

NHS CHAPTER PROJECTS

*Written by
Libby McCarthy*

Every year the Manistee Chapter of the National Honors Society (NHS) chooses a new chapter project. This is the service project they will dedicate the most volunteer time and monetary donations to for the coming year.



Last year, Dylan Madsen led the charge with proposing NHS grow and maintain a native prairie. "The point of this project is to replace the maintained grasses behind the english classrooms at MMHS with a native grassland. The bulk of the project will be done over the course of a year and the grassland will reach its peak after around 3-4 years. We plan on planting a mixture of wildflowers and grasses which will be very pleasant to look at, much more pleasant than the generic grasses that are there now."

This project started last winter and will be continued by NHS in the years to come, with planting happening this December.

The 2023-2024 proposed chapter project options consisted of a proposed plan to limit food waste in our lunch room, an involvement program for elderly care centers in our community, and an option to partner with Orchard Beach State Park to restore their interactive hiking loop and volunteer at park events.



STUDENT LIFE

NHS CONTINUED...

After a few weeks of discussions, the 2023/2024 chapter project was put to a vote. The winner was a partnership with Orchard Beach State Park.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023 AT 6:30 PM – 10 PM EDT

Guided Haunted Walk through the Orchard Beach State Park walking trail!

Members are excited to begin this chapter with a Haunted Forest Event Hosted by NHS at the state park. NHS students partnered with the Fine Arts Dept. and have planned spooky skits and narration as participants are led along the hiking trail. This will be taking place Oct. 28th from 6:30 - 10:00 pm. The entire community is welcome to come enjoy this spooktacular event!

!!! SENIORS !!!

Written by Kaleb Shoemate

Seniors, it's October! That means that most colleges are waiving their application fees for the month. This means contact the guidance office, get their assistance, and kick it into gear! Graduation is right around the corner. No matter what you want to do, you have to start making the decisions soon! The last day for College Application Month is November 15th. Make sure to start filling out applications! Start by either visiting the college's website and getting instructions that way, or an easier route might be using the Common App! Either way, we're certain you'll make the right decisions.

Written by Will Somsel

This column is dedicated to the amazing advice of our favorite adults involved in the school. This week, I had the opportunity to meet with someone we're all familiar with, Ms. Williams. She has worked here for 18 years! She has been in multiple positions, including Middle School Athletic Director, Paraprofessional, and Librarian. While talking to her, she exposed some truths about life that are very insightful. The first thing we talked about was getting out and doing more. There is only so much time left in school, and she wants you to take advantage of that.



“Make the most out of what time you have left. If you're a 7th grader or a Senior, try something new. There are so many beautiful opportunities that the school has to offer, and the worst thing you can do is choose nothing. The variety of options available to all students has the potential to make or break your high school career.”

Her advice to seniors and anyone else moving on to the next chapter of their lives was to do what makes them happy. “There is nothing wrong with having a plan, but do what makes you happy” (Mrs. Williams). We all have so much left in life and shouldn't waste our time doing things that make us unhappy. Williams also said to “be curious and ask questions”. It turns out that you might learn something new every single day. Especially when you have amazing role models in the school all the time.

See you next time with more advice from our staff!



KADY AT ART CAMP

Written by Kady Brown

This summer, I attended Interlochen Arts Camp. Interlochen Arts Camp is located about an hour northeast of Manistee. It opened in 1928 as the nation's first premiere boarding camp for students in grades 3-12. This camp hosts campers from 32 countries/territories and 53 US states/territories. Students can attend in 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6-week increments from mid-June to early August. There, I spent three weeks studying musical theater, and I am now an Interlochen Arts Camp Ambassador. Before attending Interlochen, I was worried I'd be too far behind, I wouldn't be good enough, I'd never make any friends at camp, etc. When I arrived, however, I quickly realized that I was with "my people."



I was in an environment with individuals who were vastly different from me yet still shared the same passion and dedication towards their art. It was truly inspiring. Coming from a smaller town, Interlochen was an especially important part of my artistic journey. While there are many opportunities in Manistee, Interlochen exposed me to a more diverse, intense experience that pushed me to become a better artist and better person. It transformed my outlook on success and failure. It helped me recognize my strengths and weaknesses and taught me how to refine my talents further.



I learned new skills that I still practice today in and out of the theater. Another worry that popped up when applying was the cost. Interlochen is expensive, and that drives a lot of people away from applying. However, 80% of the people who apply receive financial aid. Interlochen wants to help young artists grow, and they work to make camp life more affordable and accessible to you.

