excited about this years Lacrosse season. If anyone is interested or would like to learn the sport, see Coach Andrews for the Girls Lacrosse Team and Coach Kavanagh for the Boys Lacrosse Team.

BOYS TENNIS

Coach Jahoda is always happy to have more tennis players. Contact him for more information.

TRACK

We are excited to watch the success of this year's Track team. Coach Bowles-Boone and Coach Puryear are determined to make this season a memorable one!

SOFTBALL

Ms. Seneca is excited to take over the Softball Team as Head Coach this year and that the team has a successful season.

We wish all the spring teams much success and look forward to writing about their season in the coming editions.

Book Nook

by Emily Laing

Perfect on Paper by **Sophie Gonzales**

Perfect on Paper is a newer novel written by Sophie Gonzales. The story follows a girl named Darcy who gives anonymous love advice to her classmates via letters in an old locker located in her school. Sadly she is discovered by one Alexander Broughoum, an exchange student from Australia. He proposes that she help him in his love life in exchange for him keeping her secret and an added monetary bonus. Darcy cannot stand Alexander Broughoum. This makes her "assignment" that much harder. While all of this is going on, Darcy is trying to navigate her OWN love life. She is very very very much in love with her best friend Brooke, who of course is in love with someone else. What does this have to do with Alexander Brougham, and Darcy's 'new found profession of being a personal dating coach? If word gets out that Darcy is behind her locker business, some things that she is not proud of will come to light, and there is an amazing chance that Brooke will never ever speak to her again.

Sophie Gonzales writes YA queer contemporary fiction. I rated this book a 4.75 out of 5. In other words it was very very good. This was one of the fastest books I have ever read, meaning it was very easy to read and make sense of the plot. I absolutely loved the characters in this book, and found a lot of the concepts and opinions very relatable. This is a book that ANY high schooler can pick up and automatically understand and enjoy.

