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Written by Audrey Huizinga

OPENING DAY!

On **Friday, November 15th**, it was the opening day of rifle season! As you might have noticed, there were a lot of kids missing from school that day because they were out deer hunting! Deer hunting is very important in the state of Michigan because of the overpopulation of deer. There are so many deer, so it is good to go hunting and take the number down. Hitting deer with your car is not enough to control the number of deer, so hunting is a better way! Many people enjoy hunting because it is a good time to just sit in silence and be out in nature. Venison is also great eating!



Kaden Worch (11) with his 11 pointer from bow season

When asked what his favorite part of opening day was, **Zach Hernden (9)** said, "Opening day is my favorite because I get to spend time with my dad." **Madalyn Wayward (11)** said, "Probably just being able to be outside with my family and the traditions we have as a family around it!" Good luck to all the hunters at our school, and have a good season, Mariners!



Written by Piper Eskridge



Applying to college is thrilling, but it can also be a bit daunting with all that needs to be done. With so many schools and programs to consider (each with unique requirements), staying organized is essential. Most applications require personal information, essays, recommendation letters, and transcripts, so creating a checklist or using a calendar to track deadlines can help keep you on top of everything. There are also different application timelines, such as early decision, early action, and regular decision, each with its own advantages. For example, applying early decision may increase your chances of acceptance, but it's binding, meaning you must attend if accepted. Regular decision allows more time to consider financial aid offers from different schools.

The college essay is a crucial part of your application, offering a chance to show who you are beyond grades. Choosing a meaningful topic and writing in your unique voice will make your essay memorable. Letters of recommendation are equally important, so ask teachers or mentors who know you well and can speak to your strengths.



EXTREME FITNESS!!

Written by Kate Somsel

Manistee offers a class called extreme fitness which takes place during sixth hour in the weight room. In this class, students and athletes can lift in order to prepare and strengthen their bodies for their sport. Many of these students partake in powerlifting and other sports like basketball and football. Extreme fitness helps prevent injuries for the athletes, and does a great job increasing their overall athleticism.



Mr. Hendges, teacher of the class, expressed that "it's amazing to see such rapid growth in so many people. Many people have gained 5-6 pounds of muscle in such a short period of time. It's great to see!" Junior participant, **Landin Sowa (11)**, stated that "there's lots to do, but bench is probably my favorite." When talking about the class, **Max Nottingham (12)** said, "It's a great opportunity to better ourselves over a period of time."



Overall, extreme fitness is a great way to increase strength and athleticism during the school day. If this class sounds of interest to you, look into taking it for the second semester or talk to Mr. Hendges!



Rudy Shearer (12) squatting



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS



FEATURING... ANA SPOTTORNO

Written by Gabby Senters

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

Where are you from and what's your age?

- I am 15 years old and am from Madrid, Spain

Who are your host parents?

- Courtney Vasquez

Do you play any sports?

- I played cheer in the fall, and I am going to play basketball in the winter.

How long have you been speaking English?

- Since I was 6 years old



What do you want your future career to be?

- I am not completely sure yet, but definitely something in the science field.

Are you enjoying America, and how is it different?

- Yes! The people are very nice, and I enjoy the free extracurriculars. In Madrid, you have to pay for these. **Different:** Food, especially fast food, and there are no specific times to eat, you just eat when you are hungry. Also in America they use a car to get everywhere

What are some of your favorite hobbies?

- Rhythmic gymnastics, listening to music, watching movies, painting, etc.

STAFF OF THE WEEK: MRS. HAMMER

Written by Alayna Edmondson

Staff spotlight is a way to get to know new and familiar faces around the school. We share some simple facts about a staff member each time! This week, it is Mrs. Hammer, who is our new Guidance Counselor. She is here for all students at any time of the day. This could be for academic help, figuring out what you want to do after high school, and social and emotional challenges.



Question 1: Where are you from?

- I am from Rockford, MI, originally. Then, after I got my teaching degree I was in Rudyard, MI for the last 7 years. Then we moved here to be closer to family.

Question 2: How long have you been in the education field?

- This is my 7th year.

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

- Getting to know everybody, students and staff.



Question 4: What are your favorite hobbies?

- I like to hike, I like to do puzzles, and I like to spend time with my family.

Question 5: What's your favorite day of the week and why?

- Probably Friday, because it's the end of the work week.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: EMELIA ROOT

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 **Emelia Root** and **Noah Maue!**

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

- I think I've grown by branching out and making new friendships. I think that I've become a better friend.

If you could give advice to incoming freshmen, what would it be?

- I think to just be ready for all the work and to make sure you always stay on track and keep up with your grades and don't procrastinate.

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

- I think I'll probably miss the football games or the dances and I'll very much miss seeing my friends everyday.



What are your plans after graduation? College, work, gap year, or something else?

- I plan to take a gap year then from there I'm not sure what I'm going to do but I'm hoping to go into veterinary medicine.

What excites you most about the future?

- I'm excited to live in my own home and have freedom but I'm not excited to grow up and be an adult.

What's your favorite high school tradition or event(s)?

- My favorite tradition I think would be homecoming week and the tire hunt.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: NOAH MAUE

Written by Aubrey Rischel



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

- As MHS was a massive jump from my homeschooling origins, it's taught me incredibly valuable lessons about socializing with others and managing responsibilities.

Do you have any extracurricular activities or hobbies you'd like to share?

