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HOMECOMING IS ALMOST HERE!

Written by Libby McCarthy

Next Monday kicks off Homecoming 2023! This year's theme is Battle of the Eras. Each class has chosen a unique and fun era to represent their class. The classes will use this chosen era on their float, their window painting, their Powderpuff shirts, and even one of the dress-up days! See the class eras below!

Seniors:
Wild West

Juniors:
Hippies

Sophomores:
Medieval

Freshmen:
Jurassic

Today, Wednesday, we will vote for our class reps and Hoco King and Queen candidates! The reps and candidates will be announced at our first assembly this Friday at the end of the day!

The next event is window painting this Saturday and Sunday. Seniors will be painting the Vogue window, Juniors have Manistee Beverage, Sophomores have the old Goody's window, and Freshmen will paint Snyders window! If you are interested in helping your class with window painting, talk to your class advisors or your class student council. Get involved and have some fun!



Every day after school there will be tire hunting. Look for the hint posted on the homecoming Google doc (link on next page) so you can go look for that tire!

After school on Monday will be the Powderpuff semifinals! Starting right at 3 pm, Juniors will be playing Freshmen, and right after that the Seniors will be playing Sophomores! Go watch and cheer for your class!!! Once Powderpuff is done, stay and support the boys soccer team as they take on OV!



STUDENT LIFE CONTINUED

DRESS UP DAYS

HOCO CONTINUED...

Tuesday doesn't have anything special going on but there is a home volleyball game! JV at 5:30 and Varsity to follow!

Wednesday make sure to check your email to vote for Hoco King and Queen! There will also be an assembly at the end of the day and Powderpuff finals beginning at 6:30!!! Following the games, there will be a bonfire behind the field around 8 pm!

Thursday is the last day of preparation for your class float and the last day for tire hunting!

Everyone's favorite day, Friday, is full of fun. Start off with the last assembly at the end of the day. Then there is the parade at 5 pm, make sure you check the Google doc for more information on the parade! There is a new route this year. Then, at 7:00 is the big Homecoming game against Ludington!!! Show up, be loud, and wear your Blue and Gold! The crowning of King and Queen will be at halftime.

The week will end with the dance in the commons 8:30-11:30! Can't wait to see you there!

For a more detailed and organized summary of Homecoming week 2023, go to this goggle doc: <https://docs.google.com/document>

Monday

BBQ Dad VS
Soccer Mom

Tuesday

Class Era Day

Wednesday

Wacky Wednesday

Thursday

Rhyme Day

Friday

BLUE AND GOLD

BUY YOUR HOMECOMING TICKETS!!!

Written by Libby McCarthy

Homecoming tickets will be for sale
every day at lunch next week!

It is \$10 a ticket

If you don't get a ticket before the dance
they will be for sale for \$12 at the door

Written by Luke Smith

You may have noticed that there are some new students' voices coming over the speakers each morning. Indeed, the announcements team for the 2023-2024 school year includes seniors **Marina Reid, Kaleb Shoemate, and Drew Mendians. Mr. Bennett** and **Mr. Harrigan** are the staff mentors for the group. Each senior shares part of the load of the announcements. Marina chooses the music that opens up the announcements.

Marina commented that "it brings [her] so much joy to bring the music that students across the district can have to lighten up their mornings." **If anyone has song suggestions, email Marina at 24reimar@manistee.org with the school-appropriate track!**

Mr. Bennett, in high spirits after the Lions 21-20 season opener Thursday night, voiced his pride in the group and the eclectic approach they bring: "I couldn't be prouder. They do a really good job. It's nice that there are three of them because they each have a different voice that brings something else to the table."

Kaleb explained how spreading information to the student body was rewarding as everyone learned more about what is going on: "I like...everyone being in the know. Yeah. I like to spread the word." Kaleb's love for spreading knowledge is also sparking some career interests in the field of journalism.

Drew really enjoys his role in the school: "It's an honor and a blast at the same time!"



2/3 of the team, Kaleb and Marina! (not pictured: Drew, he was in Canada)

The new announcements also include trivia questions each Thursday. The quickest to email the answer to **Mr. Harrigan at sharrigan@manistee.org** in each grade receives a cinnamon roll courtesy of Manistee's National Honor Society chapter.

