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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Fall is in the air and that means we are busy at The Ship! Clubs, sports, and activities are in full swing. Here are but a few examples of how life is returning to The Ship.

The Interact Club recently went to the local food bank to help organize resources for families in need within our community. With the help of other volunteers, over 17 pallets of food were unpacked, organized, and distributed. Way to go, Interact Club.

Key Club took to the shores this month to help with community cleanup. It was a great day out on the beach cleaning and serving.

Our golf teams continue to blaze a trail. Coach Busby and his team are 7-1 so far this season. Coach Alred has the lady pirates ready for a run with many student-athletes setting personal records when they hit the links.

Homecoming week is off to a great start. Students and staff are participating in the dress-up days, and fun is being had by all. It is great to see Pirate Culture thriving!

Writer and college professor Dr. Robert Braathe said, "Gratitude and attitude are not challenges, they are choices." I continue to be impressed with the strength and resolve of our students and staff. Their choices demonstrate energy and grit and inspire me each day. We have a wonderful caring community, and I am grateful to serve here at Matanzas.

GOODBYE & CONGRATULATIONS TO PRINCIPAL CRITCHER

The Ship won't be the same without Mrs. Critcher, but a heartfelt congratulations on her new position as Principal Critcher of Old Kings Elementary School.



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INTERACT CLUB

On September 22, 2021, Matanzas Interact joined the Flagler Beach Rotary to assist the Second Harvest Food Drive in Pierson County. It was a new experience for the majority of the club members, where each student demonstrated their willingness to do their part in serving the community. Students worked diligently to ensure that those in need were able to benefit from the food distribution by immersing themselves in the organization and collection of food packages. The ongoing assembly line went from unboxing donated goods to sorting into separate packages and then loading food packages directly into the cars of all those who visited the food drive. It was an important team effort with everyone coming together to make it possible. Thank you to all who came out and assisted!



HOCO DRESS-UP DAYS



Character Day



Western Day

Frat vs Sorority Day



SENIOR OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to August Kiwanis Senior of the Month, Adhaan Muhammed.

Adhaan wants to pursue a career in the Navy.



Congratulations to September Kiwanis Senior of the Month, Zuri Estberg!

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INKTOBER

Inktober is a month-long challenge started by artist Jane Parker in 2009. MHS art teacher Ms. Rutledge not only had her students participate in Inktober, but she also collaborated with science teacher Mr. Hebert. Both art and science students created amazing ink drawings with the science students using cells or DNA as their prompt.

Ms. Rutledge's Art Students:



by Brianna Bourne



by Tori Nag



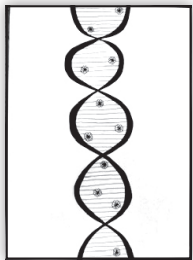
by Lyanna Crespo

Ms. Taylor's Art Class:



by Brianne

Mr. Hebert's Science Students:



by Lola Cottle



by Isabella Alves



by Madison Berkowitz



by Samayra Cabrera

WE ARE THE SEA!

Troupe 7108 is proud to present *We are the Sea*. Directed by Noël Bethea with stage management from Jonas Winter and Isabella Martins, this one-act play will be performed in the Matanzas Theatre on November 11. The sea will come alive at the Matanzas Pirate Player Theater in this play written by accomplished playwright Laura Lundgren Smith. Based on the forced immigration of many Irish due to the Irish Potato Blight from 1845-1852, the story follows an unfortunate group of immigrants trying to survive on a treacherous coffin ship. The sea becomes a witness to hatred and desperation and with nothing else to do, the sea enacts its own form of justice. With this being a sensitive piece, the Troupe has taken great care to ensure the integrity of this production. This includes working with a professional dialect coach and having a dramaturg to ensure the show is historically correct.

This show will also be performed at Lyman High School in Longwood, Florida, at Districts. Contact Ms. Bethea at bethean@flaglerschools.com with any questions. This play was made with allowance from PlayScripts.com.

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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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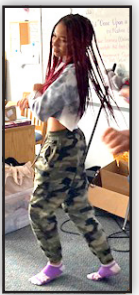
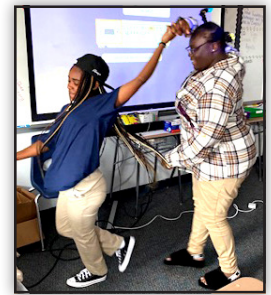
CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

MHS welcomes one of our new Spanish teachers, Mrs. Amarilis Langley. Prior to joining the Ship, Mrs. Langley worked as an ESOL paraprofessional. As a native-born Puerto Rican, Mrs. Langley brings her own Hispanic heritage ties to her colorful classroom. Mrs. Langley moved to the United States in 2007, and at that time, she did not speak any English. To help her learn, she would take her two children to the mall and would sit to listen to English. Both of her children are MHS graduates so now she joins them as a Pirate. Mrs. Langley brings much enthusiasm to the classroom as she teaches both the Spanish language and culture.



