

# Spartan Parents Update

March  
2017



## SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT

High School athletics require significant commitment, personal strength and perseverance, and focus. The time spent training, practicing and participating in meets, games and tournaments all while maintaining a strong academic record requires unwavering discipline. Elliot Gindi, a senior Spartan and Cross-Country runner, demonstrates just that—and more. During this outstanding year he was the Monmouth County, Shore Conference, CJ III, Group III, and overall Meet of Champions winner for Cross Country. He finished 4th in the Northeast Footlocker Championship and this qualified him for the Footlocker National Championship in San Diego where he finished 31st. He set school records on many Cross Country courses and ran the #10 time of all time for the Holmdel Park 5k course. He lead the team to its most successful season ever, winning CJ III, finishing 4th in Group III and 8th in the state Meet of Champions, and the boys set the school team average record for Holmdel Park and Ocean County Park. Elliot will be attending Northern Arizona University this fall where he plans to continue his academic and athletic endeavors. Congratulations, Elliot, and thank you for creating such a lasting Spartan legacy.



OTHS students were treated to outstanding performances during the Black History Month assembly. Using Motown as the backdrop for the program, The African American Club showcased historic leaders, poets, and artists as well as local Spartan talent. Thank you to all who planned, participated and attended this meaningful event.



Ms. Allison Schultz and Ms. Megan McDavitt drove interest in literacy via OTHS's first Book-Tasting event. Students were invited to "taste" from a wide array of genres, and ultimately selected one book for an independent reading. You can check out the conversation on Twitter by searching the hashtag #oceanlovesliteracy.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

March 27th: Cultural Dance Workshop 2PM, Cafeteria  
March 30th: "Anything Goes" 7PM  
March 31st: "Anything Goes" 7PM  
April 1st: "Anything Goes" 1PM & 7PM

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Physical Education teachers Mr. Ken Hoff and Mr. Jeffrey Soares, along with OT Double Dutch, will attend the NJAPHERD Convention where Spartan students will teach physical education teachers from across the state. The talent and athleticism they have developed in their students generate excitement both in OTHS and the state.

Mark DeSomma, math teacher, and Irene Gilman, retired English teacher, have been nominated for Monmouth University's Roberts Charitable Foundation Outstanding Teacher Award. This recognition is the result of many years of outstanding service to our students, and to the lasting impressions they have made upon former and current Spartans.

## SPARTAN CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Stay informed about upcoming events through our Daily Bulletin:

<http://www.oceanschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=20292925&pageId=20673982>

- Bowling Night at Shore Lanes is CANCELLED.
- OTHS Band is having a pasta and meatball dinner and gift auction night on Friday, March 24th, 6-9:30PM. Tickets are \$15.00, includes pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, drinks, dessert and five raffle tickets. Gift basket raffle tickets will be sold at the event. Prizes include patio furniture, outdoor grill, many gift cards and much more. The OTHS Music Ensemble will be performing. To pre-purchase tickets please email [othsbpa@gmail.com](mailto:othsbpa@gmail.com).