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THE BOYS ARE BACK!

Written by Jacob Scharp

A winless streak of **17 years** in district play isn't a good statistic to have behind a program coming into districts. While most teams would cower behind such a stat, the Mariners boys team became motivated by it. They wanted to be the team to end the drought and signal a change in the tide of the basketball program.

They came into their district game against a 16 and 6 Big Rapids with a 10 and 12 record, their best in the past decade. The seniors on the team, **Grayson Prince (12)**, **Austen Halcome (12)**, **Mason Gunnett (12)**, **Jaret Edmondson (12)**, **Isaiah Davis (12)**, and **Jacob Scharp (12)** had never seen a Manistee basketball team win a game in their entire life. They didn't want their season to end, just as the 17 years before they had, in a loss in the first round.



As the game began, the boys jumped out to an 11-0 lead, holding Big Rapids scoreless for almost the entire first quarter, spearheaded by tough defense and a domination of the offensive and defensive boards. As soon as the boys took the lead, they never looked back. Big Rapids never led the entire game; the closest Big Rapids cut the lead to was 4 in the second quarter. The Mariner's leading scorers included **Landin Sowa (10)** with 15 points, **Kaden Kott (11)** with 14 points, and **Jacob Scharp (12)** with 13 points. The game finished 45-32 in favor of the Mariners, ending the 17-year winless drought in the postseason.

STUDENT LIFE

BOYS B-BALL CONTINUED...

The boy's district semi-final game was played against Ludington. The Mariners put forth a valiant effort but fell short in the end. The game finished 67-38 in favor of the Orioles. Although the boys would have liked to go farther in the postseason, they were glad to end the 17-year drought, signaling a change in the tide of the Mariners basketball program, steering it in the right direction.



KINDNESS SPEAKER COMING TO MANISTEE!

WHO: Brian Williams- Kindness speaker

WHAT: He is speaking to Inspire Measurable Acts of Kindness!

WHEN: March 14th MMHS during the day & Community @ 6:30
March 15th Jefferson & Kennedy

WHY: Being Kind Is Cool! Show up to learn lots!

Written by Kate Somsel



BELOVED BYTWORK HEADS TO 350 CLUB HALL OF FAME!

During the Manistee 350 Club's Spring Dinner and Auction, **Coach Bytwork** will be inducted into the 350 Club Hall of Fame!! Bytwork was the head coach for the Varsity Football Team for 7 years. He has had a very successful coaching career at Manistee High School, finishing his final season here with a record of 8-3 and tied for second in the West Michigan Lakes



Conference. Some especially exciting wins this season included defeating Ludington during the homecoming game and beating Lake City in the first round of the playoffs. Along with football, Bytwork also coached powerlifting and built a lifting program for many athletes during an extreme fitness class. Coach Bytwork states, "I certainly did not realize the impact the football team, school, and community would have upon my life when I moved here 11 years ago. I am humbled by the induction into the Hall of Fame and I know it would not have been possible without the tremendous work put in by all the coaches and players that were a part of the program during my coaching career in Manistee."

Several of his athletes reflect on their years spent playing for him:

"He is an amazing guy on and off the field. He's had such a huge impact on our lives, so he truly deserves this achievement. However, it will be hard without him on the field with us, and I'll miss him as our head coach, but he deserves this induction more than anyone." - **Landin Sowa (10)**

"Not only did he make us better athletes, but he made us better people. He pushed us to be the best version of ourselves every day." - **Isaiah Davis (12)**



BYTWORK CONTINUED...

“Bytwork truly did make a major impact on my high school career. I don’t know where I would be today without him. I will miss him incredibly. But congrats on this achievement Coach!! - **Kaden Kott (11)**

“He always had a way to keep us together no matter what happened. I will remember him because he changed my high school life in an amazing way. He pushed us to make us the great team we were and the player that I was. He will always be my favorite coach and a great friend. “A good coach can change a game, a great coach can change a life.” - **Nick Hornkohl (12)**

“Throughout my first and only year with Bytwork as my coach, I was lucky to be able to watch and learn from him on all fronts. He deserves all the success and honors he receives as his winning habits speak for themselves” - **Nathan Doremus (12)**

Congratulations to Coach Bytwork on this achievement!!

TUTORING AVAILABLE!

