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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Matanzas High School Parents and Students,

It is hard to believe that we are in the 4th quarter of the school year. This year has flown by, and we have so much to celebrate at MHS. As we approach the end of the year and start to feel the end in sight and the weather warming up, I want to encourage our students to FINISH STRONG. The 4th quarter is an important quarter for students in all grade levels to ensure that all are on track to graduate on time.

In May, our 9th and 10th grade students will take the F.A.S.T. ELA Assessment (PM3) which will give us important data about our student's progress in ELA and allow 10th graders to satisfy their ELA graduation assessment requirement. Students in Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and U.S. History will take their end-of-course exams, which are 30% of the grade in that course and are important for meeting graduation requirements and Scholar Diploma requirements. Teachers and students have been working all year to prepare us to excel on these assessments; we are all rooting for you to show what you know and meet your graduation requirements.

The 4th quarter is also an important time to finish strong in all of your courses - if your student has fallen behind, take advantage of our free after-school tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays to catch up. Tutors are our certified teachers and bus transportation is available, so don't hesitate to get the help needed to excel. Our students who may need to make up for failing grades can plan to be here at Matanzas High School with us in June for summer school; we will be reaching out to families in April and May to discuss those needs and make arrangements.

Please also plan to join us at "The Ship" for upcoming spring performances, banquets, and other end-of-year activities for our students involved in activities and sports. From our play "Almost, Maine" to band, Blue Steel, chorus concerts, and more, there are dozens of ways to celebrate our students' hard work and achievements this year. Check the calendar on the MHS website for details. I hope to see you there! Go Pirates!



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VISION STATEMENT

Through the collective partnership with our families, students, staff, and community, Matanzas will become a premier high school in the nation by inspiring independence and confidence in all learners as they prepare for college, career, and life.

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RESILIENCY RECOGNITION

Mrs. Bozeman recognized students nominated by their teachers for exemplifying March's resilience character trait, problem-solving. As per the State's initiative, problem-solving is defined as "coming to a solution by working together." The following students were recognized: Peyton C., T.J. B., and Gio M. and not pictured, Jaden D., Alana K., Ari K., Douglas C., and Leanna R. Great job, Pirates!



SPANISH 3 STUDENTS COOKING PROJECT

Spanish 3 students produced a video of themselves as they described and prepared a recipe from start to finish- ALL in Spanish! The videos were viewed in class with students having the option to bring a sampling of the prepared food.

Objectives of the project included the following:

- Describe the culture of the dish
- Use vocabulary of ingredients, measurements, adverbs, and cooking verbs
- Practice giving cooking commands

This was a fun way for students to show their skills and to put their Spanish vocabulary into real-life action!

BLACK HISTORY WALKING TOUR

The African American History class enjoyed Ms. B's Black History Walking Tour in St. Augustine. Students learned and saw much including walking in the footsteps of Andrew Young and standing on the steps marking the arrests of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Dr. Robert B. Hayling in 1964.



SPEECH AND DEBATE CLUB

The MHS Speech and Debate team received medals and honors in competitions across the state! At the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative Competition #4 at Oak View Middle School in Gainesville, Leela Robinson won 1st place in Extemporaneous Speaking. At FCDI #5 at Toco Creek High School, Sthefany Cruz won 1st place in Extemporaneous Debate and Ethan Tincher won 2nd place in Extemporaneous Speaking. The team will be attending the State Championships in Orlando on April 20th.



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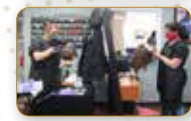
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Any student-specific medication, prescription or non-prescription, must be signed out by a parent or guardian before 2:30 PM on the last day of school. If not signed out by 05/23/2024, all medications will be disposed of per policy.

Please review <https://www.mhspirates.com/school-services/clinic> for updates regarding the Health room/Clinic. All medically related forms should be found here.

- A school entry health exam (physical) and a certified Florida immunization record are required for all students.
- Health Information should be updated each school year, as well as emergency contact information. Please visit myforms.flaglerschools.com to update the consent for care forms. If there is no consent on file, your student will not be able to be seen in the clinic.
- **Medication** - Flagler County School Board policy prohibits students from carrying any prescription medication to school, from school, or during school. This school year, there was a change in policy, allowing students to carry headache medication. If you choose for your student to carry headache medication with them, it is REQUIRED to have written permission. The permission form can be found at myforms.flaglerschools.com.
 - If a student MUST have prescription medication or non-prescription medication that is not authorized for self-carry during school hours, appropriate paperwork/forms must be completed and a parent/guardian is required to bring the medication to the school. Unauthorized medication may be confiscated and reported to the Dean. Each medication must be in its original container and must match the doctor's order exactly.
 - Epi-Pens, inhalers, diabetic medications and supplies, and pancreatic enzymes may be carried by the student with written authorization from a physician and the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian must complete appropriate paperwork with the school nurse IN ADVANCE of the student carrying these items. Any changes in medication must be in writing and brought to the clinic. This includes any over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, cough drops, antacids, etc.
 - ALL Diabetics MUST have a DMMP from their physician on file in the health room.

