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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ahoy Pirates,

What a pleasure it has been to serve as the captain of "The Ship" these last five years! My One Word this year has been Gratitude, and it remains that for the coming year. I am forever grateful for the opportunities that we have enjoyed together. We have seen students accomplish so much in spite of facing unprecedented circumstances. I am proud of our accomplishments that we have experienced over this time:

- Increased and sustained our graduation rate
- Increased the number of students earning industry certifications
- Created the Law and Justice Program of Study
- Started Cyber Security Program of Study
- Added Digital Audio Production
- Added Digital Photography
- Added Hospitality and Tourism
- Added the Cambridge AICE International diploma program
- Increased the number of our students earning their AA Degree from Daytona State College
- Upgraded our Pirate Theater
- Purchased new band uniforms
- Celebrated State Champions in Boys and Girls Wrestling
- Celebrated the first playoff win in Football

Thank you. Thank you for the great times. Thank you for the highs and lows. Thank you for the laughter and for the tears. Thank you for your commitment to Pirate Nation. Thank you for each day we spent together. I am profoundly grateful for each of you. Remember: Today, and every day, is a GREAT Day to be a pirate!

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NEWS FROM THE CLINIC

Please remember:

1. **Final communication regarding non-compliant medical files (missing school physicals and/or immunizations) were sent home at the end of last school year.**
If not in compliance with Flagler District policy and Florida Department of Health, **students could face unexcused absences until medical files are complete.**
2. An updated **Emergency Contact form** needs to be completed for **EACH** school year. This can be completed in Skyward.
3. Medication to be administered at school:
★ **MUST be signed in by a parent/guardian with the nurse in the clinic and the appropriate form completed.**
★ **Prescription medication must have a District Order Form completed by the ordering MD. (Medication forms can be found on the MHS website.)**
4. **ALL DIABETICS MUST HAVE AN UPDATED DMMP** from their physician on file in the clinic. Multiple forms are needed for the carrying of and administration of all related treatment.
5. Proper forms are needed for students who need to self-carry EPI-Pens, inhalers or diabetic treatments. **Please be sure to inform the clinic of any medical conditions for which your student may require treatment.**



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GOODBYE, MRS. KRAVEROTIS

Over the summer, MHS saw changes to our Assistant Principals. Our very own Mrs. Kraverotis has moved 'down the road' to work her magic at FPC. We wish her all the best. Ms. Sara Novak has transitioned from our ESE AP to replace Mrs. Kraverotis as Curriculum AP. We are thankful for the difference Mrs. Kraverotis made at the Ship. She is already missed!

MEET MR. TERRY, OUR NEW DISCIPLINE, FACILITIES, AND CUSTODIAL AP



Mr. Terry is very excited to be a new member of the Matanzas High School team. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Anderson University in Indiana. After graduation, he remained in Anderson to begin his educational career. While teaching at the elementary level, Mr. Terry coached high school football.

Athletics and teaching brought Mr. Terry to Palm Coast in 1990, joining the faculty at Flagler Palm Coast High School. There he continued teaching, while coaching basketball and football until becoming a dean and then assistant principal.

In 2004, Mr. Terry obtained his master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Central Florida. For several years, he had the privilege of representing Flagler County Schools alongside administrators from Volusia County to partner with Bethune-Cookman University on an Educational Alliance. Additionally, he served in the African American Male Mentoring Program at Wadsworth Elementary.

Mr. Terry's time at Wadsworth granted him the opportunity to see many Flagler County students advance from pre-kindergarten through the sixth grade. Now he looks forward to reuniting with those students who are at Matanzas.

Mr. Terry counts it an honor to join the administrative team and contribute to the excellence that the students, faculty, parents, staff, and administration bring to Matanzas High School.

Welcome to the Ship, Mr. Terry!

MEET MRS. BROCK, OUR NEW ESE AP



Mrs. Brock was born in Daytona Beach and raised right here in Flagler County. In her free time, she loves boating, going to theme parks, and spending time with family. Her passion for working in the area of Exceptional Student Education, led her to apply to Project ASD at UCF, where she earned a master's in Exceptional Student Education. Most recently, she attended Stetson University where she received a master's in Educational Leadership.

Starting her educational career in 2009 at Rymfire Elementary, Mrs. Brock worked with students with varying exceptionalities. She also served as a classroom teacher at Belle Terre Elementary where she transitioned into ESE support facilitation. Wanting to take on more of a leadership role, Mrs. Brock accepted a support facilitation position in Volusia County. There she mentored and trained teachers on IEP development, providing accommodations, PBIS, best practices, and research-based interventions. Also, she was on the behavior leadership and school safety teams.