Be sure to thank the three of these seniors for their contribution to our school.

STAFF OF THE WEEK: MR. STONEMAN

Written by Kaleb Shoemate

This week's staff spotlight is Mr. Stoneman! Mr. Stoneman is our district's Superintendent. Mr. Stoneman has recently moved into a new office location in the 7th grade hallway near Mr. Schweigert's room. Give him a wave and smile when you see him in his office!

Let's get to know him!



Question 1: How long have you been working at MAPS?

- This is my 8th year in the district and it's been amazing. Proud.



Question 2: What is your favorite part of being superintendent?

- My favorite part with anything education related is the kids. For 29 years I've been privileged to do this work.

Question 3: What are some of your favorite out-of-school activities?

- Sailing. I like sailing, the beach and traveling.

Question 4: Where did you go to college?

- I had a bit of a nontraditional collegiate experience. I started as a college student in my mid to late 20s. I attended GVSU sometimes full-time and sometimes part-time and worked along the way. Because GVSU was overloaded with student teachers in the '90s, I got waitlisted for a semester for a student teacher assignment. Having a sense of urgency, I applied to Aquinas College with the intent of getting my student teaching done right away. I returned to GVSU to earn my Master's Degree in Education Leadership.

Question 5: Who is your favorite celebrity?

- Taylor Swift and Chris Stapelton or Snoop. No, really.

Question 6: What's your go-to casual outfit?

- Mariner Gear. Or anything school colors.



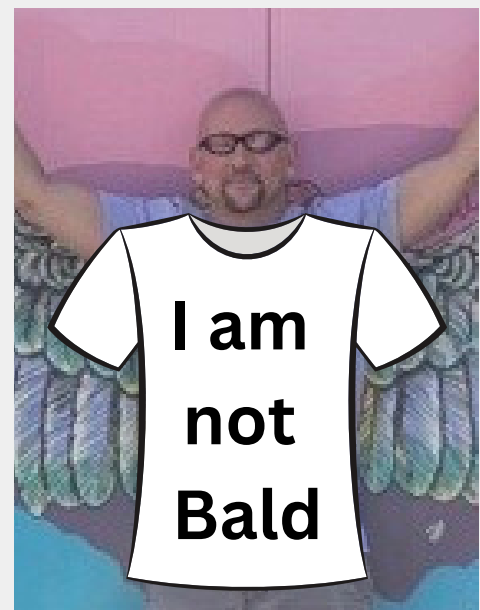
HOME FOOTBALL GAME FRIDAY

Written by Libby McCarthy

Our undefeated football team
will take on
Whitehall this Friday at home!!!

The Pit theme will be White
Lies/White Out!

Dress in all white and/or wear a
white lie t-shirt! example →





NOW SHOWING:

MOVIE REVIEWS
WITH NOAH

Written by Noah Maue

Asteroid City – True Mature Absurdity

Asteroid City was one of the more polarizing films that released last summer. Many critics loved it, but many others despised it. After I watched it, I fell in love with this film and rewatched it three times! So if you didn't understand the movie or haven't watched it, let me explain why it's so amazing!

This film is a mock documentary of the inner workings of a theatrical play and fully utilizes this setting to create an impressively unique storyline. It often switches between black-and-white "real world" scenes and the colorful world of the play being performed, which provides lots of foreshadowing to events within the play while also providing hints as to the actual philosophy of the film. This film takes a distinct "watch once to enjoy, watch again to understand" approach to filmmaking that I can never get enough of, and it lends itself very well to the existential themes that can often feel obscured by the absurdist approach the film takes.

Aside from the film's subtext, the viewing experience is a great time too! As I mentioned, the film is incredibly absurd. You can think of it like *Barbie* (2023) but with aliens and more dialogue, and you'll already have a pretty good idea of the film. The actors were outstanding, the sets were beautiful, and this was possibly my favorite film of the summer!

I'm intentionally avoiding going into details on the literal storyline of this movie because it's absolutely meant to be watched blind! You may come out of the film confused at first, but if you're really willing to explore the themes of this story-rich movie, I assure you that you'll come out with complete and utter satisfaction.

I give *Asteroid City* a rating of 9/10.

