

# MARINER CHRONICLE

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## WINTER CARNIVAL '24

*Written by Libby McCarthy*

It's already here Mariners! Winter Carnival 2024 is next week. Get ready for a fun, eventful week filled with Mariner spirit. But, in order to enjoy next week, you and your classmates need to prepare for the events and competitions ahead!!! This years theme is **Board Games!** Your classes chosen board game will be listed below. Make sure to encooperate your board game into your banner for the gym! This years Winter Carnival Game will be our Boys Varsity Basketball team against the Oakridge Eagles next Friday night! Pit theme is Blue and Gold!!!

The week will begin with hanging your class banner with your chosen board game in Mariner Gym on Monday. There also will be an email sent out to vote for your class Winter Carnival Reps! But, the most exciting part about **Monday is the Powerpuff** competition! Powerpuff is boys volleyball. Right after school, the Freshman boys will face the Junior boys. Following that will be the Sophomore boys vs the Senior Boys.

All teams will be coached by the girls volleyball players!



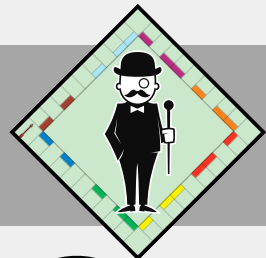
SENIORS:



**SORRY!**

MONOPOLY

JUNIORS:



SOPHOMORES:



POP-O-MATIC  
**TROUBLE**  
GAME

FRESHMAN:



On **Tuesday, Mock Rock** will be held at 7 pm in the Auditorium. Mock Rock is a fun and exciting way to be involved with your classmates and MHS as a whole! Students biggest regret is not joining Mock Rock sooner. Talk to your classmates and advisors about how you can be apart of Mock Rock this year!

Besides Mock Rock, the banner, and Powderpuff, there are still a few more events and fun that will be held during this week. Both **Wednesday** and **Friday** there will be **assemblies** at the end of the day filled with fun games. Don't be scared to jump into one to earn your class some points!



With all these events throughout the week, it will end with the **dance** put on by the Freshman class! **Saturday February 3rd** in the commons will be where the dance is held. You can buy your tickets all next week or buy them at the door of the dance! Make sure you find a date or group of friends to experience the last event of Winter Carnival 2024 with!!

Make sure you participate and have fun next week! There are so many events and activities being held and every one of them will help your class have a chance at winning Winter Carnival! The dress up days for the week will be listed on the next page. Make sure you have fun and ask your class advisor if you have questions on how to get involved! Happy Winter Carnival MHS!!!



**Last years WC King and Queen,  
Ben Schlaff and Allison Kelley**

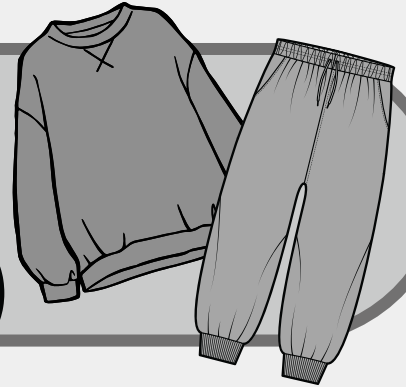
Every event going on during Winter Carnival week will have a point system. The class with the most points at the end of the week will have their class reps crowned **Winter Carnival King and Queen** and be rewarded with the Spirit Buoy!!! This crowning will happen at halftime of the boys basketball game on **Friday against Oakridge!**

# WINTER CARNIVAL DRESS UP DAYS

MON

## GROUTFIT

(AN ALL GREY OUTFIT)



TUES



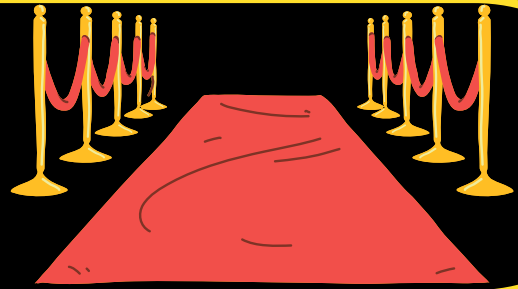
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## COUNTRY CLUB