Written by Libby McCarthy



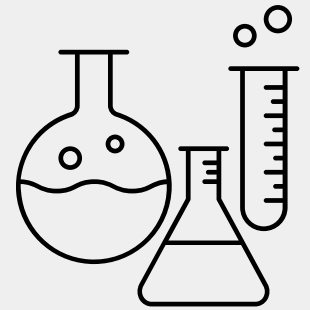
ARE YOU STRUGGLING IN SCHOOL?

Don't give up! There are many students and teachers who can help you!

During Crew Time there are NHS students that help in tutoring **every day!**

If you're interested in that, reach out to Ms. Clemons, and she will Match you up with a great tutor!
Keep up the hard work, MHS!





SUPER SCIENCEY SATURDAY

Written by Ceci Postma

On Saturday, February 24, the Science Olympiad team traveled to Allendale High School to compete in the annual Allendale Science Olympiad competition. The day got off to a rocky start, with the bus arriving an hour late. Yet, the Olympians persevered and got right to their events with no time to spare.

Many of the best teams in the state, such as Saline, Western MI Aviation Academy, and West Ottawa, participate in this invitational. It's always impressive to see Manistee's team compete against these large schools, and this year, we placed 9th out of the 29 teams.

Luke Smith (12) and **Sarah Huber (11)** - 1st place in Astronomy

Avery Vass (12) and **Hanna Konen (11)** - 1st place in Ecology

Jack O'Donnell (12) and **Jacob Scharp (12)** - 3rd place in Geological Mapping

Luke Smith (12) and **Jacob Scharp (12)** - 4th in Fermi Questions

Valerie Wagner (11) and **Jack O'Donnell (12)** - 5th in Optics

Luke Smith (12) and **Jack O'Donnell (12)** - 5th in Chem Lab

Avery Vass (12) and **Hanna Konen (11)** - 5th in Forestry



Will Somsel (12) launches his Air Trajectory contraption.



Annika Haag (12) and **Georgia Haag (10)** test how much sand their tower can hold before it snaps.

Next up, the Science Olympiad team will compete at their regional tournament on March 16th. Best of luck to all those willing to spend their Saturdays taking long tests, launching projectiles, and designing the best airplanes and tower structures.

Senior Jacob Scharp noted that "Most of my events were challenging, especially code busters, but I was excited to medal in fermi questions with Luke."

MMHS THEATRE TRAVELS OVER THE RAINBOW



Written by Marina Reid

Last weekend, the Manistee Middle High School theatre program impressed audiences with a show-stopping performance of the timeless classic, "Wizard of Oz"! Under the direction of **Mrs. Feyen** and the Assistant Director **Flynn Anderson (11)**, the stage came alive with music, dancing, and wonder. "The Wizard of Oz" follows the tale of a Kansas farm girl,



Dorothy, who travels over the rainbow and into the land of Oz. After a tornado whisks her away to the magical land of Oz, young Dorothy Gale teams up with a brainless Scarecrow, a heartless Tin Woodsman, and a Cowardly Lion in search of the mighty Wizard of Oz, who can send her home. Our lead role, Dorothy Gale, was played by **Cady Brown (11)**, accompanied by **Jack O'Donnell (12)** as the scarecrow, **Andy O'Donnell (9)** as the Tinsman, and **Drew Mendians (12)**, who brought the cowardly lion to life. Together, they journeyed from the plains of Kansas and into Munchinkland, encountering Glinda the Good Witch, portrayed by **Marina Reid (12)**, braving the spooky Haunted Forest, and coming into conflict with the menacing Wicked Witch, embodied by **Hanna Konen (11)**. Their adventure continued as they navigated past the Emerald City Guard, played by **Sarah Huber (11)**, and finally reached the majestic Emerald City, where they came face to face with the powerful Wizard of Oz, brought to the stage by **Kaleb Shoemate (12)**.

The entire cast and crew put their hearts into this production, delivering an exceptional performance this year that exceeded expectations! With a record-breaking amount of tickets sold to the community, nearly every show was sold out.



WIZARD OF OZ CONTINUED...

Written by Marina Reid

Jack O'Donnell (12), who has been participating in the program since 7th grade, has performed as a lead role in numerous amount of productions. In reflection, he states,

"This production was enjoyable and sentimental to me since it was the last one I'm able to be in before I graduate, ending my high school career. I'm glad I got the chance to perform with all



of my other fellow actors for one last time." **Andy O'Donnell (9)**, expresses that "being there with the cast was over the rainbow for me". Drew Mendians, a first-year participant, expresses that "the Spring musical is truly an experience like no other. It was so much fun being able to see everyone become their roles and enjoy the experience all together." **Cady Brown (11)** signifies that "'Wizard of Oz' was such a fun time and it was so exciting to see so many new people interested in theatre. I feel so lucky to work with so many amazing people that I haven't been able to work with prior, and I am very excited for next year."

