

Headlight



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Interview with New Teacher Jenna Roncarati	iProblems	Genre Change
<p style="text-align: center;">Courtney Berry, Sophomore Reporter</p> <hr/> <p>Jenna Roncarati, otherwise known as Coach R., is one of the newest additions to the MHS staff. Along with teaching chemistry, she is also the new girls' JV soccer coach. I met Coach Jenna at soccer tryouts during the last few days of summer. After being placed on her team, all of us girls on JV quickly warmed up to her. Coach Jenna is an inspiring coach who is passionate about the sport. Having bonded with her on and off the field, I decided to ask a few questions about how her journey to MHS came about, and how her experience has been so far.</p> <p>1. How did you become a teacher at Marblehead High School? "I graduated college with a degree in Biology and Secondary Education knowing that teaching was a career I wanted to pursue. Immediately after college, I spent a lot of time playing soccer and substitute taught to stay in the classroom. When I finished soccer, I looked to find a more permanent teaching position. I applied to Marblehead High and the rest is history."</p> <p>2. What was your first day like? "My first day was exciting and a bit overwhelming. With the modified schedule, the day was so busy! But I was very happy to meet my students and jump into the school year."</p> <p>3. Was it a coincidence that MHS was also looking for a soccer coach? "I was lucky that a past coach of mine knows Coach Bub. When my old coach heard of my new teaching position, he connected me with the head varsity coach. I was lucky that they needed a JV coach, so I guess it was a bit of a coincidence."</p> <p>4. How long have you been playing soccer? "I have played soccer since I was 6. I really can't imagine life without soccer, which is why I was so happy to have the opportunity to coach."</p> <p>5. If you could describe MHS in one word after working here for just a month...what would it be? "Spirited. To me the students seem to be very involved in academics and extra-curricular activities. From powderpuff, to halloween costumes, to rivalry football games, students seem very involved and spirited at this school."</p> <p>7. What has been your best experience so far? Your worst? "My best experience this far as a coach has been our win against Danvers. It was a big rivalry for our team, and it was the best performance the team had all season. Many games can be blowouts at the JV level so close games have been very exciting. Luckily I can't think of any bad experiences."</p> <p>Both a coach and friend, Coach Jenna has definitely been a positive addition to MHS, and I look forward to working with her more.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Liam Reilly, Senior Editor-in-Chief</p> <hr/> <p>For the last two years, I have had the iPhone 4. Yes, my phone is a little outdated. Instead of Siri, I had what I can only guess is her dim-witted cousin; she would call Mom when I asked to play songs by Kanye West. Clearly, I was in need of an upgrade. So, this past weekend, I decided to close the technological gap and buy the iPhone 5s (yes, with Siri) which, with the recent release of the iPhone 6 and iPhone 6b (b for bendable), was only really expensive. As I prepared to leave my house to go to the Apple Store, I realized that all of my pictures and contacts were only on my phone and needed to be backed up on a computer, heaven forbid I lose the twelve selfies and filtered shots of my dessert that were stored in camera roll. I logged on to my computer, a silver Macbook, and began what would become the odyssey of a lifetime.</p> <p>After plugging my iPhone into the USB on the laptop, a message appeared on my screen: "The device <i>Liam's iPhone</i> could not be synchronized because iTunes version 11.4 needs to be downloaded." In response, I promptly hit the "download iTunes" button. When the downloads icon appeared on the bottom of my screen, however, it did that thing where it jumps up and down like it needs to use the bathroom. Upon further review, the download of the new iTunes could not be completed due to the fact that my version of OS X was outdated. In an attempt to remedy the situation, I then downloaded the required version of OS X, only to find out this version of OS X required an even earlier version of OS X. In this now ever-increasing web of updates, I began to lose patience. My contacts and pictures seemed less and less important by the minute. Why does Apple keep updating? I updated this computer only months ago. I stopped trying and just left for the Apple store after the fifth most-recent OS X was required. My pictures and contacts became a sacrifice to Steve Jobs. While software updates and new products claim to "make improvements," why can't the original product just be better? As a student in high school, I can't turn in an essay only to turn in a new essay a week later that "has improvements and fixes bugs." Why aren't companies like Apple held to a similar standard? Instead, we just fork over money for the latest and greatest when what we had wasn't too bad to begin with.</p> <p>On the way home from the Apple store with my new iPhone, I got a notification in my settings: "Your iPhone has detected a software update." Of course.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Meredith Piela, Senior Editor-in-Chief</p> <hr/> <p>I've always been a fan of TV comedies. I often found dramas to be overly dramatic and not relatable. A few weeks ago, Fox came out with a new drama show called <i>Red Band Society</i>. The show is about a group of teenagers from different levels of the social pyramid living together as patients in the pediatric ward of a California hospital.</p> <p>When I first saw a commercial about the show, it was said to be slightly similar to <i>The Fault in our Stars</i>, which happens to be one of my favorite books, so I knew I would find it interesting. Although the show is serious (the teens are living with cancer, anorexia, cystic fibrosis, etc.), the fact that it shows the teens trying to live a normal life makes it a little less depressing.</p> <p>The show has only come out with three episodes so far, but I am already hooked. I have never been so emotionally attached to characters until now, and I have never been so anxious to see what will happen in the next episode. I'm still a huge fan of shows such as <i>New Girl</i> and <i>The Big Bang Theory</i>, but I don't feel as invested in the plots of those shows.</p> <p>Although I can't entirely relate to the teens in <i>Red Band Society</i> (I am not suffering from any illnesses, however, I am trying to thoroughly enjoy my teen years.), the fact that the show is realistic makes the show enjoyable.</p> <p>Maybe someday I will really expand my horizons, so to speak, and start watching a major fantasy drama such as <i>Game of Thrones</i>. Anything is possible, right? For right now, I'll just focus on what will happen next to the patients at Ocean Park Hospital.</p>

