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FIRST EVER HAUNTED TRAIL *Written by Libby McCarthy*

Last Saturday, October 28, students involved in NHS and the theatre program joined together to bring the Orchard Beach State Park to life! Mr Bennett and Ms. Clemons created the first ever Haunted Trail with the students and opened it to the public on a spooky October night.

The trail was about 0.4 miles and each group was led through the trail by a guide. The guide not only helped people stay on track but they also helped add to the element of surprise! Some of the narrators included; **Kaleb Shoemate (12), Clear Wang (10), Gabby Senters (10), Ms. Clemons, Olivia Beceara (12),** and some other park rangers.

There were five skits throughout the trail. They were the park ranger skit with **Noah Maue (11)**, foggy lumberjacks with **Piper Eskridge (11)**, witches with **Kady Brown (11)**, and graveyard zombies with **Owen Heintzelman (10)**.

Along with the skits, there were people tied to trees, up in trees, pumpkins everywhere that were carved by nhs members, and speakers playing spooky noises throughout the trail.



HAUNTED TRAIL CONTINUED...

The supervisors for the trail have lots of good words for the night!

Ms. Clemons: "The first year was successful--albeit exhausting. I can't thank our volunteers enough. They never got a break; they never used the bathroom; they never got any water; they just kept going. I think we'll try to continue this event as a single Saturday evening in October. We definitely need more volunteers though, for next year. My favorite part is how excited students are for stuff like this. When I think about it, I see the work. But, students see the joy, the fun, the possibilities, and I love that."



Everyone involved in the trail would like to say a special thank you to everyone who came and donated! If you would like to join next year, talk to Mr. Bennett or Ms. Clemons! Enjoy the rest of the 2023 Halloween activities!

FOOTBALL SPECTATOR BUS

Written by Libby McCarthy

THIS **FRIDAY** THE **MARINER FOOTBALL TEAM**
TRAVELS TO **KINGSLEY** FOR **ROUND 2 OF PLAYOFFS!!!**

THEY NEED OUR SUPPORT!
IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND, THERE IS A **SPEC BUS!!!**



GO TO THE **OFFICE** TO SIGN UP
AND GET YOUR **PERMISSION PAPER!**

IT WILL LEAVE @**4:45**, GET YOUR **\$7.00**
TICKET FOR THE GAME ON [GOFAN.com](https://www.gofan.com) !!!



STUDENT LIFE

FESTIVE HALLOWEEN AT SCHOOL

Written by Marina Reid



The halls were overflowing with Halloween spirit! There was an abundance of fun, scary, and creative costumes found in every class.

Andy O'Donnell (10), who dressed as a pimp, shared his Halloween thoughts, "Pimpin' ain't easy." Happy Halloween! Can't wait for next year



Seniors, Jacob Scharp, Braydon Sorenson, and Austin Colby.



