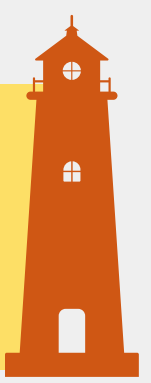




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HOMECOMING 2023

BATTLE OF THE ERAS

Written by Kaleb Shoemate



Window painting, float building, dressing up, girls playing football, hunting for a tire, and a whole lot of competition: all in the name of school spirit. Our first Homecoming as the Manistee Mariners was a complete success. To start the week off, it began with a heated hunt for a tire. On Monday the SENIORS found the tire, on Tuesday the SENIORS found the tire, and on THURSDAY (nobody found it on Wednesday, points carried over) the SENIORS found the tire. An easy W in the Tire hunting category for the Seniors. Besides the cutthroat competition between the Juniors and Seniors, fun was had by all.

A fun-filled week with even some surprising numbers from the Sophomores! The Sophomores won "Era's Day" and "Wacky Wednesday." While the Juniors won "Rhyme without Reason Day" and "Mariner Spirit Day." Seniors dropped the ball on dress-up days only taking one W for Dress Up days, which was "BBQ Dad VS Soccer Mom."



STUDENT LIFE

HOMECOMING CONTINUED...



Never fear, the UNDEFEATABLE seniors came and did an easy sweep winning BOTH of their Powderpuff match-ups. In a neck-to-neck match-up against the Sophomores, the Seniors showed their true battle spirit and came out victorious. The Juniors did an easy battle against the Freshman, demolishing them. Wednesday's match-ups provided some heavy competition. Juniors were thrown around by the Seniors and ended up taking the "L" Sophomores, of course, manhandled the Freshman to come in 3rd place for the Powderpuff finals. And for the 3rd consecutive year, the Class of 2024, took First place in Powderpuff. That's a 6-0 record. Pretty impressive!



After the heated competition simmered down students, staff, community members, and more headed to the backside of the Manistee Mariners guest bleachers, to enjoy the traditional bonfire! A little wind didn't stop our fun. Thank you to the first responders, administrators, and others who were present to keep us safe!



Students also participated in numerous different assembly games. From passing an orange to your classmates using ONLY your chin to chugging 2 cartons of milk and then running 2 laps and REPEATING it. During our Wednesday assembly, our first-ever Mariner Homecoming Representatives from each class were announced. Representing the Freshman class were **Harlie Onstott and Andy O'Donnell**. Representing the Sophomore class were **Evelyn Koller and Maxx Carlson**. Representing the Junior class were **Sarah Huber and Mason Robinson**. Representing the Senior class were **Jayna Edmonson, Libby McCarthy, Ceci Postma, Brooke Jankwietz, Josselyn McGowan, Luke Smith, Isaiah Davis, Will Somsel, Kanon Petzak, and Austen Halcome**. All had the honor of riding in our first-ever Mariner Homecoming Parade.



HOMECOMING CONTINUED...

In our parade, we saw the floats that each class built. The Freshman did their rendition of a Jurassic-themed float, by constructing a volcano and other decorations. The Sophomores built a castle as a nod to their Medieval theme. The Juniors constructed a Hippie Van to fit their Hippie theme. The Seniors built a Western-themed saloon to fit their Western era. In the float building category, Juniors came out on top, with the Seniors following, and then Sophomores, and then in last place, the Freshman.

Following the parade, hundreds of community members flocked to Mariner Field to watch the Homecoming Football matchup against a rival school, Ludington. The Mariners took on the Orioles, for an easy 44-23 dub. During the halftime of the Mariners vs. Orioles match-up, our 2023 Mariner Homecoming King and Queen were announced. Presenting the King and Queen with the new title were MMHS Alumni, Jeffrey Huber and Lauren Judkins. Lauren Judkins had the honor of crowning **Ceci Postma** as MMHS' new Homecoming queen. Jeffrey Huber had the privilege of passing the torch as King to **Isaiah Davis**. We can't think of a more deserving pair. Congratulations, Ceci and Isaiah!



Last, but certainly not least, our grand totals from the week were announced on Friday night. In first place for the overall Homecoming week was the SENIORS (Class of 2024), following them were the Juniors (Class of 2025), then the Sophomores (Class of 2026), and in last place, the Freshman (Class of 2027.)





HOMECOMING CONTINUED... LAST PART...

A week full of friendly competition all in the name of Mariner Spirit. What an amazing week! Who is looking forward to the Winter Carnival?