When her youngest son went into 6th grade, Mrs. Brock began working at Ormond Beach Middle School. While there, she served on the leadership team, Best Practices for Inclusive Education (BPIE) committee, School Advisory Committee, and was in the Aspiring Leaders Academy. Mrs. Brock designed and presented professional development, assisted with the coordination of state testing and master scheduling, and helped with curriculum mapping. She is excited to return to Flagler County and be a part of the Pirate Nation family.

Welcome to the Ship, Mrs. Brock!

Ask Your Counselor Today About Fall Dual Enrollment Programs!



Registration for Adult Fall Programs Opens June 13th

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SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

The School Counseling Department would like to welcome our Pirate Scholars and their families to the 2022-2023 school year. We hope you had an enjoyable summer and are ready for a fresh start to a new school year!

We would like to introduce our newest member of the School Counseling Department, Dr. Heidi Fitzgerald. Welcome to the counseling team, Dr. Fitzgerald!

Who is Your School Counselor?

Counselors are assigned by student last name:

- A-Di & ESE Cluster students - **Ms. Davis**
- Do-Maq - **Dr. Fitzgerald**
- F-J (12th only) & AICE students - **Ms. Cuevas**
- Mar-Ro - **Mrs. Stuve**
- Ru-Z & ACCESS students - **Mrs. Feist**

As the school year gets started, we would like to ask that you view the resources on the MHS Guidance Page https://www.mhspirates.com/school_services/guidance. We've included college and scholarship prep information as well as tips to build a rewarding high school experience. Many of the state universities have already opened applications for Fall 2023. The earlier the better when it comes to applying to college!

We encourage all students to participate in tutoring, community service projects, clubs and sports, and to challenge yourselves with enriching activities and coursework. You can begin submitting community service hours the summer after your 8th grade year. Keep in mind that you need at least 100 hours to qualify for the top Bright Futures award and a suggested average of 150-200 hours to look marketable for colleges and scholarship review boards. If you need ideas for community service work, check out Flagler Volunteer Services website for volunteer opportunities at <https://flaglervolunteer.org/>. Seniors, the Florida Financial Aid Application (Bright Futures Application), opens on October 1, 2022. The application can be found at this website: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>, and must be completed **BEFORE** your graduation ceremony.

While MHS is experiencing positive growth, we encountered some scheduling challenges, and we sincerely appreciate your patience with us. Our goal is to schedule students in their chosen electives. Scheduling changes will only be considered during the district outlined add/drop period for the following reasons:

1. Wrong course level
2. Prior completion of the course

Please know that there was a limited availability in some electives, especially our most popular classes, and many electives are now closed.

We look forward to working with our students and families, and we're committed to helping you navigate through a new and exciting school year at The Ship!

VYSTAR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Matanzas VyStar internship program would like to congratulate the following new interns, Austin Weeks, Bethany Moore, Ciara Gordon, Gabriel Ramirez, Karolina Jaronis, Nia Duncan, Reina Harper, and Stanly Gatzek. They all successfully passed their internship training held here at Matanzas this June. These students worked hand in hand with students from Pedro Menendez and Palatka during the six-day training. Please head down to your local VyStar branch in either Palm Coast or Flagler Beach to say hello to these interns.

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

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MU THETA ALPHA CLUB

Looking for a new club at school? The Mu Alpha Theta Math Club may be the one for you. We are open to all students of all abilities who enjoy doing, learning, and being creative with math. Last year, we entered contests from the National Mu Alpha Theta program for designing t-shirts and creating a math video to teach a lesson. Our video earned 4th place. We also had a team that competed in the Mathworks Math Modeling Challenge, a 14-hour competition where the team has to research a topic, build a mathematical model based on their findings, and then write a technical paper based on their work to answer various questions posed. In previous years, we have also had subject-specific teams train to compete in local math competitions in Central Florida and expect to continue that this year. Many of the projects we take part in are from the students' interests. We usually have car washes to help raise money for the club and a Pi Week celebration in March. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Winfree at winfreeb@flaglerschools.com. Listen for information about our first meeting in August.

ATTENTION, GOLFERS!

