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Headlight's New Website Sparks Interest

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Webmaster, Freshman

There is something new about this year's Headlight. Yes, there are some more people involved, and a new Editor, but there is also a new website which links you to all of the content that Headlight has to offer. I went to work attempting to create one in lieu of the lack of website in past years. I worked closely with Mr. Higgins, showing him the different phases of the design process.

As I went along, many of the features now present on the website began to emerge: the archive of this year's Headlight (I am working on archiving past years' Headlight as well), the current news blog which covers a variety of topical issues, the photos page which so far contains photographs by Max Levine and Grace Perry, as well as a contact and an "About Us" page. The website is shaping up to be a very useful tool for Headlight.

Every article that is written for Headlight appears

in that week's Marblehead Reporter, then it is gone, never to appear again. Now, you can go online to mhsheadlight.weebly.com and find every article and issue of Headlight that has been published this year! All of the issues are also categorized under their topic in the "Current News" section.

When the website was announced in our October 27 Headlight issue and the next day in Mr. Weinstein's weekly newsletter, our readership jumped tremendously. Each week we would put up good numbers around the time of the newest issue coming to print and then those numbers flat lined during the week.

I encourage you to please visit our website at mhsheadlight.weebly.com and look at the content, the past issues and articles and fill out a survey or maybe contact us (surveys can be found on the Home Page and contact forms are on the Contact Us page). The link for the website is also in Mr. Weinstein's weekly newsletter and on the MHS website: mhs.marblehead-schools.org.

In an effort to increase viewership and boost in-

terest and popularity of the site we have a new poll running as of today. I encourage to go online and to answer the poll question "Which person on the Headlight staff has held the position of Fashion Editor this year?" Once you do, you will be in the running for a \$10 Starbucks gift card. Now, the only way to answer this poll correctly is to go online and view our articles and issues from this year, for the answer is hidden in there (but it is quite easy to find). If you answer the poll question correctly, you will be in the running for the gift card. We will email the winner of the poll and post the correct answer to the poll once the poll is over on December 5. All you have to do is go online and input your name, email (so we can contact you if you win) and answer the question.

Good luck and we hope that you tell your friends, co-workers, family, and anyone about the website and the poll because it will help us get out there in Marblehead and make a name for ourselves. Thank you and good luck!

MHS Girls Prepare for Powderpuff Showdown with Swampscott

Matt Lieberson
Editor-in-Chief, Senior

It all comes down to this. One game, for all the marbles, against Swampscott. This is the way it was supposed to be. But I'm not talking about the varsity football team at Marblehead High School. Granted, their scrappy 13-12 victory sets up a showdown with the Big Blue for Thanksgiving Day with a playoff spot on the line. But I'm referring to this Saturday at Blocksidge Field, where the MHS senior girls will play the Lady Blue in the annual Powderpuff football game. Expectations for the girls this year are high, as last year's seniors defeated Swampscott handily under the lights at Piper Field, 41-20. But this year's team isn't daunted. "Our goal is obvious and simple: to win," a focused captain Cailin Daley said in a recent interview. "We're already having fun as a team, and I'm sure that will continue. The only thing we haven't done yet is beat Swampscott, but that should hopefully come soon enough."

Daley, elected captain by her team and the coaches, has been raised on football her whole life. "My dad is using this experience to justify bringing me up watching the sport since I was about 3 months old." Still, learning football pro-

vides some difficulties for the team. "None of us have played football before, and many have not been involved in high school sports in general. The main thing was to make sure everybody wanted to be here and have fun. This is much easier said than done with a roster of over 90 girls, but now we have a team that not only understands the game, but wants to and can play it well." Daley found challenges to being a captain with a large team of girls who hadn't played together before as well. "In most captaincies, you're inheriting a team that has played before." But Daley appreciates the powderpuff girls differently from her other teams, "I have never been as excited for just daily practices as I am for powderpuff practices. Everyone is so excited for the game and really just to be involved in the tradition in general, and it's a great atmosphere to be a part of every day. It is also a chance for most of the girls in the grade to bond, which is one of the best parts of it all."

Daley had nothing but good things to say about the coaching staff, as well. "We're lucky enough to have a very dedicated coaching staff," Daley said. "I doubt Swampscott will be prepared for what we're gonna show them." One of those coaches, Zach Kovner, was confident in what he and the other coaches have been plan-

ning. "Jeremy [Meyer], Jacob [Maselek], Kyle [Forsgard], Asher [Goldman] and myself all have a lot of knowledge of the game and good things happen when our minds collide." Kovner has had to remember who he was dealing with while he prepares the girls for the showdown. "The biggest challenge has definitely been getting the girls familiar with the playbook. We sometimes forget that these girls have limited football knowledge and the coaches and I sometimes get ahead of ourselves." He still took the challenge on with his fellow coaches, and he couldn't have been having more fun. Coaching has been an absolute blast... This is a special group of girls and they deserve to win this game. The coaches and I will do whatever we can to make that happen."

When implored on who would win the game, Kovner took a Belichickian approach. "Our girls definitely have what it takes. We have been working real hard. The girls have put countless hours into practicing and studying the playbook. We all hope for the best." Daley was much more direct with her prediction. "Of course we'll win. There's absolutely no question."

The game is this Saturday, 1:00 p.m., at Blocksidge Field in Swampscott.

HEADLIGHT POLL:

Who on the Headlight Staff Has Held the Position of Fashion Editor this Year?

Go online now and enter your name, email and your answer to the question and you will be in the running for a \$10 Starbucks Gift Card! The Poll is Now until December 5

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Headlight Sports Editor Joel Katz sustained an injury in last Friday's football game vs. Beverly. Get better, Joel!

STUDENT IN THE HEADLIGHTS: PEIRCE LAW

Grace Perry
Headlight Staff,
Sophomore

It is 6:30 a.m. as Peirce Law stares at his alarm clock. He doesn't stir till a half an hour later. He gets out of bed, showers and quickly dresses for the long school day before him. Peirce then slowly makes his way into the kitchen for breakfast. By 7:25 a.m., Law is out the door. He walks to school every morning, with a bandana around his neck. He has over twenty different colored hankerchiefs that he matches with his current outfit or mood. Every day, Law wears a different

bandana. He does not leave his house without one.

In the 8th grade, Peirce, a JV soccer goalie at MHS, attended a ski/snowboard program. While snowboarding, he wore a bandana to cover his face from the cold weather. He then wore his bandana to school the next week. Peirce notes: "It just stuck; I like them because if someone sees someone wearing a bandana they know it's me. When I walk through the front door at school I am the only person wearing a bandana." To Peirce, it is his signature, his way of expressing himself. He has a fearless, kind and exuberant personality that is hard to ignore.

When asked where he sees himself in ten years, he notes: "Not quite sure. I want to teach, probably history. It's my favorite subject." Law's favorite class is French. He looks forward to it every day. He says, "Were like a family in there." Pierce is not afraid to be a fruit loop in a world full of cheerios. He is a boy of many talents who looks to his future. In the halls of Marblehead High School one can find Pierce Law making his way through the crowd, with a sense of confidence. When asked about high school, Law will simply tell you, "High school is great. It's hard work but it's a lot of fun."

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