WED

## Celebrity DAY



THURS



## JERSEY DAY



FRI

## BLUE & GOLD



# BECOME A PEER MENTOR!

*Written by Kaleb Shoemate*

Sophomores and Juniors! Now is the time to begin thinking about your future classes in the coming years. You will all be meeting with **Mr. Howes** fairly soon to decide what your schedule is going to look like for next year. An option you have is the peer mentoring program. Peer Mentoring is exactly what it sounds like, you get the opportunity to mentor your underclassmen peers. And help them succeed and form a pathway for their future. Peer mentoring is extremely beneficial to both the mentor and the mentee, the mentor gets to see changes in their mentee. Both physical and mental changes are to occur, under the mentorship of an amazing individual like yourselves.

This program allows you to paint ideal images for your future opportunities, experiences, and encounters. It also sets up incredible opportunities for college, work, and any other path you want to take. It allows you to see the true meaning of life, and be aware of people's differences. You get to share your experience, knowledge, and love with someone who may not get much of that. You become an advocate for the unheard. It's a truly rewarding experience, and you get to meet some incredible people, too. You should've heard a presentation in your crew time recently, explaining it more in-depth. It's a great program, and it's recommended that students try it out! You get a flexible schedule, Fridays guaranteed off, and your advisors are some incredible staff members.



**Jaret Edmondson (12) and his Mentee Ethan**



Advised by **Mrs. Williams**, **Mr. Eldredge**, and **Mrs. Nowicki**, all wonderful staff who are always willing to assist you in whatever it may be. We met with a few mentors and got personal accounts on behalf of this program. **Cadence Brown (11)** said "I love mentoring because I get to help people succeed and grow in multiple areas of their lives. It is so rewarding to make such a great amount of change, and I get a friend to talk to each week." **Kateri Ceplina (12)** added, "You can connect with others depending on what you get and you're also maybe going to be able to help them with something they need."

Mentoring is an incredibly beneficial class. Join now! Contact Mr. Eldredge ([celdredge@manistee.org](mailto:celdredge@manistee.org)) for more information!



## GET INVOLVED WITH THE MARINER CHRONICLE

*Written by Libby McCarthy*

**ANOTHER SEMESTER DONE!!!**

**MORE AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE  
FOR SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS!**

**THE MARINER CHRONICLE IS A GREAT WAY TO USE YOUR  
WRITING SKILLS TO GET A CLASS CREDIT**

**TALK TO MR. JOSEPH OR ANYONE ON THE  
CHRONICLE STAFF ON HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED !!!!**

**YOU CAN WRITE, EDIT, SHARE PICTURES AND ARTICLE IDEAS  
EMAIL ME: [24MCCALI@MANISTEE.ORG](mailto:24MCCALI@MANISTEE.ORG) WITH ANY QUESTIONS**

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ANNIKA HAAG

*Written by Jayna Edmondson*

In honor of the seniors' final semester here at MMHS, each week one male and one female senior will be randomly selected to be senior of the week. For the first week of this newest addition, the first two seniors that were chosen were Annika Haag and Grayson Prince!!

## What are your plans after highschool?

- I plan on going to college and studying biology and environmental science

## What activities have you been involved in at MMHS?

- I play tennis, golf, ski, and I think I'm going to try track this spring. And then I also am a part of science olympiad, youth in government, and I'm trying stage crew for the play.

## Whats one interesting fact about you?

- I played the violin for ten years.



## What is your favorite memory at MMHS so far?

- Probably going to Meijer Gardens before state, for science olympiad.

## What are you excited to do before you graduate in the spring?

- I am excited to go to the capitol for youth in government

## Whats some advice you would give to an underclassmen?

- If you're thinking about joining clubs or sports, do it now, don't wait until you're a junior or senior

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: GRAYSON PRINCE

*Written by Jayna Edmondson*



## What are your plans after highschool?

- My plans are to continue my athletic and academic career at the collegiate level.