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KEY CLUB KEEPING BUSY

As the 2023-2024 school year draws to a close, our Key Club is busy wrapping up our final events and projects. We recently hosted a fantastic 9-pin bowling fundraiser, where participants from both inside and outside the club enjoyed a day of fun-filled bowling while supporting a great cause. Mark your calendars for our next 9-pin bowling fundraiser on April 27th; we hope to see you there!

In our ongoing efforts to keep our Flagler beaches clean, Key Club members have been actively involved in environmental conservation by participating in beach clean-ups. By diligently picking up litter and debris along the coastline, we are not only preserving the beauty of our beaches but also strengthening our sense of unity as a club. Our club meetings are always filled with activities aimed at giving back to our community members.

Recently, our members have been expressing their gratitude for our local heroes by creating heartfelt thank-you cards for our first responders. These gestures serve to recognize and appreciate the hard work and dedication of those who tirelessly serve our community every day. Looking ahead, Key Club has an exciting car wash event planned where we will continue to raise funds for future projects and uphold our commitment to serving others. If you're interested in joining our Key Club chapter for the 2023-2024 school year, don't hesitate to reach out to our advisor, Mrs. Cypert, by email at cyperta@flaglerschools.com or by visiting her classroom at 9-111. We can't wait to see you at our next meeting!

It's hard to believe, but we're in the home stretch of the school year! As the weeks fly by, we encourage all students to continue putting forth their best effort to end the year strong. Please check the MHS Pirates website and social media platforms for important dates, information, and end-of-the-year events and activities. Our warmest congratulations to our seniors who will be graduating in a few short weeks. We're so proud of you and look forward to celebrating this exceptional achievement with you on May 22nd!

Seniors - If you have qualified for or will qualify for the Florida Financial Aid Application Scholarships (Bright Futures Awards), you must complete your Florida Financial Aid Application by the deadline and preferably **BEFORE YOU GRADUATE** to receive any potential award money! Please request the quick guide tutorial from your school counselor if needed (the guide was also supplied to you in the College & Career prep packet). If you qualify for a scholarship and plan to attend college in Fall 2024, you will **NOT** receive the award money if you do not complete this application by the deadline. Link to the Bright Futures website and application - <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>

Dual Enrollment Students - Do you want to walk across the stage to accept your DSC Diploma for Spring 2024? Apply for DSC's graduation ceremony through your **MyDaytonaState** portal.

For more information, FAQs, and details visit - <https://www.daytonastate.edu/graduation/index.html>.

Dual Enrollment Students - Please see the dual enrollment course registration deadlines below. Keep in mind that MHS has earlier internal deadlines than DSC as we need to ensure that all pieces of the process are completed before the DSC deadlines.

Summer 2024 Course Registration MHS Internal Deadline - April 30th.

Fall 2024 Course Registration Internal Deadline - May 15th.

How to prepare for scholarships and Financial Aid/Bright Futures Award Money

Students - You can start preparing for scholarships and award money before 9th grade! Volunteer hours from the summer after 8th grade will be accepted for Bright Futures. Scholarship committee boards are looking for an average of 150-250 hours, participation in clubs and/or sports, taking challenging classes and earning good grades, preparing for the SAT and/or ACT or CLT, and developing a high school resume. Request information from your school counselor for more resources on scholarships, financial aid, test preparation, and other preparatory guides.

Looking For Community Service Hours? - Visit the Community Service board outside the Building 6 Guidance Office, or visit the Flagler Volunteer Services link for opportunities - <https://flaglervolunteer.org/>

Juniors - Planning for college and career? Please visit the MHS Guidance Page for college/career prep information, resources, and an embedded college/career prep video. Now is the time to start conducting college research, touring/visiting colleges, accumulating community service hours, studying for the SAT and/or ACT and CLT, and creating a resume. The college prep packet can help you with all of this! If you did not pick up a college prep packet at your course selection meeting, please pick one up from Mrs. Wanda, the Guidance Secretary, in the Upper Spot.

