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HOMECOMING '24 RECAP!

Written by Kate Somsel

That's a wrap of **Homecoming 2024!** It was a fun and eventful week for all! The seniors just barely captured the win over Homecoming week, winning by just 25 points! Powderpuff football was as exciting as ever! The juniors beat the freshmen, and the seniors beat the sophomores on Monday. For the finals, both of the younger grades came through with the win! Freshmen beat the Sophomores, and the Juniors beat the Seniors! The Junior/Senior matchup went into double over time! Congratulations to all participating and supporting!



STUDENT LIFE

HOCO CONTINUED...

The decorated windows downtown all looked amazing! The Senior's window ended up taking first place! The Juniors got 2nd, Sophomores 3rd and Freshmen 4th. Good job! For floats, there was quite an upset! Freshmen ended up on top! Seniors came in 2nd, Juniors in 3rd, and Sophomores in last. Congrats to all! Juniors were the most successful with tire hunting, finding the tire three out of the four days!



The Mariner Football team also secured another win! They beat the Shelby Tigers 62-14! The game was a special game for **Senior Kaden Kott** and **Sophomore Dayvion Neal-Berry**! Kott broke the school record for most touchdowns in a career with 45! Neal-Berry tied the record for the most interceptions in a single game! A huge congratulations to both of these athletes! Scoring for the Mariners was **Landin Sowa (11)**, **Josh Weiss (11)**, **Keegan Shannon (11)**, Kott, Neal-Berry, and **Brayden Schweitzer (11)**. **Senior Trevor Haag** also had 10 rushes for 117 yards. Great job, Mariners!



At half-time, our MHS royalty walked across Mariner Field. Congratulations to all chosen representatives! It is an honor to represent your school! All high schoolers voted from 5 different king and queen candidates. In the end, **Trevor Haag** and **Reese Shively** were crowned! Congrats to the pair! The dance was on Saturday and was a fun time! Thank you to the student council and advisors for making this week happen! We appreciate you! Hope everyone had a safe and fun homecoming week!





BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS



FEATURING... BRUNO ORTEGA MORY

Written by Gabby Senters

Our exchange student program here at MHS is a great way to learn about different countries and make new friends. Bruno is one of the students from our exchange student program. Don't be afraid to start a conversation with him; he's here all year, so don't miss out! If you want to learn more about our classmate Bruno read the interview below:

Where are you from and what's your age?

- Sao Paulo, Brazil, and 16

Who are your host parents?

- Michelle and Trever Baltazar

Do you play any sports?

- Soccer and basketball

Are you enjoying America, how is it different?

- Yes, different but cool. It is different because of the people, culture, food, everything!

How long have you been speaking English?

- 10 years

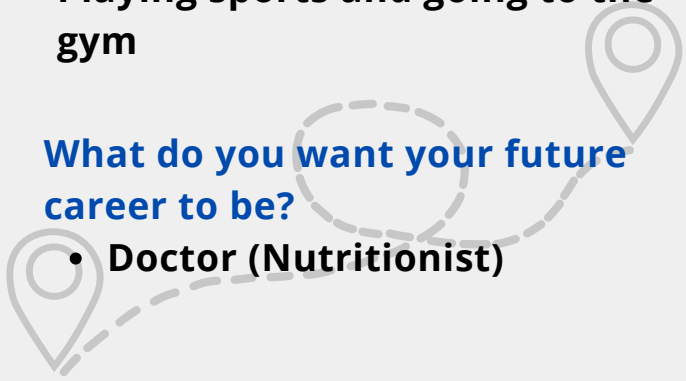


What are some of your favorite hobbies?

- Playing sports and going to the gym

What do you want your future career to be?

- Doctor (Nutritionist)



STAFF OF THE WEEK: MRS. EIX

Written by Alayna Edmondson

Each week, we will be introducing a staff member, and some information about them. This is a fun and easy way to get to know the new and familiar faces around the school. This week, it is **Mrs. Eix** who teaches 6th and 7th grade math.



