

WELCOME BACK! STARTING OFF THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Written by Kaleb Shoemate

Welcome Back, Mariners! Our first, official, year of being the Manistee Mariners. We are off to a great start thus far! New faces, new classes, and new rules. As your hub of information, we're here to provide you with all of the details. As you get familiar with the swing of things, you'll notice a few different things!

Our newest additions to the teaching staff are Ms. Bohle and Mr. Quakkelaar. Mr. Quakkelaar is teaching Sophomore English and Creative Writing. Ms. Bohle is teaching 9th-grade Health and PE. Those are our newest additions! You'll also notice that a few teachers around the building have picked up a few additional classes. With this being said, we also have two newer electives in the building. Mr. Bennett is now teaching World War II, and Mrs. O'Connor is now teaching Current Events. Make sure to be as cooperative as possible with the new teachers, also adjusting to their new schedule!

We are also welcoming a new sports team to our fleet! Our school is now offering ESports to all high school students. Visit the office for more information! Per usual we spoke with administration to see what they had to see about our new year.

Three eager-to-learn students and Mr. Huber and Mr. Garber at the door.



STUDENT LIFE

WELCOME BACK CONTINUED...

Mr. Huber said, "I'm truly enthused about the new school year. First, we have a great group of students - again - led by an outstanding senior class. We're expecting very strong leadership from these high-achievers! Second, we have some new hires that were lucky to grab for our staff... I'm convinced they will be student favorites soon. And finally, it's really impressive to see all the new signage around our campus; the Mariner imagery, font, and layout are really professionally done. Most of everything you see is from Brandon Jensen of Right Side Design who is an alum of MHS! It's clear this was a labor of love and his team really captured a feeling of Manistee in everything they produced. And finally, there aren't many changes from last year, but I'd like to point out parking... Part of the back row in the front lot will be for staff as we have new staff members from the central office and the clinic; new signs will be up for that shortly. However, we do have more student parking in the area north of the pool that had been painted red for bus use the past few years. All these spaces are now yellow and available for student use. With plenty of spaces available, students are expected to not park in the visitor spaces near the front - please be respectful of that. I can't wait to see how we can further embrace our Mariner vibe, which truly is part of our Manistee heritage and roots - have a great year!" Thank you, Mr. Huber for providing these details for our returning and new students as we depart on this new school year adventure.



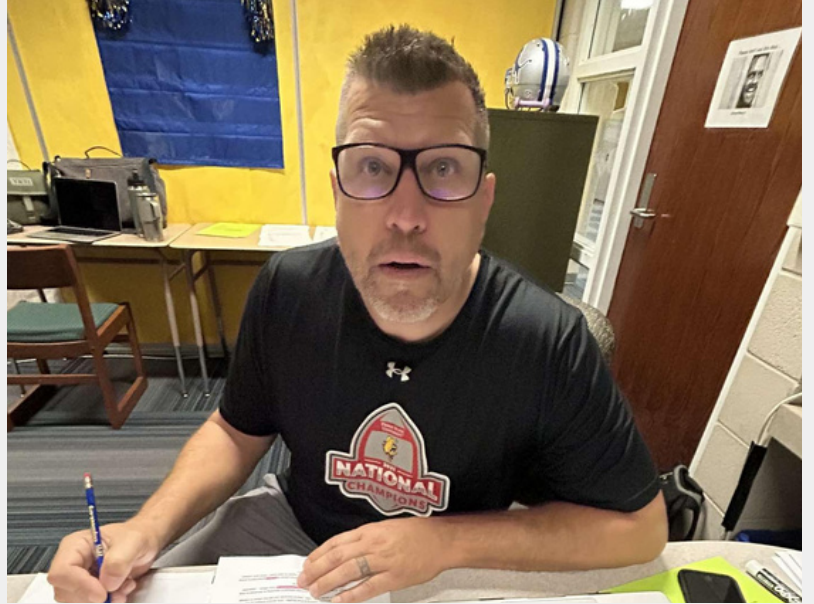
ATTENTION: Wise words of Mr. Huber



WELCOME BACK CONTINUED... AGAIN...

