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ACE YOUR SPACE! WELCOME BACK!

The summer's over, which means it's time to get classes back in session. The beginning of the school year can seem daunting, but it's a great way to start fresh and plan the best approach to success in the upcoming year. Whether you're a returning student or just starting a new chapter, you should establish your routine this school season.

The most important practice is participating. Ask questions, participate in discussions, and contribute your ideas! Don't be afraid to be you, or let fear control your opportunities! Being engaged and seeking support when confused makes learning more enjoyable and understanding. Remember teachers want to see you succeed so utilize their expertise. Don't hesitate to speak up on something or ask questions.

The next tip is to get an adequate amount of sleep. Get out of the relaxed summer schedule and make 7-9 hours of sleep per night a PRIORITY. This ensures a focused and productive mind that is rested and ready to learn.

Next, get organized! Stay on top of what needs to be done in the order it's due, this way you have a clear visual of the deadlines. Use tools like an online calendar or planner to step up the organization. This reduces the stress of overloading assignments and falling behind. Last but not least, be kind.

Be someone you are proud of this school year.



Written by Abby Kolk

THE PIT

Written by Lilith Vela



The 2026 Mariner football season is bringing plenty of school spirit to the stands with a variety of fun themes planned throughout the season. The first two home games featured Hawaiian and Minion themes. On Sept. 11, the Mariners traveled to Ravenna for a Camo theme, followed by a USA theme for the Sept. 18 game against Shelby. The Sept. 25 Homecoming game against Fremont was our school colors blue and gold! October continues the fun, starting with Batman vs. Barbie for the Oct. 2 away game at North Muskegon. Students can choose between dressing as Batman or as Barbie. On Oct. 9, the Mariners will travel to MCC for a Camo theme. The Oct. 17 game at TC St. Francis will feature a White Lies theme, where students can come up with funny "white lies" to put on their shirts. The regular season will finish at home against Ludington. There are plenty of opportunities to participate and make each football game more exciting. Dressing up for the themes is a simple way for students to support the Mariners, connect with their classmates and create a lively atmosphere in the stands throughout the season.





SPORTS CORNER

Written by Robyn Winters

Full Steam Ahead: Mariners Open Football Season



Our Varsity Football Team entered their season with a home game against Chippewa Hills on August 28. The day prior, the Junior Varsity Team took a loss to Chippewa Hills, 48 - 6. Their record stands 0 - 1. The Mariners fell 20 - 42, dropping their record also to 0 - 1. The team finished the game with 341 total yards, including 190 rushing yards

Wyatt Protasiewicz (12) led the offense with 121 rushing yards, along with scoring one touchdown. **Ean Guenthardt (12)** led defensively with 11 tackles, while **Xavier Goodspeed (11)** added 2.5 sacks. **Dayvion Neal-Berry (12)** also contributed a touchdown, as well as the completion of a touchdown pass that was caught by **Morgan Banicki (11).**

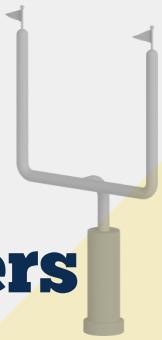




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More on Mariners

After suffering a loss the week prior, our Varsity Football Team bounced back against Hespieria, dominating them 56 - 7. The day before, the JV Team redeemed themselves against Hesperia, winning 26 - 12. Varsity finished the game with an incredible 521 rushing yards, while **Morgan Banicki (11)** led the passing game with 63 yards. **Wyatt Protasiewicz (12)** set a new school record for single game rushing, holding it at 350 yards. He also set another record of six rushing touchdowns in one game! The boys put on an outstanding performance, and led defensively with 48 total sacks, along with 3 sacks by **Hudson Cole (11)**, **Xavier Goodspeed (11)** and **Travis Newenhouse (12)**.

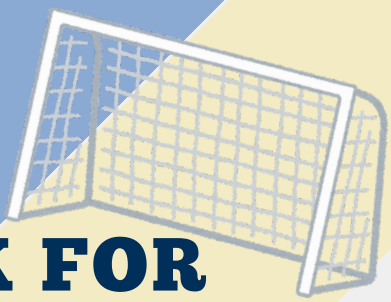
On the night of the 11th, our Varsity Mariners took a loss to Ravenna, 8 - 33. JV also fell to Ravenna, 0 - 26. Varsity finished the game with 199 total rushing yards, as well as 56 receiving. **Morgan Banicki (11)** contributed one touchdown for the team. Even after a loss, let's continue to hold strong for our Football team. On Friday the 18th, we will have a home game against Shelby. Let's cheer on our Mariner Football players as they navigate the way to victory!