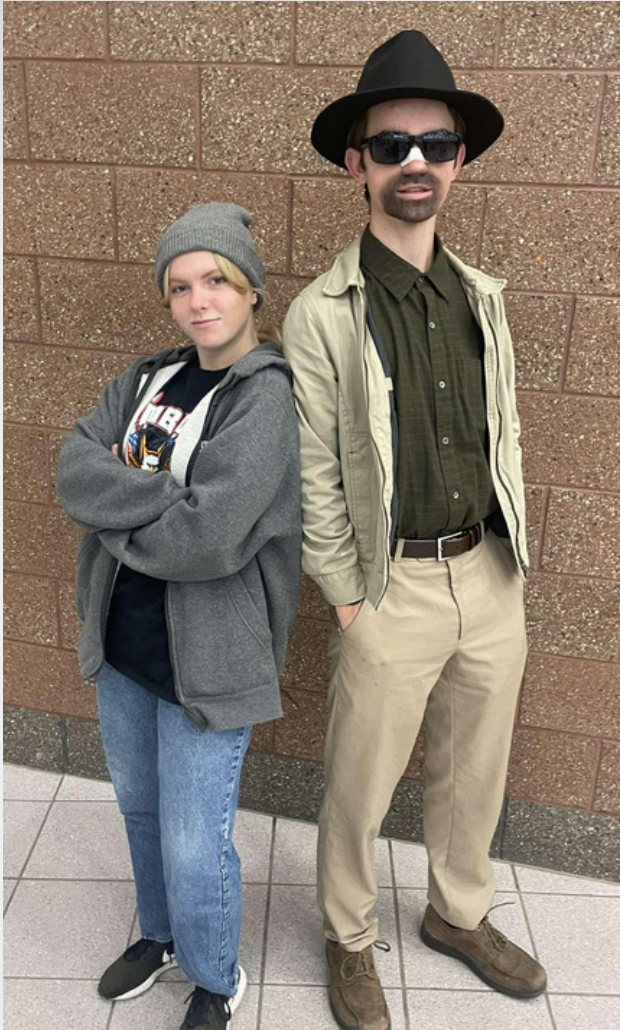
Ms. Johnson and Mr. Froncek



Andy O'Donnell

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HALLOWEEN CONTINUED...



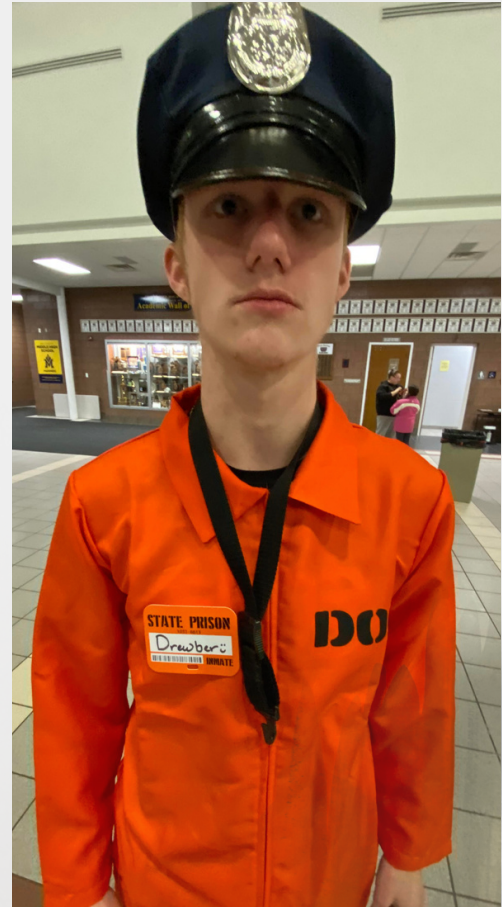
Sarah Huber (11) and Jack O'Donnell (12) as Walter and Jesse



Dynamic trio of Mrs. Warnke, Mrs. Nowicki, and Mr. Huber



Alayna Falk (9)



Drew Mendians (12)



Alayna Edmondson (10)



CECI POSTMA AND JACK O'DONNELL QUALIFY FOR STATE FINALS!

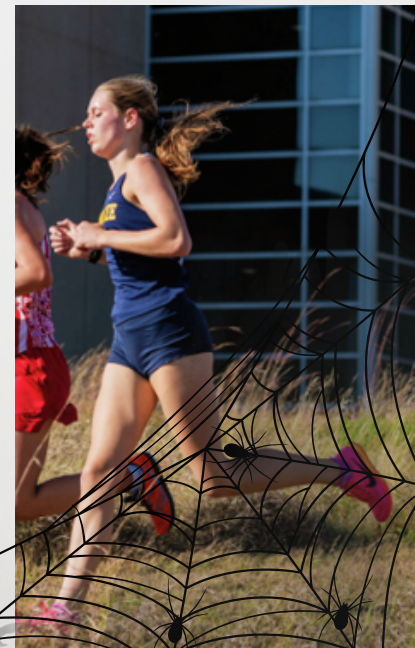
Written by Jayna Edmondson

The Manistee varsity cross country team traveled to Chippewa Hills to compete in the 2023 MHSAA Division 3 regional meet last Friday afternoon. Both the girl's team and the boy's team finished fifth place overall. The Mariner girls missed qualifying for the state meet by only 22 points. However, **Ceci Postma (12)** finished fifth place individually, earning herself a spot to compete in the state meet. **Jack O'Donnell (12)** placed 7th individually, also earning himself an opportunity to compete at the state meet. For the rest of the team, the regional meet marked the end of the cross-country season. **Jack and Ceci** will compete this Saturday at The Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Michigan.



