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# THE HOOK

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

February is a month filled with celebrations, so I want to take this opportunity to spotlight some great things going on at Matanzas High School.

The week of February 6-10 was National School Counseling Week, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. Here at Matanzas High School we have four school counselors who do so much for our students, from supporting their academic success to assisting families with needed services including mental health and other resources. Please join me in recognizing our School Counselors here at MHS!

- Ms. Cuevas - AICE Cohort and Last Names But-Cou and F-J (12th Only)
- Ms. Feist - ESE Access Points Cohort, Last Names A-Benne and Ru-Z
- Dr. Fitzgerald - Last Names Cox-Maq
- Ms. Stuve - ESE Behavior Unit Cohort, Last Names Bennef-Bus and Mar-Ro

We also celebrate Black History Month during February! Our art classes are engaged with several projects, including some which will be on display at the Palm Coast Public Library. In addition, students in our African American History course are taking part in a number of activities this month to recognize Black History Month.

Finally, it is getting close to the time of year when we will be talking with students about their course selections for the 23-24 school year. Please start having conversations with your student about their goals and courses that they think they would like to take. More information will be coming out to students and parents from the guidance department about this process and each student will have the opportunity to sit down individually with his or her school counselor to review their course selections.

*Go Pirates!*



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## MHS AND DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Flagler Schools held its annual Teacher, Employee, and Rookie Teacher of the Year Gala this January at the Flagler Auditorium. Our very own MHS math teacher extraordinaire Lee Winfree, was named the Flagler County's District Teacher of the Year. Mr. Winfree has been teaching for 22 years, with half of that time spent in Flagler County. He's taught AP Calculus, AP Statistics, and Probability and Statistics. Winfree is a graduate of the University of Maine and has a Master of Science in Education from Walden University and a Master of Science in Mathematical Science from the University of West Florida. Mr. Winfree's response to being named District Teacher of the Year was, "Gratitude. Appreciation. Surprised. I think all of us want to win it. We don't expect to win it because we know how amazing all the teachers here are in Flagler County." Our reaction is well-deserved!



## CONGRATS TO MHS EMPLOYEE AND ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Rookie Teacher Tyler Bethea admits he has rather fallen into teaching but in doing so, has found his path and passion. Mr. Bethea teaches art at MHS and looks forward to following in many of his family members' footsteps as lifelong educators.

Employee of the year Paula Teixeira works tirelessly as one of our MHS bookkeepers. Her thoroughness gives confidence and assurance to her coworkers, and her friendliness makes all feel welcome to come to her with their questions and needs.



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jaden Smith, the MHS Senior of the Month for December, who also received the first ever Pirate of Distinction lanyard. This special token of recognition from our principal, Mrs. Bozeman, is in recognition of a MHS Pirates who exemplify our motto: Make Good Choices, Hold Yourself Accountable and Strive for Excellence.



Ring in the new year with her certificate and Pirate of Distinction lanyard is Isabella Tietje, MHS Senior of the Month for January.

## HOSA - HEALTH OCCUPATIONS SOCIETY OF AMERICA CLUB

The MHS HOSA (Health Occupations Society of America) club recently participated in a competition at Mandarin High School. All of our students placed in the competition! Congratulations to the following HOSA student members:

- Maya K. and Ciara S. - 1st in Mental Health Promotion
- Madison G. - 1st Place in Clinical Nursing
- Katelyn M. - 5th Place in Dental Terminology



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## DON'T MISS THE SUMMER OF 2024 TRIP

Our own Mrs. Saunier is excited to announce that your student is invited to join her for an incredible travel experience to Berlin, Prague, Krakow and Budapest in the **Summer of 2024!** This experience is being offered because our students are the future and a global connection can make the world a better place. Registering your child for this trip will provide families plenty of time to plan and enroll with low monthly payments. Please email Mrs. Saunier at [saunierk@flaglerschools.com](mailto:saunierk@flaglerschools.com) or call 386-447-1575 x8227 if you have any questions.

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## BLUE STEEL

On Thursday, March 30th at 7 PM in the MHS Courtyard, Outback Night will feature Blue Steel performing with Ms. Josanne Francis, the director of Steel on Wheels! Outback Night is a dinner fundraiser sponsored by Outback Steakhouse. Tickets can be purchased at [pirates32137.booktix.com](http://pirates32137.booktix.com).

Matanzas High School has the privilege of hosting the FMEA Steel Band Festival on Friday and Saturday, March 31st and April 1st. School steelbands from around Florida travel to Palm Coast to receive feedback on their performances from Ms. Josanne Francis, our clinician for this year's festival. We are also producing a mass band (all the individual bands rehearsing and performing together in a very large steelband) for the first time this year! Individual bands will be performing in the Pirate Courtyard from 3 PM on Friday and 1 PM on Saturday. Saturday morning will be reserved for the mass band with the performance happening around 11:30 AM. Admission is free.

Our most popular show is *A Night of Pan* on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25th and 26th at 7 PM in the Pirate Theater. You won't want to miss this show that will feature all of the steelbands' outstanding accomplishments this year! The Night of Pan is admission by donation. Thank you so much for your support of Matanzas Blue Steel. We can't wait to see you at our next show!