Question 1: Where are you from?

- I am from Manistee, Mi. But, originally Chicago, and spent 5 years in Minnesota. We currently live in Onkama!

Question 2: How long have you been teaching?

- I taught 7 years in Chicago. 4 years in Red Wing. This is my first year here.

Question 3: What are you most excited for this year?

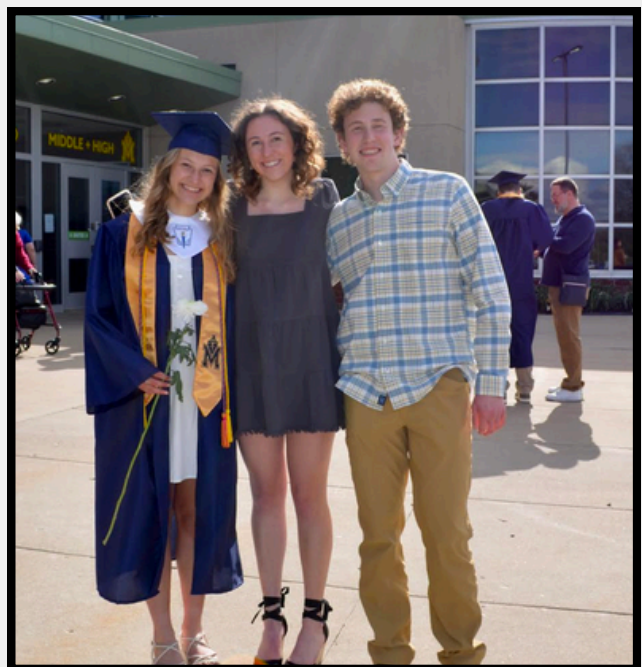
- Spending my days with middle school kids, and helping students feel confident with math. And, watching Manistee students on the field, court, and on stage.

Question 4: Are you a morning person or a night owl?

- I am definitely a night owl.

Question 5: What's your comfort movie?

- I like The Lord of The Rings movie, but I do always love The Sound of Music. It's a classic.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: RUDY SHEARER

Written by Aubrey Rischel

Each week we will select a boy and a girl in the senior class to answer some questions about themselves so that we can all get to know them just a little bit better. This week we selected Hanna Konen and Rudy Shearer!



Which teacher has had the biggest impact on you, and what did you learn from them?

- It'd have to be Mr. Joseph. Although I've only been in his class for a month, he has had a massive impact on not only my writing but has also changed my perspective on a lot of different subjects.

Where do you see yourself in 5 to 10 years?

- In 10 years I will probably have a house down in Key West, Florida, running my own business.

Do you have any hobbies or passions outside of school that you'd like to share?

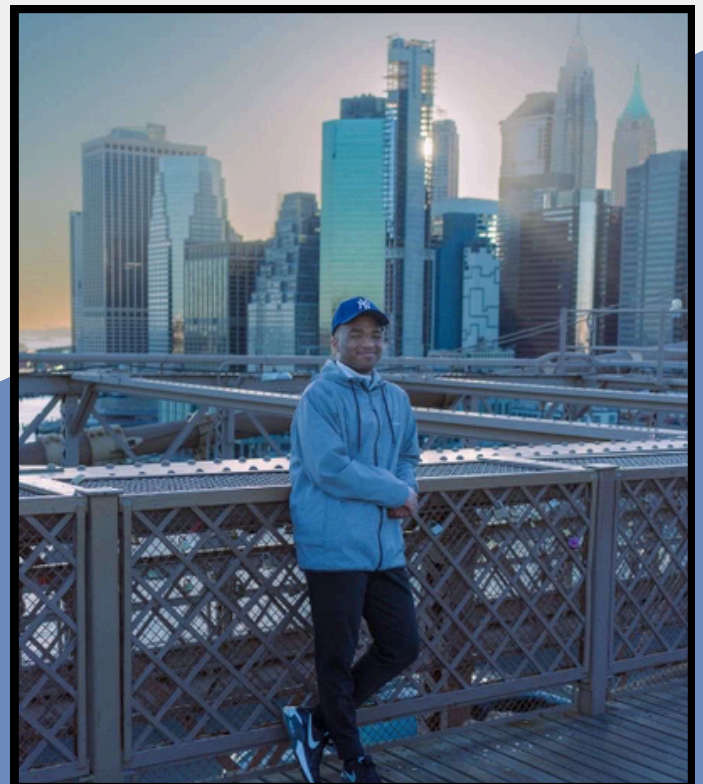
- I am a nature lover, especially when it comes to the beach. I enjoy taking walks on the beach during the summer.

