

Headlight



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ACappellooza

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Mark your calendars! It's officially less than one month until the twelfth annual Acappellooza. Join us on April 7th at 7 p.m. in the Marblehead Veterans Middle School Performing Arts Center for what is arguably the highlight of Marblehead High School's a cappella program. This year, the much anticipated concert will include performances from all four MHS a cappella groups: Serendipity, The Grizzly Freakin' Man Singers, Luminescence, and The Jewel Tones, as well as a special performance from the award-winning headlining group from Northeastern University: the Nor'easters.

This year, both faculty-directed MHS groups have been honored at a cappella competitions. The Jewel Tones were selected as one of the three winners of N.E. Voices (alongside Chelmsford's The Thursdays and Danver's Ingrid Sound), and Luminescence placed third at Danvers ICHSA quarterfinals (for which they will be moving on to compete again on March 11th). In addition to these accomplishments, the music program was very proud to announce that MHS a cappella graduate and Luminescence alum Olivia Perez, Class of 2016, has recently been accepted into the Nor'easters and will be representing MHS on stage as a part of the headlining group.

Acappellooza has always been a charity event and each year a different cause is selected to which a portion of the proceeds are donated. This year, we will be raising money for the Dana Farber foundation. We are incredibly excited to both showcase our sets, which we have been working hard all year to prepare, and to raise money for a cause that is near and dear to our hearts. VIP reserved seating tickets will be available for purchase online at <http://www.ticketstage.com/T/MHSCHOOLS> starting on Friday, March 24 for \$20. Otherwise, general admission tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults. Additionally, students can purchase discounted tickets at MHS during lunch in the weeks leading up to the show for \$5. Acappellooza XII is sure to be a memorable night of fabulous a cappella music; spread the word, buy tickets, and bring friends! This is a show you do not want to miss.

Mock Trial Scores Real Victory

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The Marblehead High School Mock Trial team won their regional championship for the Massachusetts Bar Association High School Mock Trial Program last Sunday at Clark University in Worcester. After winning the regional championship against Holy Name Central Catholic High School, the team then advanced to the "Sweet 16" round, where they secured a victory against Acton-Boxborough Regional High School.

As the season began in November of 2016, the 10 members received the details of a fictional case provided to them for the purpose of the competition: an army veteran was being charged with the first degree murder of his high-school nemesis. Parts were assigned for each team member to serve both on the prosecution side and defense, with some members assuming additional roles. Students were provided affidavits, each witness's story, and spent considerable time drawing out their own ideas about how legal arguments should be pursued. Additional coaching has been provided by local attorneys Judge Debra Delvecchio and Jeanne Kempthorne, who have assisted the team with their professional analysis of the student work.

Thus far, the team has faced formidable opponents hailing from high schools in Lynnfield, Danvers, and Hamilton-Wenham.

The Mock Trial team will move on to the "Elite Eight" championship in Worcester next Tuesday, March 14. There they will compete against seven other high school teams vying for the Massachusetts State Mock Trial Championship.



The winning MHS Mock Trial team, from left:
Teacher Advisor Connor Kalafsky, Jake Abrams, Charlie Bushman, Olivia Indelicato, Paris Tully, Henry Jalbert, Will Hancock, Josh Francoeur, Henry Sabin, Sophia Vener, Jack Krivit

Our Democracy: Take Action

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Time spent complaining and worrying about our new president or administration is wasted. There is so much at risk: women's and LGBT rights, health care, international diplomacy, our environment, and other important causes. Each of us has a voice and the power to engage others, to speak up for dignity, to defend rights that have been oppressed, to help preserve our planet, and to celebrate the vast diversity that makes our country stronger. Moving forward, I urge every person to use his/her voice and energy to preserve, strengthen, or create what you believe in. Immerse yourself in dialogue, and commit yourself to action. This is not only your right, but also your responsibility.

On January 21, millions of people around the world marched, building unity and voicing their rights. The Women's March organization serves as a platform for us to "gather together in our neighborhoods all over the world to define our next steps, and envision how to transform the energy we saw at Women's Marches into local and national action." The organizers are suggesting ten actions to complete in one hundred days. For the first action, people wrote to their senators about what was most significant to them. For the second action, Women's March encouraged people to form Huddles, groups ready to commit and decide what the next steps should be. A Huddle can be as short as ninety minutes, and I highly recommend that you start a huddle and plan your own actions! Here is an agenda guide provided by Women's March:

- 10 MIN** **1. WELCOME EVERYBODY**
Introduce yourself, describe the Huddle goals and go over the agenda.
- 5 MIN** **2. WATCH VIDEO**
Watch the video together with your group.
- 20 MIN** **3. WHAT WE DID NEXT**
The group envisions what winning in 4 years looks like.
- 30 MIN** **4. CAN'T STOP. WON'T STOP.**
This is the part of the agenda where we discuss upcoming action opportunities.
- 15 MIN** **5. FORM YOUR TEAM**
Here's where we decide on our next steps, and agree to take on roles.
- 10 MIN** **6. CLOSING WITH ACTION**
If you have extra time, write postcards to send to your senators. Have a stack ready for people to fill out at your Huddle and have one person offer to mail them.

For the third action Women's March instituted "thousands of grassroots-led protests, actions, and meetings directly engaging Members of Congress during the President's Day Week."

Visit <https://www.womensmarch.com/100/action2/>, or search "Women's March: 10 Actions in 10 Days" to get connected and access more information.



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Picture Books for the Philippines

The MHS Interact Club is having a picture book drive to send to an elementary school in the Philippines! Picture books can be dropped off to bins in the Marblehead High School main lobby, Glover School, or Bell School. The books will be given to children learning to read, so please do not bring in chapter books.

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