Mrs. Nowicki added "Welcome back students! Let's make this academic year one filled with success, growth, and memorable experiences. I look forward to witnessing your achievements and the positive impact you will undoubtedly make on our school community. Mariners Lead!" Mrs. Warnke said "Welcome Back!! I'm looking forward to another great year! I'm excited for our Senior class to be our first Mariner graduates!"

Thank you to our administrators who are supporting us throughout every aspect of our educational journey. This school year is off to an amazing start. Remember to stay on top of your work, once you fall behind, it becomes difficult to catch up, again. Mariners, remember to look out for your crew. Anchors Up! Have a great year!



"THE CREW" TEES

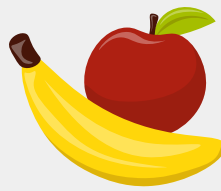
Written by Libby McCarthy

If you were at school last Tuesday, that means you received "The Crew" T-shirt!!!

Remember to wear it every second Friday of the month!!!

The first day we will be filling our halls in "The Crew" tee will be on Friday, September 8th!!!

Don't be the odd man out!
If you need "The Crew" tee, check with the office!



FIRST DAY OF SENIOR YEAR BREAKFAST

Written by Cecilia Postma

Although senioritis is already a rising issue, this year's seniors chose to wake up early to gather together on the first day for breakfast. Inspired by the TikTok trend of "senior sunrises", student council members promptly organized an event. The sun rose around 7 am so it was decided to have breakfast at a later time.



Colin Edmondson (12) was the star of the show arriving with homemade pancakes and jam. Colin dedicated hours of his Sunday preparing pancakes filled with chocolate, blueberry, and apple. He also prepared a plum and blueberry jam to top the pancakes. Colin commented, "I was really excited to make food for everyone and demonstrate the skills I learned in the cooking fields of our school." Many other students contributed with juice, donuts, pop tarts, granola bars, and cutlery.

All in all, it was a great way to reconnect with classmates. Anticipation of the school day buzzed around as schedules were compared. **Damon Stelisch (12)**, the only senior foreign exchange student, showed up and had a chance to meet a few people. Colin further adds "...the breakfast was also a great way to meet everyone again before our final year together and I can't wait to do it again at the end of the year." The seniors are hoping to end their school year with a similar event but this time at sunset!

FOREIGN EXCHANGE INTERVIEW : DAMON STELLISCH

Written by Jayna Edmondson

Question 1: Where are you from?

- I am from Hamburg, Germany



Question 2: Who is your host family?

- I am living with the Robinson family.

Question 3: Why did you want to come to America?

- I wanted to come to America because I wanted to try the different kinds of fast food restaurants, and I wanted to try different sports at a new school.



Question 4: What activities do you participate in? Or what are you interested in trying?

- I participate in soccer but I definitely want to try basketball as well as baseball!

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

- I would say the schedules are the biggest difference because in Germany we have a different schedule every day and here we have the same classes every day.

Question 6: What is your favorite American food?

- Macaroni and cheese, Chick-Fil-A, or Lucky Charms.

"I am excited for the year and I love Manistee already!" - Damon

Question 7: What are you excited to do this year?

- I am excited to watch the football games, win some games with my soccer team, and try out different sports.



STAFF OF THE WEEK: MS. BOHLE

Written by Kaleb Shoemate

Welcome Back! In our first edition of the Staff Spotlight, we're introducing one of our newest additions to the MAPS Staff. As you may have noticed, we have a new face teaching Health and PE: **Ms. Bohle** filled in for Mrs. Burns' position. We are so excited to have her join the Mariner Family.



Question 1: Where are you from?

- I grew up in Harrisonville, Missouri, a small town outside of Kansas City.

Question 2: Where did you go to college?

- Pittsburg State University (Pittsburg, Kansas)

Question 3: What are you most excited about being in Manistee?

- I am extremely excited to be in Manistee! I am looking forward to building relationships with my students, and am excited to be a part of such a great community. The beach is a great bonus, too!

Question 4: If you could choose any superpower what would it be?

- Super Speed

Question 5: Go-to after-school snack?

- Beef Jerky or a protein bar.