Tryouts and practice will begin on Monday, August 8 at 3:00 PM at Palm Harbor Golf Club. All interested or returning golfers need their G7 form to be eligible to participate. You can contact the athletics office to make sure you are eligible. Please contact Brandie Alred at alredb@flaglerschools.com for more information.

Come join a winning team!

JROTC SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

The JROTC program was anything but quiet over the summer. Seventeen cadets traveled to Camp Shands, Florida, to participate in the five-day Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge. Some of the activities were rappelling, zip-line, high ropes course, land navigation, and an obstacle course. Amaru Crosby was selected to serve on the cadet staff for graduation, an honor reserved for only the highest-rated cadets. Also, Arabella Allen earned the privilege of serving on the color guard for the graduation ceremony. Additionally, our cadets provided critical assistance in getting the MHS staff and faculty ready for the upcoming school year.



DECA TO REOPEN ON DECK

DECA, Distributed Education Clubs of America, prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in finance, marketing, hospitality, and management, and there is a chapter right here at MHS! As DECA greets the new school year, all are invited back to On Deck (located in the Upper Spot, formerly known as the Coffee Spot) which is going to be better than ever this year! Re-opening on Tuesday, August 23, DECA plans to remain open through the school year every Tuesday and Thursday before the first bell. Come start your morning right with our delicious frozen beverages of Chocolate Java Chip, Vanilla Bean, and Cookies and Cream!

The fun doesn't have to stop there! You too can become a DECA member by attending our first meeting of the year on Wednesday, August 31, right after school in room 5-202. Come meet our founding members, learn about community service opportunities, and competitions, and all of the fun we have going on throughout the year. Plus, take a tour of On Deck, and learn how you can start crafting our delicious drinks!

DECA offers a plethora of opportunities to make connections with your peers and enables you to explore passions in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Interested in learning more? Contact Ms. Newingham at newinghamk@flaglerschools.com



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PIRATES ABROAD!



What do pirates do when they don't have homework? They travel abroad! Aaron B., Haley C., Abby A., Victoria W., and Ms. Harmon sailed to England, France, and Spain this summer. Their journey began in Montréal, Canada, where the Coca Cola (don't call it Coke) is king. Next the Pirate Travelers flew their ship to London, mastered the Tube, and celebrated the Queen's Jubilee. This was followed by a dive under the English Channel in their Train-Ship to say Aargh to the Iron Lady (Eiffel Tower) in Paris. "Oui" ate in a cave in Provence and climbed the tallest sand dunes near Biarritz. Finally, the travelers admired the magnificent Pyrénées on their way to San Sebastián, España. No bull in Pamplona, so they had to find the ocean again in Barcelona! Each returned home with hilarious memories and a new appreciation for our own beds. If interested in participating in other group traveling opportunities, please contact Ms. Harmon harmonk@flaglerschools.com.



AND MORE PIRATES ABROAD FOR THE TAGALONGS WORLD TOUR

This summer the "TAGALONGS World Tour" took the group to Germany, France, and Spain. Seventeen MHS students tagged along and enjoyed the opportunity to experience the culture, food, and traditions of Barcelona, Madrid, Avignon, Paris, Heidelberg, and Munich. The 14-day tour ran smoothly with nearly perfect weather. Many memories were made that will follow these young travelers throughout their lives. Future tours include Japan 2023 and Italy/Greece 2024. "You'll Never Know, unless you Go!"

KEY CLUB

The Matanzas Key Club welcomes all students into the new school year! We hope to once again offer as many community service hours to all our peers. In fact, just last year we were able to provide over 1,206 hours to our members. We aim to participate in the community through services such as beach cleanups, car washes, aiding the humane society, and much more. Key Club meetings are on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. During these meetings our members are able to earn around an hour of community service through projects such as wrapping books to distribute to children. These hours not only benefit the community but can also benefit members as well through scholarships. If this piques your interest, please contact our club sponsor Mrs. Cypert (building 9) for more information.



CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country, a perfect conditioning sport for many other sports, started training in June and has been training all summer. Our team of runners includes members from the following teams: weightlifting, wrestling, softball, soccer, and track. This year we will be hosting a preseason event called the Pirate XC Relays and the Run Matanzas XC Invitational. Cross Country runs at school, on the trails around Palm Coast, and at Princess Place Preserve. When school resumes, practice will be every day after school with meets on Saturdays. No experience is required; all you need is a pair of running shoes and a water bottle. If interested in joining, please contact Coach Kane, and also please be on the lookout for information about our Spirit Nights. Cross Country welcomes your support!



