



# MARINER CHRONICLE

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## WELCOME TO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY!

On Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, the National Honor Society (NHS) proudly inducted new members, **Adalyn Brown (10)**, **Nia Clark (10)**, **Yael DeBonis (10)**, **Avamae Fett (12)**, **Eddie Huizinga (10)**, **Alexis Krause (12)**, **Adam Olson (10)**, **Brady Rivette (10)**, **Sophia Shobe (11)**, **Teagan Willard (10)**, and **Madalyn Wayward (12)**. The ceremony was held in the Mariners' auditorium, where families, friends, and faculty gathered to celebrate these students' achievements. The NHS advisor, **Ms. Clemons**, welcomed everyone and formally introduced the new members, highlighting their dedication and accomplishments.



Following her introduction, the NHS officers spoke about the organization's four pillars, which form the foundation of its values. During a meaningful candle lighting ceremony, each pillar was represented and explained. President, **Cecelia Sandberg (12)**, spoke on leadership, emphasizing the importance of guiding others with integrity and vision. Vice President, **Clear Wang (12)**, discussed scholarship, recognizing the pursuit of academic excellence. Secretary, **Valerie Wagner (12)**, spoke about character, highlighting honesty, respect, and responsibility, while Treasurer, **Olivia Salmon (12)**, introduced service, showcasing the significance of giving back to the community.

In addition to the speeches, attendees were able to enjoy desserts such as homemade cookies, homemade brownies, cake, and punch in celebration of the new members! Being in the NHS is a huge honor and accomplishment, recognizing not only academic excellence but also commitment to service and character. Now these students will be able to participate in volunteer work and school activities, including some well known events such as the NHS pie making/sales, book fairs at the elementary school, and break activities around the school, like hot cocoa at lunch last year, as well as many other community-focused projects.

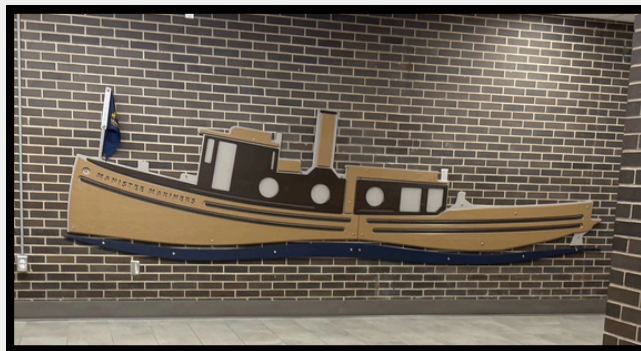
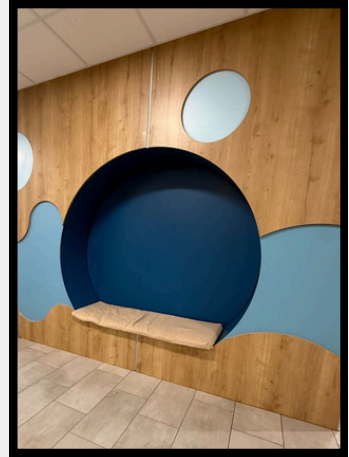
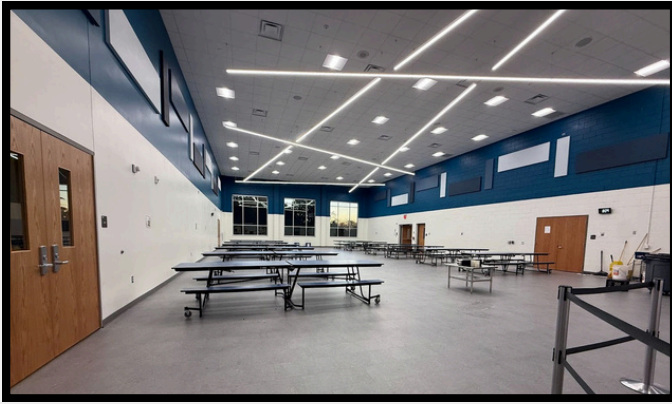
Congratulations to all new and returning members of the National Honor Society! Your hard work, dedication to service, and willingness to give back to the community have earned you this well deserved recognition. We're proud of your achievements and can't wait to see all the ways you'll continue to make a positive impact, inspire others, and strengthen our school and community for years to come.



