

# Headlight



Written by the students of Marblehead High School for our school and community

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## Marblehead High School Updates:

### Sweeney Todd- Tickets on sale *NOW!*

Tickets will be on sale online at [www.ticketstage.com/MHSCHOOLS](http://www.ticketstage.com/MHSCHOOLS). Ticket prices are as follows:

\$15.00 for Adults

\$10.00 for Students/Senior Citizens

**Sweeney Todd will start production on Friday, December 7th.**



### MHS Long Sleeved Shirts for sale!

Shirts will be sold during school lunches and at upcoming sporting events. Not only are these shirts fabulous, they make great holiday gifts! Please support the Sophomore class.

### Toys for Tots Annual Holiday Toy Drive

MHS Student Government and Interact Club are teaming up with the Fire Department for the Annual Holiday Toy Drive. Please bring an unwrapped gift to school. A collection box will be in the lobby. All gifts and giftcards will be distributed to local children Dec 23rd.

### Interact Club Raffle- Gift Basket

The Interact Club will be holding a raffle to raise money for a local charity. Bring in a canned good, non-perishable food item, or toiletry item and receive a raffle ticket. Each donated item=one ticket!

## Attend the Tale of Sweeney Todd

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The English Victorian barber Sweeney Todd is the stuff of urban legend: a barber who slit the throats of his customers and had his landlady, Mrs. Lovett, bake them into the pies that Londoners adored. Originally referenced in Charles Dickens's *Pickwick Papers* and later the subject of Stephen Sondheim's chilling musical *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, the story of Sweeney Todd has been scaring children away from meat pies and barber-shops for centuries. He has been brought back to life this year in Marblehead High School's interpretation of Sondheim's dark operetta. However, MHS's show is more unconventional than the original staging of Sweeney Todd for it embodies the principles of 'Steampunk' – a combination of punk hair and makeup, as well as historical Victorian period costumes and industrial scenery.

For the past three months, the cast of Sweeney Todd – which includes Joe Boyce as Sweeney Todd, Libby Jancsy as Mrs. Lovett, Jacob Sundlie as Anthony Hope, Alec Glass as Judge Turpin, Tatiana Dalton as Johanna, Sam Frej as the Beadle, Addy Sleeman as the Beggar Woman; Dan Gawrys as Pirelli, Drew Welch as Tobias Ragg, and a huge ensemble – have been rehearsing tirelessly for this coming weekend. Directed by Steve Black, with musical direction by Amanda Roeder and technical direction by Greg Dana, Sweeney Todd tells the tale of barber Sweeney Todd, who comes back to London vowing revenge on the evil Judge Turpin, who had taken Todd's wife and daughter and exiled him. Soon Todd's rage turns to the whole world.

Sweeney Todd is playing this weekend only at the Marblehead High School theatre at 2 Humphrey Street in Marblehead. When asked why people should come and see Sweeney Todd, director Steve Black replied, "Because it's an exciting new take on a classic story." Come see for yourself Friday or Saturday night at 7 p.m. or on Sunday at 2 p.m., and see why this performance of Sweeney Todd should not be missed!

*Alex Kerai* is a member of the technical crew for Sweeney Todd.

## A Music Review

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### **The World from the Side of the Moon** by Phillip Phillips (Released Nov. 19):

As a casual follower of the show American Idol, I watched as Phillip Phillips, the most talented and consistent contestant, won convincingly last season. In his first album since winning American Idol, Phillips continues to show his artistic abilities, with a style that can be described as a special place where Pop, Rock, and Country meet. Each song on the album sees Phillips telling a story with his lyrics, making listening to the album a much deeper and more personal experience. Although mostly known for the top 40 hit, "Home," *The World from the Side of the Moon* boasts several other noteworthy tracks, including "Man on the Moon," which is a marriage of a Pop sound similar to The Script and guitar and banjo work reminiscent of Mumford and Sons. Another exceptional track is, "Get Up Get Down," a blend of guitar and horns that has a Dave Mathews Band feel to it. Phillips shines in his rookie release, and he stays true to the sound that earned him the American Idol crown.

There have been many great music releases in the past month. Here are a few of the standouts:

### **Trilogy by The Weeknd (Released Nov. 13):**

Although this is a new release in terms of the album, the majority of the songs included in the album have already been released for about a year. The Weeknd, stage name of the Toronto based crooner Abel Tesfaye, put out three acclaimed mixtapes on his website beginning in 2011. *Trilogy* is a summation of the three mixtapes, along with three newly recorded tracks, a total of thirty songs. What *The Weeknd* brings to the table in his first official release are silky-smooth vocals reminiscent of Trey Songz, coupled with slow-tempo, hip-hop infused beats, and he does not disappoint. Among some of the better tracks on the album are "Montreal," an up-tempo pop track that provides a nice change of pace, and "D.D.," a modern take on the Michael Jackson classic, "Dirty Diana." Although I had already obtained the mixtapes from his website prior to the album's release, I still purchased *Trilogy* because of the three new tracks and because, it is simply that good. I recommend this album to anyone looking for a great R&B album this winter.



Pictured above: Both *Trilogy* and *The World*

## Holiday Feasts

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The holiday season is just around the corner, and that means a lot of things: shopping for gifts, spending time with family, enjoying a break from classes, and, of course, eating our favorite holiday foods. No celebration would be the same without both familial and cultural traditions at every meal.

Marblehead High School students were asked about their favorite foods eaten at celebrations for Christmas, Hanukkah, or any other holiday they may observe. One student's family makes mountains of cookies every year. "We make basically every type of cookie we have the recipe for," she says, "and then we eat them all Christmas morning after opening presents. It's why Christmas is my favorite holiday."

Other peers say they enjoy all the typical holiday foods – mashed potatoes, a roast turkey or ham, apple pie – although one student's favorite part of their holiday meal is the Slovakian dish "Piroshky." Which are a small pastry filled with meat, fish, or rice. "My grandma makes them for us every year; they're my favorite," the student expresses. As for Hanukkah food, an overwhelming amount of students spoke of how much they loved their family's kugel. A favorite at many Jewish holidays, kugel is a sweet and savory pudding with potatoes or noodles.

Whatever your celebrations are, meals in this season of the year bring the family together to recognize and build on traditions. The holidays would not be the same without them.

Dear Readers,

We wish you a happy, warm and safe holiday season! We hope that you have enjoyed our issues/articles this year and encourage you to view our website at [www.marblehead.com/schools/mhs/headlight](http://www.marblehead.com/schools/mhs/headlight). Thank you for taking the time to read our issue(s)! Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

The Headlight Staff



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