

MANISTEE'S 7TH ANNUAL *Written by Luke Smith*

TURKEY TROT



For most of us, Thanksgiving brings to mind lots of food and family to enjoy. For some, however, Thanksgiving also includes a tougher tradition: a Turkey Trot 5K run.

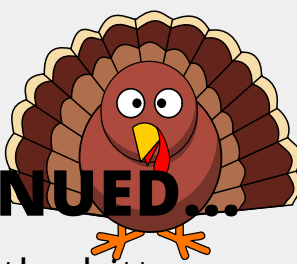
This year, the Manistee Run Club hosted the 7th Annual Manistee 5K Turkey Trot. The race started at 1st St Beach, out to the 12th St turnaround, and back to the beach. At the finish, there were beverages for the finishers to get started on the Thanksgiving festivities. The race served as a fundraiser, raising over \$650 for the Polcyn Family.

Several MMHS students ran, including **Jayna (12), Alayna (10), and Calvin (7) Edmondson; Jack (7) and Evelyn (10) Koller; Kate Somsel (11); Audrey (11) and Eddie (8) Huizinga.**

Alayna Edmondson commented: "It was cold and it was windy but it was fine because it went quickly. And it was rewarding when I got an extra piece of pie."



STUDENT LIFE



TURKEY TROT CONTINUED...

Kate Somsel said, "Despite the bitter weather, I was happy to run because it was rewarding and the race was for a good cause." This was Kate's first-ever Turkey Trot, but she plans on doing it again next year!

Audrey Huizinga said that she would also run another Turkey Trot in the future despite the very cold temperatures that the runners were faced with this year.

Be sure to stay on the lookout for other opportunities to stay active and support our community this winter!

GRAD BASH MOVIE NIGHT

Written by Libby McCarthy

The Class of 2024
is doing another fundraiser
for Grad Bash!

Sponsored by High Tech Dental,
The Vogue is showing
**National Lampoons Christmas
Vacation !!!**

There will also be an ugly
sweater contest
and door prizes!

**Tuesday, December 19
at 7:00 pm.**

Come support our Seniors!



MHS STUDENTS

VISIT HART *Written by William Somsel*



Last week 4 MHS students made the journey to Hart with Dean of Students, Warden Warnke, to attend the first part of a student swap within the WMC. After joining the new conference, a long standing tradition was to send students to another school to experience a “day in the life” with their students. On Tuesday November 21st, 4 students, **Kayleigh Moore (9)**, **Miles Joseph (10)**, **Reese Shively (11)**, and **Will Somsel (12)**. Overall the visit was extremely successful.

The students spent time in several classes including chemistry, P.E., and leadership. **Reese Shively (11)** said that “the visit was awesome and it’s such a nice school. The students were very welcoming and had a great atmosphere. They also had very good froyo.” The trip was an overall success with students being able to get a student view on life in a different school. Upon the students return they met with Mr. Huber to debrief about their experiences and see how Manistee compared. With this new outside perspective, we hope to see Manistee take advantage of the information and work to improve.





HART VISIT CONTINUED...

As a student who took part in the visit, I thought that Hart had many good things going for it and that Manistee could take a few notes on it. In general Hart had a very strong culture revolving around students and the appreciation of exceptional behavior. The student leadership class at Hart took the time to watch for students who go above and beyond and recognize them with a monthly award called "Pirate Pride." The award goes to students who go above and beyond to encourage that type of positive behavior. It is the small things they did like this that helped lead to an overall positive school culture that was led by students.

On January 23, the same four Hart students that we spent the day with will be joining Mariner nation for a "day in the life of a Manistee student". So if you see a few kids you don't recognize they are more than likely our friends from Hart. Please treat them with respect and socialize with them whenever you can. If you have any questions about Hart's school feel free to ask them.

SLEIGH BELL WEEKEND

Written by Libby McCarthy

The historic Sleigh Bell Parade is this weekend!
On December 2, our town will be filled with
Holiday cheer and festivities.



Check out this link to see all of the
events Manistee will offer this year!