# STUDENT LIFE

# TOUR OF THE NEW ELEMENTARY

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# TOUR OF THE NEW ELEMENTARY

As the school year started there was a lot of talk of the new school. We visited to see what all the talk was about. When leaving the office you are met with an option to go right or left. The right option contains the galley and the gym both with a full remodel. The left takes you to the media center and art room, surrounded by grades 1 and 2. The first grade hallway has more accommodating lockers for the students, along with a resource room. The second grade hallway connects with bigger lockers for the growing students. Going to the upper level you have grades 3-5, all with separate hallways. They also have many small group and resource rooms. Each hallway is marked with plaques to make sure no one gets lost. Going to the lower level you have the band and choir rooms. Where the old cafeteria and art room used to be there is maintenance rooms and storage. The whole school has been updated and upgraded. At every classroom door there are different 3D wall murals of nature. The whole school has blue and green accents with many nature pieces. The school has also installed a new playground in the front. They also made a more practical and easy way to drop off and pick up students from school that is very similar to the high school system. Overall the school has a very updated, inviting, modern feel to it.

## GET INVOLVED

*Written by Alayna Edmondson*

Winter activities are about to begin!

Make sure you get involved!

There are boys & girls **basketball, skiing,**  
and **the musical.**

Go get involved before it's too late, you  
won't regret it!



## THE END TO A HISTORIC SOCCER SEASON FOR THE MARINERS



Photo courtesy to Kyle Kotecki  
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After battling through a shootout against Standish Sterling on October 21st, the Mariner's advanced to regional finals. However, the Manistee Mariner's soccer season came to an end that Friday night against the Fremont Packers. The Packer's are an undefeated team, and to say the Mariner's put up a fight is an understatement. They fell short with a score of **4-1**. The Mariner's one goal was scored by **Phin Kieszkowski (9)**.



The contest held on Friday was Manistee's first appearance in a regional final game since **2008**. Despite the tough loss, the Mariner's should hold their heads high and be proud of themselves. Way to make the community of Manistee proud, boys!



# FIVE SET THRILLER

Frankfort had the first two sets, and were with the lead in the third set with a score of 24-21. However, the Lady Mariners found a way to rally and win the following three sets to take the win!

This game was a complete team effort with a score going back and forth throughout all five sets. Everyone made crucial plays to take back the lead in significant moments!

The volleyball team is now 16-13 to end their regular season games. They enter districts on **Monday** against Mason County Central on our home court! The game begins at **6 p.m.** Come out and support them!



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# CROSS COUNTRY OVERVIEW

The Mariner Cross Country team rounded up their season on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Benzie Central High School. One girl, **Georgia Haag (12)** and one boy, **Eddie Huizinga (10)** qualified for state!

The girls paced **6 out of 11** teams overall as a team. **Haag** came in first for the team with a time of 19:58, followed by **Hattie Driver (10)** who finished at 20:08. **Lena Herberger (12)** came in next, finishing with an overall time of 21:44. **Yael DeBoni (10)** and **Raquel Gilliland (9)** came in with times of 22:27 and 22:30.

The boys finished with a place of **7 out of 9** teams. **Huizinga** led the team with a finishing time of 16:34. Next for the team was **Kaden Worch (12)** with a time of 17:32, followed by **Devin Swihart (11)** who finished at 18:30. Next was **Adam Olson (10)** with a time of 19:29 and **Brock Adamczak (10)** who finished at 19:38.

That wrapped up the season for everyone besides the two who qualified. They will run on **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**.





# Braylen Zimmerman Holds a New Record

On Friday, October 24, **Braylen Zimmerman (12)** broke the school record for most receiving touchdowns in a season. Braylen scored 8 touchdowns this season. This record was previously held by Mr.Hendges, who scored 7.