Underclassman - Please continue to work hard in school, and take advantage of opportunities such as test retakes, tutoring, and engagement in MHS athletics, clubs, and extracurricular activities. Be sure to check the MHS Pirates website to view all of the opportunities you can participate in - <https://www.mhsirates.com/>

Seniors

Regularly check mhsirates.com and school social media for news and updates. Check your email address, phone number, and address in Skyward, and if incorrect, contact Coach Roe in room 6-134 or Ms. Alred in room 6-152.



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DIGITAL MEDIA STUDENTS ARE TOP WINNERS!

Every year The Garden Club at Palm Coast invites Flagler County high school students to participate in their annual poster contest. The students have to create original artwork that represents native plants and naturescapes. Students used Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator to create their artwork. This year all of the top winners are Matanzas Digital Media students!

The winners were awarded at the Spring Festival and Plant Sale where their gorgeous work was displayed.



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Second Place: M. Lamonica



Third Place: A. Olavarria

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ESB EXAMS PASSED!

Congratulations to our Marketing and DCT students who have passed the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Certification Exam. We have 29 (and counting!) students who have passed this spring. Pictured is Elizabeth Wirth, the first Class of 2027 Pirate to earn an industry certification.

The Entrepreneurship and Small Business certification is built to test and validate foundation-level concepts and knowledge in entrepreneurship and small business management. These core concepts include entrepreneurship; recognizing and evaluating opportunities; planning for, starting, and operating a business; marketing and sales; venture capital and seed funding; and financial management.

COME TO BLUE STEELS UPCOMING PERFORMANCE

Matanzas Blue Steel and Percussion Ensemble invites you to join our most popular show, A Night of Percussion! This performance will showcase the year's accomplishments and be a night you will not want to miss. There will be two performances, Tuesday, April 23rd, and Wednesday, April 24th, both at 7 PM in our Pirate Theater. The Night of Percussion is admission by donation.

FLAGLER PALM COAST & MATANZAS HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

Here is a sampling of what will be on display at the Flagler Palm Coast & Matanzas High School Art Show. Don't miss seeing the featured student work at *Expressions Art Gallery*: Grand Living Realty Building, 2298 Colbert Lane, Palm Coast, FL 32137. The displays are March 28 through May 4, 2024 with operating hours being Monday - Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM.



ROTC - A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

The tradition of excellence that the JROTC program has developed continues to grow stronger as evidenced by the trophies brought home recently. The Drill Team and Color Guard traveled to Wolfson High School in Jacksonville to participate in the Area One Drill Meet. As a result of that competition, MHS qualified to advance to the State Finals in four events: color guard, male-mix unarmed squad, female unarmed squad, and armed squad. For the second time in three years, MHS brought home a trophy from the State Finals. The armed squad commanded by Landon Smith placed 5th out of 38 teams, thereby securing a trophy at the State Finals. MHS is the only JROTC program in Northeast Florida to earn a trophy two out of the last three years at the State Finals. In its first season, the MHS JROTC Archery team began practice for its upcoming competitions. The busy schedule continues for the program as the year draws to a close. In April, the JROTC Cadets will host its Military Ball, travel to Chattanooga and the Chickamauga Civil War battlefield, rappel at Camp Blanding, and conduct the Annual Awards Ceremony.



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CULINARY CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to these students who passed the SafeServ exam! SafeServ is a challenging exam that tests knowledge of several categories of food safety in a commercial food service environment.



BLUE STEEL TRAVELS

The Matanzas Percussion Ensemble performed at the University of Tennessee Percussion Festival in early March. They received high praise from the clinicians and valuable feedback to improve our performance and musicianship. Our clinicians were Dr. Ivan Trevino, University of Texas, Dr. Susan Powell, Ohio State University, and Dr. Jim Campbell, retired from the University of Kentucky, in addition to the hosts, Dr. Andy Bliss and Prof. Kevin Zetina. Along with seeing other high school ensembles perform, the Ensemble enjoyed master classes with the different clinicians and a culminating concert featuring the clinicians and the UT Percussion Studio.



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BOYS WEIGHTLIFTING - DISTRICT CHAMPS!

March brought a big win for the MHS Boys Weightlifting Team who won the District Championship in Olympic Lifting and earned runner-up in Tradition Lifting. The beginning of April lifters participated in Regionals, earning more accolades as they placed 7th in Olympic and 5th in Traditional out of 29 teams. Cole H., Jayden S., and Maison L. will move to States in both events. Congratulations to all!





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