It's Not Too Late to Change Your Pants

Jack Krivit, Sophomore Reporter

Everyone has a special talent. But the challenge is finding what it is. Whether it is a sport, something artistic, or even something as simple as being a supportive friend, many people search for one thing that makes them feel happy and unique. As we grow, we are constantly adjusting and remodeling ourselves, while along the way, changing our interests. Someone who might have once been a very dedicated thespian can quickly adapt to pastimes that are more athletic, or vice versa. There are an infinite number of ways someone can change, but, like finding the right clothes to wear, it's normal for us to be conflicted over what choice to make. But change isn't always bad,

in fact, more often than not, it's important to try new things. People can easily pursue a new passion based on how comfortable it makes them feel, in the same way they alter their wardrobe due to the conditions of their environment.

I, myself, have found difficulty in discovering what it is that interests me most. From learning new instruments, to acting, to redeveloping my interest in running, it hasn't been easy for me to find something that I want to dedicate myself to. But that's normal, right? You want to do something that makes you happy, not something that you feel forced to do. Say you continually pursue a pastime and after looking back, realize how horrible you felt while doing it. That doesn't necessarily mean you're bad at it, just that what you're doing isn't what you really love to do. But just because you don't enjoy what you're doing doesn't mean that you should just give up on it. Who knows, if

you continue to work toward improving, along the way you may learn to love it.

You shouldn't dread having to practice, but you should do it as readily as though you were watching your favorite television series, or eating your favorite food. Having a serious passion towards what you do will make it easier to put forth effort and time to make your interest turn into expertise. As you've probably heard many times, if you already have something you do that makes you happy, continue to pursue it, and try to find new ways that you can improve. If you find what you're passionate about, you will have something that's yours, and you can have it throughout your life.

If you still can't think of something after reading this article, don't worry. There's still plenty of time to find it. The best thing about going to high school is the ability to join new clubs, teams, and electives where you can discover your interests. It's like

putting on a new shirt, or pants, or new socks and shoes. With your new wardrobe, you can search for what makes you happy. All you have to do is try.

Still looking for something to try?

Haven't found the right fit yet?



Then come on down to Headlight! Anyone can join, and all you have to do is write. Mondays. A303. After school.

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