



## Manchester Essex Regional High School

**Congratulations to Kiley McGroder and Jack Morgan who were accepted after auditioning for the Northeast Senior District Music Festival. Kiley will be representing MERHS as a soprano in the Festival Chorus and Jack as a percussionist in the Festival Percussion Ensemble. (Photos in attached PDF)**



**Kiley and Jack on the left. On the right, the MERHS Chorus performed with Cape Ann Symponthy Orchestra**

### **Upcoming Dates**

- 12/12 Transitions Options and Recource Fair @ Gloucester High School (5:30pm)
- 12/13 High School Winter Concert
- 12/21 Early Release 11am – December Break

### **Parent News**

This is an interesting article from the New York Times pertaining to Juuling:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/16/health/vaping-juul-teens-addiction-nicotine.html>

### **Booster News**

Attached please find information from the MERHS Booster organization pertaining to the Winter Season Athletics Program.

## Library News

### **Art Supply Drive – Benefitting Boston Kids in Need!**

Doing any holiday shopping soon? Add another student artist to your list. The Teen Advisory Board of the Manchester Public Library has adopted a special needs, middle school classroom in a Boston Public School. These kids are artists and love to create. But, due to their school being underfunded, they lack art supplies.

From now until Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, you can help by bringing in new and non-toxic art supplies. There is a collection box outside the high school office. Some ideas of what to donate are: drawing paper, cardstock, blank journals, watercolor and acrylic paints and brushes, Model Magic clay, tapes, pipe cleaners, glitter, stickers, ... Remember, keep art in your heART this holiday season!

## Green Team News

The MERMHS Orchard completed Phase 1 of the installation this week. Nils Taylor's Green Team project, to grow and promote fresh fruit for the students of MERMHS has completed the first hurdle. Nils and Lars Birkeland (GT Intern) have gotten several Apple trees, two Pear and one Plum tree planted. After fabricating raised beds for the trees, they were able to get the trees in the ground before the first real freeze. Phase 2 will begin in the spring, when other fruit bushes will be co-planted in the raised beds. Their plan is to obtain blueberries, raspberries, blackberries and other bush fruit to be planted as well. Within a year or two, their projections are to see fresh fruit in the cafeteria for everyone to enjoy. As a long-term project, the Green Team will assume maintenance once Nils and Lars hand it over to other GT students in the future. This project was conceived last year, and generously funded by The Spaulding Education Fund. In addition, Nils was awarded a Massachusetts State Senate Citation and a NGSS Green Difference Award for this project. Photos in attached PDF.