Here is an interview from both Mr.Hendges and Braylen Zimmerman:

From Braylen:

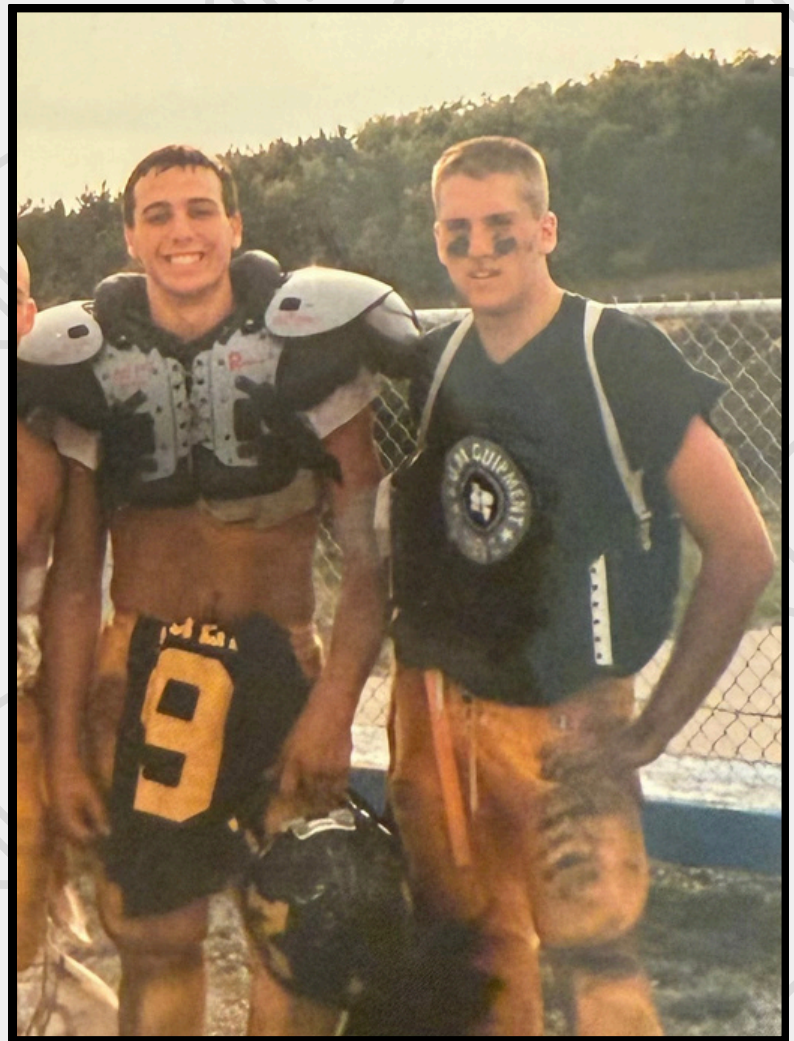
- **What was your emotion after breaking the record?**
- I was happy, I was energetic, i just ran to Coach Rischel and Coach Hendges. Then I went to Dayvion Neal-Berry (11).
- **Who had the biggest impact in your football career?**
- My dad, he kept me motivated and inspired to play the game.
- **How is the record more meaningful because it was Mr.Hendges?**
- It was cool because we shared an experience with each other because he had the record and now i have it. I feel like I grew up with him as a coach from basketball and football.
- **How was the emotions with that also being your last football game in high school?**
- It made the record more meaningful, like my hard work for the sport paid off. Made me realize how much more effort I put into the game compared to what I thought.



# Interview Continued:

From Mr. Hendges :

- **Background of Mr. Hendges Experience with the record -**
- To be honest, I didn't even know I was a record holder until just a few years ago. Behind the scenes Coach Rischel spent countless hours at the library here in town going over old newspaper articles, researching, and he compiled all the school football records you see now. It's hard to recollect but I think we (my quarterback Aaron Anderson and I) may have completed a touchdown in our last game of the 1994 season, against Benzie so it makes sense that that's when we tied the season record of 7 receiving touchdowns held by Mike Gustad going back to 1984.
- **Who was your biggest influence in your football career, coaching and playing?**
- Dave Russell. My head coach. A second father to me, even today. Not a chance I'm who I am today without having had him in my life as a coach. And I had other fantastic coaches too. Steve Ward. That guy was no-nonsense. Both of them and others simply drilled into me and my buddies that football is all about the team. If you didn't understand that, you weren't welcome.
- **What was your initial thought on Braylen breaking your record?**
- He and I had been talking about it for over a month. He wanted it bad, I could see it in his eyes, but he wouldn't say it out loud. Dayvion wanted it bad too. And I wanted it really really bad for them. I had goosebumps when it happened. B is loaded with character and integrity. So is Dayvion. They both have been raised right. To have the record broken by a young man like B, and how he carries himself, is truly one of the best things I've been able to be a part of in my time in the Stee. And maybe what's best thing of all is B wanted this even more for his team. For his buddies, family, school. He's unselfish. Via his actions he sends a strong message to younger kids: "if you are gonna play this game, play it for your teammates, not yourself." It's not just that he set the record, it's how he did it. Good old fashioned hard work.





