



# MARINER CHRONICLE



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## AMAZING ART PRIZE!

*Written by Audrey Huizinga*

Have you been to the **Grand Rapids Art Prize**? Well, if you haven't, that's a shame because artists from all over display their art all over the city of Grand Rapids. There are pieces of art that you look at and say, "that's art??" There are also some that are so abstract that you can't tell what is happening. But they're still extraordinary to look at! People come to look at the art and walk along the city just to see all the different styles and pieces! This year's Art Prize happened on the 13th-28th of September, so if you want to check it out, you're going to have to wait until next year, but it is definitely worth the trip down to Grand Rapids!



### The dotted painting

This painting was shown at art prize and all the dots are to symbolize all the people that have died from Covid 19.



# 3...2...1... HOMECOMING!

*Written by Kate Somsel*

Next Monday kicks off Homecoming 2024!!! The theme of this year is Habitats! The class habitats/themes are listed below. Each class will use their unique and fun habitat to decorate a float, a window, a t-shirt, and will use it as a dress up day too!



On Wednesday, you all voted for your class representatives! You will find out who won at today's assembly (10/4)!!

Window painting will take place this weekend! Freshmen have **Up North Collectors**, Sophomores have **Three Peas in a Pod**, Juniors have **the Purple Paintbrush**, and Seniors have **the Vogue**! Remember to be respectful and responsible towards the local businesses! They are doing us a favor- say thanks! If you are interested in helping your class paint the window, contact your classes advisors and student council members! Get involved! High school goes fast!

Everyday next week there will be tire hunting! A different teacher each day will hide the blue and gold lawnmower tire somewhere in Manistee. It is YOUR job to go and find the tire, and bring home points for your class!

**Powderpuff games** are on Monday starting at 3:30 and Wednesday at 7:30! Remember to get a mouth guard and have a permission slip signed if you plan on participating in powderpuff! Even if you aren't participating, come watch and support your classmates! The support is appreciated!

STUDENT LIFE CONTINUED

DRESS UP DAYS!!

## HOCO CONTINUED...

On **Tuesday**, all high schoolers will be asked to place their votes for king and queen! There will also be an assembly Tuesday! There is a pep assembly Friday. Following, the homecoming parade is at 5, all floats and representatives will be involved! The big homecoming football game is home Friday at 7 versus the Shelby Tigers! Show up wearing your **blue** and **gold** and be **LOUD!!!** At half-time the king and queen will be announced! Stay tuned!

The actual dance will be Saturday the 12th from 8:30- 11:30 in the commons! Remember to stay safe and have fun! If you want to share any pictures to be featured in the next edition, email [25somkat@manistee.org](mailto:25somkat@manistee.org)!

Go to this doc for [homecoming specifics!](#)

Mon  
10/7

Fictional Character Day

Tue  
10/8

Class Theme Day

Wed  
10/9

Country VS Country Club

Thur  
10/10

Jersey Day

Fri  
10/11

Blue and Gold Day

## HOMECOMING TICKETS!

*Written by Kate Somsel*



Homecoming tickets are for sale!!

Buy them Tuesday (10/8) and Wednesday (10/9) during lunch! For 10\$!!!

They will be 12\$ at the door!





# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS



### FEATURING... JUAN PRATES BRANDÃO

*Written by Gabby Senters*

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

#### Where are you from and what's your age?

- I am from Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, and I am 17 years old.

#### Who are your host parents?

- Daryl P.



#### How long have you been speaking English?

- Since I was 8 years old. I learned from TV shows and movies.

#### Are you enjoying America?

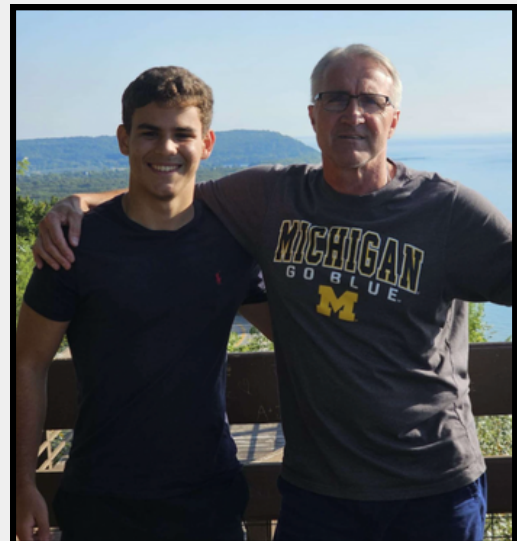
- Yes, because I'm having new experiences, growing as a person, and trying a new language every day.

#### How is America different?

- The culinary, the culture, the structure as a whole (school system, family hangouts) weather, people, etc.

#### What are some of your favorite hobbies?

- Playing soccer, biking, going to the beach, and surfing.



