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## Brian Crowley & MHS Track and Field: A Longevity of Success

Michael Simmons  
Reporter

Many people in the MHS Community have known Mr. Brian Crowley as an excellent teacher in the History department for 18 years. Mr. Crowley teaches World Cultures, U.S. History, and WWII and the Cold War. He has been interested in history since he was 9 years old. At the time, his mother gave him a Time-Life book on the Civil War. That got him hooked on history.



What many people may not know about Mr. Crowley is the level of success and the great environment he has helped build within the MHS Track & Field program. Boys and Girls Track & Field annually have the largest teams of all sports at MHS. A large part of the reason for those large teams is based on the environment that Mr. Crowley (along with his long time throwing coach Mr. Spano and other dedicated coaches) builds for the athletes. The Track and Field program has helped develop many high caliber athletes who have achieved great success and, in some cases, have gone on to succeed at the college level. But just as importantly, many members of his teams have found the experience of being part of his program to be very personally fulfilling.

Mr. Crowley has coached the boys team for 17 years. For five of those, he also coached the girls team. Being around Mr. Crowley, you quickly see the passion and dedication he has for the sport. He views the extra two to three hours per day that he gives to coaching as the highlight of his day. He equally enjoys coaching both the winter and spring teams. He personally participated in track and field as a high school athlete in the sprints, doing the 50 and 300 indoors and the 100 and 200 outdoors. As a result, he really enjoys watching the speed events to this day as a coach.

MHS Track & Field has sustained a very high level of success over those 17 years, both on the boys and girls teams. There have been many championships won over that time. Coach Crowley shared that those championships are great memories, but what he cherishes the most are the relationships he has built with many of the athletes over those years and the good times they have shared.

The current MHS Boys & Girls Track and Field teams are somewhat a victim of their past success in 2018. With the realignment in the NEC, MHS has been placed in a division with the largest and most successful programs, competing with programs like Peabody and Malden. That makes success from a win/loss standpoint much more difficult, but with dedicated athletes and great coaches like Mr. Crowley our student athletes at MHS will be up for the challenge!

## Acappellooza Around the Corner

Eleanor Mancusi-Ungaro, Special to *Headlight*

As many of us know, Marblehead High School is home to four acapella groups. They sing at local events like the Christmas Walk, compete in regional and global competitions, and perform at fundraisers throughout town. At the annual winter and spring concerts, only Luminescence and Jewel Tones perform due to time constraints, and they are usually limited to one song each. Because of this, the average MHS student might not know how hard all the groups work to learn and perform songs. To see all of MHS a cappella on display is an opportunity that rarely occurs, but if you find yourself with no plans (or even lame plans) for Friday night, you can experience all four groups giving the best performances they can. That's right, it's Acappellooza week.

Each day of the week leading up to Acappellooza, a different group decorates the music hallway, a tradition dating back many years. On Monday, the all-female group Serendipity will start off the week by outfitting the hall in red, the group's color. Music director Eliza Howells has been leading the group for the last two years, and she's encouraging members to wear red to show their spirit. The next day, the Grizzly Freakin' Man Singers will take their turn at decorating the hallway, and members of the group were seen wearing the usual uniform of the group in the halls. "We're so ready for Acappellooza this year," said music director George McDonald. Wednesday and Thursday will be the faculty led groups Luminescence and Jewel Tones. Choral Director Andrew Scoglio has worked very hard teaching music and providing direction, and the singers have really risen above and beyond his expectations, placing and winning awards at ICHSA, a competition in its 20th year where high school acapella groups compete from all around the country with the goal of going to New York City. On Friday, all four groups will come together to decorate the hallway and show their love for music, and the end of the day will feature a special hallway performance from this year's visiting group, Five O'Clock Shadow.

So, who are the masterminds behind this concert? After all, organizing a concert of this size requires a great amount of planning, forethought, and the ability to roll with the punches. To make this concert happen every year, the Marblehead Acapella Council spends months planning, down to the kinds of concessions available at intermission. Founded to help the groups work together and create a central authority, this year's council is made up of Serendipity and Grizzlies officers Eliza Howells, Megan Spreen, Eleanor Mancusi-Ungaro, George MacDonald, Willie Mack Rosen, and Charles Morgan. Representatives from Luminescence and Jewel Tones provide updates as well, and music director Andrew Scoglio presides over meetings, giving guidance and assigning duties.