As Cady states, the theatre department is growing with rapid speed, attracting a growing number of participants both on the stage and in the audience. Whether you're a seasoned performer or new to the stage, there is always room to join in the excitement of the Fall Play or the Spring Musical. Many seniors discovered their passion for theatre this year, proving it's never too late to get involved! Bravo to all who contributed to the success of the show. See you over the rainbow!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: IN MEMORY OF MARY-BETH BOWERMAN

*Written by Kaleb
Shoemate*

This week's Staff Spotlight is in memory of a dedicated matriarch to the Manistee Community. Our beloved bus driver, sports fanatic, and beach-lover **Mary-Beth Bowerman** peacefully passed away, surrounded by her family, on February 24th. This is how Mary-Beth is remembered in her obituary: Mary-Beth was a graduate of the Chippewa Class of 1963. After graduating from Manistee, Mary-Beth immediately started working at Michigan State University, where she immediately became a Sparty forever! Mary-Beth enjoyed watching both spartan football and basketball. Mary-Beth was an avid golfer. Her love of golf came from her dad, who lovingly nicknamed her "Pete." She enjoyed many rounds with her weekly group as well as special outings and played with her son Marc and daughter-in-law Karen in events at the Country Club. Mary-Beth loved to cook, especially on the grill. Her son Jeff Bowerman (custodian here at MMHS) gave her plenty of reasons to try out new recipes with his catch of the day from fishing and his game of the day from hunting. The two of them made quite a culinary pair. One of Mary-Beth's greatest loves was the beach, 5th Avenue specifically. Mary-Beth made her debut as an icon for Manistee Area Public Schools in 1979. She began driving buses for both MAPS and also MCC, driving their sports bus. She is also known for driving the infamous Scottville Clown Band bus. Many generations of families had the pleasure Mary-Beth as a bus driver in her 44-year career.



Mary-Beth will be missed terribly by all of her MAPS friends, who feel like family, and the County of Manistee as a whole. She will be missed. Libby McCarthy (12) remembers her as an avid supporter: "Mary-Beth would always come to our track meets rain or shine and would stay the whole time."

RIP, Mary-Beth Bowerman. You will be missed.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: **LAURA EIX**

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 **Laura Eix and Drew Mendians!!**

What are your plans after highschool?

- After graduation, I am planning to go to either Hope College (Holland) or North Park University (Chicago) to pursue a degree in the health sciences (physical/occupational therapy)

What activities have you been involved in at MMHS?

- I have been involved in soccer for 4 years, swim for 4 years, band for 4 years, NHS, a little bit of Science Olympiad, was the blood drive coordinator, took part in the Wizard of Oz musical, and Powderpuff.

What is your favorite memory at MMHS so far?

- My favorite memories are winning all of our Powderpuff games!! :)



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

- My final spring soccer season!!

What's one interesting fact about you?

- While I was born in Manistee, I spent middle school in MN, but we moved back and I got to spend high school with all of you - now we get to graduate TOGETHER! I am jumping into Portage Lake every month of the year.

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

- Don't wait until your senior year to try something new. If you think you might enjoy something, just give it a try!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: DREW MENDIANS

Written by Jayna Edmondson



What are your plans after highschool?

- After Graduation, I plan to attend MSU and pursue a career in the medical field. I also hope to do a lot more traveling and activities with band and theatre

What activities have you been involved in at MMHS?

At MMHS, I've been involved in Soccer, Cross Country, Swim, Band, Theatre, and NHS.

What's one interesting fact about you?

- I have an English bulldog named Ray

What is your favorite memory at MMHS so far?

- My favorite memory was my Junior year prom.



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

- I'm excited for Apring Break and go to a WWE match.

What is some advice you would give underclassmen?

- A grade is just a grade. You can move on from it.





NOW SHOWING:

**MOVIE REVIEWS
WITH NOAH**
Written by Noah Maue

Maue Awarding Movies : Winter 23'-24'

Welcome back to the third **Maue Awarding Movies** ceremony! From December to February, the Vogue Theatre showed 23 new films. While every film has its merit (except for you, Strays), which ones actually deserve recognition for their accomplishments? To answer that question, here are this winter's Maue Awards!

