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Manoogian School News

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A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School

Southfield, Michigan

Welcome, Readers! As the new Editor-in-Chief, it has been a pleasure to bring the newspaper back to the Manoogian School. The Middle School students have worked hard to bring you an informative and entertaining newspaper. If you would like to make a contribution, please let me know.

Enjoy!

-Mrs. Pupa

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Trunk or Treat

Marciano Shammami

Spiders, skeletons, zombies, and witches were everywhere in the Manoogian School parking lot. What else could it be but Trunk or Treat! On Sunday, October 30, people donned their Halloween costumes, decorated their car trunks, and passed out candy.

Awards went to the following cars and families:

M & M Group — Stella and Scarlet Shina along with Andre Frangulian and Catherine Ayar

The Carnival Car — Paul Izikson

The Lady Bug Car: Yeva Topabashian

Each student above won a free dress for one day.

With perfect weather and a great turnout, everybody had a wonderful time.



The M & M Car



Liusea Salatyian, Leah Pogosian, Kyaneh Karapetian, and Zarina Ktdusova at the Trunk and Treat

You've Been Masked! Who Will be the Winner?

Natalia Afacanyan

On October 24-25th of 2022, A.G.B.U. Manoogian Middle School hosted a Halloween mask competition in the multipurpose room. The competition required students to put their differences aside to work as a team in hopes of winning first place through their creative ideas.

After an hour of rushing and putting their talents and ideas into creating a one of a kind mask, time was up. In the end, each group incorporated their own twists and tricks to create a unique and spectacular mask.

Students waited patiently to see which group's mask would be the one to take the prize. Though all students were highly creative, and the masks turned out beautifully, only three could be chosen. Who would be the winner?

The students eagerly waited, hoping their mask impressed the judges. While it was amazing to see all the students' ideas and creativity, the best part was how this activity bought everyone together to work and laugh through the day.

After an intense, hard decision making process, the winners were finally chosen:

First place: Varteni Gulian and
Veronica Kucheinyk from 6th grade
(pictured top right)

Second place: Olga Balatsko and Lillyana Akrawi
from 6th grade
(pictured middle right)

Third place: Lina Ginilatullina, Veronika
Charuta, and Grace Sawa from 8th
grade
(pictured bottom right)

Congratulations to all the winners,
and remember that each and every one of
you were Masked winners!



From left: Varteni Gulian and Veronica Kucheinyk



From left: Olga Balatsko and Lillyana Akrawi



From left: Lina Ginilatullina, Veronika Charuta, and
Grace Sawa

What's up with Student Council?

Madison Youhana

This year, the Manoogian Middle School Student Council's goal is to make this a fun year filled with all sorts of events! The Student council has planned a \$2 free dress every other Friday. The money is to be donated for different causes. Donations have been made to support Armenia and to help the hurricane victims in Florida.

Student council has planned other activities as well. In November there will be a bake sale; and in December there will be a dance!

Thanks to Mrs. Telbelian's help in planning our meetings and giving us suggestions, the Student Council, has other activities planned as well.

The class representatives are:

- 8th Grade - Madison Youhana
Alex Gevargesian
- 7th Grade - Lavan Yatooma
Tanya Bahnam
- 6th Grade - Lillyana Akrawi
Kohar Karapetian

Remember, members of the student council are always open to any suggestions! Be sure to talk to them!

Free Dress Supporting Breast Cancer Awareness

Kyaneh Karapetian

On October 19, the high school students hosted a fundraiser supporting breast cancer awareness. The middle and high school students came to school dressed in pink (the breast cancer awareness color). The hallways were so lively and everyone was happy that day. Mrs. Holsinger was even selling pink bandanas to the high school to include everybody.

Hurricane Ian Fundraiser

Olga Balatsko

The Alex and Marie Manoogian Middle School held a fundraiser on October 21, 2022, for the victims of Hurricane Ian in Florida. Hosted by the student council, students donated \$2 for a free dress day.

All proceeds went to help people who lost their homes. Hurricane Ian left at least 7,000 people without homes, a death toll of 119 people, and many more injured.

