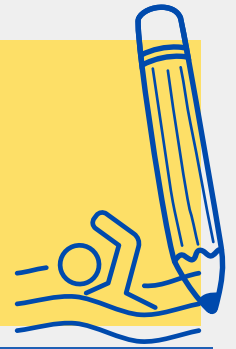


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MANISTEE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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Vote For Our New Mascot! *Written by Jazlyn Madsen*

Early this year students were invited to apply for a Student Advisory Committee which would help in the process of choosing a new mascot. With only 8 students applying, all got in.

The process started with a community forum. Members of the community were invited to a presentation given by Mr. Stoneman about what the process was going to look like from start to finish with a general timeline.

From there, the Student Advisory Committee met to establish the criteria for the upcoming submissions. They decided that the mascot must:

- Represent the history, culture, and values of the district and community
- Be a positive symbol that represents all aspects of MAPS academics, athletics, and community pride
- Be respectful to any living culture

With these things in mind, the community was encouraged to submit ideas of their own. There were nearly 300 submissions at the end.

November 18th was the first time the submissions were reviewed. However, the submitting period didn't end until December 16th. On the 19th, the committee reviewed all of the submissions and chose recommended finalists based on the before decided criteria.

**Vote For Our
Mascot Here!**



**Student Advisory
Committee Poses
with Mr. Stoneman**

[https://chipslead.org/
project/mascot-vote/](https://chipslead.org/project/mascot-vote/)

**Click the link to see
the detailed reason
why both finalists
were considered
and also to vote!**



"This process has been quite eye opening, even to us on the committee. It's taught us very valuable lessons about inclusivity. I've been honored to have worked with such a great group of people. There's not anyone I'd rather go down in history with. This wasn't an easy job, but I'm proud of what we accomplished overtime" - **Kaleb Shoemate (11)**

Adding a student voice to the new mascot decision was a priority of both the MAPS Board of Education and the Student Success Committee, which is a group that includes several board members. In the end, the student committee created a list of 6 options, and communicated their top 3 choices to the student success committee. From there, the student success committee chose a final 2 options from the 6 to be presented to the board.

On Monday, January 30th, the student success committee recommended **Mariners and Whitecaps** to the MAPS Board of Education as their choices for a public vote.

- Voting will be open to the community on **Wednesday, February 1 at 8:00 am until Tuesday, February 7 at 4:00 pm.** (see the link at left or on the school website)
- One vote per person is allowed.
- The presentation of the vote outcome is anticipated to occur at the February Board meeting.

STUDENT LIFE

FOREIGN EXCHANGE INTERVIEW : MARIA DOMINGUES (DUDA)

Written by Lauren Mezezke

Question 1: Where are you from?

- I am from Brazil.



Question 2: Why did you want to come to America?

- I always wanted to do it for the experience and improve my english, but last year I was really lost in life, so I decided to come and find myself again.



Question 3: What activities do you participate in? If any.

- I participated in Volleyball.



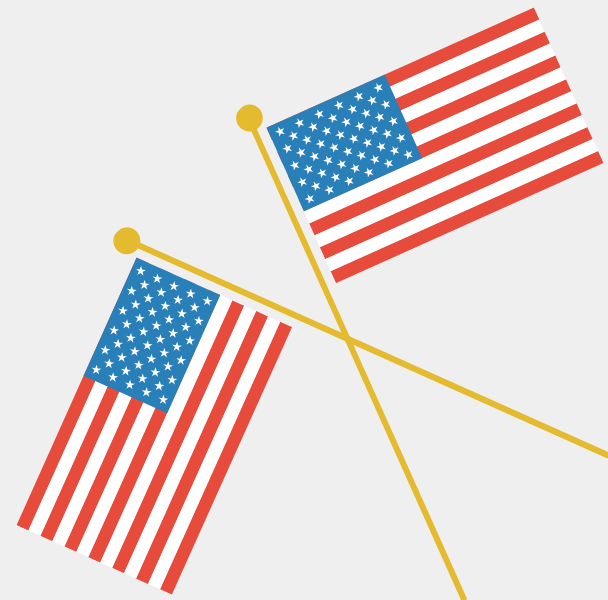
Question 4: What's your favorite American food?

- A brownie.



Question 5: What's the biggest difference between school in America and school in Brazil?

- I think the biggest difference between my Brazilian school and the American one is the class schedule, because back at home we have a different one every day, while here we have the same one every day.



NATURAL NHS CHAPTER PROJECT

Written by Ceci Postma

This year **Dylan Madsen** is leading the NHS chapter project. Unlike some chapter projects in the past, Dylan's idea will have long lasting effects and a direct impact on students at MHS. He proposed NHS invest in converting the standard short-grass outside the High School English Department into a longer-grass native grassland.

