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Message from the Principal

Dear Pirates,

It's hard to believe that the first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year is already over! As a new Pirate this year, I have so enjoyed experiencing all of the great activities and events that Matanzas High School offers for students to get involved and stay connected with their education. We offer something for everyone here at Matanzas, students of all interests can find something to get connected to. Is your child involved with a club or activity here at school? Whether it's a Program of Study, one of our arts programs or an elective during the school day that your student connects to, or an extracurricular activity such as a club or sport, being connected to your education is a key to success. All of our clubs and their sponsors, athletics programs, and their coaches are listed on the MHS website - check them out!

I'd also encourage our parents to stay connected with your child's education here at Matanzas. If you have not already, please "Like" Matanzas High School on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @ MHSPirateNation so that you can follow all of the good things happening at MHS. Also, you should be receiving a weekly email from me with important updates for the week. If you are not receiving those weekly emails, reach out to me so that I can update your contact information in our system. I also encourage you to check your student's grades and attendance regularly using our Skyward system; if you do not have access, please contact our front office to request access. Finally, if you have any concerns about your child's academic progress, please reach out to their individual teachers, or to their school counselor if you have a general concern. Our goal is for 100% of our students to graduate on time prepared to take on postsecondary education or a career. Our Pirate Nation family is committed to helping each child achieve that goal. Go, Pirates!

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New Marching Band Uniforms!

The Band of Pirates has a new look this year. Flagler Schools purchased 175 new uniforms for the band program, so for the first time since 2006, the Marching Band will be strutting in new uniforms. The students are so excited about the uniforms. The Band of Pirates sincerely thank Mr. Reaves and Flagler County Schools for making this band program dream a reality.

Feel The Beat With MHS Blue Steel

Blue Steel had the incredible opportunity to collaborate and perform with the Jonathan Scales Fourchestra on Tuesday, September 20. The Fourchestra spent the day with many music and theater classes performing their music, answering questions, and discussing different aspects of performance. The Fourchestra also listened and gave feedback to our Matanzas Jazz Band. The students learned a lot and had a really great day working with the Fourchestra!

Our top steelband rehearsed and performed *The Trap* with the Fourchestra. *The Trap* is a very challenging song, but they pulled it off! Blue Steel premiered the first portion of our panorama tune this year, and the Fourchestra played several of their tunes for a packed house. Thank you, Jonathan Scales Fourchestra! We are an even better music program because of you!

Matanzas Blue Steel has some exciting programs planned for this school year!

- The fourth annual Blue Steel 5K Night Run is Saturday, November 12, 7 PM. All participants in this untimed run/walk will receive a medal, t-shirt, and goodie bag. Register soon at www.runsignup.com/mhsbluesteel.
- On Thursday, November 17, 7 PM in the MHS Courtyard, join us for our Caribbean Cafe! We partner with our incredible Culinary Flagship to offer an authentic Caribbean dinner with Caribbean tunes from Blue Steel! Go to pirates32137.booktix.com to purchase tickets for this dinner fundraiser.
- On Thursday, December 17, 7 PM at the Flagler Auditorium (FPC Campus), we have our Holiday Extravaganza concert featuring Blue Steel! Tickets can be purchased on the Flagler Auditorium website at www.flaglerauditorium.org.
- On Thursday, March 30, 7 PM in the MHS Courtyard, we have our Outback Night featuring Blue Steel performing with Ms. Josanne Francis, the executive director of CAFE (Cultural Academy for Excellence). Outback Night is a dinner fundraiser sponsored by Outback Steakhouse. Tickets can be purchased at pirates32137.booktix.com.
- Our most popular show is A Night of Pan on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25 and 26, 7 PM in the Pirate Theater. This show will feature this year's amazing accomplishments. It is a show that you won't want to miss! The Night of Pan is admission by donation.

Thank you so much for your support of Matanzas Blue Steel, and we can't wait to see you at our next show!

Student School Board Members

Congratulations to our newest Student School Board members! Isabella Tietje represents the students of Matanzas and Roymara Louissaint represents the students of FPC. We are fortunate to have these outstanding young women serve as the students' voice this year.