If anything in this article strikes you as interesting, you should come see the concert, of course! There are presale tickets available online at TicketStage for \$20 (link below) where you can reserve a seat, and student tickets will be sold at the door for \$10. Student tickets will also be sold at lunches on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Acappellooza begins at 7 pm at the MVMS PAC and will be sure to entertain people of all ages.

Ticket link: [www.ticketstage.com/T/MHSCHOOLS](http://www.ticketstage.com/T/MHSCHOOLS)

## Boater's Bucket List

Kristy Twaalfhoven, Junior  
Reporter

"The boats are in."

My dad makes this declaration every year at some point towards the end of April, and every year hearing it makes my heart flutter with excitement. Like many Marbleheaders, I tough it out through our gruesome, gray winters, impatient for that first day back out on the water. And when that first day arrives, I am basically reborn. This past Saturday, my dad made the long awaited declaration, and in an instant I was at our mooring, starting up our Grady-White for a traditional boat trip to Manchester-by-the-Sea. During my boating season - typically late April to late October - I visit Manchester by boat at least once per week. The following are my top four favorite activities in the Manchester-by-the-Sea harbor area. The boat ride is about forty minutes across, so if you're looking for easy boating excursion ideas this summer, add these to your list!

1. For a morning journey: Head out at dawn on a calm morning, and watch the sunrise\* as you make the trip to Manchester Harbor. Early in the morning, there is always lots of space at the public dock. Tie up and walk across the street, behind the train station, where you will find a small cafe named "Essen" (German for "eat"), that opens at 6 am. Pick up a pastry or breakfast sandwich (highly recommended) and coffee. Essen's cozy interior and delicious food are sure to satisfy. But, it will taste even better if you head back to the dock to eat while watching the sunrise. There's no better way to start the day!

\*Make sure to check the weather the night before to ensure a clear morning sky for optimum sunrise viewing.

2. For an evening ride: Wondering where to go for dinner? Leave Marblehead harbor at 6 o'clock for a 7 o'clock dinner. From the public dock, walk less than five minutes into town to Cala's restaurant. This casual eatery offers a variety of great eats, from burgers to grain salads, and the atmosphere is perfectly family friendly. Take an after-dinner walk around the park by the docks before heading back to Marblehead as the sun goes down. The ride back is typically a bit chilly, so bring a few blankets and layers for the journey home. Also, if you want to stay out a bit later, make sure you're boat hull lights work!

3. For a day in the sun: Pack a bathing suit, towels, and sunscreen, and head over to Sand Dollar Cove. Located just outside the entrance to Manchester Harbor, this protected cove is the perfect place to anchor for the day. If you go at low tide, bring goggles so you can jump in the water and search for sand dollars, which cover the ground (hence the cove's name). After sun tanning on the boat deck for a few hours, my friends and I like to drive into the harbor, dock, and walk over to Captain Dusty's Ice Cream Shop for a cool treat!

4. For an earthy exploration: About three-fourths of the way to Manchester Harbor, so about a thirty minute ride from Marblehead, is Misery Island. There's a small inlet on the side of the island that faces Manchester. Drop an anchor in this inlet, and swim into the shore. Follow the walking trails, and explore the island as you walk directly across to the opposite shore, where you'll find another little beach. It's perfect for a quick swim before heading back to your boat!

The boats are in, let the adventures begin!

## MHS Boys Dominate Danvers Falcons

Kate Lothrop, Senior  
Reporter

The boys in white dominated the field against the Danver Falcons last Thursday, the 26th, @ Piper, with a victory of 17-5, leaving the Falcons in awe.

Watch the boys in white take the field again Saturday, May 5th, @ 4pm @ Piper Field.



MHD battles the Falcons for the ball.



MHD waiting for the ball to be passed.



#22 Sam Cioffi takes the ball from Andy Clough #17 and looks for a perfect getaway to score.



MHD boys rally around Christian Penkrat #14 as he scored the 13th goal of the game.

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