## FIRST-TIME MUSIC AWARD

Matanzas High School was recognized at FMEA (Florida Music Educators Association) conference receiving a Music Enrollment Award for the high enrollment in music programs at our school. This is the first time in MHS history that we have received this award! Thank you Mr. Oliva, Piano and Chorus; Mr. Brown, Digital Audio; Mr. Schulz, Band; and Mr. Allen, Steel Drums.



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# GUIDANCE NEWS

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

**Students** - You can start preparing for scholarships and award money as soon as the summer after 8th grade! Volunteer hours from the summer after 8th grade will be accepted. Scholarship committee boards are looking for an average of 150-200 hours, participating in clubs and/or sports, taking challenging classes and earning good grades, preparing for the SAT and/or ACT, and developing a high school resume. Request information from your school counselor for more resources on scholarship, financial aid, test preparation, and other preparatory guides.

### Looking For Volunteer Hours?

You need 100 hours to qualify for the top Bright Futures award and an average of 250 hours to look marketable for scholarships. Visit the Community Service board outside the building 6 Guidance Office, or visit the Flagler Volunteer Services link for volunteer opportunities - <https://flaglervolunteer.org/>.

### Dual Enrollment Students

Do you want to walk across the stage to accept your DSC Diploma for Spring 2023? Apply for DSC's graduation ceremony through your **MyDaytonaState** portal.

Please see below for important dates:

- First day to apply for graduation: January 17, 2023
  - Commencement book deadline: March 20, 2023
  - Summer Completers - Last day to apply: July 31, 2023
  - Commencement Ceremony: May 16, 2023
  - Reserve Tickets to Walk: Between February 1 and April 3, 2023
- \*\*You must apply for graduation even if you do NOT wish to walk in the commencement ceremony.

\*\*You may walk in the ceremony no matter what your grad status is.

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

### 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 **BEFORE YOU GRADUATE** to receive any potential award money! Please request the quick guide tutorial from your school counselor if needed. If you qualify for a scholarship and plan to attend college in Fall 2023, you will **NOT** receive the award money if this application is not completed **BEFORE** you graduate. Link to the Bright Futures website and application - <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>.

**SAVE THE DATE! April 3, 2023 - Daytona State College Senior Admission Day** in the MHS Media Center. DSC advisers will be at MHS to assist seniors who plan to attend DSC after graduation with the application process, enrollment and course registration. Please see Mrs. Moore, the Guidance Secretary, to request an appointment.

### Juniors

**SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday March 1, 2023 is the Junior in school SAT day.**

- You don't need to do anything to register for the SAT; MHS has taken care of your registration and payment.
- The tests begin promptly at 8:10 AM, so be in your testing room **well BEFORE 8:10 AM.**
- Don't forget to get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and come prepared! You can bring a drink and snacks for break times. Bring layers! Some testing rooms can be cold or warm!
- Check Schoology for your testing location (information will be available closer to the testing date).
- If you would like to take SAT and/or ACT on a scheduled Saturday test date, you need to register for the exam on your own. Remember that if you qualify for free/reduced lunch, you can request a fee waiver from Mrs. Moore, the Guidance Secretary, located in the upper spot!

### Underclassmen

Please take advantage of our tutoring and test retake opportunities (MHS tutoring website - <https://www.mhsirates.com/academics/tutoring>) Continue to have conversations with your teachers, especially core teachers, with regard to future scheduling and course recommendations.

**MHS TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES**

2023 Update  
On Campus - Tutoring  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
2:50pm - 4:20pm  
(After-School Activity Bus Leaves @ 4:30pm)

- Test Make-ups/Retakes: (Mrs. Barnes Room #6-034) - Both Tuesday & Thursday
- Biology: (Mrs. Cull Room #1-205) - Both Tuesday & Thursday
- Social Studies: (Mrs. Hartshorn Room #5-112) - Both Tuesday & Thursday
- 9th-12th English/Reading: (Mr. Edwards Room #5-194) - Both Tuesday & Thursday
- ESOL/ELL: (Mrs. Logsdon Room #6-245) - Both Tuesday & Thursday
- Alg I & Geo: (Mrs. Winslow Room #5-104) - Tuesday's Only
- Alg I & Geo: (Mrs. Warren Room #5-129 - Learning Lab) - Thursday's Only
- Alg II & Upper Level Math: (Mr. Winslow Room #5-114) - Tuesday's Only
- Edgenuity Lab (Mrs. Baker - Room #5-125) - Both Tuesday & Thursday

**Peer Tutoring**  
Will also be offered in the tutoring sessions  
by AICE, NHS & Mu Alpha Theta Students.

**Procedures for Tutoring:**

- Right after dismissal students are to head directly to the tutoring teacher's classroom. Students must be in their tutoring room by 2:50pm. Any students in the halls, courtyards or common areas after 2:50pm will be escorted to the front office to be picked up.
- Students "must" remain with the teacher in the classroom for tutoring until 4:20pm. Students should have a pass to use the bathroom as you do during the regular school day.
- At 4:20PM students are to report for the after-school activity bus (with a bus pass) in the bus loop. There are 2 activity buses that will leave at 4:30pm. Students must make sure they get on the right bus based on the section they live in.
- Car Riders are to report to the driveway for parent pick up in the front of the school.
- All students are expected to leave campus at 4:30pm.