Ceci Postma - "Qualifying for the state meet is always a great feeling; knowing your hard work over the summer and season has paid off. I'm excited to race in a Manistee jersey for the last time in front of thousands of spectators and on the huge racetrack. Yet, it's hard knowing I will not be racing with my girls alongside me. I am so thankful to each of my teammates for making me laugh everyday. Without them, I would not have the deep love that I do for cross country"

Jack O'Donnell - "Overall, this year has been really great for the boys team. The boys competed hard at the regional race and throughout the season, and being pushed to run with them really contributed to my qualifying for the state meet, and I'm hoping to do better than I did last year. As a whole, this season has been very successful for the team, and I loved being a part of this group for my Senior year."



FOREIGN EXCHANGE INTERVIEW :

DIEGO VAZQUEZ

Written by Jayna Edmondson

Question 1: Where are you from?

- I am from Spain

Question 2: Who is your host family?

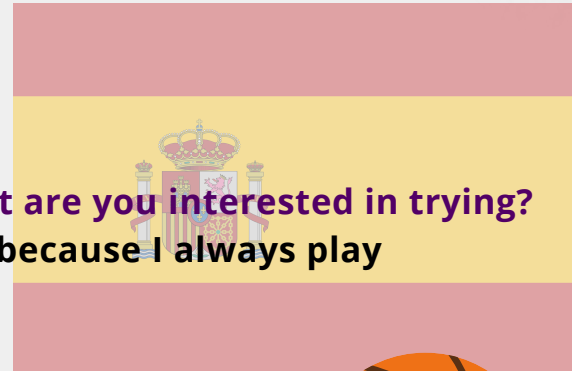
- I live with the Murry family

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

- I came to America because I wanted to improve my English and learn more about the culture.

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

- I was on the soccer team and I want to try basketball because I always play basketball in Spain.



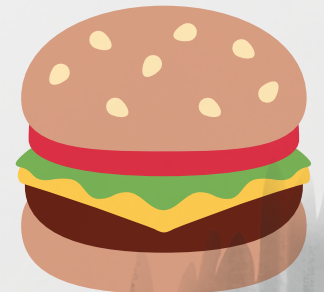
Question 5: What's the biggest difference between school in America and school in Spain?

- Changing rooms and having classes with different students every hour, in Spain we stay in the same class with the same people all day



Question 6: What is your favorite American food?

- Hamburgers



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

- I am excited to play the new Fortnite season.





On Monday, October 30, the Manistee Band Program hosted its Halloween Concert. Students from grades 6-12 dressed up in their creative costumes and put on a spooky show for all in attendance.

Costumes ranged from pineapples to Breaking Bad characters to police officers. Some of the Halloween-themed music played included "Count Rockula," "Creepy Crawlies," and "Rats, Bats, and Spiders." The Jazz Band also performed and played "Abracadabra" and "Soul Bossa Nova."



Band member **Marina Reid (12)**, who dressed up as a police officer, commented, "this is one of my favorite concerts. I enjoy dressing up and seeing everyone's costumes, as well as the less serious holiday music that we get to play."

Band director **Ms. Mack** thought that "all the groups played really well and I loved all the costumes!!"

Percussionist **Sarah Huber (11)** said, "the music we played changed my life. I felt like it was really Halloween when it was really just Halloween Eve!"

It was a great night for all the band members. They return to action for the Holiday Concert in December.



Written by Will Somsel



This week with Mrs. Mezeske, we talked about life. She told me about her experiences raising her daughter Lauren. The most significant piece of advice she told me today was,

High school is just one short chapter in our young lives that we all get to share. By embracing our individuality, we can better celebrate the time we have left. Her focus was on living the best life and simply being yourself. She told me that growing up whenever her daughter faced a challenge, she would tell her to “be herself and the rest will figure itself out”. This can be applied to all aspects of life.