At Interlochen Arts Camp, I experienced exponential growth in my art and grew so much as a person. I made so many great friends and was under the great care of the Interlochen staff. Studying at Interlochen Arts Camp was truly a transformative experience that paved the way for many more to come. If you are looking for an opportunity to strengthen your skills in the arts, I would highly recommend Interlochen Arts Camp. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out and ask at 25brocad@manistee.org or www.interlochen.org!

STAFF OF THE WEEK: MS. FEYEN



Written by Kaleb Shoemate

This edition's staff spotlight is Ms. Feyen. We will let Ms. Feyen introduce herself!

Question 1: How long have you worked at MAPS?

- This is my 8th year working for MAPS!

Question 2: What exactly do you do here at MAPS?

- I teach K-4 Elementary music, HS Choir, HS video Production, run the auditorium (any events/meetings/assemblies that take place in there), and the theater program.



Question 3: Mexican or Chinese food?

- Chinese! Good Chinese food!

Question 4: Is wearing socks with sandals socially acceptable?

- No, if it's sock weather, you should be wearing shoes.



Question 5: How long is too long without washing jeans?

- 6-8 weeks? Unless you've spilled on them or they're dirty in some way, then they should be washed right away after they've been made dirty. Otherwise, you can throw them in the freezer to kill any bad smells, so they don't wear out from too much washing!

Question 6: Where did you go to High School?

- I went to South Christian High School in Grand Rapids (Went from being a Sailor there to a Mariner here!)

Do you have a recommendation of who should go next for Staff Spotlight? Email 24shokal@manistee.org to submit your recommendation!



VOLLEYBALL TEAM TURNS SEASON AROUND

Written by Libby McCarthy



Last night the JV and Varsity Volleyball teams came home with two wins! Both teams beat Orchard View in straight sets to take some points in the conference standings.

Although their record isn't the best, the girls have recently put their pieces together and beat Suttons Bay last week followed by beating Kalkaska and TC Christian at a Quad matchup last thursday! Keep it up girls!

The Varsity girls won three straight sets finishing at 25-19, 25-12, and 25-7. Leading defensive stats include; **Brooke Jankwietz (12)** with 5 digs and **Kristen Bevans (12)** with 2 blocks. Leading offensive stats include; **Lara Junquiera (11)** with 10 aces and **Libby McCarthy (12)** with 9 kills.

The Varsity setters, **Madalyn Wayward (10)** and **Jaidin Fortin (11)** did a great job setting up our hitters last night. The team's total kills was 18! To get to those kills and sets, the team had 24 total digs!

The girls will take on Evert this Thursday followed by the conference finals tournament. And guess what?! It's at home! Bright and early this Saturday morning there will be awesome volleyball to watch in our own Mariner Gym. All teams from our conference will be there and our girls will have some tough competition!

This is the final matchup before the last regular season game which is Senior Night against MCE at home next Tuesday.

Let's support our Mariners as the season comes to a close. Keep it up everyone!!!



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY WIN INVITATIONAL

Written by Jayna Edmondson



Last Thursday, October 12th, the Mariners hosted their annual Chris Grabowski Memorial Invitational Meet. Since this meet was the final home meet for the Mariners, it was senior night as well as parents night.

The Mariner girls won the event as a team, scoring 44 points overall. Individually, **Ceci Postma (12)** finished in first place overall with a time of 20:18.63; **Georgia Haag (10)** came in behind her, finishing in second place overall. **Audrey Huizinga (11)** finished in seventh place, followed by **Kate Somsel (11)**, **Alayna Edmondson (10)**, and **Lena Herberger (10)**.

On the boys side, the team finished in fourth place overall. **Jack O'Donnell (12)** was the first Mariner finisher, placing 4th, followed by **Christian Schramski (11)** who finished 14th. **Luke Senters (12)** and **Kaden Worch (10)** then finished together, placing 17th and 18th.



The Mariners will then travel to Ludington Fairgrounds on Tuesday, October 17th, to compete in the final conference meet before they prepare for regionals next week.

GIRLS MARINER SWIM TEAM TAKES ON THE SAILORS

Written by Luke Smith



On Thursday, October 12, the Mariners' swim team hosted a meet against Mona Shores. The swimmers had 3 first-place finishes, as well as 11 top-three finishes.