# Interview Continued:

From Mr. Hendges :

- **What were your greatest strengths and weaknesses with football?**
- If I had to choose one I'd say my biggest strength was that I only cared about how we performed as a team. Nothing else mattered. B is the same way. In any sport he plays, he is the same way. His boys know he's in it for them. In fact as I answer this question, I am kinda dreaming (it's what old athletes do...) about being on the field with a kid like B. A kid like that, I mean how he plays, makes playing fun for everyone. It's infectious. He forces you, through his actions, to up your game. To be better. That's legit leadership. Weaknesses for me as a player... I don't know, probably too emotional. Ha.
- **How have your high school years of football impacted you now coaching?**
- Impacted me immensely. I was so blessed to have wonderful coaches. Some I already mentioned. In hoops I had guys like Terry Walker, Jerry Brown. Just exceptional coaches and men. I regretfully didn't play baseball but even talking when I was young with coach George Edmondson helped lead me in the right direction and honestly I just ride the coattails of those guys all these years later.
- **Did you expect this record to be broken, how long after it was broken?**
- I mean all records are broken at some point, and that just means there are more and more kids out there that strive to work hard enough to break said records, and I think that's awesome. So, yes. But I'm hoping Braylen's record stands for quite a while. It would be nice for him to enjoy it for years to come and maybe even have it down the road to share with his kids.
- **Do you remember who held it before you and when they achieved that?**
- Mike Gustad is who I tied for the record. 1984. It's my understanding that he is a teacher down in the Detroit area and coached football for a long time too. Sounds to be a high quality guy, which why wouldn't he be, he's a Gustad. I don't want to speak for him, but I am quite confident that he would be, and may already be, very proud of Braylen. We all are.

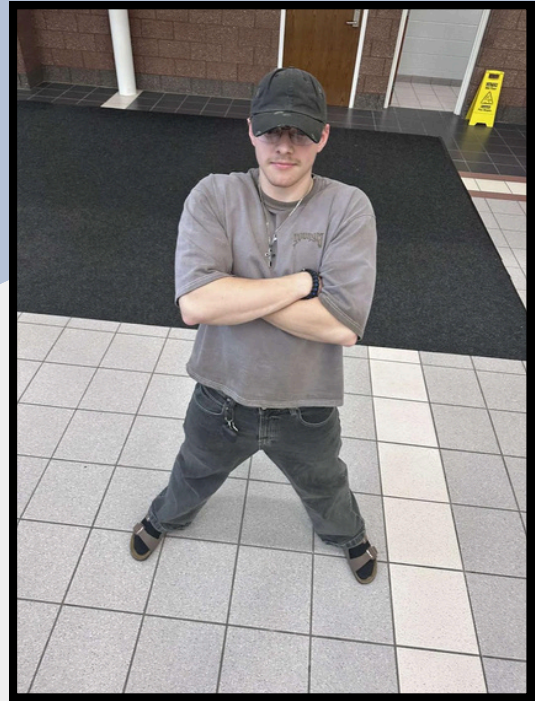


# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: STEVEN DRIVER

*Written by Gabby Senters*

The senior spotlight is a great way to get to know your MHS seniors. The graduating class has a big responsibility to lead their younger peers. If you want to learn more about your senior **Steven Driver** read about her below:

- **What is your favorite subject?**
- Pre calc because I like math.
- **What advice would you give to underclassmen?**
- I would have to say, don't be afraid to challenge yourself.
- **What teacher has had the greatest impact on you as a student and why?**
- Bytwork, because he was the one that really got me into powerlifting. Ever since he got me into powerlifting it has been my passion.