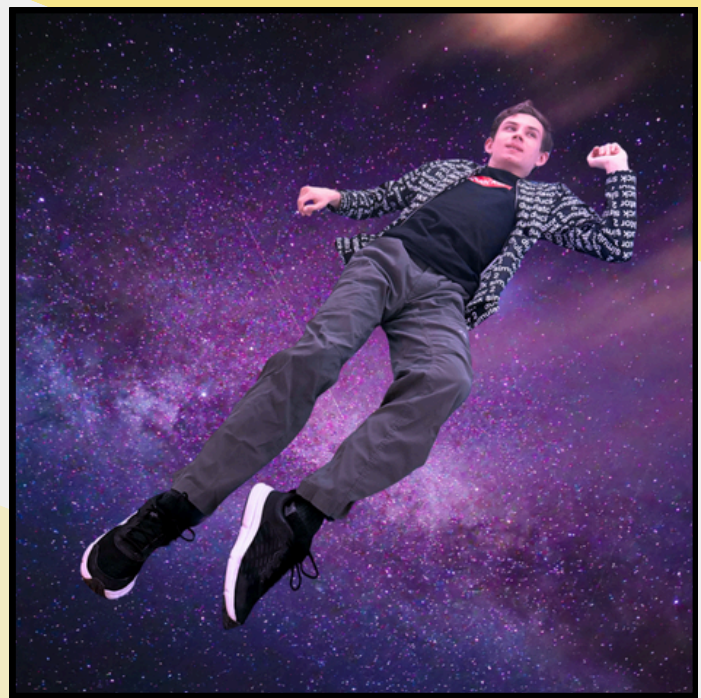
- I have watched EVERY SINGLE MOVIE at the Vogue Theater since Spring 2022. As of November 1st, I've watched all 195 of their "regular" showings!

What are your plans after graduation? College, work, gap year, or something else?

- I'm planning to pursue a degree in Computer Science at either Neumont College or Stanford University... we'll see where the scholarship money goes.

What excites you most about the future?

- My plans for the future involve becoming a full-time game developer, and getting to do that for a living would be a dream come true!



What's your favorite high school tradition or event(s)?

- Mock Rock, as I can contribute 99% of my outgoing-ness to when I participated for the first time my sophomore year. I highly recommend that everybody tries it at least once!

ALL CONFERENCE HONORS!

Written by Alayna Edmondson

All the coaches in our conference meet up to discuss their athletes and the athletes they went against. They decide what players stick out and who will end up earning all-conference.



For MHS, we had a total of 9 athletes. In football, we had **Kaden Kott (12)** at running back, **Brayden Schweitzer (11)** at defensive end, and **Landin Sowa (11)** at linebacker. Moving on to soccer, **Max Scharp (11)** and **Mason Robinson (12)** both earned it for midfield. On the girls side, for cross country, **Georgia Hagg (11)** and **Audrey Huizinga (12)** both received the all conference title. Lastly, **Maddy Wayward (11)** and **Lindsey Gardner (11)** both were all conference in volleyball. The athletes above met on Thursday, November 4, to meet the other athletes for lunch and celebrate their achievements over the fall season. Congratulations to all the athletes and their achievements!



ESPORTS REGULAR SEASON RECAP!

Written by Noah Maue

Over the past eight weeks, our school esports program fought valiantly in seven different leagues to work towards claiming the title of State Champions. In the end, **six out of nine teams qualified for playoffs!** So, here's a rundown of every team that competed this season and their standings!

QUALIFIED FOR PLAYOFFS:

Fortnite: Ranked #4 out of 132 teams (Eastern U.S.)

Mario Kart Varsity: Ranked #7 out of 76 teams (Michigan)

Mario Kart J.V.: Ranked #24 out of 76 teams (Michigan)

NBA 2K: Ranked #2 out of 20 teams (Michigan)

Splatoon: Ranked #12 out of 32 teams (Michigan)

Smash Bros. Varsity: Ranked #40 out of 105 teams (Michigan)



*Chess JV team **Adah Korzeniewski (12)**, **Gabrielle Senters (11)**, and **Clear Wang (11)** celebrate their first victory*



***Lauryn Smith (10)** seen leading her team in a fierce Splatoon 3 match*

FINISHING TEAMS:

Smash Bros. J.V.: Ranked #39 out of 74 teams (Michigan)

Chess Varsity: Ranked #44 out of 78 teams (Eastern U.S.)

Chess J.V.: Ranked #46 out of 78 teams (Eastern U.S.)

Congratulations to every team on contributing to our best season yet! Make sure to follow our Instagram, [@mariner.esports](https://www.instagram.com/mariner.esports), to learn about our playoffs matches as they're announced. We'll be back in the Mariner Chronicle after all of our teams have finished competing!



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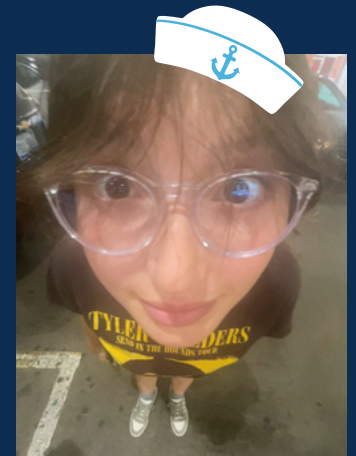


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"Life is a stage play; what do you want to happen next?"



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