In theory this is a similar project to the prairie area already established behind the science department. The key difference is that the NHS grassland will include lots of native flowers, in hopes it will add a pretty sight out our windows.

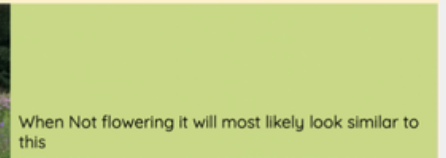
Reaching the full growth of a flowering native prairie will take awhile. First the site will have to go through a series of treatments throughout the spring and summer to kill off the existing short grasses. In the fall of 2023 NHS members will spread the mixture of native seeds that will hopefully take root in the soil. Of course, grasses and flowers don't grow overnight. This acre sized area of land will take an expected three years to mature.

You can almost hear the students of next year walking the halls and complaining "That dirt looks so ugly, what happened to the grass?" But if you take an even closer listen you may imagine students a few years from now pointing out how beautiful the flowering grasses and butterflies look out their English classroom window.

On Wednesday Jan. 11, **Madsen** represented the NHS chapter at the board meeting. After a compelling presentation he was given the OK to move ahead with this project.



While flowering this is about what it will look like



When Not flowering it will most likely look similar to this



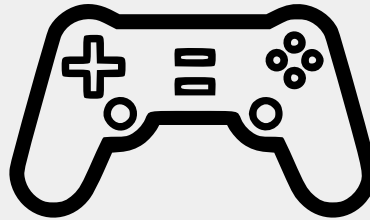
STUDENT LIFE CONTINUED

WINTER CARNIVAL WEEK ON THE WAY

Written by Lauren Mezeske

The week of February 20-25 will be full of fun activities for High school students to get involved in. These activities include, daily dress up themes, mock rock, banner painting, powerpuff volleyball, assemblies, and a girls basketball game on Friday with the announcement of the winter carnival king and queen.

This winter, **the theme is Video Games!** Each class has a video game that they will base their banner on to be hung in the gym. There also is the option to dress up as your classes theme on Friday.



Freshman are *Wii Sports*, Sophomores are *Mario*, Juniors have *Among Us*, and Seniors have *Minecraft*! Happy Winter Carnival and don't be scared to get involved!

DRESS UP DAYS AND EVENTS

Monday Feb. 20:
Beach/tourist day,
Mock Rock

Tuesday Feb. 21:
Denim/Jarty Day,
PowerPuff Boys volleyball

Wednesday Feb. 22:
Wacky Wednesday,
Assembly

Thursday Feb. 23: Salad
dressing day

Friday Feb. 24: Theme
day/blue & gold day,
Assembly, & crowning of
king and queen

CREATIVE WRITING OPPORTUNITIES RIGHT HERE IN MANISTEE!!

Written by Kendal Waligorski

Looking for a productive way to express yourself? The Armory is honored to host a youth creative writing class with renowned author Lauren Carlson!

Click the link below to find more about how you can participate in a creative writing class at the Armory Youth Project. This is available to both middle schoolers and high schoolers.

Click Here

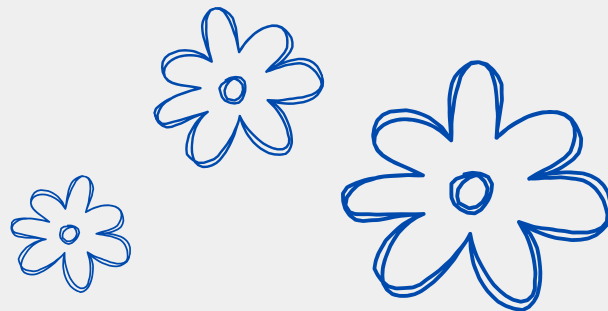


[Creative Writing Workshop for Youth at the Armory](#)



MEET MS. LIPPERT!

Written by Jayna Edmondson



Students who have walked through the English hallway, have probably walked past Ms. Lippert or have seen her standing with Ms. Clemons. Ms. Lippert came to our school just after Christmas break and has been working with students and learning from Ms. Clemons since. We wanted to get to know her better because she will be here for nearly the rest of the year, so we asked her a few questions.



Q: Where are you from? Where did you go to college?

A: I am from Green Bay, Wisconsin. I go to college at Northern Michigan University.

Q: What are you doing here at Manistee Middle/High School?

A: I am student teaching with Ms. Clemons and training to be an English teacher.

Q: How did you start training here?

A: I had to apply to a bunch of different schools. But I decided to come to Manistee because I am familiar with the area since I have family that lives here.

Q: How long will you be at MMHS?

A: I am just here for the second semester; my last day will be May 4th. Then I will go back to NMU and graduate on May 6th.

Q: What do you want to do after your training?

A: After I graduate, I would like to move to Duluth, Minnesota. There, I would like to start my career as an English teacher.