Free Dress for Artsakh

Tamar Souss

The Alex and Marie Manoogian School held a fundraiser for Artsakh on October 13, 2022. Since Artsakh is currently at war, the school thought it would be a great idea to raise some money to help the people. Students paid \$2 dollars to wear free dress. The Middle School raised a total of \$142.

Coming Soon...

The Middle School Dance

Friday,

December 2, 2022

Choir

Zarina Ktdusova

Manoogian School's beloved Choir teacher, Mrs. Apkarian, is back! Choir was cancelled due to COVID, and now that it's back, many students are looking forward to Wednesday Choir.

Mrs. Apkarian has been teaching music for 55 years! And she teaches every grade as well. She is very passionate about music because it makes her feel good. "The beautiful songs in both English and Armenian make my day," she said.

Mrs. Apkarian recalls her first performance with us was a Christmas concert. There were 40 boys and girls singing Armenian songs and dancing. Before COVID forces our school to go virtual, Mrs. Apkarian's last performance was in February of 2019. This was her favorite Christmas play. The theme was "Frozen." Zarina Ktdusova played Elsa, Madison Youhana was Anna, and Maksim Kuliniy was Kristoff.

While there might not be any concerts this year, we can all look forward to singing every week. Welcome Back, Mrs. Apkarian!

Welcome to Our New Teacher:

Mrs. Barjouhi

Emily Demircioglu

Introducing our new Armenian teacher, Mrs. Barjouhi. This is her first-year teaching Armenian language at Manoogian School. She always makes sure her students have fun but learn at the same time. She is great at making students love her class and enjoy learning. You will find her either teaching in Mrs. Dakissian's room or helping students around our school. Overall, she is a great teacher and is doing well for her first year. Welcome, Mrs. Barjouhi!

Volleyball 101

Lillyana Akrawi

As the daughter of the coach, Dawn Akrawi, I can give you my best intel of Volleyball 101. For those who do not know, volleyball can be called an intense version of not letting the ball touch the floor. People often think it is easy to play volleyball, but it really requires much practice and dedication to the sport. Coach Dawn put Volleyball 101 together to help prepare students for the intensity and competitiveness of high school volleyball.

At the middle school practice, each member practices serving, ball passing drills, and work on ball control. Along with teamwork exercises, we also have scrimmages. Coach Dawn works with every student to help improve each person's volleyball skills. Her expectations include all the girls to work together to be a more cohesive team.

This camp is the perfect thing for anyone who wants to play volleyball but does not think she is good enough.



Hero Essay Competition

Kyaneh Karapetian

Every year, eighth graders around the state compete in an essay writing contest about their Michigan hero. Manoojian School Middle School teachers submit the top ten essays. From these ten, a committee decides the top three essays. The first place essay is then submitted to another committee along with all other schools in Michigan. As an 8th grader who had one of the top 10 essays, I would say it's exciting to find out who won the competition and if anyone from the school won.

These are the students whose essays were submitted:

Erika Amirdzhanian
Jurius Azar
Kyaneh Karapetian
Jad Khalife
Maksim Kuliniy
Alina Malynovska
Leah Pogolian
Liusea Salatyian
Larisa Saleem
Mariam Yeldo

Good luck students!

**Promise me you'll always remember:
You're braver than you believe and stronger
than you seem, and smarter than you
think." – Christopher Robin**



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**Choose a job you love, and you will never
have to work a day in your life.**

- Confucius.



Career Opportunities as an Electrician

Ricky Yaldo

On October 10, 2022, a guest speaker came to discuss the opportunity for a career as an electrician. Mr. Jones, the school electrician, has been an electrician for many, many years.

Mr. Jones discussed with Middle School students about how he became interested in electricity, what his job entailed, and why he loved his work.

What was particularly interesting about his talk was how we, as students, might be interested in a type of career right now, but once we attend college, we could very well change our minds on what we want to study. Mr. Jones pointed out that it was more important to focus on learning now in school.