## What activities have you been involved in at MMHS?

- Soccer, Football, Basketball, Track, Golf, and Cross Country.

## Whats one interesting fact about you?

- I am a semi professional Fifa player.

## What is your favorite memory at MMHS so far?

- My favorite memory at MMHS is winning the 2022 district title in soccer with my best friends.

## Who has been your favorite teacher at MMHS?

- Mr. Bennett

## What are you excited to do before you graduate in the spring?

- Win a district title in basketball.



STUDENT LIFE CONTINUED

# DETROIT LIONS INSIGHT



*Written by Kaden Worch (and Gabby Senters)*

The Lions have been the underdogs since 1992. The real fans have been very supportive throughout the past years. Now after the long wait they went 12- 5. Their star quarterback Jared Goff is taking them to the NFC Championship game. They will kill the 49'ers in the upcoming game. Then they are bound to win their first Super Bowl appearance!! Fans like Mr. Bennett, myself, and others have been waiting years for this moment. Fans get ready, get out the blue kool aid, and **WATCH THE LIONS DOMINATE THE FIELD THIS SUNDAY!!!!**



## MHS TALENT SHOW 2024

*Written by Kaleb Shoemate*

On Tuesday, talent show auditions commenced. There were around 15 kids that came out to be involved in the show! Acts are singing, dancing, playing an instrument, and some piano! They are now rapidly preparing for their debut on the **Mariner stage on Friday, January 27th! The curtain will open at 7 pm!** Come out and support your fellow talented Mariners! It will be **\$5 for adults and \$2 for students**. You might even get to see a few special guests!

The talent show is also looking for more acts! So if you'd be interested in performing, contact **Kaleb Shoemate** ([24shokal@manistee.org](mailto:24shokal@manistee.org))



## THE BOYS SWIM AT D3 INVITATIONALS

*Written by Marina Reid*



The Mariner's swim team journeyed to the District 3 Invitational in Zeeland on January 20th, traveling during severe weather and competing against 11 additional teams, including top schools like East Grand Rapids, Holland Christian, Spring Lake, and many others.

Unmoved by the rough weather conditions, the team not only traveled the distance but also performed well, earning multiple personal bests. **Alec Lampen (12)** achieved a new personal record in the 200 IM, breaking the old Manistee record with his time of 2:00.05. **Alec** also secured first place in his primary stroke, 100 backstroke, with a time of 50.52. **Drew Mendians (12)** placed 4th in the 100-yard breaststroke with a swift time of 1:05 and made waves in the 50-yard freestyle with a tenth-place finish of 23.68. The victories continued as our 200-yard medley relay team placed 5th out of 20 entries. The relay team included **Alec Lampen, Drew Mendians, Ajae Gouker (12), and Oliver Holtgren (11)**.

**Oliver**, who achieved two personal bests in both the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle, expressed that "it is by far the best I've ever felt during a meet, and as a team, I feel it is the best we have ever worked together." **Vincent Wang (12)**, who ended with a personal record in the 200-yard freestyle, finishing with a 2:30.21, pointed out that "We had three people out of our nine-person team gone for this meet, so we weren't fully up and running, but I think we did well for what we had with a couple of people getting personal records."



# MARINER BASKETBALL

## SIX GAME WEEK

*Written by Jayna Edmondson*



Both the boys basketball team and girls basketball team started off their three-game week with a tough conference game. First, on Monday, January 22nd, the boys traveled to Montague for a rescheduled conference game. Despite a close battle throughout the whole game, the Mariners ended up losing by 7, with the final score being 54-61. **Kaden Kott (11)** led the Mariners with 17 points, followed by **Jacob Scharp (12)** with 14, and **Landin Sowa (10)** with 8. This loss moved the Mariners to 1-5 in the conference. The Mariners will travel to Hart Thursday, January 25th for a non-conference game.

The Lady Mariners then hosted Oakridge on Tuesday, January 24th, for another conference game. It was another close game, but the Lady Mariners ended up beating the Eagles 39-33. **Libby McCarthy (12)** led the Mariners with 14 points, followed by **Jayna Edmondson (12)** with 7, and **Avamae Fett (10)** with 6 points. The Lady Mariners are now 4-1 in the Lakes Conference, however they still have two more home conference games this week against Fremont and Orchard View.