MANISTEE COUNTRY CLUB CROWNS YOUNGEST CLUB CHAMPION



Written by Luke Smith

Over the weekend of August 19th, Manistee High School's own **Jacob Scharp (12)** won the Manistee Golf & Country Club Championship.



As far as he knows, he is the youngest golfer to win the yearly competition. Not only that but in between rounds, in the middle of the weekend, Jacob and his brother **Max Scharp (10)** both took a break from the links to beat Kalkaska in the Mariners' home soccer opener. The brothers' many athletic talents explain why they continually impress fans, coaches, and other players alike.

The Championship took place over three rounds of 18 holes of golf. Jacob shot a 68, 68, and 79, with two impressive rounds at 2 shots under par. Together, these rounds were enough to win by 2 strokes.

Last spring, Manistee's boys' golf team qualified for the state finals with a 2nd place regional finish. Individually, Jacob finished 4th at regionals and 10th at the state finals. This earned him all-state honors for the first time in his high school career. The team finished 7th at the state finals, a strong finish. With Scharp's continued progress and achievements, as well as the team's, they are sure to be at contenders for the state finals again this coming spring.



NOW SHOWING:

MOVIE REVIEWS
WITH NOAH

Written by Noah Maue

Maue Awarding Movies (Summer 2023)

Welcome back to another year of school! Over the course of the summer, **sixteen movies** came to The Vogue. Even though the forty hours or so of content might be a lot to process, I'm here to break down every single film in this school year's brand-new **Maue Awarding Movies** (M.A.M.) initiative. Films every three months are selected for eight categories, and the winners are posted here! With that out of the way, here are this summer's Maue Awards!

Most Well-Rounded: Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse

Film-Making Genius: Oppenheimer

Crazy Fun: Barbie

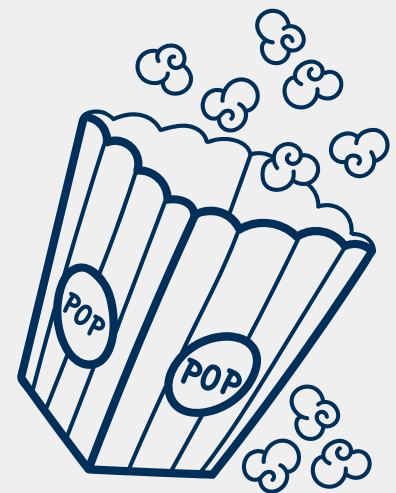
Action-Packed Madness: Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning Part One

Most Thought-Provoking: Past Lives

Biggest Disappointment: Haunted Mansion

Surprisingly Great: Gran Turismo

Guilty Pleasure: Asteroid City



And that does it for this summer's **Maue Awards**! Stay tuned for more movie reviews throughout the school year!

SOCCER SEASON KICKS OFF WITH THREE WINS

Written by Jayna Edmondson



Jacob Scharp (12)

After claiming the district title last fall, the returning athletes have high hopes for this soccer season. First, the Mariners defeated Suttons Bay 4-3 in their opening game of the season. The goals were scored by **Jacob Scharp (12)**, **Luke Smith (12)**, **Luke Senters (12)**, and **Miles Joseph (10)**.

The following day, the Mariners defeated Kalkaska 6-1. The Manistee offense was led by Jacob Scharp, who scored three goals himself in the first half. Also scoring for the Mariners were **Miles Joseph**, **Mason Robinson (11)**, and **Luke Senters**.

The team then hosted a non-conference game against Big Rapids on Friday, August 25. This game resulted in another win for the team, defeating Big Rapids 4-1.

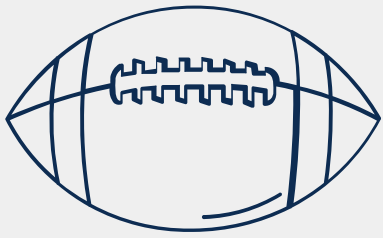


Dynamic duo Will Somsel (12) and Louis Mosher (11) (left)

Luke Smith (12) shields the ball from his defenders (right)



On Monday, August 28, the team traveled to Ravenna for their first conference game of the season. The final outcome of the game was 3-3. Keep up the good work boys!



