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MHS YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT!

Written by Marina Reid

From February 8th through the 11th, a large group of our high school students journeyed to Lansing to participate in the 2024 Early Conference for Youth in Government. Staying in the center of downtown Lansing, adjacent to the Michigan Capitol, the students found themselves immersed in many legislative sessions and committees. Youth in Government, renowned for its student-ran conference with many leadership positions, hosted over 700 students coming from 30+ delegations. Within the Manistee Delegation, many leadership positions were filled. **Braydon Sorenson (12), Alejandra Gil (10), Sadie Verheek (12), and Drew Mendians (12)** all took on the role of Family Group Leader, leading groups of people in the evening through various activities. Alejandra Gil and Drew Mendians were also chosen to be Clerks, in which they carefully tracked and documented all of the amendments and changes made to bills.



Meanwhile, **Vincent Wang (12)** and **Sadie Verheek (12)** assumed the responsibilities of Committee Chairs, stepping into control of the small committee sessions that went through bills and proposals. **Marina Reid (12)** was the National Issues Forum Presiding Officer, a position earned through her campaign at the 2023 conference. As Presiding Officer, Marina held control of larger sessions and general assemblies.



Sarah Huber (12) was a member of the Governor's Cabinet, a group carefully selected by the Youth Governor. Sarah held the position of "Attorney General," and she exclaims that "Youth in Government is always a very impactful experience. It's eye-opening to see how the government works firsthand, and it's nice to connect with a diverse group of people. I was the Attorney General of the Governor's Cabinet, so I went through all of the bills that were passed and compared them with supreme court rulings and federal laws to make sure they were legal". Sadie Verheek, who has participated in 6 consecutive years in the program, states that, "YIG was so much fun and I enjoyed seeing all of my previous friends, as well as making new ones. My favorite part about YIG is getting to debate bills". **Hanna Konen (11)**, a first-year participant in YIG says, "It was chaotic but super fun, and everyone was very welcoming to first years". Overall, the 2024 Early Conference was a success. For those who aren't Seniors, try something new by participating in Youth in Government next year!



STAFF OF THE WEEK: CHAD MURRAY

Written by Kaleb Shoemate

This week's Staff Spotlight is our E-Sports team's coach! Coach Murray has been working at MAPS for almost a year! He has been coaching our Gamer Mariners in their competitions for E-Sports! We interviewed Coach Murray to get to know him a little bit more!

Question 1: What inspired/convincing you to be the E-Sports coach?

- I'm retired Air Force and love to golf and work at the Country Club, but I didn't have much going on in the winter months. I saw the job opening for esports, and it got my attention. I like video games and have played them for a long time. It was a great opportunity for me to give back to the school system as well.

Question 2: What's your favorite video game?

- I would say playing Halo back when it first came out (in 2001) with my coworkers while stationed in Germany. We would hook up a couple Xbox's and have Halo parties with 8 or so playing at once.



Question 3: Who was your biggest inspiration growing up?

- My parents and family inspired me to do whatever felt right, and they supported in my decision

Question 4: Does the egg or the chicken come first?

- Without the egg, how do you have a chicken?? One of many wonders in the world.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: RUTHIE JADOS

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 this week, the seniors that were chosen were Ruthie Jados and Nathan Doremus!!

What are your plans after highschool?

- I plan to go to West Shore Community College, for an associate degree until I figure what I want to have as a career. Definitely plan on working during this time.

What is your favorite memory at MMHS so far?

- Riding to CTE, sleeping in Spanish class, and watching sports.

What's one interesting fact about you?

- I'm always tired and fall asleep in the weirdest ways.



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

- Have my birthday.

What activities have you been involved in at MMHS?

- I played volleyball in tenth grade, and tennis and hope to play tennis this year. I've done powderpuff 2 times. I am currently a second year student at CTE.



What's some advice you would give to an underclassmen?