SPORTS CORNER

Written by Kaylleigh Moore





LONG WEEK FOR VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

The Manistee Varsity Boys Soccer team had a long week with three games in a row Tuesday through Thursday. While they weren't victorious in all of their games, they never gave up. On Tuesday they played against TC St Francis at home and lost 0-5, but they played well. Goalie **Layne Piper (11)** made many great saves throughout the game. Wednesday the team had their second game, held at Hart High School. They lost to Hart 0-7, but showed up ready the next day to play their third game of the week. On Thursday the varsity boys soccer team played away again. They bounced back and beat Tri-County High School with a final score of 2-1. Their first goal of the game was scored by **Jack Koller (10)** with an assist by **Layne Piper (11)**. Their second goal was scored by **Kaden Banicki (10)** with an assist from **Phin Kieszkowski (10)**. Great job Mariners!







SPORTS CORNER

Written by Abby Kolk

Mariner Volleyball Returns

Manistee volleyball has officially begun and the girls are anticipating a season full of triumph. Despite their rather undersized crew, the girls work together to find the most effective and creative strategies for their team. Although the scoreboard hasn't reflected their spirit yet, the team's dedication and personality are clear indicators that this season is destined for greatness.

In their recent game against Mason County Central, **Maya Goodspeed (11)** led the team with 12 kills! Followed by **Abby Kolk (12)** with 7, and **Mackenna McLeod (12)** with 5. **Paelynne Kolk (12)** set up a whopping 20 assists and 5 aces followed by **Harlie Onstott (12)** with 3 aces. Followed by **Paelynne Kolk (12)** with 18, and **Harlie Onstott (12)** with 8. **Marah Miller (11)** contributed 13 digs against Suttons Bay, and **Maya Goodspeed (11)** with 12. **Paelynne Kolk (12)** also added 24 assists and 4 aces.

The girls have a game on September 10th at Holton High School starting at 7:00 pm and a tournament September 12th at Kingsley High School at 8:30 am. Come show them the support they deserve!!





SPORTS CORNER

Written by Teagan Willard



Mariners on the Move!



It's no secret that we have some speedy Mariners here at MHS! Our varsity boys and girls cross country team is stacked with some swift and skilled athletes. The team's season opener took place at the Benzie Pete Moss Invite where contestants **Edison Huizinga (11)** and **Hattie Driver (11)** both placed in the top 50 both earning medals. Driver ran a time of 20:50.57 earning a spot at 18th place! **Huizinga (11)** finished with a time of 16:52.90 placing 12th! Along with other athletes like **Devin Swihart (12)** completing a season best time of 19:24.6 and **Emma Schultz (11)** with a season best time of 25:25.7. It's only up from here! The following meet took place at the Byron Center Invite where **Huizinga (11)** and **Driver (11)** carried the team by both medaling and placing in the top 50! **Huizinga (11)** ran a time of 17:09 placing him 15th out of 297 athletes. **Driver (11)** established a season best time of 20:50, additionally earning 15th place out of 246 athletes. **Avah DeBoni (9)** came out on top with a huge PR of 24:10. The Mariner Cross Country team isn't going down without a fight, this group of determined and skilled stamina athletes have a lot to prove on these paths. The team raced again on September 9th in Scottville where they competed against teams like Hesperia, MCC, North Muskegon, Ravenna, and Shelby where both the girls and boys team placed second and received a plaque in honor of their outstanding performance! Be sure to not miss the next home meet on October 6th for their 2nd conference race along with the final home meet being on October 15th where they will be hosting their Chris Garowski Invite. Show up and support your fellow runners as they dominate the courses on their home turf! Running isn't easy, but these athletes sure make it look that way!





New Staff Alert

Written by Kat Vasquez

Meeting a new staff member is a great way to get to know your new staff members in the building. In this Mariner Chronicle I had the opportunity to ask some questions to Ms. Torres, who is new to MMHS. This is her first year here at MMHS as a paraprofessional. Read below if you wanna know more about Ms Torres.