Most Well-Rounded: Wonka

Film-Making Genius: Poor Things

Crazy Fun: Argylle

Action-Packed Madness: Godzilla Minus One

Most Thought-Provoking: The Holdovers

Biggest Disappointment: Aquaman and The Lost Kingdom

Surprisingly Great: The Iron Claw

Guilty Pleasure: Anyone But You

But we're not done yet! We polled over 80 students at MHS (plus extras from around Manistee) to determine the recipient of the new Manistee Choice Award! And the winner is...

Manistee Choice Award: Wonka (15.9% votes)

Congratulations to these films for standing out against the rest and coming out on top! This year has been flying by, and we've only got one more **Maue Awarding Movies** ceremony left in the school year (which we'll post in late May). Thank you for reading through this article, and stay tuned for more movie-reviewing content!



WHAT'S PLAYING AT THE **VOGUE** ?

Looking for something to do as we approach Spring Break? Come watch a movie at the Vogue Theatre! Here's the expected film schedule for the next week...

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Dune: Part Two - Trailer
Maestro - Trailer
The Zone of Interest - Trailer

FRIDAY & BEYOND

Dune: Part Two - Trailer
Bob Marley: One Love - Trailer



THE TERRIFIC TRIO

Girls Basketball Senior Night

Written by Libby McCarthy



Last Thursday, the Girls JV and Varsity basketball teams had their final home game of the 2023-24 season. Following tradition, the final home game is spent honoring the seniors on the team. There are three seniors on the girls' team this year: **Brooke Jankwietz, Jayna Edmondson, and Libby McCarthy**. Wearing the infamous yellow pants at their final game in their home gym.

The girl's teams played Pine River in this late-season match-up before the postseason begins this week. The JV fell short in their final contest but the Varsity found the win 57-49. This was a fast-paced game as the girls pushed the ball up the court to tire Pine River out. Leading scorer for the Mariners was **Jayna Edmondson** with 19. Following her was **Libby McCarthy**, with 13 and **Alayna Edmondson (10)**, and **Avamae Fett (10)**, both with 8. Leading in other stats was Alayna with 10 assists, **Lindsey Garder (10)** and **Brooke Jankwietz**, with 2 blocks each, Alayna with 8 steals, and Alayna and Libby with 6 rebounds each. An all-around well-fought game with great stats from the whole team!



The underclassmen put together an excellent celebration for the seniors with posters, flowers, signed basketballs, and a basket full of their favorite things. **Coach Kott** put together three wonderful speeches for the girls that brought tears to the eyes of their teammates, parents, and other spectators in the crowd.

The girls are competing for the district title this week against Pine River, Manton, Benzie, and Mason County Central. These games are held at Manton High School this year. Wish the girls luck as they compete for the title and continue in the postseason.

SOCCER AT SHORELINE

Written by Kate Somsel

In preparation for the soon-to-come soccer season, some of the MHS girl's soccer players formed a team for an indoor league in Muskegon! Most have had games throughout February/March, and a couple of members including **Macaela Bruce(10)** and **Kate Somsel (11)** played in earlier sessions, too! The team has had 1-2 games each Sunday for the past three weekends at the Shoreline Soccer Facility.

While both are fun, indoor soccer has some different traits compared to outdoor. For instance, players are allowed to use the side walls to pass back to themselves. It's a handy tool on offense, yet is difficult to defend when going the other way. When using the wall to defend, players aren't allowed to use both hands. If so, this would be considered "obstruction," and the ref would call a foul. Because of the walls, there are no sideline out of bounds. However, there are nets above the field, keeping players from kicking the ball too high and out of bounds. If the ball gets kicked into the net, then the opposite team who kicked it gets a dropball on the sideline. Another plus to indoor is the fact that there are no offsides. This allows players to spread the field further and to have quick counter-attacks.

Currently, the Manistee team has won 3 of their 5 games and is ranked 4th out of 10 teams. Team members include **Piper Eskridge(11)**, **Eowyn Thompson(11)**, **Aubrey Rischel(11)**, **Laura Eix(12)**, **Valerie Wagner(10)**, **Evelyn Koller(10)**, **Cece Sandberg (10)** and **Gabby Senters (10)**. Indoor tends to be a higher-scoring game, with some final scores being 10-11, 7-4, and 6-3. Striker **Reese Shively (11)** stated that "indoor soccer is such a fun way to get ready for the season. It gives you the opportunity to play any position and get out of your comfort zone. Even though it's super dirty, it's very fun, and the turf rashes just get you more excited for the real season."