Written by Luke Smith

MARINER FOOTBALL WINS HOME OPENER



The Mariner football team opened their season at home on Thursday night with a convincing win, 45-0. Manistee took on the visiting Blue Blazers of Kalkaska.

Scoring for the Mariners were seniors **Nick Hornkohl** (2 touchdowns), **Isaiah Davis** (2 touchdowns), **Austen Halcome** (1 touchdown), and junior **Kaden Kott** (2 touchdowns). The Mariners recorded an enormous 310 rushing yards.



A big component of the game was the varsity debut of freshman quarterback **Dayvion Neal-Berry**. He threw 2 touchdowns and ran for 22 yards. It was a solid debut for the young player with high expectations.

The Mariners' defense was also on point with 6 sacks in the game. That is just one sack off from the school record of 7. The defense also allowed only 41 yards. The Mariners recorded 45 total tackles and 8.5 tackles for a loss. These statistics, along with the shutout, point towards a very strong defensive team moving forward in the season.

Kanon Petzak (12) commented that "the game was a success because Austen scored." The team agreed that their first game was a great start to the season.

The Mariners return to play on Friday, September 8, as they travel to take on Oakridge.



XC UP AND RUNNING

Written by Cecilia Postma



Manistee cross country kicked off their season at the Chippewa Hills Early Season Invite. This race was chosen because it is the same course that the Mariners will either qualify for states or finish their season on. With new runners, lack of summer training, and a bit of nerves, the first meet of the season is a great way to gauge where runners are at.

The girls race first for the fall season this year. They were led by **Ceci Postma (12)** who placed 3rd. Behind her **Alayna Edmondson (10)** flew in to earn a medal at 30th place. Next came a group of Lady Mariners, **Georgia Haag (10)**, **Kate Somsel (11)**, and **Audrey Huizinga (11)** all placing within .01 seconds of each other and receiving medals. Captain **Ceci Postma** says "I am proud of the entire girls' team. It was very exciting to see some of the girls run their first high school race. We had a lot of competition and earned a solid 4th place in the small school division."

The boys team also placed 4th in the small school division. Our boys were led by **Christian Schramski (11)** who placed 15th. Christian PR'd by over a minute from his best time last year. Christian is this year's underdog story. After racing on JV last year Christian decided to commit his summer to putting in lots of miles on top of lifting and other conditioning. His first race of the 2023 season certainly showcased this hard work as he led the varsity squad. Following Christian by a few mere seconds were veteran runners **Luke Senters (12)** and **Jack O'Donnell (12)**.



Christian Schramski, Jack O'Donnell, and Luke Senters (left to right)

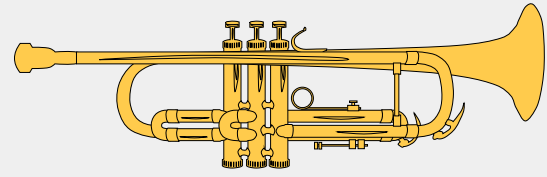
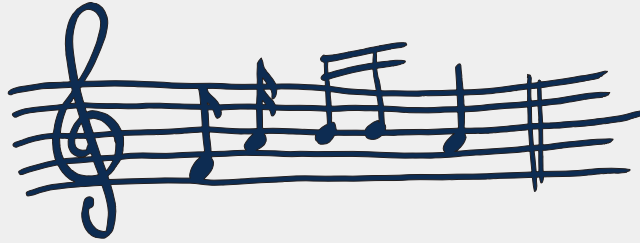


Manistee raced again the following Saturday in Benzie's Pete Moss Invite. Even though Benzie has a much better developed running program compared to the similar-sized district of Manistee, they decided to wimp out and race in the small school division while Manistee was left to fend for themselves against the top D1 and D2 schools in the state. Despite the added competition of racing against hundreds of kids, (including multiple state champs), the Manistee teams did not disappoint. The team walked away with many PRs including **Kate Somsel (11)**, **Kynlee O'Connor (9)**, **Adah Korzeniewski (11)**, **Gabby Senters (10)**, **Lillian Herndon (11)**, and **Christian Schramski (11)**.