# STAFF OF THE WEEK: MR. HARRIGAN

Written by Alayna Edmondson

Mr. Harrigan is a new teacher here at MHS, and he is teaching Economics, World Studies, and Current Events. We are excited to have him here again this year, but in his own classroom! Here are some things to know about him!

## Where are you from?

- **Manistee!**

## What are you most excited about being in Manistee?

- **Manistee to beat Ludington in football. Orioles down.**

## How long have you been teaching?

- **This is my first year, but I student taught here last year and have been subbing in and out now for about 4 years.**



## What's your favorite ice cream flavor and why?

- **Alpine Chocolate Haus makes this chocolate chip cannoli. Nothing is better than eating that in a waffle cone and waffle cone being in it.**

## What's your favorite pastime?

- **Road Trips, probably one of my favorite pastimes. A big hobby of mine.**



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: OLIVER HOLTGREN

*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 **Oliver Holtgren** and **Jaidin Fortin**!

## What are your plans after highschool?

- After high school, I plan on immediately going to college. I'm unsure where exactly I'm going to go, but I'm excited.

## How have you grown as a person over your high school years?

- I think I've really learned to push myself more than I ever thought I could.

## Was there a club or team that had a big influence on you?

- Swim and soccer both had a huge influence on me. The team atmosphere is encouraging and really pushed me forward throughout my highschool career.



## What do you think you'll miss most about high school?

- Absolutely the social aspect of it. I've made some great friends throughout middle school and high school who I'll definitely miss.

## What's one thing on your bucket list you hope to check off this year?

- I'm hoping to drop some more time on my swim events this winter, and maybe even make State.

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JAIDIN FORTIN

*Written by Aubrey Rischel*

**How have you grown as a person over your high school years?**

- I feel like I have grown the most in finding myself, who I am, and who I would like to be. I have matured through growing relationships with upper and lower-classmen through the years and I'm most grateful for that.

**What do you think you'll miss most about high school?**

- I think I'll miss the friendships and the togetherness they bring.

**What's one thing on your bucket list you hope to check off this year?**

- Swim with dolphins.



**What are your plans after graduation?**

- I'm looking forward to getting my nursing degree. There is a family history with nursing and I would love to follow in those footsteps.

**Was there a club or team that had a big influence on you?**

- Volleyball. It's been a part of my life for over 6 years. It has taught me how to work with a team: building ourselves up, but also growing together, helping each other, and picking each other up. Travel Ball gave me so many opportunities to get out my comfort zone and meet new friends.



NOW SHOWING:

MOVIE REVIEWS  
WITH NOAH*Written by Noah Maue*

## Joker: Folie à Deux - Does Anything Matter Anymore?

Thanks to our fantastic editor (read the credits, darn it!), I stayed up all night writing this to bring you the world's quickest Vogue-to-Chronicle movie review! I watched Joker (2019) when it first came to the Vogue Theatre--even before I moved to Manistee--and I can credit it as a significant reason why I began to love watching movies! Unfortunately, its strange musical-thriller successor has proven to be less than desirable. Here's why.

The entire film follows the prison life and trial of Arthur, who took on the persona of "Joker" and murdered several "crooked" people. Along the way, he meets an obsessed fan named Harley (Quinn), and a romance quickly transpires between them. It's far less ambitious than the sociopolitical commentary of the original, but generally an intriguing storyline! However, much of the story is interrupted by musical moments that neither progress the story nor serve as entertainment. There are about a dozen musical moments in this film, and it gets repetitive quickly.

Mediocre musical moments would be forgivable, except this movie rides so heavily on them that it appears to have forgotten to include any depth! It doesn't introduce new ideas, and almost all of its content is incredibly depressing as Joker's unfortunate circumstances and backstory haunt him and cause him to question whether his life is worth living. However, this film partially redeems itself through its fantastic acting (as expected) and a shocking ending that (for me) rivals the infamous Murray scene from the original.

It pains me to see such a rough execution of what should've been a fantastic movie, but it's certainly an easy watch for anybody who loved its predecessor! I give **Joker: Folie à Deux** a rating of **5.5/10**. See you all next week for Transformers One!





## RUNNING INTO FALL!

Written by Audrey Huizinga

The Mariners got on a bus and headed to West Shore to run on a hilly course this past Tuesday. When the Mariners got there the air was crisp and the team was ready to take on the course.

On the boys side the top placers were **Kaden Worch (11)**, **Eddie Huizinga (9)**, and **Christian Schramski (12)**. An honorable mention for the boys team is **Brock Adamczak (9)** with a new PR. It is hard to get a PR at West Shore because of the challenging terrain and the rolling hills. Good job Brock! On the girls side the top finishers were **Audrey Huizinga (12)**, **Georgia Haag (11)**, and **Kate Somsel (12)**. The course tested our Mariners, but they fought through it and are done running at West Shore for the year. This weekend the Mariners are going down to Portage to run at one of the biggest meets in the state. Say good luck to the Cross Country team before their big meet on Saturday!