How do you spend your free time?
"Taking a walk on the beach"

What is one thing you want to do on your bucket list?
"To travel to Paris"

Favorite snack?
"guacamole salsa and chips"

What's your favorite holiday?
"Christmas"

What was your favorite class in high school?
"History"

Thank you Ms. Torres for letting me ask some questions. If you see her in the hallway make sure to say hi.



Harry Styles just keeps going!

Written by Lilith Vela

Harry Styles has announced new dates for his Together, Together Tour, so more fans can get chance to see him live in 2027. The new leg will include 25 stadium shows across North America and Europe, beginning April 2 in Phoenix and ending with three shows at London's Wembley Stadium in August. North American tickets are set to go on general sale Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. local time, following presales. The tour will visit cities including Phoenix, Dallas, Los Angeles, Toronto, Atlanta and Chicago, with different opening acts joining Styles at each stop. Unlike some major concert tours, the new shows will not use dynamic or platinum pricing keeping it affordable for fans to come see him.



Senior Spotlight: Morgan Erway

Written by Robyn Winters



Senior Spotlight is a fun way for our underclassmen to get to know our Seniors! It can also be helpful for those who are navigating high school to receive advice from the students in their last year at MAPS! If you'd like to learn more about **Morgan Erway,** continue reading this page!

What are your plans after high school?
"Attending either the University of Michigan or GVSU for physical therapy."

Which staff member has encouraged you the most?
"Ms. Starmann, she pushes me to be the best version of myself."



Throughout your high school career, what has been the hardest to overcome? What has that taught you about the real world?
"One of the hardest moments is when my Grandpa passed away in March. It has taught me that the world continues on and doesn't wait for you — you have to keep moving forward."

What hobbies have you enjoyed throughout high school?
"Throughout high school I've gained experience playing for our softball team, including the progressively harder competition in my summer travel season. Each year I've become not only better as a player, but also a teammate."

What advice would you give to underclassmen and upcoming high schoolers about high school itself?
"Don't let your missing work pile up too much; you will overwhelm yourself with stress."

Europe Trip

Written by Teagan Willard

A group of students from MHS were given the opportunity to travel outside of Manistee and venture off to Europe! Students left on June 17th and arrived back home on the 28th. There were a handful of countries explored such as; Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, and Hungary.



Evie Templeton (11) shared details of the trip, recalling how a huge portion of the group going to Europe got stuck in a plane delay that resulted in them missing a day. "We first landed in Berlin and we met the other two groups from different schools that would be joining us on the trip, 1 school from Ohio and a school from Maryland.''

Another student, **Brady Rivette (11)** spoke about other things regarding the trip, stating: "The food was really good and the scenery was amazing. I loved all the architecture and it was just beautiful.''

Andy O'Donnell (12) shared that the most interesting part of the trip was visiting the Orava Castle in Slovakia. "It was where they filmed Nosferatu and loosely inspired the book Dracula! The scenery was next level as well'' **O'Donnell (12)** stated.

O'Donnell also shared about the extreme heat that the travelers endured while in Europe, "the heat in Europe was unlike anything I've ever experienced. Much more humid and almost no AC in most places we saw. However, to help with the heat they did have stations that sprayed cold mist; giving us a chance to cool off."

The students were also accompanied by Mr. Quakkelaar and Ms. Clemons who shared in the experience and adventures along the way. It's without a doubt that these students and teachers had the time of their lives from exploring historic landmarks, to experiencing new cultures, the Europe trip was an unforgettable journey filled with learning and memories to last a lifetime.





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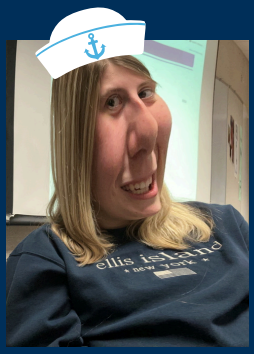
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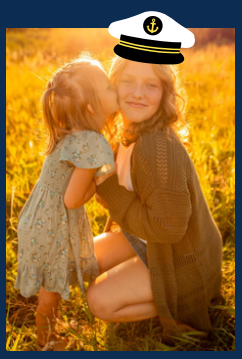
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