Those swimmers who finished first include **Laura Eix (12)**, who won the 200-yard free. Manistee's **Marina Reid (12)** won the 100-yard fly, while **Macaela Bruce (10)** won the 100-yard free. All three of those girls also earned personal bests in their respective events.

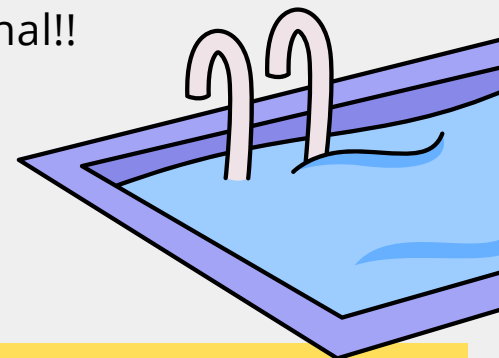
Macaela Bruce commented about the meet: "I was really happy with how the team did. A lot of us got PR's and we are doing better going into the final part of the season."



Marina Reid (12)
recovers after a good
race

Marina Reid said, "Thursday was only my second time swimming butterfly, but I am really starting to enjoy it for the most part, and I was really happy with my result Thursday."

The swim team returns to action this Saturday, 10/21 at home for the Up North Invitational!!





NOW SHOWING:

MOVIE REVIEWS
WITH NOAH

Written by Noah Maue

Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour – Worth The Hype?

If you told me last year that Taylor Swift would make a huge comeback and make its way to theaters, I probably would've laughed at you. However, the reality is that her presence is very alive through the movie adaptation of her "Eras Tour," and it's currently playing at the Vogue! But with all of the excitement surrounding her this year, was she still able to make an impact in a non-live setting? Without spoiling too much of the experience, I'd argue that her tour absolutely did!

I am far from a "swiftie," as her superfans have proclaimed themselves to be. However, I still felt massive waves of nostalgia rush over me as I watched the new spectacle added to her songs, such as "I Knew You Were Trouble" and "You Belong With Me!" It'll certainly remain more memorable to me now that I've regained these missing pieces of my childhood, and I am so happy to have witnessed it first-hand!

Aside from the high enjoyment rate of the music itself, the concert went all-out with its props and visual effects! It makes me wish I was there in person... which also happens to be this film's biggest flaw. Everything seemed absolutely stunning, yet despite its nearly three hours of runtime, I struggled to remain enthusiastic about watching it. This is purely due to the nature of the film, but it remains an issue nonetheless.

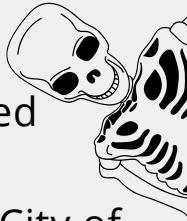
To answer my initial question: this film is totally worth seeing if you're a Taylor Swift or general music fan! **I give Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour a rating of 7/10.**

THE RETURN OF THE GHOST SHIP AND THE HAUNTED PRISON

Written by Jayna Edmondson



For those looking for some seasonal, Halloween terror go check out the Haunted Ghost Ship and/or the Haunted Prison!



Located on the historic car ferry S.S. City of Milwaukee, the Ghost Ship is open from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. every Friday and Saturday night in October. The costs are \$12 per person, or \$22 for a fast pass ticket, which are available as an online purchase. The raised funds go to the S.S. City of Milwaukee's ongoing protection as a National Historic Landmark.

This year, the staff of the Ghost Ship plans to have 2 additional dates available to the public, including Sunday, October 29th, as well as October 31st, Halloween night, for only \$5 per person, with candy provided for trick-or-treaters from 5-9pm.

