



The High School View

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Indoor track perseveres outside

BY CHLOE COMBRA AND SARA CREATO

The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) indoor track team has broken records, endured harsh weather, and stayed positive during their first-ever outdoor indoor track season. Other adjustments included the wearing of masks during competition, a decrease in the number of team members, and a shorter season, lasting from March 1 to April 17.

Athletic director Mark McCarthy commended the track team for their performance this season, and their high spirits. "The team did very well. Most of these runners and track athletes hadn't competed against anyone

since February 2020, so they were happy and they were excited to finally be running against other people," he said.

Junior Anabelle Biggs, who in addition to indoor track also runs cross-country and outdoor track, broke two school records, with 42.9 seconds in the 300 meter and 7.45 seconds in the 55m this season. Along with Anabelle, junior Zach Utz beat the school record in the mile with 4.29.21 minutes, and junior Nick Pecararo broke the record for the 300m with a time of 38.44 seconds.

However, because this season of indoor track was run outdoors, those records will not count.

"At the beginning of the season, we didn't really have a lot of competition, and I



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Owen Atkins, Jonathan Norton, Borja Tolay, and Zach Utz compete in a long-distance race at a track meet.

found it hard to perform well when you're not racing against other athletes that are on the same level as you," said Anabelle. "But at the most recent meets, we went against

some pretty great teams, and that's when I was able to PR (personal record)."

Junior Borja Tolay, who beat his PR in the two-mile with 10:17, commented on the

challenge of his run: "After not racing for so long and finally starting again, reaching my PR felt like a difficult task. Almost felt like starting from zero again. However, as Coach Joe says, it's all about staying consistent and peaking at the right moment."

While COVID-19 restrictions did initially result in fewer kids going out for indoor track, Anabelle thinks the team dynamic wasn't negatively impacted. "It definitely was hard — a lot of kids left the team," she said. "The only kids that are on the team now are those who are pretty serious about track, and I think this has brought us together. We're able to get to know one another better [now]."

Coach Joe Schroeder regarded the smaller team size as a blessing in disguise: "We really bonded. This core group of kids is as close as I've ever had a team in these seven years of indoor

track. They really dedicated themselves and persevered throughout the [season]."

While athletes and coaches are unsure about what next year's indoor track season will look like, for now they are focusing on the upcoming outdoor track season, starting in a few weeks. Anabelle said, "I've done a lot of endurance training and gotten stronger, which will help me during outdoor season. Hopefully I achieve some more PRs!"

Mr. McCarthy is optimistic for the next season. "We are hoping this spring [outdoor track] season will be a little bit more normal. The athletes are going to be running the distances and running on the surface they would usually be running on," said Mr. McCarthy. "Normally it would be 50 to 55 kids, but this year we only ran 25, both boys and girls. We are hoping this spring we can get that number back up." HSV

Financial literacy offered during flex

BY LILA MIKOS

For the past four Wednesdays, Santander Bank, the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS), and Adult and Continuing Education Martha's Vineyard (ACE MV) have partnered to offer a series of classes on financial literacy and money management during the combined lunch and flex block.

The sessions were open to all interested students, and led by Santander Community Partnership director Graham Chapman and MVRHS chef and culinary teacher Kevin Crowell. Although financial literacy is offered as a semester-long course, this was targeted toward a broader range of students.

Classes covered the basics that students will need for post-high school life, including accessing savings and checking accounts, managing credit cards, basic banking,

and creating a balanced investment portfolio.

Mr. Chapman stressed the importance of students' comprehension and implementation of these complex topics in their lives.

"Financial literacy is one of those things that, universally, every single student is going to have to be able to navigate at some point," he said. "The earlier you can start imparting some of those financial principles, the better."

Senior Nate Porterfield attended the last class in the series, and recognized the importance of what was being taught. "It's something that we're going to use more than some of the things we may learn in school," he said.

Chef Crowell emphasized the importance of teaching young students about these life processes: "If you start doing it when you're young, and you get comfortable with the process, it's not that tricky. Obviously, [finances]

get more complicated as you get older for a lot of people, but just being exposed to it and going through the process, it just gets a little easier to understand each time."

Before attending these classes, many students were unfamiliar with the information covered. "I wasn't super-familiar with the whole credit score thing, or with credit cards. Learning about stuff like that is going to be really important for the future," said Nate.

Mr. Chapman hopes that the main takeaway for students is that it's OK to be confused and to ask questions. "I love when people are able to admit that they are confused, or that there is some kind of a financial component that they don't understand," he said. "Those people who are proactive about finding the answers about the things that they don't know tend to do better, generally, in life." HSV

Student Spotlight: Miguel Picacio

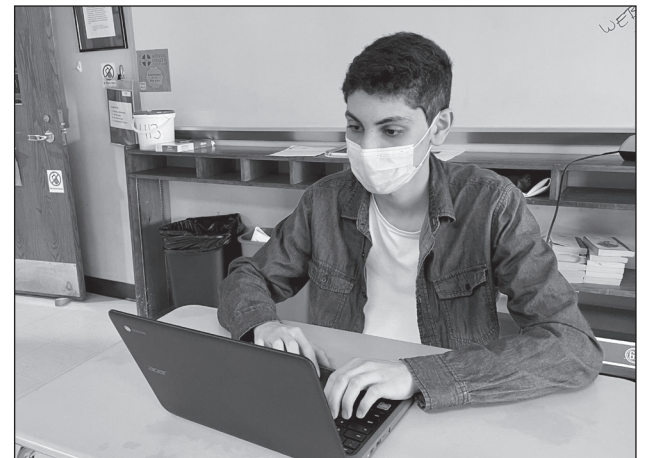
BY THEO FAIRCHILD-COPPOLETTI

Sophomore Miguel Picacio translates for Saikai Scan, a website that enlists a comic-loving community to translate popular comics and novels from English to Portuguese.

"It's a fan-to-fan thing," said Miguel. "People in Brazil usually don't speak English, so we can help make [comics] accessible to a number of people."

Miguel is an avid consumer of comics, and frequently visited the Saikai Scan website before he became a translator for them. When they posted a recruitment notice, he decided to apply.

Miguel works with around 100 other translators on the website, who each translate a chapter per week. "It takes about three days, and two or three hours a day, to get a chapter done, which is like 20 pages," he said.



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Miguel Picacio translates a chapter of "Tales of Demons and Gods."

The content of the comics range from superhero drama and romance to the supernatural or martial arts. The difficulty of translation varies between genres too. "It's definitely easier when it's sort of a sci-fi thing — there's a lot of battle scenes that don't have a lot of speaking or talking," Miguel said. "When you get a romance thing, you get big text

boxes to translate, and it's really going to take longer."

For Miguel, one of the important parts of translation is accurately capturing the original text, because some expressions don't have a Portuguese equivalent.

"I have to do these changes a lot, because expression is complex. Translation is a small and personal process," Miguel said. HSV

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