This was an amazing opportunity to have Mr. Jones share his college and career experience with the school.

Spirit Week

Varteni Gulian

The Middle School Student Council hosted a Spirit Week from October 31 to November 4. It was an incredibly fun week for the students.

On Monday, October 31, students dressed in their Halloween costumes. If a student wasn't interested in a costume, he or she could choose to wear black or orange to keep in the spirit of Halloween.

On Tuesday, students picked a partner and dressed alike for Twin Day.

Wacky Wednesday followed Twin Day. It was fun to dress up in mismatched clothes and wear crazy hair dos.

Thursday's theme was Country or Country Club. Each student either dressed as a cowboy or cowgirl or in country club attire.

Finally on Friday, was one of more popular days among the Middle School students: Pajama Day. Students had fun dressing up in their pajamas, robes, and bringing their favorite blanket to school.

Spirit Week was great fun for everyone who participated!

Count Day

Ivan Dobrovolskyi

Count Day, what is it? It's one way the state of Michigan records how many students are attending each school all over Michigan. Each teacher takes attendance each hour, and then the front office sends a report to the state of Michigan. October 5th was Count Day at Manoogian School. What is especially enjoyable about the day is that students get to wear free dress and, at lunch, get ice cream. So while Count Day might be an important day for record keeping, the students definitely get to reap the benefits.

Caught Ya Cards

Mariam Yeldo

As a reward for kindness, the school came up with Caught Ya Cards. When a teacher or staff member sees a student being helpful or doing an act of kindness, a Caught Ya Card is given. Students fill out the cards and turn them into the office. A weekly drawing takes place and one student wins a Target gift card. Each winner has his/her picture posted up in the Middle School main hallway. The winners so far this year are:

Lilila Bezkorovayna—8th grade

Vana Shihadeh—6th grade

Aloria Gevargesian—7th grade

Armen Bassmagian—6th grade

Olga Balatsko—6th grade

Sophia Sabalo—6th grade

Varteni Gulian—6th grade

Liusea Salatyán—8th grade

Congratulations to everyone who earned a card!



STEAM CENTER
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Shahan Ashkarian
Lorin Dakessian
Grace Sawa

The grand opening of the STEAM Center took place on Sunday, October 23, 2022. Before the ribbon cutting, Dr Torosian, the high school principal, gave a speech about how important the STEAM Center was to the future of Manoogian students. Other guests also gave speeches, including Kenson Siver, mayor of Southfield, Corey Northrop, Board Chair Executive director of CMU Charter Schools, and Dr. Richard Marburger, president of Manoogian School's School Board.

Once the ribbon was cut at the entrance of the STEAM Center, everyone headed inside to see different designs or creations by students. The event featured 18 different presentations by elementary, middle school and high school students. These students spent the previous month preparing and testing their presentation. Projects showcased included robots, student-built cars, and micro bit robots. Other students displayed diagrams or tinker cad designs. Elementary students presented science experiments of their own. These presentations were coordinated through the efforts of Mrs. Arroudlian, Mrs. Valenti, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Shroeder,

Food was served outside of the STEAM Center in the high school atrium.

The steam center features an office, a computer lab, whiteboards, and smartboards for brainstorming ideas. There is a garage door to allow for welding and testing student-built cars. There is also a massive work area with a variety of power tools. A trophy display is also on exhibit that showcases all the awards won.

Construction officially started in the summer of 2021 and the workers spent countless hours working creating a massive addition to the A.G.B.U. Alex and Marie Manoogian School. Costing 2 million dollars, the goal of the STEAM Center is to provide students with a hands-on, interactive learning experience.

Overall, the ribbon cutting of the STEAM Center was a great experience for the public.



The Foodies' Page

Bagel Sales Return

Armen Bassmagian

The bagel sales have finally returned after about a two-year hiatus. The bagel sales stopped because of the coronavirus or in other words Covid-19 which forced our school to become virtual. Even though the bagel sales are back, there are a few changes.