- If care about what others think, high school won't be enjoyable. Be confident in yourself. Do what you would like to do in your own way

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: NATHAN DOREMUS

Written by Jayna Edmondson



What are your plans after highschool?

- I am going to attend Michigan State and major in Criminal Justice.

What activities have you been involved in at MMHS?

- So far, I have only played football at MMHS, but I plan on playing baseball and golf in the spring.

Whats one interesting fact about you?

- Armadillos are my favorite animal.

What is your favorite memory at MMHS so far?

- My favorite memory at MMHS so far is beating Ludington in football during the Homecoming Game and seeing the packed stands.

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

- I am excited to play baseball and enjoy the end of my high school time.



What is some advice you would give underclassmen?

- I would advise underclassmen to get schoolwork done asap and then to plan out classes so they're easy senior year.

Who has been your favorite teacher at MMHS?

- My favorite is Mr. Joseph.





NOW SHOWING:

MOVIE REVIEWS
WITH NOAH

Written by Noah Maue

Argylle: Why So Polarizing?

Welcome to the final review of the Winter season! *Argylle* has been playing at the Vogue Theatre for nearly a month, and it might just be one of the most conflicting movies I've seen to date. I've struggled to articulate my thoughts on this film because it manages to say so little, yet it shows so much at the same time. And judging by *Argylle's* reviews, it's clear that most people would agree. But why, exactly, is this so? In this review, we'll briefly dive into *Argylle* and discover why audiences have come out of theatres so polarized.

In terms of positives, this film is directed wonderfully! From the beautiful fight scenes to the nostalgic music choices, this film oozes personality in a way many others could only dream of achieving. But unfortunately, that's the end of my list of positives.

In terms of negatives, this film was terribly marketed! I have incessantly complained about their decision to focus on the "funny cat humor" even when the cat has a minimal role in the film. However, an even worse offense is the incredibly unpolished script for *Argylle*. Looking beyond all the chaos on-screen, the story is incredibly basic with very little depth. It's filled with plot twists that will only make you groan instead of finding them clever, a weirdly changing tone that never makes sense and so many more issues that I will spare you the details of.

While *Argylle* makes a great attempt to be "one of the greats" like *The Kingsman*, it ultimately falls flat and leaves you asking for more. **I give *Argylle* a rating of 4.5/10.** See you all in two weeks for the next Maue Awarding Movies article!



SORENSEN ON THE SLOPES

Written by Libby McCarthy

As our ski team comes to the end of their season, one skier continues to perform above and beyond on the slopes. Senior Braydon Sorenson just came home with two regional champion titles! Winning slalom and giant slalom, Braydon earned a trip to Ski State championships for the third year in a row! He will compete at Nubs Nob on February 26.

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Along with two regional titles, Braydon was the conference champion in both slalom and giant slalom, which made him the overall conference champ! Their ski team also won the whole conference meet. It was a very big accomplishment for Braydon and his team. He shared; "I love my ski team. We spend a lot of time together and support each other. I am going to miss talking about life with my friend **Luke Smith (12)** on the chair lifts."



Another big accomplishment for Braydon is being a part of **Team Michigan!** He will travel to New Hampshire to compete against all states from Minnesota to Maine. It is a national competition for the best high school skiers in the nation.

He also competed at a USS ski meet a few weeks ago in Nubs Nob! Braydon finished first in giant slalom to take the win. He travels all over every week and weekend to compete in these meets. Braydon exclaims; "Skiing is a very big part of my life, and it will continue to be a lifelong sport for me. I am very passionate about it, and I have decided to continue my ski career at the next level."

Braydon plans on taking a gap year or two and race FIS, which is national ski racing, while also being enrolled online through West Shore. After these 1-2 years, he intends to compete for the NCAA at the Division 1 level at a bigger school. Congrats on all your accomplishments Braydon and good luck at state!

BOYS BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT!!