<https://manisteesleighbellparade.com>



**Victorian Sleighbell Parade
& Old Christmas Weekend**



SPOTIFY WRAPPED AT MHS

Written by Libby McCarthy



It's that time of year again, Spotify Wrapped is out! If you don't know what it is, at the end of every year Spotify releases your most listened-to songs and artists. They also show you how many total minutes you listened to, your top genre, and a few other interesting facts!

You probably already showed your friends, asked what their Wrapped looked like, and seen others post their online, but here are a few MHS students wrapped!

Callie Shively (9)



Spotify >

- | Top Artists | Top Songs |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 1 Arctic Monkeys | 1 Snap Out O |
| 2 Tame Impala | 2 505 |
| 3 Lana Del Rey | 3 Real In Ric |
| 4 Kanye West | 4 Why'd You |
| 5 Bob Marley & ... | 5 R U Mine? |

Minutes Listened **16,567**
Top Genre **Rock**



Maddysin Muscat (11)



Spotify >

- | Top Artists | Top Songs |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Drake | 1 Power Trip (fe |
| 2 Kanye West | 2 Clouded |
| 3 Kendrick Lamar | 3 Belong to the |
| 4 LUCKI | 4 All The Stars (|
| 5 Brent Faiyaz | 5 GRAVITY (FE/ |

Minutes Listened **10,610**
Top Genre **Rap**

Spotify SPOTIFY.COM/WRAP

Ruby Madsen (9)



- | Top Artists | Top Songs |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Taylor Swift | 1 Mr. Perfectly Fine (...) |
| 2 Conan Gray | 2 Gladiator |
| 3 Tokio Hotel | 3 Lovers Rock |
| 4 The Weeknd | 4 Superman |
| 5 TV Girl | 5 You Get Me So High |

Minutes Listened **54,552**
Top Genre **pov: indie**

STUDENT LIFE CONTINUED

SPOTIFY WRAPPED CONTINUED...

Evelyn Koller (10)



- Top Artists
- 1 Taylor Swift
 - 2 Drake
 - 3 A Boogie Wit d...
 - 4 21 Savage
 - 5 Travis Scott
- Top Songs
- 1 Good Days
 - 2 ABG
 - 3 Blind
 - 4 Me or Sum (fe...
 - 5 Valerie (feat. ...)

Minutes Listened **29,884**

Top Genre **Rap**

Spotify SPOTIFY.COM/WRAP

Nick Hornkohl (12)



- Top Artists
- 1 Cigarettes Aft...
 - 2 Mac DeMarco
 - 3 Tyler, The Cre...
 - 4 Drake
 - 5 Vacations
- Top Songs
- 1 Cry
 - 2 Apocalypse
 - 3 Kill Bill (feat. D...
 - 4 Sweet
 - 5 K.

Minutes Listened **46,318**

Top Genre **Rap**

Spotify SPOTIFY.COM/WRAP



- Top Artists
- 1 Morgan Wallen
 - 2 Taylor Swift
 - 3 Bailey Zimmer...
 - 4 Drake
 - 5 Zach Bryan
- Top Songs
- 1 Everything I Lo...
 - 2 Thought You
 - 3 Last Night
 - 4 Where It Ends
 - 5 Religiously

Minutes Listened **19,283**

Top Genre **Rap**

Spotify SPOTIFY.COM/WRAPPE

Mya Ziehm (11)



- Top Artists
- 1 Vansire
 - 2 Austin Weber
 - 3 ALI
 - 4 Laufey
 - 5 St.Arnaud
- Top Songs
- 1 Naatu Naatu (F..
 - 2 Prune, You Tal...
 - 3 Storm
 - 4 The Title Track
 - 5 From The Start

Minutes Listened **14,196**

Top Genre **pov: indie**

Spotify SPOTIFY.COM/WRAPPE

Noah Maue (11)



FOREIGN EXCHANGE INTERVIEW : TIAGO PERINI

Written by Jayna Edmondson

Question 1: Where are you from?

- I am from Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Question 2: Who is your host family?

- Jennifer and Cameron Abel.