Firstly, the bagel sales used to be every Friday, but now it's only one Friday a month. Hopefully we can have it every Friday next year.

Secondly, there are different types of bagels. You can have a sesame bagel, asiago cheese bagel, or a plain bagel. The cream cheese is still plain.

Thirdly, like everything else, the prices went up. Plain bagels are \$2 and it's \$3 if you want cream cheese.

So now that the school is trying to get back to normal, you should stop by at the Multi-purpose Room and pick up a fresh bagel.



(Bagels, photo stock)

Hot Lunches Have Returned!

Alex Gevargesian

Now that we are back in school full-time, the hot lunches have returned. The first Friday of every month, the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) hosts our hot lunch. Our first hot lunches was chicken and pilaf in October and spaghetti for November.

Here is the schedule for the year:

Month	Meal
December	Chicken
January	Chicken
February	Spaghetti
March	To Be Determined
April	Madagh
May	Mexican

All the students are so ecstatic to have the hot lunches back....and maybe we could have more hot lunches throughout the month!

MIDDLE SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING FEAST
NOVEMBER 24, 2022

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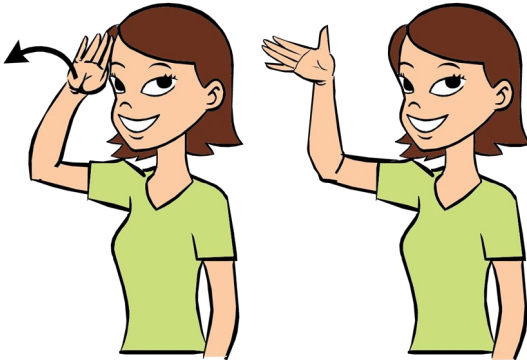


American Sign Language

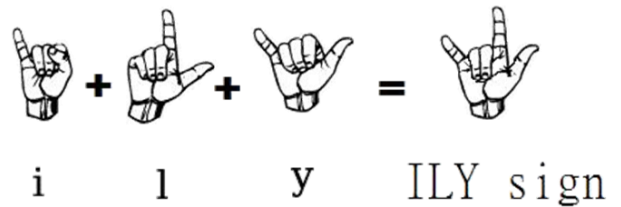
Jad Khalife

There are many languages, but you do not speak all of them. American Sign Language (ASL) is an important communication tool that can help all people who can or cannot speak verbally. The use of hand movements, facial expressions, and body posture are all used to help speak to with others. You can say many things in ASL such as hello, I love you, thank you, yes or no. Here are some examples:

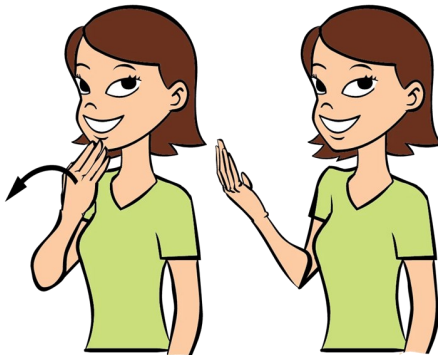
Hello:



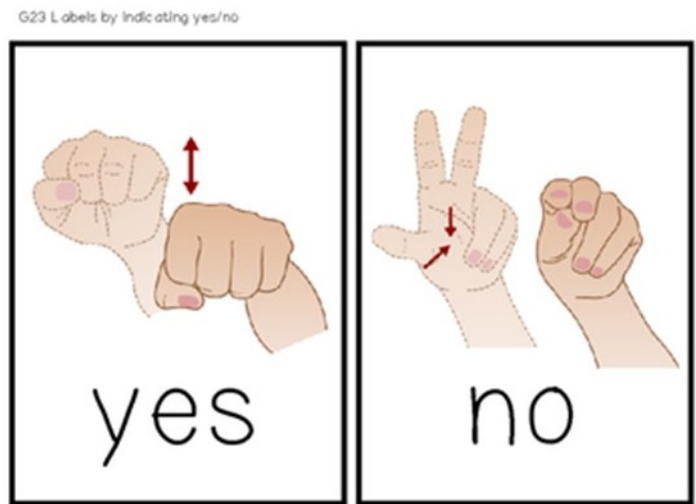
I love you:



Thank You:



Yes and No:



Here's an important fact to know.... I wanted to learn ASL as a communication tool between my friends and I – until I realized many people know ASL including Mrs. Pupa.