Written by Jayna Edmondson

Despite losing to Montague by 7 earlier in the season, the Mariners had another chance to beat them on their home court for their final regular season home game. The Mariners focused on their defense this game, forcing the Wildcats to turn the ball over many times, they even held them to a scoreless quarter during the start of the game. The Mariners went into the second half of the game leading 13-11, however the Mariners struggled to score in the second half falling behind 27-32.



Kaden Kott (11) led the Mariners with 11 points, **Mason Gunnett (12)** also had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. **Jacob Scharp (12)** also grabbed 10 rebounds for the Mariners.

In between the junior varsity and varsity game, six seniors were honored for all of their contributions they have brought to the Boy's Basketball Program. The six seniors who were honored last night included **Jacob Scharp, Isaiah Davis, Jaret Edmondson, Mason Gunnett, Grayson Prince, and Austen Halcome.**



The Mariners have one more regular season game at Ludington tomorrow, Thursday, February 22nd. The Mariners are also hosting their post-season tournament this year. The Mariners will be hosting Big Rapids on Monday, February 26th, for the first round of the tournament. [Tickets for this event can be purchased at \[gofan.com\]\(http://gofan.com\)](#), come out at support these Mariners for their remaining season!!

OUR SENIOR BASKETBALL PLAYERS!!

Pictures by Libby McCarthy

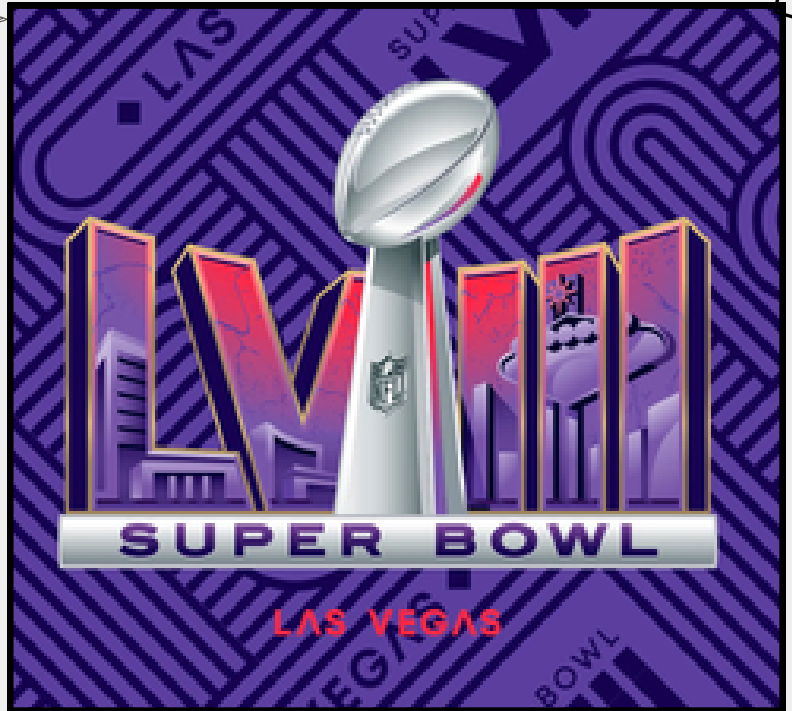


SUPER BOWL 58 RECAP!!

Written by Kate Somsel

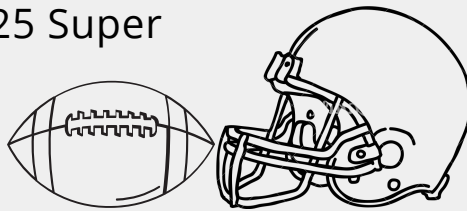


The annual most-watched sporting event in the world, the Super Bowl, took place Sunday, February 11th in Las Vegas. The Super Bowl is the NFL annual championship game, which used to take place on the first Sunday of February, but within the past couple of years, it has changed to the second. This year, the San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs defeated the Detroit Lions and Baltimore Ravens to make it to the final.