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

- To improve my English and experience American culture.

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

- I played soccer in the fall. I wanted to try basketball, but I broke my finger. And then I am leaving in January, so I won't be here to try any of the spring sports.

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

- I would say the biggest difference is the fact that here in the U.S. the students go to the teachers. In Brazil, the teacher goes to the students.



**Question 6:
What is your
favorite
American food?**

- Hamburgers

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

- I am very excited about Christmas and New Years!



STAFF OF THE WEEK:

This week's edition of the staff spotlight is Mrs. Wiersma! Mrs. Wiersma is a fairly veteran employee here at MAPS. Mrs. Wiersma has been here for around 4 years, now! Mrs. Wiersma is the principal at Kennedy Elementary! Not many people outside of Kennedy know who Mrs. Wiersma is, let us change that!

**Question 1: What is your favorite part about working at MAPS?**

- **The STUDENTS!!!**

**Question 2: Where did you go to college?**

- **Two degrees from Grand Valley and one from Central Michigan... GO LAKERS!**

**Question 3: - What is one piece of advice you have for high schoolers that you wish you had?**

- **If you don't like the sight of blood, don't go to school to be a nurse.**

Question 4: What is your go-to TV show?

- **Not a fan of TV, but highly recommend True Crime podcasts!**

Question 5: Is it pronounced (car-mel) or (cara-mel)?

- **Ka-Vuh-Tee (Ha Ha Ha, Clever!)**

Question 6: Socks and Sandals - Is it a crime?

- **... only when worn with shorts.**



Written by Will Somsel

This week the advice I received from Mrs. Mezeske was targeted for all of the seniors in the school. She told me “The time is near where you will be graduating high school. It is time to chase every dream you have ever had, accept every challenge that you may face, strive for greatness, and honor every promise you may have made to yourself. The future is yours, go out and reach for those stars” - Unknown author and Mrs. Mezeske. She also told me:

“It is best to fail doing what you love than succeed at something you hate. It is important to aim big and work hard to achieve your goals.”

Mrs. Williams gave me a helpful list of things to know how to do before us seniors leave:

- **Manage and open a bank account**
- **Signing important documents**
- **Addressing and mailing letters/bills**
- **Basics of cooking (come back December 13th for our cooking edition)**
- **Learn to do your laundry**
- **Register to vote (and selective services for men)**
- **Learn the basics about your car including oil changes, other fluids, and how to change a tire.**
- **Learn to pay bills ON TIME**
- **Learn to organize and manage time**

For any questions involving life in or after school, feel free to ask Mrs. Williams or Mrs. Mezeske. They are both very willing to help and are incredibly nice.





NOW SHOWING:

MOVIE REVIEWS
WITH NOAH

Written by Noah Maue

Maue Awarding Movies: Fall 2023

It's that time of year again! Throughout this fall, twenty-two "new" movies played at the Vogue. However, which of these were the best or are worth catching up on? Well, I'm here to round up everything you've missed by giving eight awards to some of the most notable movies to grace cinemas as of late! Welcome to the second quarterly Maue Awarding Movies (M.A.M.) rankings, and let's jump straight into the awards!

Most Well-Rounded: **The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes**

Film-Making Genius: **Killers of the Flower Moon**

Crazy Fun: **Saw X**

Action-Packed Madness: **Quicksand**

Most Thought-Provoking: **The Creator**

Biggest Disappointment: **Strays**

Surprisingly Great:

How To Blow Up A Pipeline

Guilty Pleasure: **Five Nights at Freddy's**



And that wraps up yet another Maue Awards ceremony! Thanks for reading these articles, and I'll see you all soon with another movie review!



BOYS BASKETBALL START THE SEASON 2-0

Written by Jayna Edmondson



After a close loss to Shelby last season, the boys basketball team is looking to improve this year. On Monday, November 27, the Mariners kicked off their season with a home game against Onekama. Despite the score being close throughout most of the first half, the Mariners extended the lead in the second half to defeat the Portagers, 56-24. **Sophomore, Landin Sowa** played in his varsity debut Monday night, finishing with 18 points to lead the Mariner's offense. Following Sowa was **Tramel Caviness (11)** who scored 13 points. Sowa, Caviness, and **Mason Gunnett (12)** also had eight rebounds each for the Mariners.