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Wednesday, August 3 - Tuesday, August 9	Professional Learning/Pre-Planning - Teachers
Wednesday, August 10	First Day for Students
Tuesday, August 23 <i>(If needed, hurricane make-up day: August 23)</i>	Professional Learning Day - No School
Monday, September 5	Labor Day - No School
Wednesday, September 7	Progress Reports - First Quarter
Wednesday, October 12	End of First Quarter
Monday, October 17 <i>(If needed, hurricane make-up day: October 17)</i>	Teacher Work Day
Tuesday, November 8 <i>(If needed, hurricane make-up day: November 8)</i>	Professional Learning Day - No School
Wednesday, November 9	Progress Reports - Second Quarter
Friday, November 11	Veterans Day - No School
Monday, November 21 - Friday, November 25 <i>(If needed, hurricane make-up days: November 21, 22)</i>	Thanksgiving Break Holiday - No School
Monday, November 28	School Resumes
Thursday, December 22	End of Second Quarter/First Semester
Friday, December 23 - Thursday, January 5 <i>(If needed, hurricane make-up day: December 23)</i>	Winter Break - No School
Friday, January 6	Teacher Work Day
Monday, January 9	School Resumes - Start of Second Semester
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King Birthday Holiday - No School
Wednesday, February 1	Progress Reports - Third Quarter
Monday, February 20	Presidents' Day Holiday - No School
Thursday, March 16	End of Third Quarter
Friday, March 17	Teacher Work Day
Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 24	Spring Break - No School
Friday, April 21	Progress Reports - Fourth Quarter
Friday, May 26	End of Fourth Quarter/Second Semester/Last Day of School
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 30	Teacher Work Day

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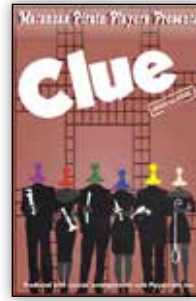
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Written by Katelyn Telfer, MHS 11th grader and production manager

The doors to the tall, elegant mansion opened steadily. One by one, each party guest trickled into the 1950s set, equipped with questions and aliases for the night ahead of them. As the final guest arrived and the dinner commenced, awkward conversations turned into fright. The candles of both light and life were snuffed out, leaving everybody in the dark as a single gunshot was heard. But who pulled the trigger and killed the host, Mr. Boddy?

MHS Thespians will open their 2022-2023 with Clue. Based on the classic board game, the audience will be entertained by the question, "Who dun it?". The performances are on October 27, 28, 29 at 7 PM in the Pirate Theater at 3535 Pirate Nation Way. Tickets can be purchased at <http://pirates32137.booktix.com/>.





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JESSICA ROMAN PLACES IN ACLU ESSAY CONTEST

Last spring students were able to submit original essays for the ACLU Essay Scholarship Contest. The topic was, "Is our democracy at risk? If so, what is the greatest threat? What should we do about it?" MHS Pirate Jessica Roman placed 3rd with her essay. Congratulations, Jessica!



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Period	Start Time	End Time	Instructional Minutes	
1	8:10	8:58	0:48	
<i>Passing</i>	8:58	9:03	0:05	
2	9:03	9:50	0:47	
<i>Passing</i>	9:50	9:55	0:05	
3	9:55	10:42	0:47	
<i>Passing</i>	10:42	10:47	0:05	
4	10:47	11:34	0:47	
5	1st Lunch	11:34	12:04	0:30
	<i>Passing</i>	12:04	12:09	0:05
	Class	12:09	12:56	0:47
	Class	11:39	12:26	0:47
	2nd Lunch	12:26	12:56	0:30
<i>Passing</i>	12:56	1:01	0:05	
6	1:01	1:48	0:47	
<i>Passing</i>	1:48	1:53	0:05	
7	1:53	2:40	0:47	



GET READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL!

Phase 1 of summer football conditioning ended by honoring a fallen hero. Coach Forrest started the day by reading the obituary of Air Force 1st Lt. Joseph D. Helton. At the age of just 24, Helton died on September 8, 2009, near Bagdad when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. After the reading, the players then participated in a CrossFit "Hero Workout of the Day," which honors service members and first responders who died in the line of duty. After the workout, the players divided into four teams of shirts and skins to play two simultaneous games of "Pirate Ball."

The players had a week off before beginning Phase 2 of summer workouts. Preseason practice begins August 1, and Matanzas will play host to Mainland in a kickoff Classic on August 19.