GIRLS' SWIM AT EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Written by Luke Smith



On Wednesday, September 6, the Mariner girls' swim and dive team traveled to East Grand Rapids where they competed against two quality opponents in East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

The Mariners had some great finishes from their swimmers. **Marina Reid (12)** finished 2nd in the 100-yard backstroke, the top individual finish on the day for the Mariners. **Kat Vasquez (9)** finished 4th in the same event. **Laura Eix (12)** was 4th in the 100-yard breaststroke and had another 4th-place finish in the 200-yard IM. Manistee's **Annika Arendt (12)** swam to 5th in the 500-yard freestyle. On the 1-meter diving platform, **GeGe Hansen (10)** finished 10th.

In terms of relays, the Mariners' best finish was 4th, in the 200 yard medley. The team consisted of **Macaela Bruce (10), Laura Eix, Marina Reid, and Annika Arendt.**

Manistee's **Marina Reid** commented that "it was nice to see all the really good competition in Grand Rapids," including that "we may have been last place, but we all swam really well and it was against two State champion schools."

Macaela Bruce emphasized the team aspect of attending meets, mentioning how her favorite part of the trip to Grand Rapids "was getting Qdoba after the meet" with her teammates.



The girls' next meet is this Thursday the 21st at home at 6 pm! Go support the girls!!!



WHAT IS ESPORTS?

Written by Duncan Alexander

ESports is an extracurricular program for MHS where students can play video games competitively. Gamers can play Super Smash Brothers, Splatoon 3, Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, NBA 2K24, Madden, League of Legends, and even Hearthstone! MHS uses Switches, PS5s, and Laptops for the program. The eSports team is in pre-season right now, but will soon start playing competitively against other schools and may end up at college campuses competing!

ESports has practice every day after school, and students can stop by anytime! Whether they've played professionally or against their siblings from time to time, the team is happy to have them! Practice is at 3-5 in the library.

How would you describe your job here?

With this being the first eSports at Manistee, I had to do a lot of research on what equipment was needed, order it all, set it all up, and find out how to get students to sign up. What I like about coaching is giving the players a chance to show their leadership skills and helping out everyone on the team. I'm there to support the team with mentorship and make sure we have. **-Coach Chad Murray**

What made you hear about eSports in the first place?

"I heard of it from a friend and I thought it would be a good opportunity to beat some kids" **--Evan Holden**

"from Mr. Huber"-- **Michael Robinson**



What part of eSports are you excited for?

"I'm excited to play with friends" **Caleb Eilers**

"Playing games competitively against others" **Will Noteware**

"Because I like Splatoon" **Lauren Smith**

"League of Legends" **Max Nottingham**

"I joined because it's something I do a lot, so I might as well put those skills to use."

LaPaul Jr

"I'm excited to work with all these different kids and push them to connect with the school and with others, I hope that I'll play a part in improving their lives." **Duncan**

Alexander

Written by Cecilia Postma

Ludington hosted their annual cross-country invite on Saturday, September 16th at West Shore College. Manistee's girls team placed 2nd while the boys team placed 9th. It was a beautiful Saturday morning meet with great fall weather.

The team was up before sunrise with a bus departure of 7:30 am. The girl's team raced at 9 am with the boys following at 9:45 am. Luckily it was a day full of beautiful weather. Most of the team was in high spirits with the feeling of fall in the air. Some people even stopped at Orchard Market on the way home to pick out their first pumpkins of the season.

Medals were given to the top 30 finishers. Here are the top 3 finishers for the Mariner girls and guys; **Cecilia Postma (12)** finished in 3rd place, **Georgia Haag (12)** in 15th place, and **Kate Somsel (11)** in 19th place. The boy's team was led by Captain **Jack O'Donnell (12)** in 16th place followed by **Luke Senters (12)** in 23rd place, and **Christian Schramski (11)** in 29th place.



Mr. O'Donnell and top finisher for the boys team, Jack O'Donnell.



The Mariner Cross Country team is looking forward to their second conference meet on Tuesday September 19th at Whitehall.



VARSITY FOOTBALL REMAINS UNDEFEATED!