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Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Amigos Hispanic and Latino Society

Club Sponsored by Mrs. Lagocki, Room 6245

The Amigos Club kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with a guest speaker, our very own Coach E! Coach E shared some of his life experiences, struggles, and triumphs as he remembered his time here as an MHS student and his impressive victories playing lacrosse for the Puerto Rican national team. If you are interested in learning more about the Amigos Hispanic & Latino society, join us for upcoming events: Latin Cooking demonstration with Ms. Kittrell on October 20 after school in the Culinary kitchen, room 6112 and Latin Café on November 9 before school in Room 6245. See you there!

T-Shirts only $10 during Hispanic Heritage Month! Available in room 6-245

Celebrating in Spanish Classes

Ms. Kessler Spanish II, III, and AICE Spanish students participated in a day of food and fun to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month, but also for each student to celebrate their own heritage. After students helped themselves to foods from a variety of Hispanic countries, including the likes of empanadas, pastalitos, and alfajores. Students from each period wrote their name and own heritage on a poster.

Ms. Langley's Spanish I and II classes participate in a Gallery Walk to learn more about famous Hispanics.

Key Club

As Key Club enters the fall season, we hope to continue to provide even more service hours to our members! We are wrapping books to donate and drafting future projects to benefit the community. One includes contacting the Humane Society so our members can volunteer and work with the pets. Since our first meeting in September, we have already provided 53 hours. Our goal is to give our paid members around 2000 service hours at the end of the school year. If you are interested in earning at least an hour each meeting, it is not too late to join Key Club. Don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Amanda Cypert through email cyperta@flaglerschools.com. If you are interested, feel free to attend one of our club meetings in the Upper Spot every Tuesday, from 3:00 PM to around 4:15 PM.

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Dress up Week

Homecoming Dance

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Culinary serving at Hoco Dance

Guidance News

Attention: Dual Enrolled Students

Open registration for the Spring 2022 semester will begin on **November 3, 2022**. Be sure to visit the DSC course search when it opens for Spring enrollment 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 have that information available in order to complete your dual enrollment course request form. The MHS deadline for Spring 2023 course registration is **November 15, 2022**. For more information, visit the Dual Enrollment Information site at https://www.daytonastate.edu/dual-enrollment/index.html; bookmark the page and check it often.

It is very important that you review the Flagler Schools Dual Enrollment Books webpage to understand the new textbook policy https://www.mhspirates.com/academics/dual-enrollment. 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 complete and submit the contact form on the page.

Fall 2022 Term A classes end on Friday, October 21. Books are due no later than Friday, October 28, 2022. Fall Term B and Fall 2022 Full Term classes will end Friday, December 16, 2022. All books are due no later than Tuesday, December 20, 2022. ALL BOOKS MUST BE DIRECTLY RETURNED TO MRS. MOORE in the MHS Upper Spot.

Senior 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 or if you have questions or need help.
- Please bookmark the following pages and check them often.
  - Senior Page https://www.mhspirates.com/students-families/seniors
  - Award Spring Local Senior Scholarship application page https://www.mhspirates.com/students-families/scholarships
  - Guidance Page - Check for college and career prep information https://www.mhspirates.com/school-services/guidance
- The Flagler Education Foundation will be hosting their annual scholarship informational meeting in the MHS Dining Hall on Wednesday, October 26, 6 PM. 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 pictures appointment. Cady Studios will also be coming out to MHS on November 17 from 8 AM - 5 PM to take senior pictures in the MHS Theater Lobby. If you would like your senior picture in the yearbook, your picture must be completed by the deadline, November 17. Please contact Mrs. Shanna Graifer at graifers@flaglerschools.com if you have questions.

Community Service/Volunteer Hours Log Sheet

Log sheets are located in the Upper Spot in Mrs. Moore's office area. Look for the wall section of handouts. Please note the following when completing logs:

- Students are responsible for keeping a copy of their community service hours log sheets and maintaining their own personal record to refer to as needed.
- All hours need to be submitted before the end of the school year, but please aim to turn in log sheets at least once per quarter regardless of how many hours are logged.
- Please give your community service hours log sheet to the guidance secretary in the upper spot.
- Please note, parent/guardian and family signatures will not be accepted as valid for Bright Futures purposes. Be sure names are legible and working phone numbers are included for verification purposes.