LACEY ZIMMERMAN COMMITS TO FERRIS

Written by Abby Robinson

Thursday January 19th was an exciting day for senior **Lacey Zimmerman (12)**, as she nailed down her plans for the next four years. With her friends, family, and coaches by her side, she signed with Ferris State University to officially become a member of the Bulldog track team. Lacey has been an active member on the Manistee track team since seventh grade, with the exception of freshman year when COVID-19 canceled the season. In those five years, Lacey excelled in a variety of events such as the 100, 200, 4x1, and 4x2. And the 4x2 relay even made state last year with Lacey's contribution, placing 7th overall.

This accomplishment of hers has made many Chippewas proud. Her track coach being no exception. When asked about Lacey, Mr. Theummel replied that "Lacey is very talented; she's a competitor and a hard worker. I'm looking forward to seeing what she can do at the next level." Lacey is also very excited for this next step in her life as all her hard work has paid off. She is looking forward to seeing where this next step in her career will take her in her future. But first, her and her coach are looking forward to a "great track season this spring." This is exciting news for Lacey, so if you see her in the halls make sure to tell her congrats!



BOYS' BASKETBALL BREAKS 30- GAME LOSING STREAK

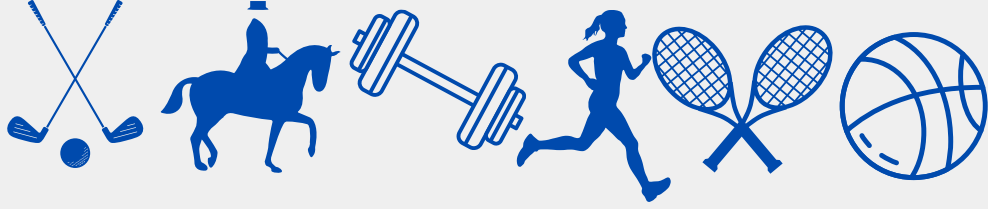
Written by Brooke Jankwietz



The 2022-23' Varsity Boys Basketball season started in early december with their first game against the Mason County Central Spartans. With the many variety of players, the boys have shown their talent, and are continuing to fight for a win. They are also under new coaching management this season, and lost 5 seniors from their last season.

Unfortunately, the boys started off their season with a 25 point loss to Mason County Central. But feeling down and moping, did not happen. Since then, the boys have started to gain on their opponents, although they have still fallen behind. Having closer scores like 52-47 against Frankfort, 36-34 against Orchard View, and 49-40 to Ravenna, the boys seem to be getting a hang of it. They have extremely strong scorers including **Mason Gunnett (11)** who dropped 14 points at Frankfort, **Carter Fredericks (12)** with 12 at Fremont, **Kaden Kott (10)** with 11 points, home against Shelby, and **Austen Halcome (11)**, who, off the bench, scored 21 points against Ludington.





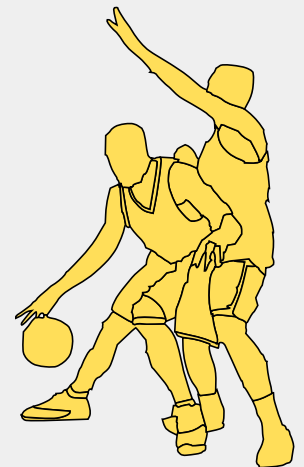
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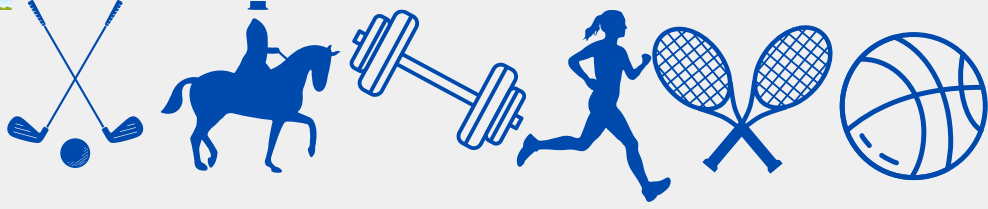
They secured their first victory last Friday, against Leroy Pine River, also ending their 30 game losing streak. **Halcome (11)** pointed out that the Pine River game was their “first win since 2021, and of 2023”. **Gunnnett (11)** also wanted to let everybody know that he would be back playing “this week”.

The boys are putting up a big fight this year. Playing a lot of the same teams as last year, you can definitely see an improvement in the scores. Even though they were still losses, the boys have closed multiple two-digit gaps, to single-digit gaps, in just this season compared to the last. With so much talent on one team, we'll just have to wait and see how far they go!



JUNIOR #23 AUSTEN HALCOME AND SENIOR #22 ETHAN EDMONDSON PUT THE BALL UP AGAINST HART.