On Friday night, the varsity football team traveled to Muskegon Orchard View High School for a West Michigan Conference game. Despite being down 8-12 at halftime, the Mariners scored 30 points in the second half to defeat the Cardinals 38-12. This victory improved their undefeated record to 4-0 and 2-0 in the conference.

Kaden Kott (11) carried the ball for 147 yards and scored two touchdowns, **Trevor Haag (11)**, **Kanon Petzak (12)**, and **Nick Hornkohl (12)** also scored for the Mariners. Defensively, **Cai Johns (12)** recorded 15 tackles and 2.5 sacks, and **Isaiah Davis (12)** also had 12 tackles. **Braydon Sorenson (12)** also finished with 12 tackles, and **Landin Sowa (10)** was responsible for 9 tackles, one sack and one fumble recovery.



Come out and support the Mariners on Friday, September 22, as they take on Whitehall at home. The pit theme for this game will be white lies/white out. To see the pit themes for upcoming sporting events, follow @m.h.s_pit on Instagram.

APPLEBEES UNLIMITED WINGS



Written by William Somsel

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill + Bar has been running a special promotional on its boneless wings. For the past month or so, for the small price of 12.99, customers are given a plate of bottomless wings and fries. They offer six different flavors of sauce ranging from hot buffalo to honey pepper or classical garlic parmesan. After the initial plate, the customer can order another plate to keep eating. They are free to do so as long as they can.



Many people of all generations have taken part in the promotion, and some even consider it a challenge. The name of the challenge is to eat as many wings as possible. It may seem like a foolhardy challenge to some, but to others, it is a fun social event where they can do what they love most: eat. The wings come out in platters of 4 or 8. The original order of boneless wings comes out with eight individual wings with a side of fries. Any refills come with just 4 wings and a side of fries only if specified. The challenge only ends when someone either can't finish an order of wings, taps out, or sadly vomits the wings they have ingested until this point.



After talking to several MMHS students who partook in this challenge, I have achieved a much clearer understanding of how challenging the competition really is. **Grayson Prince** (12) and **Luke Senters** (12) ate 33 and 38 wings, respectively. Prince was quoted as saying, "This is the most intense challenge I've ever participated in. I've never been so destroyed after eating." While Senters told me that you either "Go big or go home". **Jacob Scharp** (12), who downed 32 wings, claimed that "it was the worst I have ever felt after eating food in my entire life." following the gorg-fest, Scharp sprawled out on the lawns of Applebees and claimed that "[he] want[ed] to puke ." Sophomore **Landin Sowa** downed a respectable 30 wings. Following this, he said that "he felt sick and lost his appetite for chicken." He continued to mention that he enjoyed himself and thought it was a great challenge. While many students participated in the event, only a few were satisfied following it. Overall, I recommend the experience because it is an affordable way to spend quality time with good friends.



STAFF



Kaleb Shoemate (12)
Writer

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



Libby McCarthy (12)
Editor/Writer



Jayna Edmondson (12)
Writer

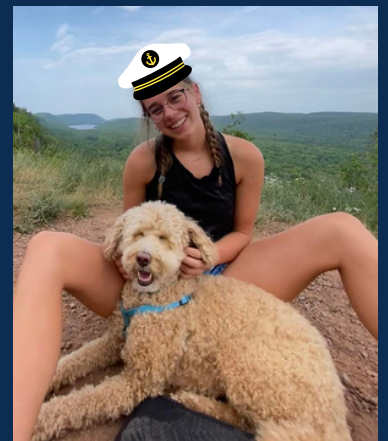


Brooke Jankwietz (12)
Writer



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*



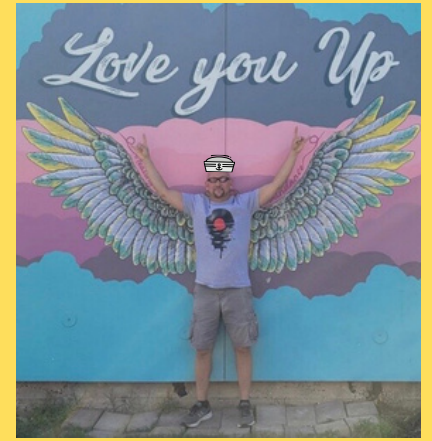
Luke Smith (12)
Writer

*"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

DUNCAN ALEXANDER (12)