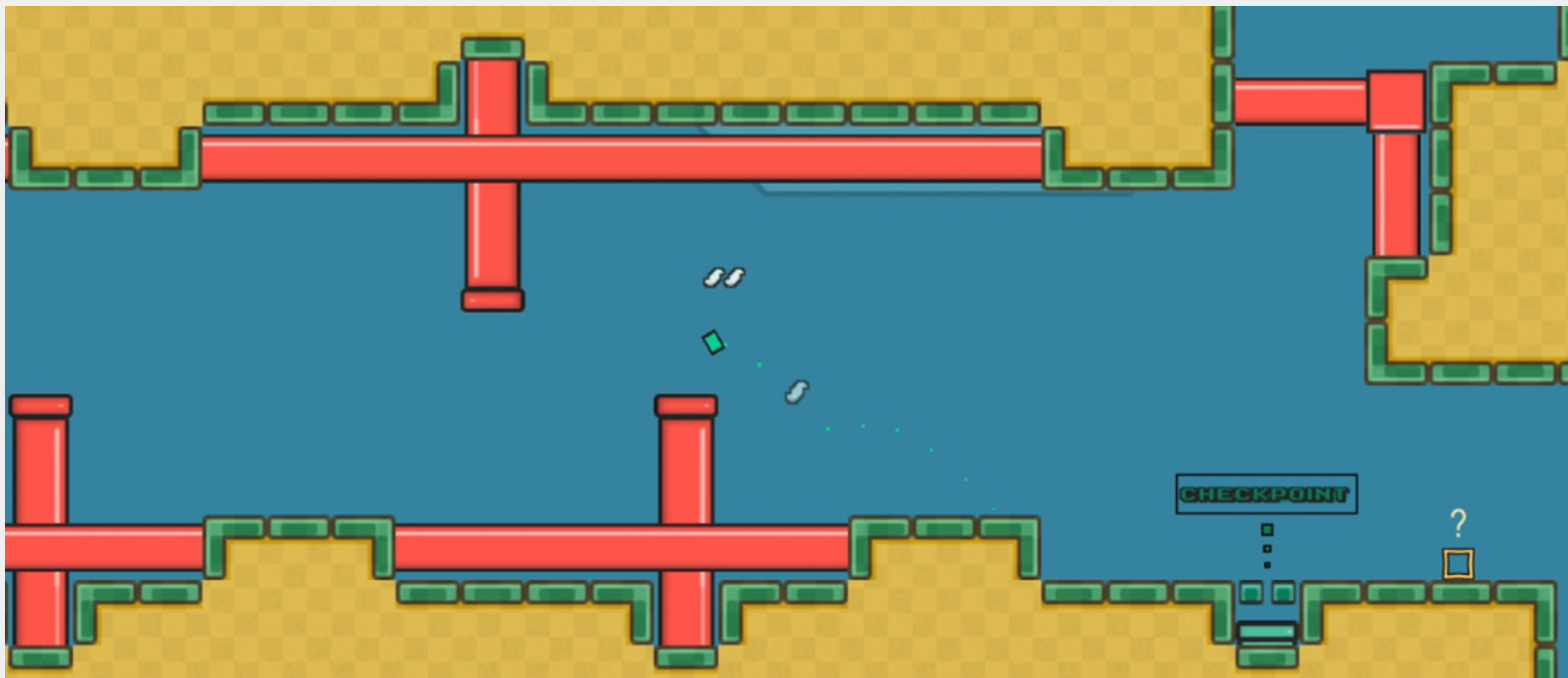
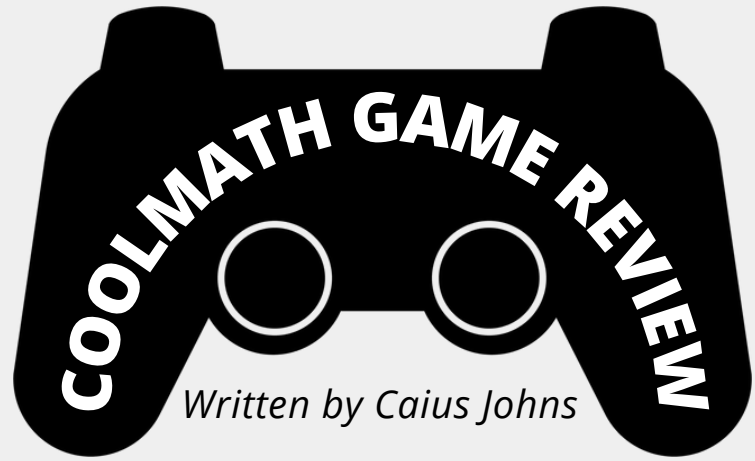
Another option for some scary Halloween fun, is the Camp Sauble; Cages of Carnage, located in Free Soil, Michigan. This event is run by the volunteer fire department. The entry fee is \$15 each and all of the proceeds help fundraise for several fire departments in the Mason County Rural Fire Authority. The haunted prison is available the remaining Fridays and Saturdays in October, including the 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th. The haunted prison includes two different attractions, including both outside and inside walk-throughs. There are also food trucks, photo ops, and plenty of merchandise for a purchase at Camp Sauble.

So, grab some friends, have a date night, or even go alone if you dare! There are lots of new additions and plenty of scares at both locations!