Celebrating after **Kate Somsel (11)** scored a goal from **Reese Shively's (11)** pass for the assist.

SOCCER CONTINUED...

Written by Kate Somsel

Indoor is a great way for the girls to get touches on the ball before the season starts. It's also another way to play soccer during the winter months! If you are interested in joining the team next year, email 25somkat@manistee.org!!! If you want to play girls' soccer this spring, there is a sign-up in the office! Conditioning will be held Thursday, March 7th, at 3:15. Meet in the commons. The season officially starts on March 11th! Show up if you have any interest to get involved!



Picture courtesy : Ryan Shively

REMINDER!!!!

Written by Kate Somsel

NO SCHOOL MARCH 11th!

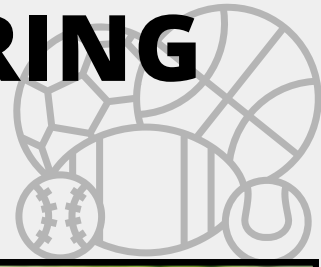
**End of 3rd Marking Period March
21st!**

Start turning in missing work!

Spring Break is March 22- April 1st!

A JUMP ON SPRING SPORTS

Written by Luke Smith



As Manistee's winter sports seasons begin to come to a close, it is now time to look ahead to what we have to offer this spring.

For boys, Manistee will be offering **baseball, golf, and track and field** at the high school level. **On the girls' side,** there will be **softball, tennis, soccer, and track and field.** The season officially begins **Monday, March 11,** for all sports. Sign-ups can be found in the office.

Spring sports are a great way for students to enjoy the last few months of the school year, as well as the nicer weather coming our way.



This is also another opportunity to support your classmates in their sports if you are not playing alongside them! **Girls' soccer** opens the season at home against TC St. Francis on Tuesday, **April 2.** The **tennis team** will play against Big Rapids at home on **April 8.** **Baseball and softball** both have their respective home openers against Fremont one day later on Tuesday, **April 9.** Finally, **track and field** hosts their first home meet on Tuesday, **April 23.** Full schedules for each sport can be found at <https://manisteehighschool.bigteams.com/>.



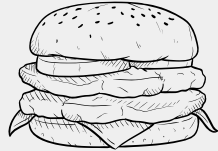
Evelyn Koller (10) expressed how she "hopes there will be warm weather" for the beginning of soccer practices next week. Many of us share that hope, especially with the recent violent weather changes.

Senior Nathan Doremus, who moved from Texas after winning a state championship in baseball at his former high school, is ready for a new challenge, telling me: "I'm excited for the opportunity to play in a new environment with a great group of people at a high level."

DAIRY QUEEN & CULVERS OPENING

What do the Mariners prefer?

Written by Libby McCarthy



This Monday, March 4, was a very exciting day for Manistee. Not only was it the opening of the brand new **Culvers**, but our beloved **Dairy Queen** opened up, too! Both stores opened just a half hour difference from each other to bring some excitement to a tiring Monday.

With the weather finally getting warm and sunny, the opening of everyone's favorite ice cream place and a new and exciting chain fast-food restaurant adds to that spring feeling!

Although both of these openings are exciting, is there one store that's opening is more exciting? Are they stealing the spotlight from each other? Is one store going to be affected by the other? Let's hear what our students think:



Sophomore Madalyn Wayward:

"I am so excited for Culvers and to munch there all of the time with my friends. My mom excused me to go get some during lunch on the day it opened. I also can't wait to see my friend Avamae work there."

Junior Mason Robinson: "The service was outstanding. Almost as good as the Butter Burger. My friends make fun of me for getting white milk with my burger, but I enjoyed it."

