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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The 2018-2019 school year is complete, and we look forward to what is in store for our Pirates for 2019-2020. Our recent senior grads really set the bar with their accomplishments in the classroom and on the field.

- 44% of the seniors had a weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- 40% of the students enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement course.
- Over 76% have taken at least one honors level course.
- 71% were enrolled in some type of Flagship course or Classroom to Career course.
- 45 students earned an industry certification with an employable skill.
- Over 86% of students took the standardized SAT or ACT.
- 39% of students took a dual enrollment course.
- Approximately 40 students earned or will earn their Associates degree from Daytona State College this summer.
- 78% of our grads are college bound.
- For the fourth year in a row, Matanzas High was recognized by US News and World Report as one of the top high schools in the country.

New this year at the Ship, we will be adding Homeland Security Courses from ERAU. This ties into our Law and Justice Flagship. In addition, our AICE program is expanding to include five new courses for students seeking their AICE International diploma. In the spring, our construction program will receive a boost with the renovation and construction of a new lab for the flagship in building 10.

All of this points to the expanding offerings and opportunities for our students and community. I look forward to seeing all of our Pirates return to the Ship on August 12.

Have a wonderful summer Pirates!



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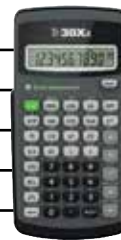


If any marine science students are interested, Mr. Feist is planning a trip to MarineLab located in Key Largo this November 2019. The trip is open to any past or presently enrolled marine science students from Marine 1, Marine 2, or AICE Marine science AS level courses whom have no disciplinary histories or poor academic records.

We're planning the trip during November 8th, 9th, and 10th, and the cost is \$505. That cost includes all meals, lodging, and all activities at MarineLab, but it does not include food and snacks for the six-hour trip down, and back home, or any gift shop items. The date was chosen since the hurricane season should be winding down, but the Keys are still quite warm for snorkeling. The trip includes, weather permitting, five snorkel trips along coral reefs, seagrass beds, lagoons, and mangrove ecosystems. If you think you might be interested in going, you can view the www.MarineLab.org website, or email Mr. Feist at feistc@flaglerschools.com. It really is a fun, educational time and well worth the cost!

CALCULATORS - WATCH FOR SUMMER SALES!

Here's a list of recommended calculators for the math classes. Most of the graphing calculators go on sale at the end of July, early August. Pictured is an example of the Algebra/Geometry calculator.



Course	Calculator
Liberal Arts 1	TI30Xa
Algebra 1, Algebra 1a, Algebra 1b	TI30Xa
Informal Geometry, Geometry, Honors Geometry	TI30Xa
Liberal Arts 2	TI30Xa
Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors	TI Inspire or TI84Plus
Pre-Calculus	TI Inspire or TI84Plus
College Algebra	TI Inspire or TI84Plus
AP Calculus	TI Inspire or TI84Plus
AP Statistics	TI Inspire or TI84Plus

NEWS FROM THE CLINIC

1. Please be advised medical records will be audited by September 30, 2019. If not in compliance with Flagler District policy and Florida Department of Health, **students could face unexcused absences until files are complete.**
2. An **UPDATED Emergency Contact** form is needed for **EACH** school year.
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.**
(Forms can be picked up in the clinic.)
4. **ALL Diabetics MUST have a 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.**
6. Information on Flu shots will be forthcoming.
 - Please be sure to inform the clinic of any medical conditions for which your student may require treatment.**

We are looking forward to a healthy school year at Matanzas!
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BIG APPLE SUMMER DRAMA TRIP

On June 1, 2019, 24 MHS students, teachers, and parents embarked for the Big Apple. Noel Bethea sponsored the five-day trip through EF Tours Broadway and the Arts. Participants saw many awe-inspiring historical sites including Ellis Island, the 911 Memorial, and Empire State Building. The Metropolitan Museum, Radio City Music Hall and Lincoln Center provided the travelers with a context for arts. Other favorite highlights including enjoying an up close and personal QA with a Broadway artist, participating in a drama workshop in the city, and seeing Beautiful the Carole King Musical and King Kong. On the last day, students were surprised with a lunch at Ellen's StarDust Diner. Students were inspired by the food, culture, and historical places, and they hope to bring the spirit of the city to the stage next spring for MHS production of Disney's Newsies.