Following the win on Monday night, the Mariners then traveled to Mason County Central for another non-conference game on Tuesday night.

Despite trailing by 10 points early in the first half, the Mariners bounced back to defeat the Spartans 52-43. This win improved the Mariners to 2-0 record for the start of their season. Offensively, **Kaden Kott (11)** led the Mariners, scoring 17 points. **Tramel Caviness** and **Mason Gunnett** followed Kott, scoring 13 and 9 points for the Mariners.

Also, congratulations to the boy's junior varsity who also had a strong start to their season defeating both Onekama and Scottville. Foreign exchange student, **Diego Vazquez (10)** scored double figures in both games to lead the Mariners.

The Mariners will then travel to Fremont on Friday, December 1st, for their first conference game of the season.

MHS ESPORTS COMPETE IN THE PLAYOFFS

Written by Jayna Edmondson

Last week three of the Manistee Esports teams qualified for playoffs. The Rocket League, Super Smash Bros, and Mario Kart 8 Deluxe teams each had the opportunity to play a playoff match and potentially advance to states. Matches were played both Monday and Tuesday this week, however, unfortunately, the Rocket League and Super Smash Bros were eliminated.



But, the Mario Kart 8 Deluxe team is still advancing further into the playoffs. This team only needs to win 2 more playoff games to earn themselves a place at the state meet and compete in Detroit. This team consists of **Duncan Alexander (12)**, **Nick Judkins (12)**, **Noah Maue (11)**, and **Landon Blank (11)**.

Mario Kart 8 Deluxe playoff games consist of 6 races per set. In order to win the match, you need to win at least 2 sets. To win a set you must have more points than the other team at the end of the six races. The points are made by the placing of each of these races.

The second round of playoffs is played tomorrow, November 30th at 4 PM. If you are interested in tuning in, the matches are streamed on <https://twitch.tv/manistee> or follow Mariner esports on Instagram to be updated on the results of each match.

If you are interested in playing video games, join the esports team, the spring season will be starting in February, and there is still time to join!



STUDENTS THROW BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MRS. MEZESKE

Written by Luke Smith

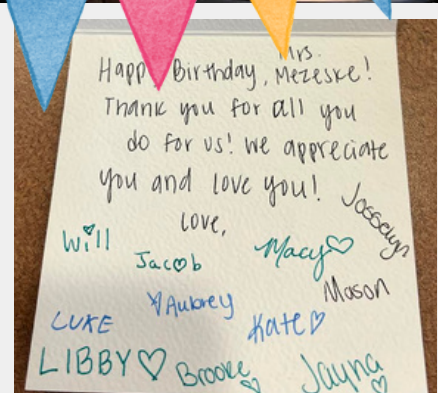


Each day, **Mrs. Mezeske** brightens up students' days, whether it's the many students who have study hall in the commons, students going to use the restroom during class, or students eating lunch in the cafeteria, Mrs. Mezeske can always put a smile on our faces.

After hearing that Mrs. Mezeske was celebrating her birthday on Sunday, November 26, some students realized that a great opportunity to show their appreciation for her would be the following Monday with a birthday party during 3rd hour. They shared pizza and brownies in celebration of her birthday.

Mrs. Mezeske was very appreciative of the gesture, commenting: "You know each birthday you're reminded of how many amazing people you have in your life. But this year my caring, sweet, and thoughtful high school buddies made my birthday extra special. Thank you for the birthday love!"

If you haven't yet, be sure to wish Mrs. Mezeske a happy late birthday. And students should show appreciation for all their faculty - they have a tough job! A little kindness can go a long way.



THE NUTCRACKER

Written by Luke Smith

Over the next two weekends, the annual Nutcracker ballet will be showing at the Ramsdell Theater. This year, several MMHS students are performing, including **Drew Mendians (12)**, **Alec Lampen (12)**, and **Adelyn Brown (8)**. I spoke with Drew and Adelyn about their time preparing for the performance and how they feel about it.