¡ES HORA DE BAILAR! (IT'S TIME TO DANCE!)

MHS dance teacher Ms. Khadijah Jones and her students celebrated Hispanic Heritage by researching Spanish dances then actually learning and performing the dance. Students worked in small groups to research and create presentations before performing. Dance styles researched included salsa, bachata, cumbia, merengue, zouk, and mambo.



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CONGRATS, MHS HOMELAND SECURITY STUDENTS

Dual enrolled Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) and Matanzas Homeland Security students proudly show off their National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) certificates with teachers Colonel (Ret. USMC) Jack Howell (right) and Mr. Reeder (left).



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2021-2022 Registration Dates
Spring 1st Session - Oct 12
Spring 2nd Session - Jan 10th



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MHS JROTC

The MHS JROTC program started off the year strong with the 9/11 ceremony honoring Veterans of the War on Terror. The ceremony ended with the playing of Taps as a salute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice to our nation.

The MHS JROTC Raider Team had their first competition at the Wolfson High School invitational. The team placed 2nd for tire flips with our all-male squad and 2nd in the ammo cans relay with our male mixed squad.

In December, a group of seniors will travel to Atlanta to present the flag during the National Anthem at the Southeastern Conference Championship game in Mercedes Benz Stadium. The JROTC Rifle team has already started practicing in preparation for upcoming matches which will begin in January.



JOIN FOR EXCITING PERCUSSION PROGRAMS!

Saturday, November 6 at 7 PM

Our second annual Pirate Percussion 5K Night Run. All participants in this untimed run/walk will receive a medal, t-shirt, and goodie bag! All registrations are completed at runsignup.com/mhsdrums.

Thursday, November 18 at 7 PM

Caribbean Cafe in the MHS Courtyard! The Caribbean Cafe is a dinner fundraiser so it is a ticketed event. Tickets can be purchased at pirates32137.booktix.com.

Tuesday, December 7 at 7 PM

Holiday Extravaganza concert featuring Blue Steel and the Percussion Ensemble at the Flagler Auditorium (FPC Campus).

QUARTER 2 CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 9	Progress Reports - Second Quarter
Thursday, November 11	Veterans Day - No School
Monday, November 22 - Friday, November 26	Thanksgiving Break Holiday - No School
Monday, November 29, 2021	School Resumes
Friday, December 17, 2021	End of Second Quarter/First Semester
Monday, December 20 - Friday, December 31	Winter Break - No School
Monday, January 3 - Tuesday, January 4	Teacher Work Day/Professional Learning
Wednesday, January 5	School resumes, Start of Second Semester



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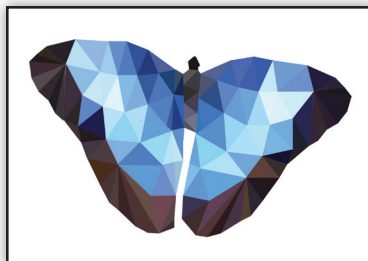


TINY HOUSE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Thanks to a grant from the Hunter Foundation, the upper-level MHS Construction students are building a tiny house. Construction is currently in the framing phase with the ultimate goal of completing a fully livable tiny home. The work continues under the supervision of Construction teacher, Mr. Eric Eitzen, with the assistance of local industry professionals.

DIGITAL MEDIA DESIGNS

Digital Media students are diving right into the Adobe design software and have started working on amazing portfolios. Digital Media 1 students are mastering the art of making selections and applying layer masks in Photoshop. Digital Media 2 students have drawn low poly drawings, created custom patterns, and designed holiday cards in Illustrator. Digital Media 3 students have redesigned local restaurant menus and are currently working on designing their professional resumes in InDesign.



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CAMBRIDGE AICE NEWS

AICE Induction Ceremony

On August 18, 2021, the AICE Program had its first induction ceremony. Not only did we welcome the freshman class into the program, but all four cohorts were also officially inducted. Ms. Emelia Kern, the president of our AICE Student Advisory Board, opened the ceremony with an inspiring speech. "We started from nothing, two Pre-AICE classes and 50 fourteen-year-olds who had no idea what they had just got themselves into. Now look at us and our program, freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors alike, all crucial parts of making AICE what it is today," said Kern. We are so proud of our AICE cohorts, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for this program!

AICE Success in the 2020-2021 School Year

Last year, along with so many new normals, our AICE students sat for the official exams for the first time! We are beyond proud of their successes and accomplishments!

