










MARCH 2022 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Grade	<u>Band/Orchestra</u>	Why is this student deserving of this award ?
7th	<p><b>Band - Aaron Klaff</b></p> 	<p>Aaron plays the trumpet in our middle school band. Aaron has really stepped up and taken on a leadership role in band class this marking period, so much so that he can easily be mistaken for an 8th grader. Aaron is helpful and remains an encouraging and positive influence to his bandmates. I am pleased to recognize Aaron for this award.</p>
	<p><b>Orchestra- Maggie Simon</b></p> 	
8th	<p><b>Band - Sofia Kerstner</b></p> 	<p>I am pleased to recognize Sofia for all her hard work and dedication to our band. Sofia is a talented clarinet player. She comes to class prepared and has a positive attitude. Sofia is attentive and helpful to her fellow bandmates, especially the other clarinet players. As an 8th grader, she is a positive leader and role model for her fellow bandmates.</p>

	<p><b>Orchestra - Kash Tsai</b></p> 	<p>Kash is a very talented violinist and leader in the WEMS Orchestra. He represents West Essex as a violinist in the Youth Orchestras of Essex County and is currently leading the second violin section of the North Jersey School Music Association's Intermediate Orchestra, a position he earned through competitive audition of students across the northern half of the state.</p>
<p><b>Grade</b></p>	<p><b><u>Chorus</u></b></p>	<p><b>Why is this student deserving of this award ?</b></p>
<p><b>7th</b></p>	<p><b>Christian Waitt</b></p> 	<p>Christian comes to class each day with a positive attitude. He works well with those in his section, and is a leader who works hard to learn his music and support his section members. Christian is always a calm, smiling presence in the classroom, and meets any challenge the day brings with a smile.</p>
<p><b>8th</b></p>	<p><b>Emma-Rylie Casper</b></p> 	<p>Emma has always been an enthusiastic member of the choir. This year, she challenged herself to audition for various outside musical groups, and will be representing West Essex in the NJ Jr All-State Choir in May. Emma always comes to class with a positive attitude and inspires those around her to take risks and do their best.</p>

Grade	<u>Art</u>	Why is this student deserving of this award ?
7th	<p data-bbox="256 275 399 317"><u>DJ Fiore</u></p> 	<p data-bbox="789 275 1516 386">DJ is always on task and works really hard on both his assigned art projects and his freetime art endeavors. He is a pleasure to have in class.</p>
8th	<p data-bbox="256 758 505 800"><u>Meryem Alkan</u></p> 	<p data-bbox="789 758 1533 831">Meryem is an art machine. She is always creating something fantastic.</p>
Grade	<u>World Language</u>	Why is this student deserving of this award ?
7th	<p data-bbox="256 1358 399 1400"><u>Italian-</u></p> 	<p data-bbox="789 1358 1490 1535">Salvatore Sperrazza is a wonderful addition to our Italian class. Always prepared, Sal always makes excellent contributions to class activities and discussions. Sal continues to improve and show passion for the Italian language.</p>

**French - Ethan Pak**



Ethan Pak is everything a good French student should be. He is focused in class, participates enthusiastically, completes his homework and prepares well for assessments. He brings a positive attitude with him to class every day. *Merçi, mon ami!*

**Spanish - Andrea Ibrahim**



Andrea Ibrahim has been working really hard to persevere in Spanish class. She has risen to the challenge, always eager to participate with a smile. She has taught us SO MUCH about family, friendship, maintaining a positive spirit, and about her language and cultural background. *Gracias por enseñarnos, Andrea!* Thank you for teaching us, Andrea.

8th

**Italian - Joseph O'Boyle**



Joe is the textbook definition of perseverance. His effort in Italian is amazing. Even though 8th grade Italian has its challenges, Joe doesn't back down. He strives to do better each day. He has a great future as an Italian student and we can't wait to witness all the great things he does. *Bravo, Giuseppe!*

**French -Talia Rosen**



Like many of her classmates, Talia Rosen is a great French student. She is focused and always able to communicate properly when called on. What distinguishes her is her willingness to participate and her ability to retain information; thus building a solid foundation in the language. She is sure to excel as she continues her study of French in the future!

**Spanish - Chris Keenan**



Chris is an enthusiastic participant in our Spanish class and is always ready to contribute to our discussions. He has a curiosity for learning and his positive attitude is contagious!

**Grade**

**Computer Science**

**Why is this student deserving of this award ?**

**7th**

**Jonathan Kassebart**



Jonathan comes to class prepared everyday and is enthusiastic about his work. Jonathan takes pride in his work and always wants to present his work at the end of class. He makes sure that if something is not completed in class that he completes it in his free time.

8th

Peter Russo



Peter worked hard all marking period long. He would make sure that all of his work was done correctly and would stay after to ask me questions so that he would not get behind. Peter also works well with his classmates and would lend a hand if someone needed it.