

# Headlight



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

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Headlight is the school newspaper at Marblehead High School, written and run entirely by students. Meetings take place every Monday after school in Room A303 and are open to all!



## The AP Experience

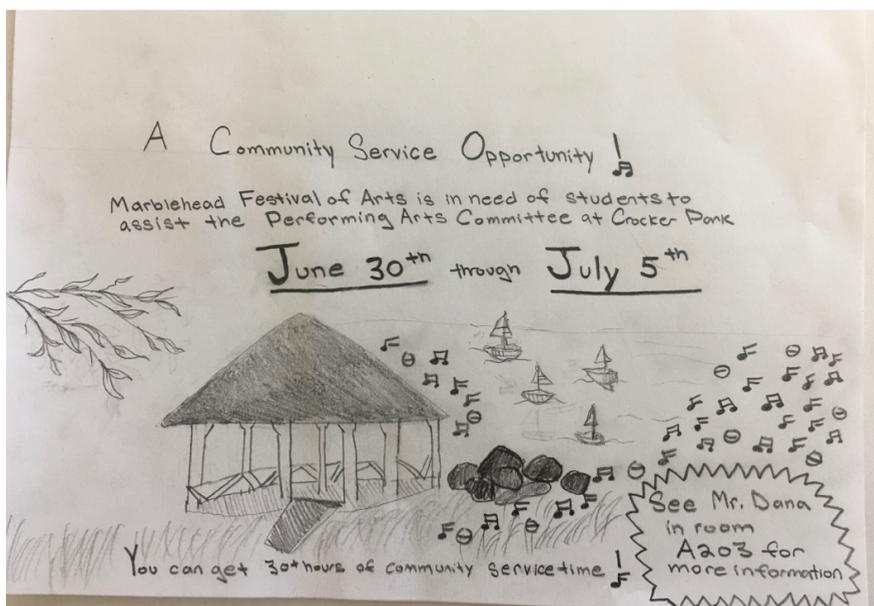
Alix Livermore, Sophomore  
Reporter in the Field

This week at the high school, significant numbers of students have been pulled out of their normal schedules to complete their AP tests. Ideally, these exams test your proficiency in a subject and give you the opportunity to gain college credit. However, when the tests cost ninety four dollars apiece, you start to wonder what this whole program is really for. Sure, you're paying for the actual testing materials and the time that people put into grading them; but ninety four dollars?! After doing some online research, I found that the College Board is a non-profit; however, it has been criticized multiple times for overpaying its upper level employees (for example, some make over six figures every year). It looks like the company isn't just in it to help better the education of American students.

How do they get away with it? Well, the College Board introduced the idea of AP classes by branding them as courses to bridge the gap between high school and college classes. To me, this seems like a marketing ploy, because as each school added AP courses, other schools added them as well so that they could offer classes that were just as "advanced." Now, millions of students across the country are obligated to take these expensive tests to have their efforts in school validated. This means, millions of dollars in the College Board's pocket. Not only did this company invent the AP tests, but they also invented the SAT, which is a whole other story. So, even though the College Board is bleeding the parents of America dry, it certainly is impressive how it has built an academic empire feeding off of the competitive spirit of students and their investments in their future.



## Community Service Opportunity



Ad by Sophie Mae Berman, Junior

## If You've Got \$45, Marblehead's Got Talent!

**What:** Marblehead's Got Talent finals, sponsored by the Marblehead Rotary Club

**When:** Friday, May 12, from 6:30 PM-9:30 PM

**Where:** The Boston Yacht Club (1 Front Street, Marblehead)

Come and support the talented MHS students who will be performing: Anneliese Hammer, Megan Spreen, Mara Aoki, Camille Comstock, Maya Nyberg, John Sheridan, Alicia Stransky, Kristy Twaalfhoven, Jeanine Martiniello, Amber Born, Sophia Spungin, Michael Martelli.

See the show and vote for your favorites! The winners will receive scholarship prizes from the Marblehead Rotary Club. There will be a silent and live auction, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar for anyone 21 and older.

Tickets are \$40 if purchased online, or \$45 if purchased at the door. All proceeds from the tickets and auction go toward scholarships for the talent show winners, as well as other students through the Marblehead Rotary.



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