Thank you to our amazing student council and Mr. Joseph for their amazing dedication to making this all happen!



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Written by Libby McCarthy

We have an abnormal week next week!

Wednesday: PSAT testing for 8th-11th graders
Seniors can stay home until 4th hour!

Thursday and Friday are both half-days
(The school day schedule for the half-days
are still being worked out!)

Parent/Teacher Conferences Wed&Thurs

HUBER TAKES ON NYC

Written by Luke Smith

This summer, Manistee's own **Sarah Huber (11)** attended the Juilliard Summer Percussion Seminar in New York City.

Sarah was one of only 16 percussionists that was internationally selected to attend the seminar. The selection process included several recorded performances in the style of a college audition.

The seminar was a two-week program that took place on the campus of Juilliard's School of Music.

While at the school, Sarah attended lectures and master classes from top performers in the New York Philharmonic Orchestra as well as the Metropolitan Opera. They also had professors who taught them about music as well as the college process for musicians. The 16 students also had group ensembles and technical classes and performed in the master classes.

Sarah mentioned that one of the highlights of her time was seeing the New York City area.

She also found how important the experience was when it came to expanding her worldview: "When you live in a small town, there are only so many opportunities, but at Juilliard, it expanded my view of how music really can be a career path for me."

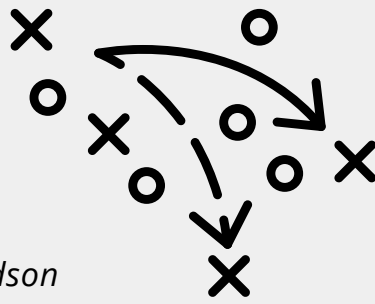
Sarah also described how the experience alleviated some concerns she had about becoming a musician: "The stereotype of artists failing has always scared me, but after attending Juilliard I began to understand how false that stereotype was."

Sarah dreams of attending a conservatory like Juilliard when she goes to college.



POWDERPUFF RECAP

Written by Jayna Edmondson



Sophomores

Monday afternoon kicked off Powderpuff, starting with the semi-final games. First, the juniors defeated the freshmen, and then, after a close game, the seniors defeated the sophomores. The juniors and seniors then advanced to the championship game, played on Wednesday, September 27th. Before the championship game was played, the sophomores beat the freshmen, resulting in a third-place finish overall. After, the seniors beat the juniors 20-7 for the first and second-place titles. This win completed an undefeated powderpuff streak for the Senior Class of 2024, additionally winning three consecutive powderpuff championship games.

Powderpuff is an entertaining and fun homecoming event that girls look forward to every year. There was bloodshed and t-shirts ripped, but more importantly lots of smiles and laughter.

Senior Brooke Jankwietz said, "It is always my favorite part of the school year. I am sad that it is over but at least we were three-peat champs!"



Juniors

Seniors



Thank you to all of the staff members who helped make these powderpuff games possible, specifically **Mr. Bennett**, for officiating all four games!

Written by Libby McCarthy

Two Friday's ago, Mr. Postma and his AP Environmental Science class took a trip out to the Little Manistee River and kayaked. It was the perfect sunny day for the annual trip!

Although the trip seems like it is all fun, the students also get to do a number of tests on the water. An example of some are temperature, dissolved oxygen, biological oxygen demand, and turbidity.

The students also took time to look through the mud, branches, and rocks on the river for Macroinvertebrate life!



Although it was a good 75 degrees outside, the water was still pretty cold. Two students had to learn that the hard way! Exchange student **Damon Stellisch (12)** and **Sarah Huber (11)** took an unfortunate spill into the river. Damon fell in twice while Sarah only fell in once, but had to chase her belongings down the river. Sarah said, "It was cool how we did firsthand tests of the water and how we could relate it to what we were learning. I think tipping my kayak gave me a very personal experience of Manistee water quality."

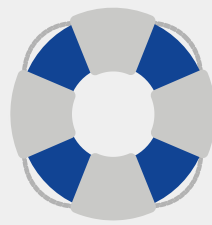
Overall, it was a successful trip for Mr. Postma's fun group of AP students. Senior **Braydon Sorenson** enjoyed his trip so much he decided to write a poem about it.

*Paddling through waters, so crisp and clear,
In a kayak, we have nothing to fear.
With each stroke, our adventure takes flight,
Under the sun's war, and golden light.
Nature surrounds us, serene and grand,
On this kayaking trip, we're in command.*



The APES class goes on many other adventures throughout the year along with their advanced learning course. If this sounds of interest to you, consider taking AP Environmental Science with Mr. Postma as one of your future classes!