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## MHS MARKETING

In January, marketing students enjoyed a visit from Full Sail University. Students participated in a hands-on lesson where they created stop motion animation. It was a great visit not only to learn stop motion animation skills but also to practice how to pitch a game design and more!



In February, marketing students enjoyed another great visit. This visit was great speaker Erik Libby, CEO of TheToDoDudes.



## BOOK CLUBS

Mrs. Allen's Reading students are in book clubs this quarter and working together to read through a novel!



## TAKE A DEEP DIVE INTO LITERACY - SPLASH INTO NEW WORLDS!

Florida's Celebrate Literacy Week found MHS students with a variety of activities to celebrate literacy. Students enjoyed a visit from author Lynne Matson, Florida Teen Reads author, who led a workshop on how her books came to be and talked to students about the writing process, as well as how she got published. Students enjoyed Ms. Matson's presentation and the writing workshop.



Students also enjoyed spending their lunch time in the Media Center for Open Mic time. This collaboration was a huge success. The event was coordinated by media specialist, Cate Brandner, who partnered with the PBIS team and DECA. Entry to the event was one Pirate Token, which can be earned for exemplifying the Pirate Nation motto. DECA provided a free beverage cart and snacks were also made available. Students bravely shared with their peers including one student who is already a published author and read from her most recent book.

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## MHS JROTC CONTINUES TO EXCEL

The MHS JROTC program had an excellent first semester. After competing in events at Union County, Englewood, and Baldwin High School, the Raider Team competed in the State Qualifier at Baldwin High School and took home trophies in two events. For the second year in a row, the rifle team finished the regular season undefeated and earned the trophy for Area One regular season champions. For the last two years the rifle team has a regular season record of 18-0. The Drill Team and Color Guard are gearing up for their competitions which will begin with a trip to Williston High School. Lastly, eight seniors traveled to Atlanta to present the American Flag during the National Anthem at the SEC Championship Game in Mercedes-Benz Stadium.



## MHS CARPENTRY

The construction classes have made great headway on the tiny home. A more recent project is a shed which is also making fantastic progress. Congratulations are also in store to the MHS Carpentry students who recently passed 120+ modules towards earning their NCCER Industry certifications. Well done!



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## GIRLS WEIGHTLIFTING ARE DISTRICT CHAMPS!

The end of January, the Lady Pirates Weightlifting Team won the 2A-6 District Championship! They also were runner up for the Olympic portion of the competition. Four Lady Pirates took home Gold: Jordyn Crews, Maria Kelly, Sarah Sanchez and Samantha Simon. All-in-all, thirteen Lady Pirates advanced out of Districts to qualify for Regionals, which were held at the beginning of February at Leesburg High School. A huge congratulations to Rilee Whitmore who at the regionals advanced to State in both Olympic and Traditional Events.



## MHS COMPETITIVE CHEER

MHS's competitive cheer team celebrated a 10th place finish at the FHSAA 2A Small Non-Tumbling State Championships. Congratulations on two amazing performances and advancing to the State Finals for the first time in a decade!

## GROUNDHOG DAY GALLERY WALK

Mrs. Langley's Spanish classes participated in a Groundhog Day gallery walk. Students were able to practice their Spanish while learning more about Groundhog Day. One student even recreated the event the following day by dressing the part!



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## ART EXHIBITION COMING SOON!

Expressions Art Gallery on Colbert will be hosting the High School Student show beginning February 26 through April 8, 2023. Be sure to visit to see the outstanding art works from both Flagler Palm Coast and Matanzas High School art students.



## LEARNING SPANISH PAST TENSES

Ms. Kessler's Spanish III students practiced the Spanish past tenses by drawing eight frames to describe their winter break. This was a personal way to practice Spanish and give artistic students a chance to stretch their creative wings.



## DECA EARNS HONORS

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Each year, DECA recognizes leading chapters that have built strong local programs focused on serving an exceptional number of members, advisors, alumni and business partners. The Matanzas DECA chapter recently earned honors being awarded both the Promotional and Membership Campaign Achievement Levels for the 22-23 school year. The chapter's advisor and student leaders have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to DECA.

DECA's membership campaign is designed to help chapters grow by making the DECA experience available to more student members, keeping alumni involved and engaging professional members such as administrators, teachers, parents and business partners.

DECA's promotional campaign provides chapter members an opportunity to share with their school and community what DECA is all about and how their chapter is making a positive impact on its members and community. "Our chapter has been dedicated to rebuilding DECA here at Matanzas. These students are some of the hardest working young adults I know, and I am so proud to work with them as they pursue their goals," said Julie Davis, the marketing teacher and DECA advisor at Matanzas High School. The DECA chapter leaders that helped make this happen are the following: Casey Schagen, Natalie Plambeck, Maya Kulesza, Naya Guillen, Jaden Smith, Lexi Hixon, Christa Koehler along with their advisor, Julie Davis.