Mrs. Bethea, MHS Drama Instructor and Thespian Director, leads group to the Big Apple

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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JOIN KEY CLUB!

Key club is a diverse community service club that meets after school every Thursday from 2:30-3:30. Consider joining a club whose activities benefit children in our school, community, and world while giving you the opportunity to make lifelong friends. Membership contracts will be distributed at the first meeting on September 9 or can be picked up at Mrs. Summerlot's desk located in the Upper Spot.

Last year's activities included hosting a Breakfast with Santa, giving out 1200 children's books at the Starlight Parade, making health kits for the local homeless shelter, making dog toys for the humane society, working monthly at the food pantry and so much more! Key Club looks forward to new members joining us!

GOLF SEASON BEGINS SOON!

Golf season will kick off on Monday, July 29th. If you are interested in joining the team, tryouts will take place on Monday, July 29th - Wednesday, July 31st. Practice is at Palm Harbor Golf Club Monday - Thursday from 3:00-5:00 pm. You must have a completed physical in order to try out and participate. If you have any questions, please contact Brandie Alred (Girls Golf) at alredb@flaglerschools.com or Thad Busby (Boys Golf) at busbyt@flaglerschools.com. We look forward to a very successful season.

TRACK & FIELD RECORD BREAKERS

The Matanzas High School Track and Field Team concluded yet another great season on May 4th at the FHSAA State Track & Field Class 3A Championships held at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. Ja'Dashia Catlin competed in the 400M run with a time of 59.01. This season, Ja'Dashia broke two Matanzas High School records in both the 400M run with a time of 58.42 and in the 300M run with a time of 41.67. Shanell Pusey also competed at the State Track & Field Championship. Shanell ran in both the 300M and 100M hurdles with respective times of 48.50 and 17.17. Shanell also broke two Matanzas High School records this season, one in the 300M hurdles with a time of 46.74 and the other in the 100M hurdles with a time of 16.06. The Girls Track Team placed Runner Up at the Class 3A District 6 Championship held here at The Ship, while the Boys Track & Field Team placed third.

We had 25 student-athletes compete in the Class 3A Regional 2 Championship, experiencing a level of competition that was new for many of our student-athletes. The MHS Track & Field Team is always looking for student-athletes who are ready to compete and have fun! Please see Coach Kane or Coach Hanson if you are interested in joining us.

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 Monday, August 12th
 Monday, September 2nd
 Wednesday, September 11th
 Friday, October 11th
 Monday, October 14th
(If needed, Hurricane make-up days)
 Monday, November 11th
 Wednesday, November 13th
 Monday, November 25th – Friday, November 29th
(If needed, Hurricane make-up days November 25th – 27th)
 Monday, December 2nd
 Thursday, December 19th
 Friday, December 20th
(If needed, Hurricane make-up day)
 Monday, December 23rd – Friday, January 3rd
 Monday, January 6th
 Monday, January 13th
 Monday, January 20th
 Friday, February 7th
 Monday, February 17th
 Thursday, March 12th
 Friday, March 13th
 Monday, March 16th – Friday March 20th
 Friday, April 10th
 Friday, April 24th
 Monday, May 25th
 Wednesday, May 27th
 Thursday, May 28th
 Friday, May 29th

Professional Learning Day for Teachers-No School for Students
 Pre-Planning Days for Teachers
 First Day for Students
 Labor Day Holiday-No School
 Progress Reports – First Quarter
 End of First Quarter
 Teacher Workday-No School for Students
 Veteran’s Day-No School
 Progress Reports – Second Quarter
 Thanksgiving Break-No School
 School Resumes
 End of Second Quarter/Semester
 Teacher Workday-No School
 Winter Break-No School
 School Resumes – Start of Second Semester
 Professional Learning Day for Teachers-No School for Students
 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance-No School
 Progress Reports-Third Quarter
 President’s Day-No School
 End of Third Quarter
 Teacher Workday - No School for Students
 Spring Break-No School
 Professional Learning Day for Teachers-No School for Students
 Progress Reports-Fourth Quarter
 Memorial Day-No School
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CHEERLEADERS STAY BUSY THIS SUMMER