WORLD NEWS

Azerbaijan Attacks Armenia

Kohar Karapetian

When Azerbaijan attacked multiple areas in the southern part of Armenia this past September, it was very heartbreaking and sad. I had just visited those same areas that were bombed a month before. It is very sad that some countries feel violence and war is the way to get what they want. Azerbaijan wants to take over Armenia and keeps making false statements that Armenia's land is really their land. Azerbaijan is not even more than 100 years old, and they think they could claim a country that is thousands of years old. Why do they think they can do this?

Azerbaijan has a lot of money because they sell oil, and many countries are now starting to buy oil from them because of the Russian and Ukrainian War. This is just making them even stronger and richer which is very scary and dangerous for Armenia. In addition, Turkey helps Azerbaijan by giving them weapons, drones, and F16 planes to fight with. How can the world seem to think this is all acceptable? Armenians are tortured and dying every day, and it feels like no one really cares. It is very sad that not all the wars and evil things that are happening every day are being reported equally. In fact, most people don't even know anything about what is happening to my friends and family in Armenia. Why? Why do some countries seem to matter more than other countries? Aren't all people supposed to be equal?

There is nothing good that comes from war, just death, sadness, and destruction. There were more than 300 deaths, and dozens of injuries this past month. There are other wars happening in the world too, like Ukraine and Russia. It's not fair what Russia's doing to Ukraine, and it's not fair what Azerbaijan is doing to Armenia. The difference is the whole world knows what Russia is doing, and they have boycotted Russia in many ways. They also have helped Ukraine with millions of dollars and weapons. Many people know this is happening and are trying their best to pray and to send supplies to Armenia too, but it is nowhere near the support Ukraine gets from the world.

America has done as much as possible to help Ukraine with weapons and money, but America doesn't really want to be involved with the attacks in Armenia. Nancy Pelosi who is The Speaker of the House of Representatives, visited Armenia to show her support, but not much more than words of support is what was given. Armenia's prayers would be answered if America and the world would help Armenia in the same way they help Ukraine. Armenia is a very peaceful, beautiful, and an amazing place to visit, with welcoming people. I have been lucky to visit twice, and I am so worried for Armenia and all my friends and family who are living there today. I am worried one day we won't have an Armenia anymore, and our beautiful country will be destroyed and lost.

Armenia

Tro Hamakorzian

On the morning of September 12, the people living close to the border of Azerbaijan woke up to horrible news: Azerbaijan attacked Armenia again! But this time, the attacks took place on the international borders between Armenia and Azerbaijan. They desecrated major cities of Jermuk, Artanish, Vardenis, Sotk, Ishkhanasar, Goris, Ghapan, and Stepanakert with no regard for human life.

On September 16, 2022, a female Armenian soldier was raped, tortured, mutilated, and killed by Azerbaijani soldiers. The next day, Nancy Pelosi visited Armenia. She visited the Armenian Genocide Memorial to pay her respect. Pelosi condemned Azerbaijan for committing war crimes against Armenia in, both, the recent war and the Artsakh war of 2020.

Current statistics of the attacks reflect the following: 36 villages shelled, 192 homes destroyed, 2 schools blown up, and 1 hospital destroyed. Along with the destruction, over 5,000 civilians have been displaced from their homes, civilian death tolls at 45 and over 15 civilians wounded. On the front, over 300 soldiers have been killed and over 500 Armenians are being held as prisoners of war.

Some background information. Azerbaijan, with help from Turkey and Pakistan, used heavy artillery and Turkish drones to ruin Armenian cities; Armenia, on the other hand, has received no help or aid.