NEW MARINER TRADITION: THE SPIRIT BUOY



Written by Marina Reid



Past senior reps, Bailey Gajewski, Drew Mendians, and Marina Reid with Mr. Huber after winning Homecoming at halftime.

On Friday's homecoming game, Seniors were announced victorious for homecoming spirit week and won the first-ever spirit buoy. Mr. Huber has brought forth a new Mariner tradition, using a spirit buoy to pass around to whichever class wins that week. Over the past years, MHS has had several symbols of school spirit that have been awarded to the winning class for Homecoming. We've had a spirit stick, a spirit board in the gym, and most recently a spirit jug. In each case, there were two main limitations: First: there was no visible place to store. The spirit stick and jug lived in one of our display cases in the commons, and the spirit board was ignored because it was in the gym. Second, none of them really tied into our identity as Chippewas and seemed forced.

One of the best parts of being Mariners is the ability for us to create new traditions that are truly tied into our imagery and our community as well. Take a walk around our beaches or marinas, and you're sure to see a life ring... it's part of our community and part of being a Mariner!

We will create a display in the commons where the spirit buoy will be placed to identify the current class champions of Mariner spirit from the most recent spirit week - in this case Homecoming and seniors. Winter Carnival will also be identified as a spirit week that will recognize the champs, and if another class wins, the buoy will be moved to their location. Finally, the administration will be working with the MHS student council and the Student Advisory Board to create a spring spirit week for our third opportunity for class champions.

Mr Huber really looks forward to these new traditions and is super impressed with how well our first Mariner Homecoming week went!

FOREIGN EXCHANGE INTERVIEW : LARA JUNQUEIRA

Written by Jayna Edmondson

Question 1: Where are you from?

- I am from Hamburg, Brazil.

Question 2: Who is your host family?

- I am staying with Paula Laws

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

- I always wanted to live in a different country to learn about a different culture and I wanted to improve my English.



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

- I'm currently part of the volleyball team but I want to try skiing.

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

- Everything is different. In Brazil I stay in one classroom all day, and I have a different schedule every day. We don't choose our classes. We have 18 classes and a test every Friday afternoon with two questions for every course. I go to school at 7 am and leave at noon. Also, school starts in February and ends in December. So we have half of December off and all of January.



Question 6: What is your favorite American food?

- Hamburgers and S'mores

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

- I am excited to see the snow and visit a lot of different places.

BOYS TAKE DOWN LUDINGTON, DAD'S TROPHY RETURNS HOME

Written by Brooke Jankwietz

Last Friday, on September 29th, the Mariner Varsity Football team took a devious dub over Ludington for the homecoming game. They set the tone extremely early in the game and the bar was riding very high for this game. The anticipation was setting and the nerves were hitting.

Kaden Kott (11) started with an early 37-yard rushing touchdown, and then **Nick Hornkohl (12)** secured the 2-point conversion. Unfortunately, Ludington pulled back within 1 point, making the score 8 for the Mariners and 7 for the Orioles. Before the first half was over, the Mariners were leading 24 - 10.

Following half-time, the Mariners came back to score another touchdown on the first possession, this time by **Dayvion Neal-Berry (9)**, making the score 30 - 10. Luckily for us, Ludington turned around after this to fumble the bag by passing an amazing interception to **Nick Hornkohl** who took the most of a scoring opportunity. This created an open spot to make the score 37 - 10. The Orioles decided to stop taking a nap when there was 1:27 left on the clock, only making a move to change the score 37 - 16. **Kaden Kott** secured another touchdown, running 55 yards, to make the final score 44 - 23. This secured the Mariners back with the Dad's Trophy, which was destined to return.



"Football is not just a game; it's a way of life, a source of passion, and a bond that unites us all." - **Braydon Sorenson (12)**

VOLLEYBALL PINK OUT GAME

Written by Libby McCarthy



Last night, our JV and Varsity volleyball teams played their annual Pink Out game in the Mariner Gym. This year they were matched up against one of the best teams in their conference, Montague. Our JV girls came away with a third set win over Montagues JV but unfortunately, the Varsity girls were defeated by Montague.

Although they didn't find victory in the game, there was a massive victory for the Pink Out game as a whole. Through lots and lots of fundraising, the volleyball program raised \$2,576 to donate to Stomp Out Cancer! The fundraising involved donations from many different local companies and businesses, selling t-shirts, ribbons, and concessions at the games. The program will continue to raise money at tonight's middle school game so the donation total is still growing! Thank you to all who donated and showed up to support at the game last night.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and there are many things going around in our community to raise money for those who are battling and who have battled cancer. A simple way to be involved is by wearing pink!