“Be Yourself! It's a privilege to show the world who you are. Don't be afraid to show them the real, imperfect, quirky, magical person that you are.”





As all of the fall sports come to an end, a new group of sports become available at MHS. There is something for everyone including; wrestling, basketball, boys swim, dance, skiing, and powerlifting. Each team has so much to offer. Being involved in a winter sport will not only keep you active, but also bring a whole new group of people into your life. Even if you are a senior, it is never too late to give one of these many options a try!

Coaches for each sport include, **Zack Bialik** (boys basketball), **Kenn Kott** (girls basketball), **Logan Bond** (wrestling), **Cory Vanfleet** (boys swim), **Tara Hodges** (dance), **Curt Mathieu** (skiing), and **Troy Bytwork** (powerlifting). Each coach is very knowledgeable and skilled in their sport and all are excited to lead their team to Mariner victory!



We have many seniors that will be participating in their final season of highschool winter sports. If you are interested in a sport but have questions, here is a senior for each sport that you could go to with your questions! Put yourself out there this winter!!!

Boys Basketball: Austen Halcome - 24halaus@manistee.org

Girls Basketball: Libby McCarthy - 24mcceli@manistee.org

Wrestling: Joey Banicki - 24banjoe@manistee.org

Boys Swim: Drew Mendians - 24mendre@manistee.org

Dance: Josselyn McGowan - 24mcgjos@manistee.org

Skiing: Luke Smith - 24smiluk@manistee.org

Powerlifting: Isaiah Davis - 24davis@manistee.org



VARSITY FOOTBALL ADVANCES TO DISTRICT FINAL

Written by Luke Smith



On Friday, October 27, the Manistee Varsity football team won their first postseason game to advance to the District Finals against Kingsley. The Mariners took on Lake City and came away with a huge win, 44-6.

It was a great win to provide momentum for their future postseason hopes. In spite of the colder weather that has come, the Mariners appeared stronger than ever.

On offense, there were several scorers including **Isaiah Davis (12)**, who scored 2 touchdowns and rushed for a total of 96 yards. Freshman **Dayvion Neal-Berry (9)** contributed 2 touchdowns with a total of 56 rushing yards. **Kaden Kott (11)** and **Nick Hornkohl (12)** each had a touchdown apiece, with Kott hitting an important milestone as he hit 1000 rushing yards on the season.



Defensively, the Mariners were very solid and allowed just one touchdown. The defense was led by **Nathan Doremus (12)**, who had 10 tackles on the night. Senior **Caius Johns (12)** recorded 3 sacks while both **Hornkohl** and **Kott** both earned themselves an interception each.

The Mariners advance to the District Finals this Friday, November 3 when they will travel to Kingsley. If you are interested in going. The pit theme is CAMO!!!



THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM GETS ANOTHER WIN ON SENIOR NIGHT!

Written by Jayna Edmondson



On Tuesday, October 24th, the Mariners defeated Mason County Eastern at home, marking their last regular season game, as well as their last home game. The six seniors were honored and celebrated Tuesday night by the underclassmen and the coaches. The JV team decorated the gym with banners and the underclassmen on the varsity team made little gift baskets for all the seniors. The Mariners played their first set with all six seniors on the floor, including **Kristen Bevans, Bailey Gajewski, Gracie Shively, Jayna Edmondson, Brooke Jankweitz, and Libby McCarthy**. Both the varsity and the JV team beat the Cardinals. The varsity team beat them in just three sets, winning 25-11, 25-11, and 25-7.

The Mariners will now prepare for districts, as they earned a bye, automatically playing in the district semi-finals. The team will travel to Hart on Wednesday, November 1st, to take on Big Rapids at Hart High School at 5:30pm.

The volleyball team would like to thank everyone who supported them thus far throughout the season!





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MOVIE REVIEWS
WITH NOAH

Written by Noah Maue

Five Nights at Freddy's: Any Good?

I highly suggest that you get comfortable before you start reading this review, as this was such an ambitious film that I need for the first time—two pages to explain my thoughts. As somebody who grew up on Game Theory, Markiplier, and various other YouTubers, I found this to be the full embodiment of what the younger me would've wanted a FNAF movie to be. I seriously enjoyed my time with this movie and had a fantastic time at the early screening I attended. However, after having a few days to think about it, was this film everything it should've been?