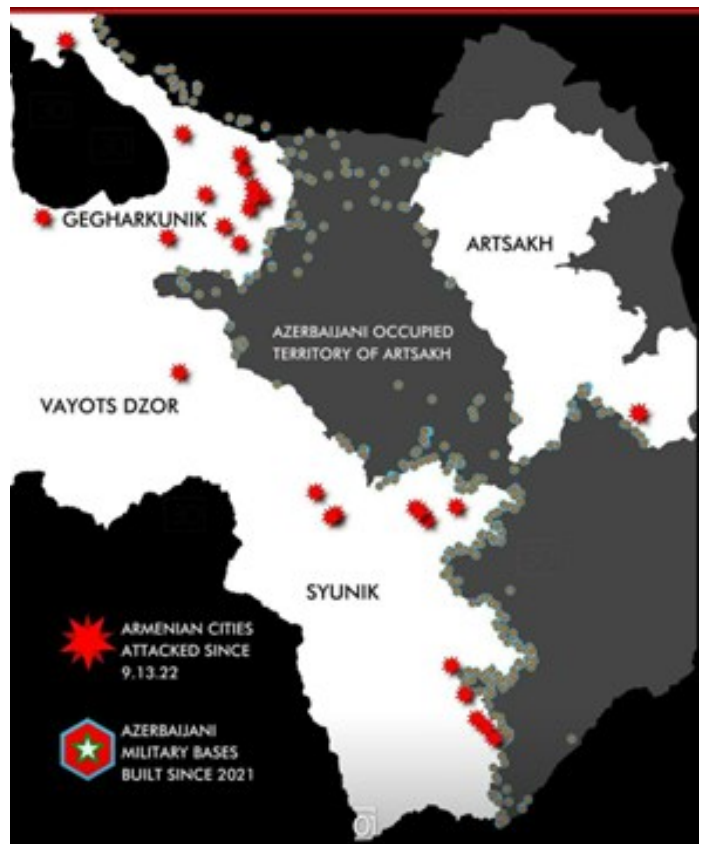
With Russia focusing on Ukraine, Azerbaijan prepared for a full-scale invasion of Armenia. Azerbaijan's goal is to remove Armenia allowing for a connection between its country and Turkey. This has the Pan-Turkism dream: to unite all Turkic countries, and rebuild the Ottoman Empire. Armenia is in the way of that dream. Azerbaijan took advantage of Russia's distraction to strike, leaving Armenia with little help.

The Azeris hate for the Armenian people results from the First Artsakh War in 1992-1993 which resulted in an Armenian victory. Over the years, the Azeris claim that Artsakh has always been theirs, but 98% of Artsakh is inhabited by Armenians. These days, the actions of the Azeris reflect hatred through the

desecration of gravesites and then decorating their vehicles with the remains of the dead.

The relationship between Armenia and other countries have been improving; India, retaliating against Pakistan's' help toward Azerbaijan, has sent some weapons to Armenia. Also, Iran is demanding to have a shared border with Armenia and has threatened Azerbaijan multiple times.

Most recently, over 1300 females enrolled to participate in Armenia's defense, and the EU has recorded Azerbaijani's aggression and occupation of Armenian territories. The aggression of the Armenian people is still ongoing while the world stays silent.



One Student's Opinion on How the School Year Has Been Going So Far

Emilia Kazazian

So far, the school year has been going great. Students are attending classes and completing assignments. So many exciting things have happened.

The Manoogian Munchies, the official Middle School Snack Store has opened! You can buy a snack of your choosing which is run by fellow Middle School students.

There have also been so many fundraisers! Many students have paid \$2 to have free dress while raising money to help causes such as cancer awareness and hurricane survivors.

There has also been different lunch fundraisers. Some of the lunches have been sponsored by the PTO while others are sponsored by different high school groups. It doesn't matter who sponsors, pizza and shawarma sandwiches for lunch are always great!

Middle School girls meet every Tuesday and Thursdays for volleyball practice after school.

The playground is almost done with its constructions. Although the fencing that goes around the playground still needs to be completed, a basketball net has been added and the play structure has been repainted.