After Pete Moss the cross country team has about a week and a half break until they race again. With a new coach, **Andy Anderson**, the team is looking to gain extra strength and improve endurance in new ways such as lifting and swimming. We are all excited to see how our runners improve this season.

Written by Luke Smith



Over the summer, the Manistee Community band performed three concerts. About a dozen members of the MHS band program participated in the community band this summer.

Vincent Wang (12) commented about how the level of music was more difficult than what they would regularly experience in the high school band. "It really brings the community together—hence community band."



Sarah Huber (11) mentioned that "it's a really cool thing because you have all these people that haven't touched their instruments in years and they have an opportunity to play in a band again. It has built a greater artistic scene in Manistee."

Marina Reid (12) liked "how the younger generation was able to perform with the older generation, blending together in music." She also mentioned that former Manistee graduate Ryan Biller, who leads the community band, "does a great job bringing the band together while also being busy with his college duties."

The band performed at several locations in Manistee, including the Lions' Pavilion, the auditorium here at MHS, and at West Shore Community College.

If you missed them this summer, the band is likely to return for more music next summer. Be sure to go check them out when you can!

CULVERS MAKES ITS WAY TO PARKDALE

Written by Will Somsel



Have you heard the news? The Midwest-renowned fast food restaurant, Culvers, famous for its Butter Burgers, cheese curds, and frozen custard is coming to Manistee. The restaurant originating from Sauk City, Wisconsin is moving into town. The location for the development is 492 Parkdale Avenue, right across from Meijer in Parkdale. The property was initially purchased in March of 2021, but due to unforeseen construction costs, it has been delayed until now. As it stands development of the property has already begun with construction starting soon. It is estimated that the restaurant will open in the spring with hopes of it being open through the summer.



The property before the renovation ↑



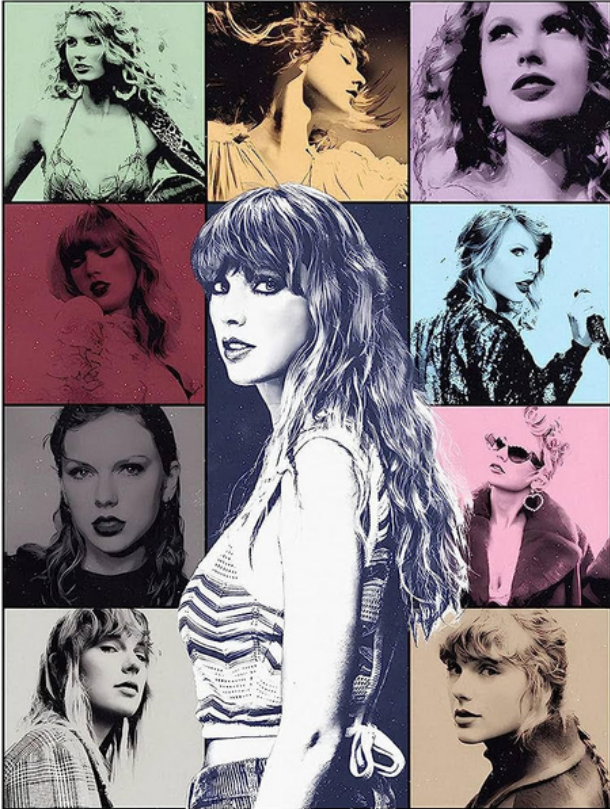
A common look of Culvers ↑

As it stands Manistee is in need of a fast food restaurant in Parkdale. The only other fast food place on the north side of town is Burger King. With the opening of Culvers residents of Manistee County will have another option when it comes to high-quality fast food dining. The fan-favorite Concrete Mixers from Culvers will be a new staple for people of all ages in the community. This is the first new fast-food restaurant to come to Manistee in several years. With Culvers joining the line-up, the people of Manistee have another option to enjoy family get-togethers, meet friends, or spend time with that special someone.