Pass Rates from the 2021 school year include:

- English General Paper: 92%, 9% above the national average
- English Language: 88%, 4% above the national average
- Global Perspectives: 88% pass rate
- History: 88% pass rate, 6% above the national average
- Marine Science: 83% pass rate 6% above the national average
- Thinking Skills: 92%, 9% above the national average

We also want to congratulate and celebrate seven students who earned their AICE Diploma. Not only did these students complete their program a year in advance, but they did so through such unprecedented times. We are SO proud of you!

AICE Senior Seminar

Currently, seniors are working with our school counselor, Mrs. Cuevas, and teachers to get a step ahead on college prep and planning. Guest speakers will be talking with students about financial planning and college life.

AICE Gear

The AICE Program will be selling apparel. T-shirts, sweatshirts, and other articles of clothing will be available for purchase soon. The proceeds from these sales will go directly towards AICE events. Keep a lookout for this information on the AICE Schoology page if you are a cohort member.

ATTENTION DUAL-ENROLLED STUDENTS

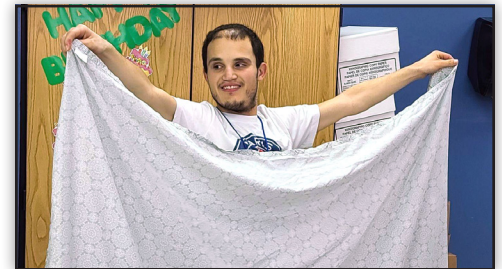
Open registration for the Spring 2022 semester will begin on October 28, 2021. Be sure to visit the DSC course search to look up your course information including the class name, class number, section number, days/times the class meets, or if it's online. You will need to contact your school counselor with this information. The deadline for Spring 2022 course registration is December 1st, 2021. Visit the Dual Enrollment Information site at <https://www.daytonastate.edu/advising/dualparents.html>, bookmark the page, and check it often.

If you are interested in dual enrollment, you can schedule an appointment to meet with your counselor to review and discuss your eligibility. You can find the meeting request link next to your counselor's name on the MHS Guidance Page, found under the School Services tab on the MHS Pirates website.

It is very important that you review the Flagler Schools Dual Enrollment Books webpage to understand the new textbook policy. <https://flaglerschools.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1363814&pageId=45415450>. Please especially read the portion of the policy with regard to returning your DSC textbooks. If you have any questions about the dual enrollment textbook process, please email DSCVouchersMH.

STREAM IS HERE TO HELP!

The goal of STREAM courses is to assist young people with disabilities in becoming as independent as possible. Matanzas STREAM program works on job skills, career experiences, social skills, self-determination, self-advocacy, and preparation for adult living. These smiling faces work each day around campus on laundry, making copies for teachers, making deliveries, cleaning up around campus, and working in the community. We also are a part of the recycling program, delivering mail, shredding, assembly and delivery of the Stop the Bleed kits, delivery of the safety window covers, etc. We are always looking for more jobs to do! If you have any jobs, please come by and see us in 6-124 or email bakera@flaglerschools.com for a direct link to our work order platform.



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- Depart MHS on Friday, April 8 at 4:00 PM.
- Return to MHS on Saturday, April 9 at 5:30 AM.
- Early discounted Grad Bash Tickets will go on sale starting December 1 for \$90. Any extra spots that are available will be on sale after the holiday break for \$100 a spot.

Graduation PRACTICE Information

Friday, May 27, 2022

Time - 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM

Location - Matanzas High School Gym

- Graduation Practice is **MANDATORY**.
 - Please arrive no later than 8:30 AM so we can be sure to have all the necessary paperwork filled out and turned in.
 - Be sure to bring a pen for filling out the paperwork.
 - **DO NOT WEAR YOUR CAP AND GOWN TO PRACTICE.**

Graduation CEREMONY Information

Saturday, May 28, 2022

Time - 4:00 PM

Location - Daytona Beach Ocean Center (Link for Directions)

- **Senior Arrival** - before or by 2:30 PM (Do NOT arrive later than 2:30!)
- **Doors Open for Parents** - 3:00 PM
- **Procession of Senior Class** - 3:45 PM

CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

- If you have not yet ordered your cap and gown, visit the Rhodes Graduation Website to place your order. If you need assistance, please see the tutorial video found on Schoology or email Coach Roe at roer@flaglerschools.com to request the video.
- The Flagler Education Foundation will be hosting their annual scholarship informational meeting at 6:00 PM through Zoom or in person in the MHS Dining Hall on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Please bring your fully charged laptop.
- Seniors - Please visit the Cady Studios website or call Cady Studios at 678-722-3449 to schedule a senior picture appointment. Cady Studios will also be coming out to MHS on November 14 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM to take senior pictures. If you would like your senior picture in the yearbook, your picture must be completed by the November 15 deadline. Please contact Mrs. Shanna Graifer at graifers@flaglerschools.com if you have questions.

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