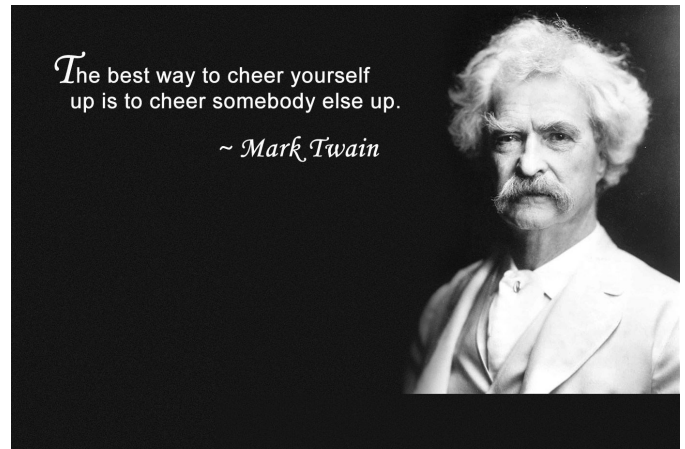
Two weeks ago there was a Middle School Spirit Week. Everyone had fun dressing up according to the day's theme which is so much better than wearing our uniforms.

So much is happening around our Middle School. I can't wait to see what other events will be coming soon. Happy School Year Everyone!

Notices Board

The Ararat is looking for:

Article ideas
Photographer
Newspaper Designer
See Mrs. Pupa if interested



WHAT'S COMING TO THE MOVIES?

Edo Bedrossian

Strange World



The Clades are a legendary family of explorers whose differences threaten to topple their latest and most crucial mission into uncharted and treacherous territory. The release date of the movie is November 23, 2022, and it is a movie produced by Disney Studios.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem is an upcoming American computer-animated superhero film based on characters from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles comic books by Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird. A movie produced by Paramount Pictures, the release date of the movie is August 4, 2023.



SHAZAM! Fury of the Gods

Shazam takes on the villainous Hespera and Kalypso, daughters of the Greek titan Atlas. Produced by DC studios, the release date of the movie is March 17, 2023.



Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom

Aquaman forges an uneasy alliance with an unlikely ally in a bid to save Atlantis and the rest of the planet. The release date of the movie is December 25, 2023.



TRANSFORMERS Rise of the Beasts

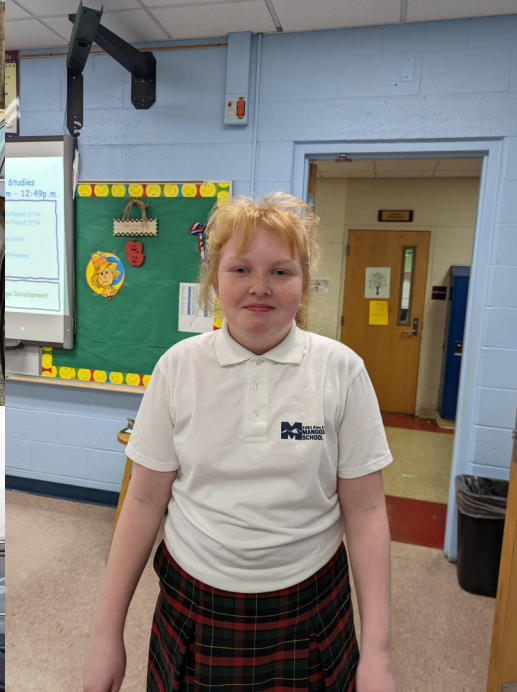
During the 1990s, the Maximals, Predacons and Terrorcons join the existing battle on Earth between Autobots and Decepticons. The release date of the movie is June 9, 2023, and it is a movie produced by Paramount Pictures.

Ant-man and the Wasp: Quantumania

An upcoming American superhero film based on Marvel Comics featuring the characters Scott Lang / Ant-Man and Hope Pym / Wasp. The release date of the movie is February 17, 2023, and is a movie produced by Marvel Studios. Produced by DC studios.



SMILE!



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