WRESTLERS FOUGHT HARD AT HOME

Written by Libby McCarthy

A young team of Chippewa wrestlers compete in their only home meet of the season on January 18. They faced off against the Ludington Orioles and the Fremont Packers. The wrestling team was defeated by Fremont 76-6 with a lone victory from **Brayden Schweitzer (9) (pictured top left)**. But, the Chips found a 36-24 victory against Ludington having them place second in the tri-meet. Several of our wrestlers came out on top including **Schweitzer, Hailey Johnson (10), Ava Pike (10), Josh Haynes (9), Danielle Vasquez (9) and Joey Banicki (11)**.



Coach Bond and his wrestlers are very excited to see where this season will take them. Junior **Joey Banicki (pictured bottom left)** is especially excited for the rest of their season. She shared what it's like to be a part of this year's wrestling team.



"Our team this year is way larger than previous teams we've had," said **Banicki**. "Most of our team is first-year wrestlers but all of them are doing really well and catching on fast. They are both physically and mentally strong, and all very motivated. As far as expectations, I really wanna see our girls team go to state. We have never had a girls team this large, and it's super exciting as we have one of the larger girls teams in our conference.

Even if we don't all make State, I want us to do our best at regionals. I'm also excited for the boys, because even though we have a smaller guys' team, they are also doing really well this season."

Although there won't be any more home meets this season, it's very important that we support our hard working wrestling team throughout the rest of their season! That could include wishing them good luck on meet days and/or listening to the announcements and congratulating the wrestlers that had victories in their matches!

SOFTBALL TEAM STILL LOOKING FOR MORE PLAYERS

Written by Jazlyn Madsen

Looking for a sport to play this spring?
Why not try softball?!

What if I've never played before?

Don't worry! With no little league or middle school teams in the area, it's hard to raise interest in the sport. It can be hard to start a sport in high school with no previous knowledge, but our excellent coaches, Terri Arendt and Denise Giltz, will work with you to get you up to speed.



**SIGN UP IN THE ATHLETICS
OFFICE TODAY!**

Is it fun or full of Drama?

Softball is a BLAST! The players all get along and when they cheer each other on during the games, it feels more like a family. Instead of picking on those who may not be as good, softball players help coach and encourage them.

ALEC LAMPEN SETS A NEW SCHOOL RECORD

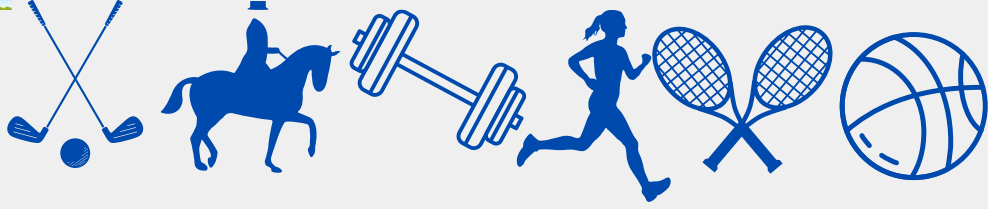
Written by Jayna Edmondson



**LAMPEN SWIMS BUTTERFLY IN HIS
HOME POOL**

On January 14, at the Holland Christian Division 3 Invitational, junior **Alec Lampen** finished first in the 100 yard backstroke, setting a school record with a time of 51.67.

In addition to setting a school record at our pool, he is also setting pool records at visiting meets. At the Ludington dual conference meet, Lampen set a pool record in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 53.93.



CHIPS COME SHORT AT LUDINGTON AND TAKE THIRD AT NORTHVIEW

Written by Jayna Edmondson

By just 4 points, the Chips were defeated by Ludington on January 19. Although overall we finished second, there were still many individual athletes who finished first. Some first place finishers included **Drew Mendians (11)** in the 100-yard breaststroke and 100-yard freestyle. As well as **Trevor Adamczak (12)** in the 100-yard butterfly and 200 IM. **Tug Thuemmel (12)** took first place in both the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle. **Alec Lampen (11)** also took first in the 100-yard backstroke.

Plus, two relay teams took first place, a team of Lampen, **Henrique Tonoli (12)**, Adamczak, and **Gres Mandelli (12)** in the medley relay. As well as the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Adamczak, Mandelli, Mendians, and Lampen. Mendians claims, "We beat them [Ludington] in the water, but our divers were way outnumbered, which was where they gained more points."

Despite Alec Lampen being out due to illness, the Chippewas still compete in the water! This past Tuesday (Jan. 24), the team traveled to Northview for a non-conference invitational. Lampen being out resulted in a bunch of changes in relays and individual events. This forced multiple athletes to take on new races. **Next, the boy's swim team will travel to Ottawa Hills on Saturday, February 4th.**



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"It's the possibility of having a dream
come true that makes life interesting."
Paulo Coelho



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"You can make up a quote
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