The volleyball girls will travel to Suttons Bay this Thursday to compete in an out-of-conference match. If you haven't caught a game yet, their next home game will be on Tuesday, October 24 which is also senior night!



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MRS. MEZESKE

Written by Brooke Jankwietz



Since the start of the year, we've had a new bathroom monitor or, as I prefer to call her, our bathroom cop. Mrs. Mezeske, who has been with MAPS school district for over 12 years, has taken over the new role for us. Her job includes early busses (8 am on Mondays and 7 am Tuesdays - Thursdays), monitoring the commons bathroom station, and attendance for online students in the commons. When asked about her new position, she said that "she loves getting to know all of the students in the commons on a deeper level, especially the ones that she usually would not get to."

When asked about her day-to-day routine she told me that it mainly entails signing bathroom passes and talking to students. Her lunch break is taken at 10:45 every day and was described as more of a brunch. Personally, Mrs. Mezeske is the highlight of my morning, and she makes every day better. Her overall job description given by her was to assist students in any way she can. At the end of the day she has the very important job of sweeping the floors. She check doors, stairwells, and bathrooms for lingering students and helps them get on with their day.

The last piece I touched on her was about her advice for all of the students out there this year, especially the seniors. She told me that "if you want to do something, you should get involved". She mentioned that experiences she had with her daughter last year showed her how much we miss out on just not getting involved. We are so lucky to attend a school with so many possibilities in terms of extracurriculars. If you want to go out for the play you should, or join a sports team. There are countless opportunities that are available to everyone and Mrs. Mezeske was adamant that seniors should get out and try something new because we don't have that much time left.



COLLEGE FAIR AT WSCC

Written by Luke Smith



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Last Thursday, September 28, Seniors from MHS attended a college and career fair at West Shore Community College.

At the fair, students were able to talk with representatives from a multitude of companies about opportunities for a career path. A few examples of careers that were at the fair include accountants, electricians, broadcasters, nurses, attorneys, and biologists. The students learned about what education is needed for the different careers and how they can begin to prepare for that next chapter.



Colleges represented at the fair included the University of Michigan, Hope College, Northern Michigan University, Michigan Technological University, Michigan State University, and many more. Admissions officers from the colleges talked to students about the admissions process as well as student life and opportunities at college.

Manistee's **Libby McCarthy (12)** especially enjoyed her experience: "It was really awesome. I really enjoyed the muffin I was given and going around and talking to different colleges. I loved watching Jayna shove a tube down a mannequin's throat."

MHS students can continue to expect visits to MHS from admissions officers from many nearby colleges.



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MOVIE REVIEWS
WITH NOAH

Written by Noah Maue

The Creator – Reviving Traditional Sci-Fi

When did you last watch a new "traditional" science fiction movie and fall in love with it? One where the environments seem dreamlike, the characters inhuman yet captivating, and the story far beyond your wildest dreams? That is a joy I have not personally felt since watching the original Avatar, and I believe that The Creator recaptures the essence of this style of film with the bang it desperately needs!

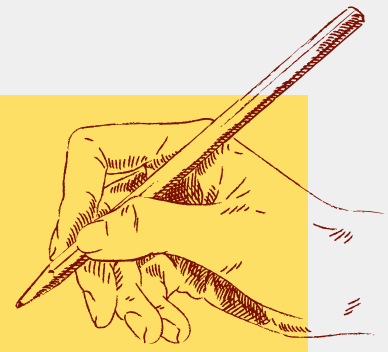
For a two-hour standalone movie with seemingly no room to expand into a franchise, this may be the most immersive Sci-Fi world I've seen in theaters for the past several years. This film's world-building is on another level, and I believe that it even surpasses the likes of Avatar 2! The A.I. has its own similar yet unique culture, and the conflict surrounding humanity's fear of the A.I. creates some very emotional moments despite the theme's over-usage in recent times.

I'll keep this review shorter than usual so you can see it yourself at the Vogue Theatre within the next two weeks, but I seriously cannot recommend this film enough! It isn't perfect and has some glaring issues regarding its antagonists towards the ending. But if you want to get swept away in another reality, even challenging the levels of quality offered by some Star Wars films, then this film is for you. **I give The Creator a rating of 8.5/10.**





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



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



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



Luke Smith (12)
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*"Think deeply about simple things."
-Arnold Ross*



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



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

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