By *Melanie Wood*

VOLUNTEERING AT LOCAL POP WARNER SUMMER CHEER CAMP

On Saturday, June 15th, we had some wonderful cheerLEADERS volunteer with the Pop Warner Titan Cheer program. From 9am-12pm, these ladies helped with motions, chants, tumbling, and stunting! Thank you, Ally Breen, Mia Tramontano, Madi Asbill, Ally Robinson, Darri Steward, and Mar Figueroa for giving your time by using your talent of cheerleading to help our growing youth.



JULY 4th PARADE

These ladies met for a wonderful breakfast at a popular local spot, Swillerbees, for a team breakfast and then marched in the Flagler Beach 4th of July Parade. Senior Madison Asbill stated, "I love watching the sense of community as an entire county comes to celebrate our independence."

Even though July has just started, the Matanzas cheer squads have been in full swing. Later this month they will attend a summer camp with UCA at Embry-Riddle University. Follow them on Facebook, Instagram, and/or twitter to keep up with their exciting season!



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The AP experience will largely remain the same—students will still sign up for classes at the same time, and exams will still be administered in May—but there are a few changes students will notice throughout the 2019-20 school year.

Here’s what you need to know:

- **FALL COMMITMENT:** Students will be asked to register for AP Exams in the fall. AP Exams will continue to be given in May.
- **EXAM COSTS:** The exam fee isn’t changing. However, there will be two new fees: a \$40 fee for late registration (after Nov. 15) and a \$40 cancelation or unused exam fee.
- **NEW RESOURCES:** Students will get personalized feedback through new digital tools that provide daily support for every AP classroom. Their teachers will be able to track their performance throughout the year using monthly personal progress checks.

To get ready for the coming school year, students should sign up for a College Board account. All College Board programs are connected through one account, so if you created one for the PSAT/NMSQT®, SAT®, or College Board Opportunity Scholarships, you are all set. You’ll just need to have their username and password available. Parents can learn more at parents.collegeboard.org.

PIRATE WOMAN VISITS PIONEER WOMAN

By Mrs. Kittrell, Culinary Arts Teacher

While MHS culinary students are enjoying the beaches of Florida, Mrs. Kittrell put on her cowboy boots and headed to Pawhuska, Oklahoma, to see one of her favorite Food network stars, the Pioneer Woman! An employee at the Lodge told me that Ree was “grounded” so that she could finish a project; however, I was able to browse around in the Lodge and touch some of the equipment that she uses to create her cooking show. Now when I watch the show I can say, “Wow, I stood behind that counter and touched that mixer and opened that fridge!”



AP STUDENTS TO-DO LIST

Here is what students need to do to prepare for the 2019-20 AP school year.

BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR

- Students visit apstudent.collegeboard.org to learn more about AP courses and exams.
- Students without a College Board account should create one and set their password. **They’ll need their username and password when their AP classes start in the fall.**
- Students who already have an account should **make sure they know their username and password.**

FALL 2019

- First week of class: Teachers will give students a join code for each of their AP classes. Students use their College Board username and password and join code to enroll in their class section.
- October/November: Schools submit exam orders.

SPRING 2020

- March: Schools submit any changes to their exam order and order exams for students in spring courses.
- May: Students take AP Exams.

SUMMER 2020

- July: AP Exam scores are released.




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MHS ROTC

The MHS JROTC program had a very successful and busy second semester. The Drill Team and Color Guard Team took home numerous awards from the Area One Drill Meet and for the fourth year in a row, qualified for the state finals. For the first time in school history, the JROTC Rifle Team advanced to the state finals in marksmanship. In

fact, this year, all JROTC competitive teams qualified to advance to the state finals in their respective sports. The MHS JROTC program enjoyed a tremendous amount of success during this past school year.



JROTC DRILL TEAM



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All National Honor Society members may do four hours of community service to be used for their required September monthly service hours. Anyone who ordered tee shirts but did not pick them up, may see Mrs. Lemus at the beginning of the school year. The first NHS meeting will be the second week of September. More details to follow at the beginning of the school year.