As the season inches closer and closer to tournament play, the boys and girls teams continue to improve and prepare themselves for post season. A big way for MHS and the community as a whole to help our Mariner basketball teams find success in the post season, we need to fill the Pit and be loud during their games! If you don't know already, the Pit theme is posted on **instagram @m.h.s\_pit** the day before every home game or nearby game so that the students at MHS can show up to support!

Goodluck to the boys and girls as they continue their season!



# U OF M NATTY CHAMPS

*Written by Cecilia Postma*



On January 1st the University of Michigan football team earned a ticket to the National Championship by beating the Alabama Crimson Tide. Excitement for the game was high for the first week of January as the College Football Playoff Championship game approached.

*Manistee News Advocate* published an article about former MMHS gym teacher **Mr. Tilmann** who claimed he was “More than fired up!” Tilmann played on Michigan’s team when they faced Washington in back-to-back Rose Bowls. His personal experience with the U of M team left him with a strong sense of Maize and Blue Pride.



On Monday, January 8th, the game kicked off with a U of M touchdown in the first quarter. Play remained close for the first few quarters until the fourth quarter in which Michigan earned 14 points to Washington’s 0. **Isaiah Davis (12)**, a hardcore Michigan fan states “We left Washington pretty banged up”, a reference to the injury of Washington’s quarterback, Michael Penix Jr., a finalist for the Heisman award. Penix continued playing but the Washington Huskies stood no chance to the Wolverines.

Players returned home to Ann Arbor and were celebrated with a parade and ceremony at Crisler Center. Blake Corum wore a shirt that said it all: “Business is finished”.

Whether you bleed Blue and Gold or could care less, all Michigan residents should be proud to live in the state of a national champion team!

Buy your very own Natty Champs merch [HERE!](#)

# THESPIAN SOCIETY INDUCTION

*Written by Marina Reid*

Stepping into the spotlight on January 19th, 33 individuals were inducted into the Manistee Troupe of the International Thespian Society. The International Thespian Society is a distinguished honor society for high school and middle school theatre students under the umbrella of the Educational Theatre Association. Membership is granted for the performance in multiple shows and continuous years of theatre participation. Being a part of the thespian society opens up opportunities, scholarships, and competitions for it's members! The department plans on introducing more inductees after the spring musical as more students will have earned enough points to be considered for induction.



**Cady Brown (11)**, lead of the upcoming Spring Musical, says "I had a really nice time hanging out with friends, and this ceremony was a nice way to connect with our peers over a shared craft and thing we love. This is a great community and we all feel really close." **Hanna Konen (11)**, who also got inducted on the 19th, expressed that "it was a fun time, **Ms Feyen** shared a lot of kind words about us throughout the ceremony and it was nice to hear about all of our memories that we've made through the theatre program." Congratulations to all of the members who got inducted!

# THEATER TRIP TO ALADDIN!

Written by Jayna Edmondson



The staff from the theatre production *Beauty and The Beast*, which was performed last winter, along with a few other students, were invited to go to Grand Rapids and watch *Aladdin* performed live. The group of students traveled to Grand Rapids last Friday, January 19th, to see the popular Broadway musical *Aladdin*, which was performed at the DeVos Performance Hall. A charter bus took the students to and from the performance, thanks to **Ms. Feyen** who made this trip possible.

The production lasting over two hours and thirty minutes left the students amazed. **John O'Donnell (12)** said "it was really exciting to go to. It was kinda crazy to see all the visual effects. The way the actors engaged with the audience was really cool to watch. It was just a cool experience overall." **Sarah Huber (11)** also adds, "It was really cool watching the show. Seeing the performance live was really neat, especially the music. The music was played from a live orchestra, which was played in a pit, so it sounded like the music was from a soundtrack, which was a really cool affect".