First, let's talk about the production quality of this movie. The animatronics, pizzeria, and generally everything you see is nearly perfect. Words could never describe the magic I felt seeing my childhood dreams becoming a reality. Seeing everything on "the big screen" was arguably already enough for me to enjoy the film, but there is far more to being a good film than having sensory stimuli. This film's most prominent discussion point and criticism comes from its screenplay and story, and that is what we will be covering next.

At its core, the Five Nights at Freddy's video game series has always relied on watching for animatronics and jumpscare to make for engaging gameplay. While jumpscare are already prominent in the world of cinema, there's not much that you can do in terms of human interaction to allow moviegoers to prevent the animatronics from scaring them. **Continued on next page...**





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FNAF Continued...

But rather than turning this into a standard horror movie, Blumhouse Productions went the ambitious route of telling the security guard's story instead. I believe that this was the best decision for the movie to make, but the execution turned out to be quite flawed and made the movie far messier than it needed to be. Here's why:

When creating a film adaptation of a video game, it's vital to maintain the integrity of what the games have already established while making changes to best suit the format of a feature film. Unfortunately, this movie struggled in both regards. It took lots of inspiration from the source material but did not manage to keep it consistent OR show it in a way that was interesting for newcomers. Where this film succeeds most is by giving longtime fans a feast of easter eggs and references, offering a variety of nods to the community, and being very satisfying for them to watch in a theatrical setting.

It would be disingenuous to act like this is a perfect film. Especially for those who don't have a decent understanding of FNAF's history, this can appear to be a complete mess of a movie. However, despite the countless flaws and plot holes within this film, it still plays out as a massive love letter to fans who have been around for the long haul. So, while I cannot claim in good faith that this is a great movie, I will say that this made me nostalgic for some of the best times I ever had growing up on the internet. **I give Five Nights at Freddy's a rating of 7.5/10.**

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Written by Libby McCarthy

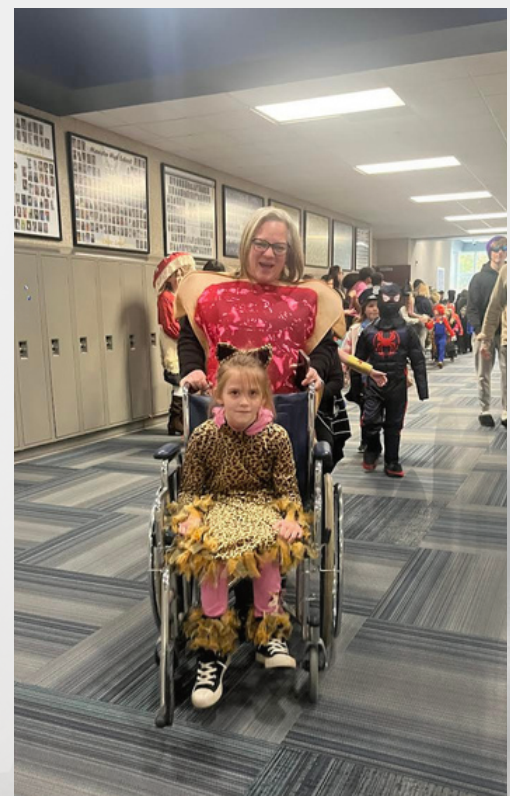


TRICK OR TREAT



On Halloween, during fifth hour there was a Halloween parade where the students from Jefferson came and showed off their costumes! As high schoolers, many of us took advantage of the holiday to dress up but many also didn't. This parade took many of us high schools back to the "good ole days" and brought lots of that Halloween spirit back to our hallways.

If you missed it, or want to relive it, here are some pictures of some of the many awesome costumes we saw during the parade today!



GIRLS BASKETBALL EXCITEMENT

Written by Libby McCarthy

Along with all of the other winter sports, girls basketball is very close to beginning its season! The girls team spent the whole summer at scrimmages from places nearby like Frankfort, Buckley, and Kingsley, to places farther away like Grand Valley State University and Hope College!