What's the most memorable moment from your time in high school?

- Getting selected as a Winter Carnival Rep (Freshman), Prom Prince (Junior), and Homecoming Court (Senior). I chose these moments as my most memorable because the feeling of having my peers think that I'm fit to represent the entire class is a feeling like no other.

What's your go-to pump-up song or playlist?

- Lose Yourself by Eminem



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: HANNA KONEN

Written by Aubrey Rischel

Which teacher has had the biggest impact on you, and what did you learn from them?

- I've had a lot of influential teachers, but Ms. Clemons has had the biggest impact on me. She has helped me overcome some challenges in writing and has taught me valuable life lessons.

What's the most memorable moment from your time in high school?

- Going to state in Quiz Bowl and Science Olympiad. Even though we didn't win, I had a lot of fun with my teammates.



Do you have any hobbies or passions outside of school that you'd like to share?

- Outside of school, I love to read, do crafts, and bake gluten-free desserts. When the weather is nice I enjoy riding my bike and swimming in Lake Michigan.

Where do you see yourself in 5 to 10 years?

- I hope to be a marine biologist, doing research, and living out my mermaid dreams. I also hope to go swimming with sharks or manta rays at some point.

What's your go-to pump-up song or playlist?

- Recently I've been listening to the Twilight soundtrack, Gracie Abrams, and Noah Kahan, as they all have good fall vibes.

SPORTS CORNER

SPORTS RECAP!

Written by Alayna Edmondson

Our boy's soccer season came to an end this Tuesday against TC St Francis during the district semifinals game. After a hard fought win against Kingsley on Thursday, our Mariners came out winning 5-0. Then, continuing on to Thursday, they lost 8-0. We are proud of our boys for all they accomplished this season.



Manistee Volleyball competed against brethren, where both JV and Varsity won, to honor cancer fighters and survivors. All proceeds from this game, and the donations leading up to it, went to Stomp Out Cancer. The SOC-fund is a non-profit fundraising group who provide for Manistee and Mason County. Their goal is to offer relief to those who are fighting cancer, and by our donation, we can help them, too! Our varsity team came out winning the first, second, and fourth set.



The Mariner swim team hosted Traverse City and Mona Shores on Thursday. Due to illnesses and injuries, the Mariners only had two swimmers, **Macaela Bruce (11)** and **Evelyn Koller (11)**. The team took home three- third-place finishes and one- fourth-place finish. With that, they also had 3 personal bests. Koller took fourth in the 50-yard freestyle, third in the 100-yard butterfly, and also set her personal record there. Bruce got third and a personal best in the 500-yard freestyle. She had another personal best and third-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke.



CROSS COUNTRY WARRIORS!!

Written by Audrey Huizinga

Your Mariner cross country team went on a very long journey to Kalamazoo, Michigan, to race against some Division 3 schools. When the team arrived at the course, there were loads of schools there! But that didn't stop them from PRing left and right! On the boy's side, there were a lot of PRs. Leading them with a 10-second PR was **Kaden Worch (11)**. Following was **Eddie Huizinga (9)** with a 3-second pr, then **Christian Schramski (12)**, who came in right after Huizinga. On the girl's side, **Audrey Huizinga (12)** had a huge PR and was the only Mariner to medal! Congrats! Followed by her was **Georgia Haag (11)** and **Kate Somsel (12)**. Good job to all runners!