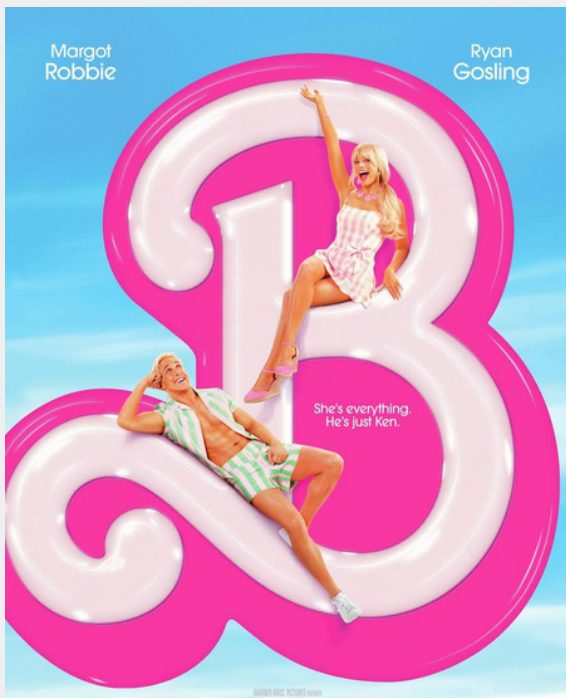
The MHS Theatre is going on this trip to not only experience more theatre life, but to also bond before putting on their spring production! They will be putting on *The Wizard of Oz* in March!

Make sure you get a chance to watch this wonderful production!!!



# BARBIE OSCAR SCANDAL

Written by Kaleb Shoemate



Breaking - The Academy has just announced this year's Oscar nominees. In the release, it was made known that Ryan Gosling, who played Ken, in the 2023 version of *Barbie* was nominated for an Oscar. To fan's surprise, Greta Gerwig (director) and Margot Robbie (Barbie) were not nominated for an Oscar nomination for their work in *Barbie*. Contradictory to all of the work Barbie was working toward. Women Empowerment, Feminism, it's a mission to restore that women no longer have to live just to be an "idea" of a woman.

Fans are outraged over the incident, Margot's co-star America Ferrera has released a statement saying she "can't believe her nomination." America added that she was "incredibly disappointed" in the snub of Margot and Greta. Ryan Gosling is also outraged. He's released statements that he too, is disappointed in the Academy.

**Olyvia Becerra (12)** commented on the incident "I think it is a very misogynistic act to only nominate Ken and not Barbie or the director. The whole movie is based on patriarchy being bad and this is showing that it's actually occurring in real life."

**Grayson Prince (12)** commented, "While I'm disappointed Margot didn't get nominated, Ryan Gosling did a phenomenal performance, better than Margot; he deserves the Oscar." Robbie fans disagree, they note that her performance was incredible and her performance deserves recognition. Unfortunately, we're living in a moment that will be remembered in history. Men are ultimately, typically, considered before women are. This isn't necessarily what happened on this occasion, but it's incredibly disappointing.

The movie was about women empowerment, and the courage to break down the barriers, and become more than just a "woman." At the end of the movie, Barbie discovers herself and her meaning beyond the societal expectations that have been set by our ancestors. Things are always changing. See something you don't like? Be the change. Make history. Rewrite the story, and let our future generations know of the resilience we withheld.





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



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**Writer**

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



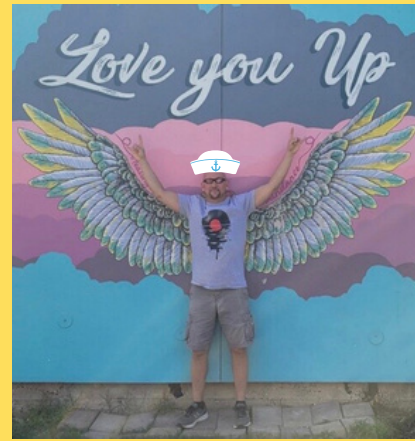
**Ceci Postma (12)**  
**Writer**

*"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

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**KADEN WORCH (10) & GABBY SENTERS (10)**

