

ANCHORS UP
MARINERS!



MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL

MONTHLY



MONTHLY WORD from Vice Principal Nowicki



May has arrived, and with it comes an exciting month for our school community. Teacher Appreciation Week at MMHS begins on May 13. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to gather together to show our appreciation for the hard work, dedication, and passion our teachers exhibit every day.

There are two significant events that honor our seniors and undergraduates. Honors Night for seniors and undergraduates will take place on May 9th. The Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony will be held on May 11th. These celebrations allow us to recognize and commemorate student accomplishments. Please stay tuned for further details regarding these events.

During this season, we recognize our skilled student athletes who have been actively participating in spring sports. Their dedication and sportsmanship is to be commended.

On behalf of administration, we express our gratitude to the amazing students, supportive families, and dedicated staff as we approach the end of the school year. Best wishes for a happy and safe summer!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Sports • Clubs • Academic Teams • Theater & Music

Spring Sports [Website for our Sports Calendar](#)
Theater/Music [Manistee Band Performance Dates](#)

Youth in Government

- To provide leadership training to meet the needs of a democratic society and to develop an understanding and awareness of Michigan state government and national issues.
- These students are leaders and elected from their peers.
- High School-Legislative, Mock Trial and National Issues Forum
- Middle School-Legislative, Political compromise and National issue forum

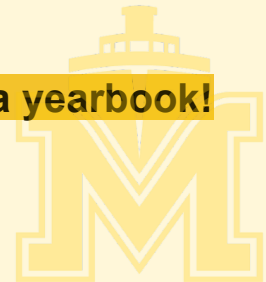


Student Run Chronicle

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Don't forget to order a yearbook!

[High School Yearbook](#)
[Middle School Yearbook](#)



May

- 5.2 State Band Festival
- 5.2-5.3 Science Olympiad
- 5.8 Band Concert
- 5.9 Honors Night
- 5.11 Graduation
- 5.27 No School
- 6.5 Last Day of School

For more dates and event updates, visit the [calendar page](#) of the website.

Peer Mentoring Program at MMHS

We have a team of sixteen senior and junior mentors who guide students ranging from freshmen to middle schoolers. Mentors meet a couple times a week and help them with any academic or social needs. Mentoring can help increase confidence in both the mentor and the mentees and it also provides leadership opportunities at the high school level. The National Mentoring Resource Center states that, "Research done by the National mentoring Resource Center suggests that peer mentoring benefits both the mentor and the mentee. Positive impacts on the mentee include an increase in connectedness at the school, and improvement in relationships with teachers and parents, and a boost in their self-esteem."

Sr. Amelia Vasquez

This is Amelia's second year as a peer mentor. She currently mentors three 8th graders and one 6th grader. She loves building connections with them, helping them with any school work that they may have, or playing games. She joined the program because she wants to be a therapist after college. She says at the end of the year they have a party all together to celebrate the connection made and work accomplished. Amelia highly recommends people join the mentoring program. She mentioned that it is extremely fulfilling work and is a great opportunity to make new friends.

Sr. Jaret Edmondson

Jaret is a senior who mentors 7th and 8th graders. He said that his group of mentees are extremely competitive, so they enjoy playing Shoots and Ladders and Monopoly together. Jaret mentioned that the hardest part of mentoring is getting the kids to open up but with enough time and trust, they absolutely thrive. He has really enjoyed building connections and friendships.

Jr. Cadence Brown

Cadence is a junior, and this is her first year mentoring. She really enjoys learning about the hobbies of her mentees. She has one who enjoys music and drawing and the other loves sports and animals. Cadence feels that mentoring builds empathy for people and she feels a strong sense of responsibility.



Kathy Smith-7th Grade Math & Soccer Coach

Kathy Smith is in her 29th year of teaching. After graduating from the University of Michigan, she started a corporate job in Detroit. Everyday was pretty much the same for her and she felt that she wasn't making a positive difference. She resigned from her job and went back to get her teaching certificate. Two years later she was hired by MAPS and the rest is history! Her favorite part of teaching is building relationships with her students and watching them grow throughout high school and beyond. Kathy enjoys working with such an awesome group of people at MAPS. In her spare time, she enjoys hunting for beach glass, camping, and pickleball.