*Alayna Edmondson beating an Oriole!*



Avery Cook (12)



Emma Schultz (9)



Adam Olson (9)

# MARINERS SOCCER!

*Written by Alayna Edmondson*



Our Mariner soccer team played against Whitehall, Montague, and Orchard View. They ended up losing to both Whitehall and Montague but winning against Orchard View. Despite the scores, they played very hard and with a lot of grit against all of the teams. First, they lost to Montague 3-1. **Juan Brandao (12)** scored the first goal, which was assisted by **Mason Robinson (12)**. Montague came into the game on a 7 game winning streak and is ranked in the state. The boys stuck with them and never gave up.

Then, their game against Whitehall ended in another loss with a score of 3-2. Scoring again for the Mariners was Juan Brandao, off of a penalty kick in the box. Then, with just 11 seconds left in the first half, **Max Scharp (11)** sneaked in a goal that Mason Robinson assisted. Despite all the heart and effort they put in, they came out on the losing end. Although, that wasn't the case against Orchard View and Oakridge! The Mariners came out beating OV 4-1. **Eneko Belaza** scored 3, and the other goal was scored by **Nolan Dalke (11)**. Then, at Oakridge, they won 3-2. Robinson, Scharp, and Brandao scored the goals. Great job, Mariners! Their districts are coming up, wish them luck!



# GIRLS GOLF!

*Written by Alayna Edmondson*

Golf has been working hard this season and everywhere! They have been to Montague, Traverse City, Leeland, Ludington, and Fremont. Team captain **Clear Wang (11)** stated that "we've done a lot better since last year, and the new people are learning fast. Regionals are coming up soon, and I think we're in good shape for that."



# FOOTBALL AT WHITEHALL!!

The Varsity football team had a tough loss to Whitehall 49-6. The boys gave their best effort and never gave up throughout the game. Our one touchdown was scored by **Kaden Kott (12)** on a pass from **Dayvion Neal-Berry (10)**. In our conference we are now 2-2, and overall we are 3-2. A big game this friday against our rivals, Ludington. The game will be at Ludington Field, starting @7. The pit theme is white lies/white out. Come out and support our boys!



Written by Piper Eskridge

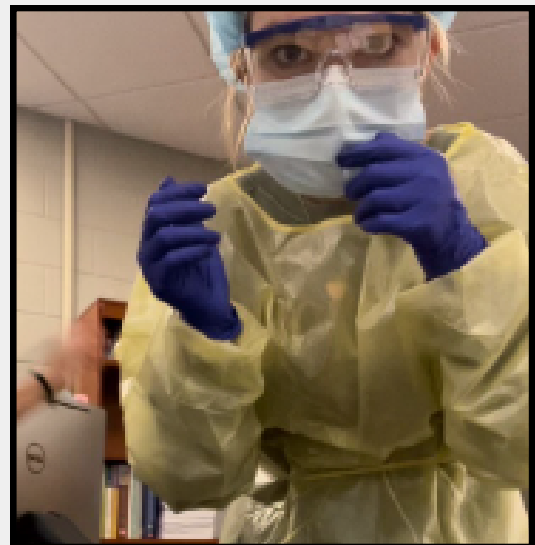
**Career Technical Education (CTE)** at West Shore offers students a valuable opportunity to expand their knowledge and develop hands-on skills in a variety of fields. The program includes a range of courses designed to prepare students for real-world careers, providing them with practical experience and industry standard training.



Students interested in healthcare can explore **Allied Health**, while those passionate about cars can take **Automotive Technologies**. For individuals interested in building and carpentry, **Construction Trades** offers a solid foundation. Students intrigued by law enforcement can delve into **Criminal Justice**, and those with a passion for cooking can explore **Culinary Arts**.

Creative students might find their place in **Digital Media**, where they can develop skills in design, photography, and media production. **Marketing** courses introduce students to business strategies and advertising techniques. For those interested in advanced manufacturing and robotics, **Mechatronics** provides in-depth technical training. Lastly, **Welding** teaches valuable fabrication skills, critical for careers in construction and manufacturing.

These CTE programs at West Shore are designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in their chosen industries, giving them a competitive edge in the workforce or preparing them for further education.



Valerie Wagner (11)



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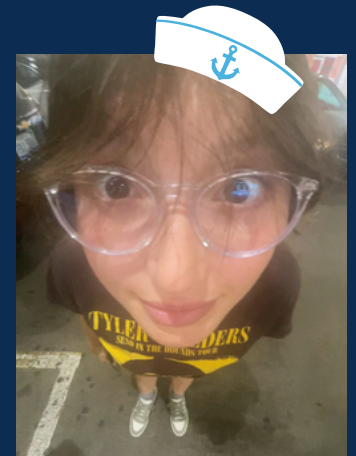


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*"Life is a stage play; what do you want to happen next?"*



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