On October 10th, the cross country team hosted the Chris Grabowski Memorial Invitational. The whole team tried their best to get the top two as a team, but they both sadly missed it. The competition was strong, with Hart being there! The top finishers on the boy's side were Schramski, Huizinga, and Worch. On the girl's side, the top finishers were Haag, Huizinga, and **Lena Herberger (11)**. Another important race that your mariners were at was their Conference Finals held in Oakridge. When the team got there, they saw that the course was really flat, but there was a long stretch of sand! That did not deter the cross-country team from trying their best. The team had some fast times, along with some PRs!! The top finishers for the boy's team were Schramski, Huizinga, and **Devin Swihart (10)**. On the girl's side, the top finishers were Huizinga, Haag, and Herberger. The whole team has done an amazing job so far this season, so say good job to your Mariner cross-country team.



NHS HAUNTED TRAIL!

Written by Kate Somsel

NHS is hosting a haunted trail this Saturday (10/26)!

It is located at the Orchard Beach State Park!

Starts at 6:30!

It is 5\$ by donation!

Be there or be scared!



MMHS THEATRE!

Written by Aubrey Rischel

The MMHS Theatre Department is thrilled to announce its upcoming performances of two comedic thrillers by **Don Zolidis: *Return of the Script* and *The Radio Play Disaster***. These productions, filled with humor and twists, promise to captivate audiences with a memorable night of live theatre.

Directed by Amanda Feyen, the plays will be performed over three showings:

- **November 15th @ 7:00 PM**
- **November 16th @ 7:00 PM**
- **November 17th @ 2:00 PM**

Natalie Cameron, who stars as Miss Walters in *Return of the Script*, shared her excitement about the role: "The thing I love most about my character is that she very much acts like me—haha. Her humor and some of her lines are something I would totally say." This play marks her first lead role, which Natalie is especially thrilled about. She says, "What excites me most is that this is my first play having a lead role. So that really excites me!"

Morgan Erway (10), who plays Max in the same production, also expressed her connection to her role, saying, "I love how much I relate to my character—it makes playing her even more fun." Morgan added, "I was really excited to get the part I wanted, and I can't wait to bring Max to life on stage!"

Be sure to reserve your seats early, as tickets are expected to go fast! Don't miss out on what's sure to be an unforgettable event.



FALL FUN!

Written by Piper Eskridge

Fall in Manistee, Michigan, is marked by crisp air, early frosts, and the vibrant transition of leaves to deep reds, oranges, and yellows. Located along the shores of Lake Michigan, the area experiences cooler temperatures earlier in the season due to its northern location and proximity to the lake, which moderates the climate but also brings occasional lake-effect winds and precipitation.



In early fall, daytime temperatures in Manistee typically range from the mid-50s to low 60s°F (10-15°C), while nights can dip into the 30s°F (around 0-5°C). By late October and into November, the weather becomes more unpredictable, with cold fronts bringing gusty winds and sometimes the first light snow of the season.



The cold weather encourages outdoor activities like hiking through the Manistee National Forest or taking scenic drives along M-22 to see the beautiful fall colors. However, as temperatures continue to drop, residents begin preparing for winter by winterizing homes, stacking firewood, and ensuring their cars are equipped for icy conditions.





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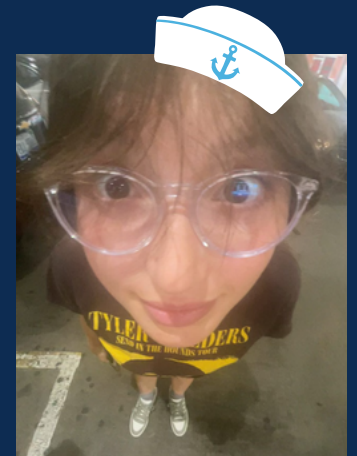


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"Life is a stage play; what do you want to happen next?"



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