While the game might've been off to a slow start for both teams- ending the first quarter 0-0, the 49ers were first on the board with a field goal. They continued the streak by adding a touchdown and an extra point, making it 10-0. Later in the second quarter, the Chiefs secured a field goal, making the score 10-3 heading into the half. Coming out strong after half-time, Kansas closed in the score gap, making it 10-13 at the end of the third quarter. The game was neck and neck throughout the 4th quarter. It was a tied game at the end of regulation 19-19, so the teams went into overtime. Once again, the 49ers had the lead by successfully kicking a field goal. However, Chiefs wide receiver Mecole Hardman had the game-winning touchdown, making the final score 22-25 for Kansas. This win means the Chiefs had their second consecutive Super Bowl win.

While some were ecstatic for the Chief's win, **Kane Black (11)** was upset and stated, "It was a very scripted game. That's that." **Will Somsel (12)** added that "Taylor Swift was the real star of the show." Disagreeing, **Kaden Kott (11)** said, "They showed Taylor Swift too much." While having a debate in Mrs. Watkins's 1st hour Pre-Calc class, she mentioned how "[She] has high hopes for Lions next year!" The 2025 Super Bowl will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana.



COLLEGE DECISIONS!!



As spring comes around and graduation gets closer, the seniors of the class of 2024 have to start making decisions about college and life next year. Many have gotten acceptance letters and opportunities given to them on what they could do next year. It may be a little early to share the definite decisions, but many have narrowed down their choices!

While some seniors feel like they have everything planned out, many others feel overwhelmed with the important decisions of future plans. But remember, seniors, Mrs. Williams is always in the library to help with your worries. Mr. Howes is also in the office to help you discuss your options and help you find the best path for yourself.

If you see a senior around, ask them about their plans for next year! Listen to their options and help them brainstorm what the best decision could be for them. Underclassmen, pretty soon you will be in their shoes and it is never too early to get started!

Senior's decisions will be shared on their Instagram account:
@mhs.classof2024_



Written by Libby McCarthy

This Valentine's Day, the girl's varsity basketball team made an impact on the older generation in our community. The girls all made valentines to take to the residents at the Medical Care. Inside each Valentine was a picture of the team surrounded by all of their signatures and numbers.

The team headed into the Medical Care excited to bring happiness to the sweet older men and women who don't get to interact with the younger generations. Splitting into two groups, the girl's team, along with Coach Kott, met and spoke to nearly 50 residents. The homemade cards brought smiles to their faces and hopefully spread the love this Valentine's Day!



Senior Jayna Edmondson shares her experience on Valentines Day; "It was so cute to see all of the smiles on the elderly's face when we delivered the cards. It was so fun to make the cards, too. It was embarrassing that my younger sister **Alayna (10)** cried after talking to some of the residents. We got a picture with my grandma and our new friend George and I'm glad we have some pictures to remember this day by!" Another member of the team, **Sophomore Lindsey Gardner**, shared, "It was a good experience, and I feel like I am a better person after going on this adventure with Keko."

Written by Libby McCarthy

One of the residents told the team that he had been following the girl's team in the newspapers and that he used to be at all of the girl's home games! He treated the girls like celebrities!

This was a selfless and simple act that brought so much joy to the residents. If you want to experience something similar to this, the Medical Care is always looking for teenagers who would like to interact with the older generations!



THE WIZARD OF OZ

Written by Kate Somsel

This spring, the MHS theater department is putting on the musical **The Wizard of Oz**!! All shows are held in the Mariner Auditorium!

SHOW DATES AND TIMES:

March 1st- 7pm

March 2nd- 2pm & 7pm

March 3rd- 2pm



Tickets are \$10 or \$15, depending on seating!! Get them here ^^ or at the door!





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*"The shell must break before
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*"I'm not perfect, but that
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THE CRONICLE CREW???**



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