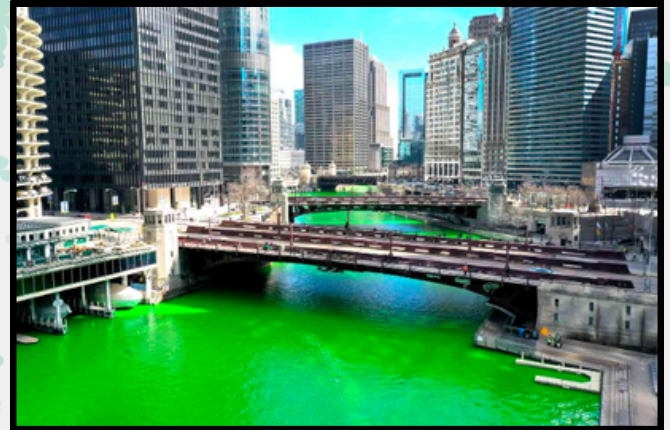
Senior Nick Hornkohl: "I'm getting Culvers and Dairy Queen all of the time now. I love both of them."

Remember, students, your pockets are not endless. Don't spend your whole paycheck or allowance on ice cream within this first week of opening!! But, enjoy the excitement as spring arrives and as Manistee continues to expand!!



HISTORY OF SAINT PATRICKS DAY!!

Saint Patrick's Day is a holiday celebrated on **March 17th** every year. It honors Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. The holiday originated in Ireland but has since spread to many other parts of the world. Saint Patrick's Day commemorates the arrival of Christianity in Ireland and the cultural heritage of the Irish people. The holiday is often associated with parades, wearing green, and celebrating Irish traditions. March 17th is a day to enjoy Irish music and try some traditional Irish food like corned beef and cabbage! Or even a limited edition Shamrock shake from McDonald's!



For over five decades, one of the most iconic traditions associated with St. Patrick's Day is the **dyeing of the Chicago River**. Every year, on the Saturday before St. Patty's Day, over 100 pounds of dye is dumped into the Chicago River, dyeing the water green for over a week. The tradition began in 1962 when a group of plumbers used a special dye to trace illegal pollution discharges. They noticed that the dye turned the river a green color and decided to continue the tradition for St. Patrick's Day.

Fun Facts About St. Patty's Day!

1. Did you know that the original color associated with St. Patrick's day was actually blue? It wasn't until the 19th century that green became the popular color, thanks to Ireland's nickname "The Emerald Isle" and the color of shamrocks.
2. Despite Saint Patrick's Day being an Irish holiday, the first St. Patrick's Day parade was actually held in the United States! The first parade celebrating this holiday was in St. Augustine, Florida in 1601.
3. Ham and cabbage were originally eaten to celebrate this holiday; however, corned beef was a much cheaper substitute for these impoverished immigrants. Irish immigrants who lived in the slums of Manhattan in the late 19th century purchased left over corned beef from ships returning from the tea trade in China.





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



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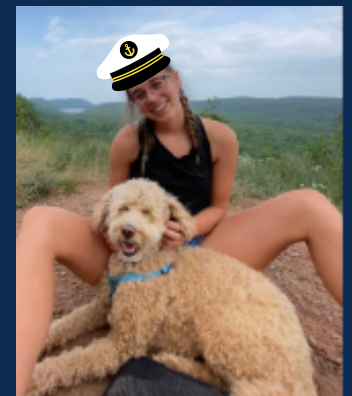


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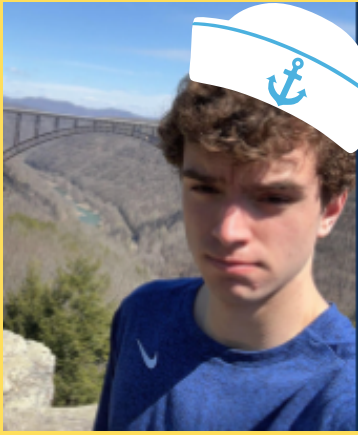
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*"I'm not perfect, but that
won't stop me from trying
to be."*



Ceci Postma (12)
Writer

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

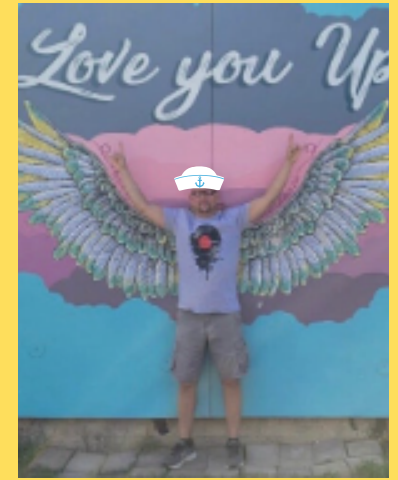


Luke Smith (12)
Writer

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



Marina Reid (12)
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Mr. Joseph
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*"Keep your friends close, but
your enemies closer."
-Vito Corleone*

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