The girls JV and Varsity teams are coached by Athletic Director Kenn Kott and assisted by Renee Torres who has two daughters in MAPS! Both coaches are very excited for this upcoming season and are looking for some new editions for the team.

If you ask the team, they will all tell you one of the best parts of the season is Midnight Madness. This event is a practice that is held at midnight until 2 a.m. on the first night MHSAA allows practice to officially begin. This year, that is November 20th! So, if you are interesting in playing basketball, I highly recommend attending this fun night filled with basketball and getting to know the team and coaches. Or, if this late night seems like too much, there will be a practice after school on the 20th as well!



The three seniors on the squad, **Jayna Edmondson**, **Brooke Jankwietz**, and **Libby McCarthy**, are beyond excited for this year's season. Brooke shares, "This year's summer basketball showed all of our potential and chemistry we have prepared for this season. I can't wait to play with all of the returning players, JV girls, exchange students, and the new freshmen that come our way this year! Please don't be scared and come join us at practice!"

The girls' first game will be on Tuesday, December 5th against Scotville at Scotville!



Written by Kaleb Shoemate

Happy Halloween! Or do you prefer All Hallows Eve? The Devil's Night? Regardless of how you celebrated last night, Halloween is a holiday that is actually derived from the ancient Celts. Halloween was originally a Celtic holiday called Samhain. Over the centuries Halloween transitioned from a Pagan ritual to a day of costumes, parties, candy, and all the other fun festivities as modern-day America knows it now.

The tradition originated as Samhain was originally a festival where people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward ghosts off. In retaliation, Pope Gregory III designated November 1st as All Saints Day, to honor the Saints. Soon, the two began to mix together, and some of the Samhain traditions began to take place during All Saints Day. And the two holidays essentially merged. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, later Halloween.

Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of fun activities like trick-or-treating, carving pumpkins, festive parties, and much much more. Except the historic significance, is really no longer prominent in festivities. Some people like to note that Halloween is just a money grab for the candy companies. Perhaps, but that would mean most recognized holidays were a money grab. Most of our holidays incorporate candy somehow.

Traditionally, most of our holidays celebrated did not incorporate candy, in the past. But as modern technology advanced, candy companies had the means to mass produce their product. They had to make the money somehow. The candy companies slowly infiltrated holidays, so they could make huge amounts of money.



We decided to ask some students how they celebrated their night. **Morgan Erway (9)** said, "I went trick-or-treating, and went to a friend's house afterward. I had a really fun night." Whatever you choose to incorporate into your celebrations, either supporting the history behind Halloween or supporting the many candy companies, we're sure you had a fun-filled night.



BLOOD DRIVE TODAY

Written by Libby McCarthy

FIRST BLOOD DRIVE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

TODAY, IN THE POOL COMMONS

SIGN UP WITH LAURA EIX

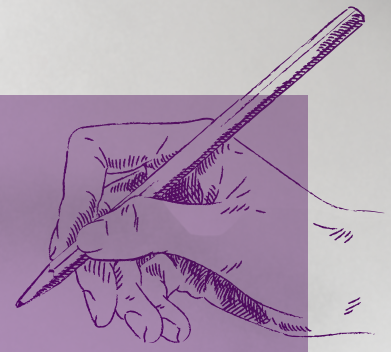
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YOU COULD SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!!

Email Laura with any questions



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



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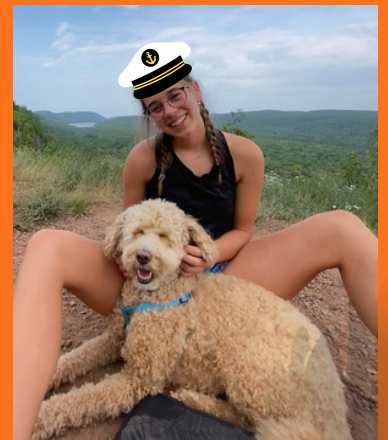


Brooke Jankwietz (12)
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Noah Maue (11)
Writer

"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

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MARINA REID (12)



HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM THE CRONICLE STAFF