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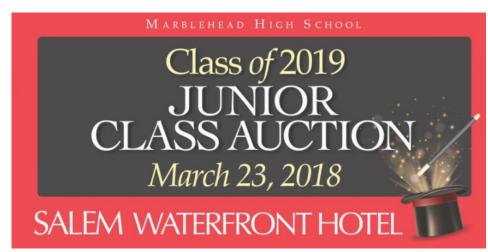
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From the Quiet

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From the Quiet was started two years ago at the Marblehead/Salem School of Music. The School of Music often groups musicians together who they think would work well together in an ensemble or band. These group startups meet once a week under the supervision of a teacher from the school, and many of them have grown into full-fledged bands. One such group is my band, From the Quiet. Our vocalist is Jeanine Martinello, Alicia Stransky on piano or keyboard, Michael Martelli on drums, Sophia Spungin on base, and myself on guitar. We cover a variety of genres, from old rock classics to new pop hits to reggae. We also have begun experimenting with writing our own music. Our set at the Junior Class Fundraiser (advertised above) will showcase Aerosmith, Bob Marley, Marvin Gaye, Michael Jackson, and Rihanna, among other prominent artists. Our past performance sites include Crocker Park for the Festival of Arts, Spotlight Tavern in Beverly, Opus in Salem, and others. If you don't catch us at the Junior Class Fundraiser this Friday, look for us at the Hard Rock Cafe on May 20th at 11:00 a.m., and at Crocker Park during the 4th of July concerts!

Celtics Season Review

Michael Simmons Reporter

The Celtics had a great 2016 to 2017 season, with a 53-29 record. They eventually lost in the Eastern Conference finals. The Celtics have matured a lot over the past seasons. They have grown considerably from a 25-57 record in 2013-2014. I think the Boston Celtics can win the 2018 NBA Championship. I project their regular season record will be around 58-24 because the players are healthy and they go beyond by finishing to the end.

The Celtics made a lot off and in season moves. They made a blockbuster trade offer at the end of last season. They traded Isaiah Thomas, Jae Crowder, Ante Zizic, a Cavaliers first round pick, and a Miami second round pick for Kyrie Irving. They also traded Avery Bradley to the Pistons for Marcus Morris. They let Kelly Olynyk, Amir Johnson, Gerald Green, and Tyler Zeller leave for free agency. They then made a major acquisition in signing Gordon Hayward as a free agent.

Gordon Hayward suffered a season ending ankle injury in the first game of the season. Many thought any chance of contending for the NBA title was over. Shortly afterwards, the Celtics went on a 16 game winning streak. The team showed chemistry and an ability to play championship level defense. Kyrie Irving is the offensive force. Rookie Jayson Tatum looks like a future superstar. Jaylen Brown has greatly improved since his rookie season and has great athletic ability. Al Horford is a team leader and is talented in many key areas. Marcus Smart is arguably the best defensive player in the NBA. Morris and Terry Rozier are solid second unit players, but the team lacks scoring ability in their second unit.

Brad Stevens, now in his fifth year with the Boston Celtics, is a fantastic coach. His players respect and like him. He seems to have a great group of players who know the X's & O's of the game. His teams always seem to score coming out of timeouts, which is a sign of a knowledgeable coach.

The Celtics have a good chance to finish the regular season as the number one seed for the playoffs. The Cleveland Cavaliers seem to have dropped off from last year but will likely be tough to eliminate. The Celtics will probably have to beat the Cavaliers or the Toronto Raptors to win the Eastern Conference. I believe that beating the Golden State Warriors, who will most likely win the Western Conference, will be much more difficult but achievable.

Marblehead Walk-In

Emma Szalewicz, Senior Editor-in-Chief

On Friday, March 16, 2018, at 10:00 AM, about three quarters of the Marblehead High School student body walked out of their classrooms and made their way to the field house. The school's walk-in was scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 14, along with the other walk-outs from thousands of schools around the country, but was rescheduled after two snow days were brought on by Winter Storm Skylar.

The Marblehead High School Walk-in was led by junior Christine Sloss and the class officers from all four grades. "I wanted to address the fact that it wasn't a regular protest walk-out. I feel as though this year the school has started several important discussions, and I wanted to focus on the next step after discussions - the action step - and this is why I didn't want to limit it to a gun violence protest. I wanted to see how the survivors of Parkland were using their voice on a national scale and that we in Marblehead can do the same," she shared.

Each class officer read a short biography of each of the seventeen victims of the Parkland shooting, and there was a seventeen second moment of silence after each person's biography. Freshman Sophie Hauck was one of the class officers to read a biography. She described her experience reading the biography of fifteen year old Luke Hoyer: "It was surreal to me to describe someone the same age as me, who died only weeks ago by something so horrific. When I first read the information regarding the shooting, I felt detached from the humanity of the victims. But, as I learned more about their interests and ambitions, I remembered that I was speaking of real people who had family and friends and schoolwork and a life just like mine, only one that no longer has a future. I wanted to be involved in this because I truly feel that as students, we understand this issue better than anyone else, after all, it's affecting our generation in our learning environment. I feel like it's our responsibility as the lucky ones who don't have to deal with the immediate consequences of incidents like this to remember those who did."

MHS Spanish teacher Holly Grose eagerly attended the walk-in. She said, "I attended the walk-in to support the students and to let them know that I appreciate the fact that they are acting on their convictions. The students did a wonderful job honoring those lost in the tragedy in Florida. Hearing about the loss of life of these young people moved me. It is important that students feel empowered to speak out about issues that impact them."

However, many students and staff members chose not to attend the walk-in. Noelle Bostley, senior, did not attend the walk-in and said that, "If the school allowed the students to have a walk-in like the rest of the country did as part of the national movement, I may have been more inclined to go, even though I do not support gun control." Bostley stated that she appreciated the memorial aspect of it, and she thinks it was good that it happened, but she didn't feel the need to go personally. Another issue surrounding the walk-in was peer pressure and judgment. Some students went to the walk-in because of the fear of scrutinization if they did not go. However, overall, MHS Junior Haden Wikar stated, "Overall, the walk-in went very well. There were a few parts that raised questions, such as when we were supposed to leave our classrooms, but this can be expected. I had been concerned that someone might call out, trying to be funny. Fortunately, it all went very smoothly and the transition into action was seamless. The administration's help was evident, but it only seemed to have a positive effect."

The most important part of the walk-in, however, was the civic engagement. Students and staff were given the opportunity to write letters on issues that were important to them to government officials, including Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Ed Markey, Congressman Seth Moulton, and Governor Charlie Baker. Finally, students were given the opportunity to make cards of sympathy for Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

The walk-in at Marblehead High School was an effective and powerful way to memorialize the victims of the Parkland, Florida shootings and to create ways to get civically involved in the community.

League of Women Voters Forums

Are you a Marblehead High School student interested in politics or current events? If so, the Marblehead League of Women Voters and Marblehead High School are partnering to create forums based on the following topics...

- 1. Monday, April 2: "Truth in Media Panel"
- 2. Thursday, April 12: "Finding Your Voice"

These forum events will all start at 7 p.m. and be held in the MHS Library. If you are interested in creating or assisting a forum event, please see Ms. Antunes in the Main Office.

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