STUDENT LIFE CONTINUED

Coolmath games are a super fun way to spend down time during school. Whether it's a half day or you just don't enjoy listening to your teachers, we can all appreciate a good game to distract us. My name is Caius Aaron Johns (12) and I am bringing you my coolmath game review for the week.



Last year, **Nick Judkins (12)** put me on a game called Big Flappy Tower Tiny Square. It seems like a very simplistic platform jumper game, you are a tiny square that has to climb up a large tower with many different levels and obstacles to get through. The end goal is to save your friend the pineapple. The game brings a unique new playstyle to the table with a combination of many jumps. Most platformers allow you to wall jump, but Big Flappy Tower Tiny Square utilizes wall jumps and double jumps to allow the player a fun and unique way to get past obstacles. You get 3 jumps while in the air and can adjust how fast and far you jump each time. Overall there isn't much of a good storyline to the game but I would definitely recommend it if you enjoy a good challenge. **I Big Flappy Tower.. a 8.73/10**

CHANGES TO FAFSA

Written by Luke Smith

Seniors, as you apply to college this fall, there are some important changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The FAFSA is a financial aid document that many colleges require if you want some form of aid. Most years, students can fill it out beginning October 1st of the year before they enter college. However, this year, the FAFSA is changing. The Department of Education is streamlining the process of filing it, but due to these changes, the FAFSA won't come out until sometime in December.

While this may seem like an inconvenience, it is for the better in the long term. It will make applying for aid easier and it will take less time.

Until December, students can still make their accounts and their FSA ID at studentaid.gov. Students should also make sure they know where financial documents like tax returns are for previous years.



FRIDAYS FOOTBALL PIT THEME

Written by Libby McCarthy

THIS FRIDAY THE BOYS PLAY FREMONT AT HOME!!!



ITS THE LAST HOME REGULAR SEASON GAME

PIT THEME IS **HIT THE SLOPES**



LET'S ALL SHOW UP TO SUPPORT !!!!! and **BE LOUD**

How to dress: winter clothes like you're going skiing!

GAME WILL START @7, ARRIVE AT 6:30 TO GET HYPED

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Written by Kaleb Shoemate



Mark your calendars, America's most dreaded time is right around the corner. Daylight Savings Time is coming to an end, at 2 a.m. on November 5th, we will "fall back an hour." Which, on the plus side, means we get an extra hour of sleep. On the other hand, we'll now be waking up when it is completely dark, and experiencing total darkness by 6 p.m. It's a depressing way of life, but that's just how it is.

Countless bills have been introduced in Congress to try to get the whole Daylight Savings reversed. Did you know that was possible? It's a Government controlled thing! The time change dates all the way back to the early 1900s. In the US, daylight saving time was first used in 1918, when a bill introduced the idea of a seasonal time shift. Originally introduced as a measure to save on fuel costs during the First World War by adding an extra hour of sunlight to the day. It lasted seven months before the bill was repealed. During World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt re-established the idea of daylight saving time. It was then called "War Time." War Time began in February 1942 and ended in September 1945. In 1966, the Uniform Time Act of 1966 established the idea of [again] establishing the idea of regulating a yearly time change

Daylight Saving Time would begin the last Sunday in April (Spring ahead) and end the last Sunday in October (Fall back.) In 2007, they altered when the time change would occur. They changed it to the second Sunday in March and the first Sunday in November, which is still the case to this day. In recent years, Daylight Saving Time has received TONS of pushback. Some people think it's really not necessary, others prefer it so the sun doesn't set so late during the winter.

What do you think? Do you enjoy having the time change? Is it beneficial? Or does it have no effect, so you don't care? Either way, change could be coming... Or not? We'll have to wait and see. Be sure to mark it on your calendar and set a reminder so you don't find yourself falling back too hard!



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."

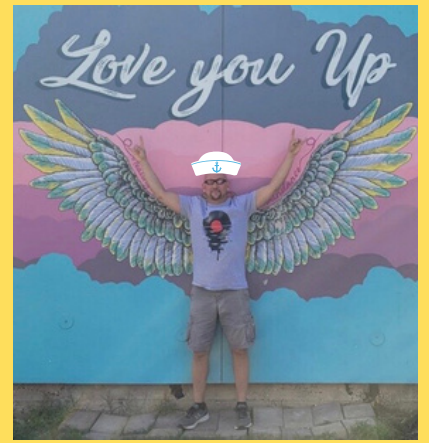
-Arnold Ross



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 WRITERS

CAIUS JOHNS (12)



KADY BROWN (11)