- **What will you miss most about high school?**
- My friends, because there is also something going on in their lives that I find interesting.
- **What are your plans after high school?**
- I plan to go to college at GVSU for mechanical engineering.
- **What's a fun fact about yourself that others may not know about you?**
- I have a tattoo of my last name on my back and a tattoo on my abdomen of a cross.



Do you want to get to know more about our exchange students? This week, I had the chance to talk with one of our exchange students, **JP**. Exchange students bring unique stories, perspectives, and experiences that make our school community richer. If you ever see **JP** or any of our exchange students around campus, take a moment to say hi—you might be surprised by how much you have in common and how much you can learn from each other! Read more about **JP** below:

- Where are you from?
- **I'm from Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil**
- What made you want to become an exchange student?
- **My parents motivated me, and I thought it would be a great experience.**
- Who are your host parents?
- **My host parents are David and Bridget Warnke.**
- What expectations did you have before coming here?
- **I thought the city would be really small because I'm from a much larger city. I also never thought the people would be so nice!**
- What's your favorite part of America?
- **I like the format of classes. In Brazil, we don't have lunch at school and we leave at 1pm. It is very different from America.**
- What extracurricular activities do you want to try/ play?
- **I played soccer here in America this year and in the winter I want to try snowboarding because I've never seen snow! In Brazil I did boxing.**
- What's something about you that most people don't know?
- **That I am very happy, and that my favorite food is Brazilian barbeque. My full name is João Pedro but no one can say my name here.**



# Spooktacular Sounds from the Mariner Bands

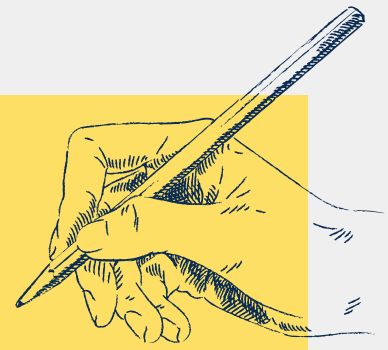


This week, our Mariner Bands performed at their Halloween concert, showcasing musical talent and creativity. The middle school thrilled the crowd with favorites like Ghostbusters and other spooky themed pieces. The high school followed on Thursday with classics including: The Addams Family, Jaws, Thriller and Bald Mountain. All students in the ensembles dressed up in their best Halloween costumes. Trumpet player **Adelyn Brown (10)** said “My favorite song is probably Fright Night because it’s fun to play songs that you know from other places. It was so fun seeing everyone dressed up”. Overall, the Halloween spirit and talent made both of the concerts memorable and entertaining for all who attended.





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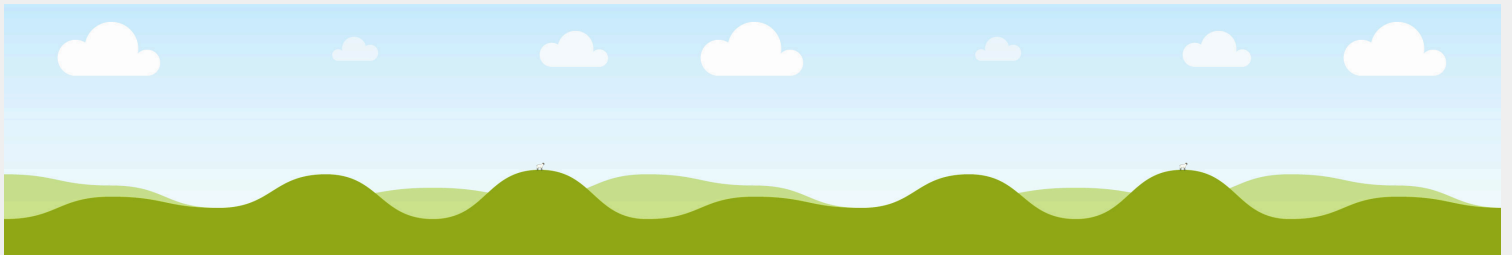
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