Written by Kaleb Shoemate

THE CONCERT CRAZE OF SUMMER 23'

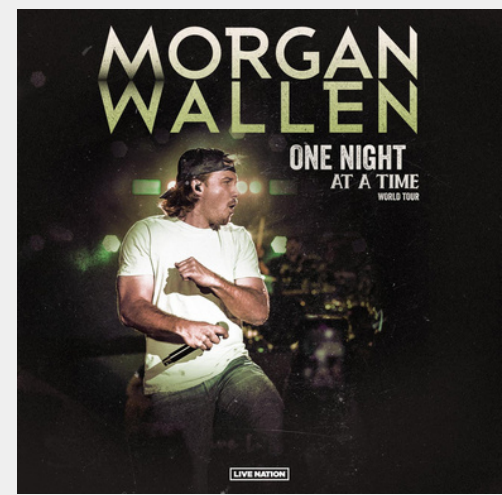
Over the summer, we're sure you noticed that millions around the world went crazy for at least one concert. Stars like Taylor Swift, Beyoncé, Drake, Adele, Morgan Wallen, Ed Sheeran, and so much more.



Social media users noticed an uproar in competition, in order to see their favorite star. Taylor Swift's "Era's Tour" was the boom of such competition. On November 1st, Taylor Swift announced her Era's Tour and social media users went ballistic. Ticket sales went live on November 15th, at 10 AM. Within the hour, TicketMaster's website crashed. More than 3.5 Million people were on the site registering for verified fan presales. TicketMaster users experienced site crashing, freezing, and many more difficulties. Despite the difficulties, Scalpers were able to purchase a large amount of tickets and list them on resale websites for absurd prices. TicketMaster was put on blast and even had a lawsuit filed against them. Swifties weren't the only fans that Ticketmaster disappointed.

Worldwide Puerto Rican phenomenon, Bad Bunny, also experienced difficulties with ticketing. TicketMaster oversold tickets, leading to an overbooked and over-packed venue. As a result of the TicketMaster issues, states including New York, Texas, Massachusetts, and California outlawed scalper bots and regulated pricing models. TicketMaster even received backlash from US President, Joe Biden, and after that, they vowed to remove all junk fees. They have had no [reported] problems, thus far. 2023 was the year of the concerts. So many of our favorite artists went on tour. And we can be so thankful that they continue to share their talents with us!

Did you go see any concerts this year? Were you a part of the Summer Craze?





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"The shell must break before the bird can fly."



Libby McCarthy (12)
Editor/Writer



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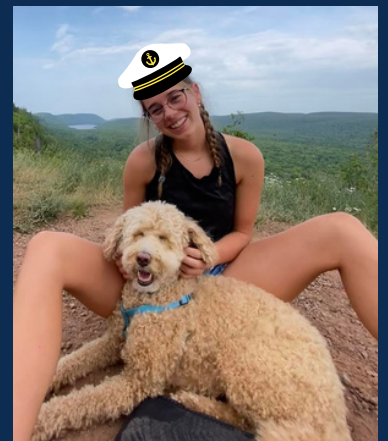


Brooke Jankwietz (12)
Writer



Noah Maue (11)
Writer

"I'm not perfect, but that won't stop me from trying to be."



Ceci Postma (12)
Writer

*"Don't let the muggles get you down"
-Ron Weasley*



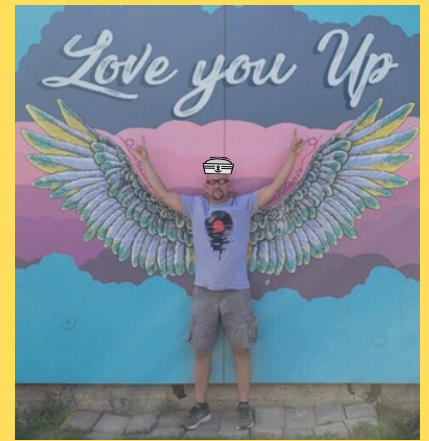
Luke Smith (12)
Writer

*"Think deeply about simple things."
-Arnold Ross*



William Somsel (12)
Writer

"Enjoy nature. It's the only thing that doesn't judge."



Mr. Joseph
Advisor

*"Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer."
-Vito Corleone*

GUEST WRITER

HAVE AN ARTICLE IDEA?

The Mariner Herald is accepting guest writers! If you have a good article idea, contact the editors Libby McCarthy or Mr. Joseph for the opportunity to share your ideas/news! We are also looking for young staff writers!