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JROTC

The MHS JROTC program wasted no time getting its activities underway for the new school year. The Raider Team traveled to Wolfson High School to participate in the Wolfson High School Raider Invitational. The team took home second place trophies in the 5K run and in the cross country run. The JROTC Rifle Team began practice to prepare for the season which starts in late October. In conjunction with the chorus and buglers from the band, our cadets hosted a school wide event in the Pirate Theater to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the tragedy that occurred during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. On that same day, the JROTC Color Guard took part in a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Flagler Beach Pier.

Congrats To Our Seniors Of The Month

August: Morgan Nayditch

September: Hananiah Guillen

Measuring Lichens

Mr. Feist's AICE Environmental Science class uses a meter stick to tie rope around a tree 20 cm apart. Using the compass app on their phone, students identify north, then hang two paperclip dividers to delineate the north facing section. Students continue this process to identify the east, south and west sections. Next they count the number of lichens based on species type, in each quadrant. Future pirate scientists in the making!

Perfect Scores!

Congratulations to the students who earned a "Perfect Score" on their end-of-year state assessments. We are so very proud of all your hard work and this huge accomplishment! Well done.

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- NAARA: National African American Recognition Award - Ciara Gordon, Sydnee Wong, Taylor Boone
- NRSTA: National Rural and Small Town Award - Alice Pekarsky, Austin Mckay, Chloe Irving, Isabella Tietje, Katie Polak, Logan Winfree, Mason Evans, Morgan Naydich, Stanley Gatzek
- NHRA: National Hispanic Recognition Award - Jeremiah Donoso

New Teacher Highlight - Art Teacher Ms. Vitkus

MHS welcomes ALL of our new pirates to the ship, but in this issue we highlight our new art teacher, Ms. Vitkus. Ms. Vitkus is a native Floridian from Levy County who has been teaching art in Florida for the past 17 years. Prior to teaching, Ms. Vitkus was a scientific illustrator. She enjoys acrylic painting and is thrilled to be a part of the Pirate Nation.

As a team-building activity, Ms. Vitkus had students horizontally trifold a piece of paper. Each student completed the top third of their paper, then the paper was passed to another student to complete the middle, then another to finish the drawing. Stop by her classroom to see more of these fantastic drawings.

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Attention families of senior students! If you would like to purchase a senior ad in the yearbook this year for your senior, please create your Senior Recognition Ad at https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/ybAdDesigner/1472073/-/2022081510194267793/CATALOG_SHOP/. Please email Mrs. Graifer if you have any questions regarding ads at graifers@flaglerschools.com.

Attention business owners! Please support the yearbook program at Matanzas High School. Your contribution helps to keep our yearbook business running smoothly. If you would like to purchase a business ad, you can email Mrs. Graifer at graifers@flaglerschools.com or you can create and pay for your business ad at https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/ybAdDesigner/1472073/-/2022081510194373093/CATALOG_SHOP/.

On Deck Will Be Reopening!

We are excited to announce that Matanzas DECA will be reopening On Deck this fall! On Deck will reopen on October 24 and will run every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:15 AM to 8:10 AM. Come visit us in the Upper Spot before school and try some of our fan favorite frappes. Due to our success last year, we will be bringing back our most popular products with more to come in the near future. For more information and upcoming updates follow @matanzasdeca on Instagram. If you are interested in joining DECA please reach out via our instagram account or email davisj02@flaglerschools.com. We are excited to grow our chapter and look forward to meeting all our new members!

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Girls Softball Teambuilding Starting Soon!

The softball team is excited to build off of last year's district championship as they get set for this season. Girls interested in playing should reach out to Coach Manhart at school or by email. The team plans to start teambuilding on Tuesdays and Thursdays from mid-October through December. We will start our arm care program on January 10, followed by tryouts on January 23. Before you can participate, you must complete a GA-7 form, available from the athletic department in upstairs, building 10. Hand in the completed form to Coach Manhart. In order to participate, your athletic paperwork and physicals must first be completed. Go, Pirates!

Volleyball Seniors Night

Congratulations to MHS Class of 2023 Volleyball senior players Chloe, Taylor, Sydney, Ravenna, Charley and Hanna!

Thank You, Mia Bella!

Thank you to Mia Bella Academy of Dance in Palm Coast for organizing a school supply drive and surprising MHS with a crateful of school supplies! What a wonderful way to support our school community!