Drew is an Arabian Dancer, and having never danced before in this context, he found that “it has been pretty fun, even for a non-dancer like me.

I think it is a fun performance, and I got to help set up the set recently which was super cool because I got to see the historical features of the Ramsdell.”

Adelyn, who plays Clara in The Nutcracker, said that “preparing for this role has been so fun! I love going to rehearsals and getting to spend time with my wonderful castmates. The Nutcracker is such a magical show that is perfect to watch during the holidays.”



The Nutcracker is a great tradition that helps get everyone in the holiday spirit. As Drew mentioned, it also provides a great opportunity to see one of Manistee’s best historical landmarks: The Ramsdell Theatre. It is such a beautiful piece of Manistee that students should try to appreciate whenever they can!

You can go see your classmates perform along with the entire cast on **December 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th at 7:30 PM**, as well as **December 3rd and 10th at 2:00 PM**. Tickets can be purchased via the Ramsdell’s website, <https://ramsdeltheatre.org/>.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

Written by Libby McCarthy



This winter the MHS Student Council is working to fill our school with holiday spirit and fun. The week of **December 11th-15th** there will be dress up days and other fun events for you, your friends, and everyone at MHS to participate in.

To kick off the excitement for Christmas and New Years, the week will have five dress up days, door decorating, hot cocoa sales, holiday card making, Candy Gram sales, and an assembly!



Although there hasn't been a final decision on what the dress up days are, I'm sure you can imagine what they could be! (Ugly sweaters, Santa hats, Christmas colors, etc.) The days will be released in the near future, don't hesitate to participate!



Door decorating will be with your advisory and will begin the week before Spirit Week. Start brainstorming with your class fun, creative, and festive ideas to cover your door with!

A new edition that will be held during lunch is decorating and making Christmas Cards. You can make a card for a family member, friend, significant other, or anyone you love for Christmas. Or, you can make a card and leave it with a Student Council member and it will be delivered to someone either at Green Acres or the hospital to brighten their day and spread holiday joy.

At lunch, there will also be hot cocoa sales just like last year! Can't wait for this fun week!



STAFF



Kaleb Shoemate (12)
Writer

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



Libby McCarthy (12)
Editor/Writer



Jayna Edmondson (12)
Writer



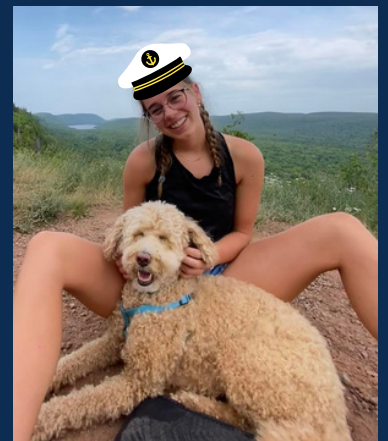
William Somsel (12)
Writer

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



Noah Maue (11)
Writer

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



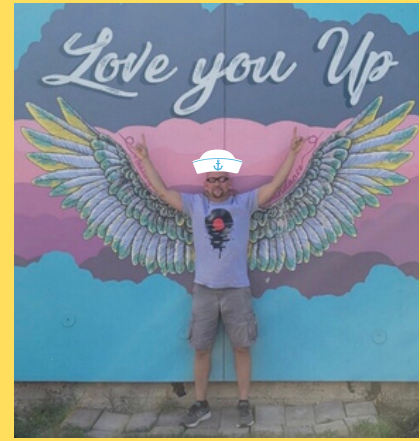
Ceci Postma (12)
Writer

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



Luke Smith (12)
Writer

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



Mr. Joseph
Advisor

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

GUEST WRITER

ANYONE CAN GET INVOLVED!

The Mariner Chronicle Staff is constantly looking for growth! Whether that be with new articles, ideas, and writers! Don't be afraid to reach out and share your thoughts!

We also will be welcoming new staff next semester! Talk to Mr. Joseph if you are interested!!!

