

Headlight



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Why You Should Stop Caring So Much About High School

Aidan Collins, Senior Reporter

Entering my last year at Marblehead High School, I've had a lot of time to reflect on what went well and what went horribly wrong. Like most kids, my path through high school has had its ups and downs, but for the most part I should be graduating with most of my sanity still intact. From the jocks to the nerds, my peers have given me insight into how one should not approach their four years of schooling. The number one lesson I learned: stop caring.

In its most basic sense, my statement does not encourage slacking off, but rather what I deem to be the simplest approach to winning at high school.

First and foremost of the worst offenses among students is the high levels of anxiety and stress that people have in social encounters. Even if I am the billionth person to say it, "BE YOURSELF." There is no point in trying to be friends with toxic people, and trying to be someone you are not is just a recipe for disaster. Everyone is a little awkward, and everyone has a tendency to over analyze situations. The moment you realize this, I guarantee you will be happier knowing that everyone is at least sinking together in the same boat. Abandon the people who think that they are above you, because they are not. I would be lying to say I never fell in line with the flocks of sheeple freshmen year. However, I learned early to overcome the petty drama of the high school bubble. Now I no longer care who I am caught talking to, and just wish that my old and forgotten friends could learn the same lesson.

To all the overachievers, superstar athletes, and grade grubbers, never forget this should not be the highlight of your life, nor does it even have to be the turning point. Of course, all of you should be applauded for your achievements, but dear g-d, take a break every once and a while. Careers and college will always be waiting, so why not enjoy your childhood while it lasts. Hanging out with friends, making memories, and discovering your own identity are all things that should be happening in high school. With the rising price of college anyways, you'll be lucky to retire at 80 if you attend the \$70,000 a year college of your dreams. The reality is that a degree is a degree, and you can earn that degree in just about every school. The even harsher reality of sports is that much less than 1% of players will go pro. What these statistics should tell you is that you're already overworking yourself for basically nothing. Don't let other people tell you what sport or classes to do in school. Take the route that makes you the most happy.

My last point I wanted to address with Marblehead High School students is that the faculty are not out to get you. They are there strictly to guide us through our education, and to make sure everyone has an equal opportunity to do so. Too many times have I watched a student get in trouble all because they had to take a stand against the teacher. While I definitely believe in times where you should stand up for yourself, I don't believe this needs to be every time. High school is not your testing ground for Supreme Court trials. Our rights are restricted in school, and thus a student will most likely never get his way. A simple apology is all one needs to get out of 90% of situations. You may look cool fighting back, but it's useless in the long run, so why not focus those efforts somewhere else. I've had whole years ruined by uncooperative classes that have wasted everyone's time. So please, I beg you Marblehead High School students, stop caring so much.

New York City Marathon Winner

Congratulations to Marbleheader Shalane Flanagan for winning the New York City Marathon! Flanagan was the first American woman to win this marathon since 1977. A graduate of Marblehead High School, class of 2000, Flanagan won this year's marathon with a time of two hours, 26 minutes, and 53 seconds.



Marblehead High School Interact Club Raises Awareness for The Teal Pumpkin Project

Emma Szalewicz, Senior Editor-in-Chief

The Teal Pumpkin Project was created by the Food Allergy Community of East Tennessee and was launched as a national campaign in 2014. The Teal Pumpkin Project helps to encourage food allergy awareness and promotes inclusion for all during Halloween. Food allergies are tough to manage, and they are especially difficult during holidays like Halloween. All you have to do to be a part of the Teal Pumpkin Project is to display a teal painted pumpkin on Halloween, and offer non-food candy to trick or treaters.

To help raise awareness about the Teal Pumpkin Project, the MHS Interact Club hosted a pumpkin painting event to paint pumpkins teal, and then had members deliver them to family and friends that were interested in partaking in the Teal Pumpkin Project for free. This helped to spread the knowledge of the Teal Pumpkin Project throughout Marblehead. The club also received recognition from the national Food Allergy Research and Education Organization (FARE).



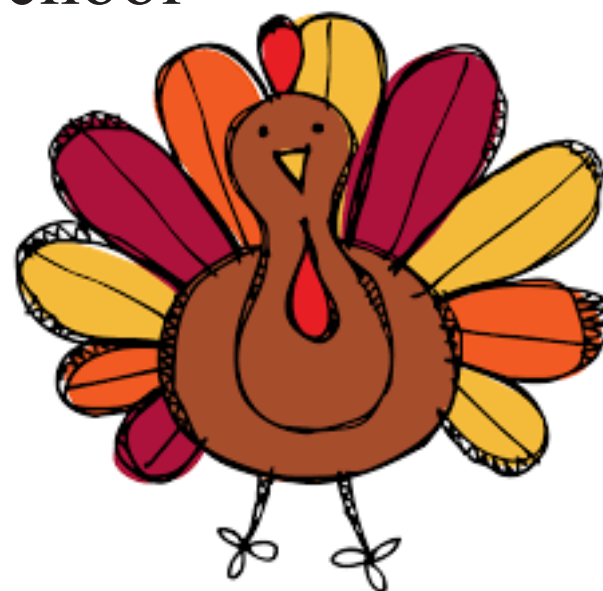
Jefferson Forum Turkey Drive!

What: Turkey Drive

Jefferson Forum is collecting frozen turkeys weighing from 8 to 12 pounds. The turkeys will be donated to My Brother's Table in Lynn for Thanksgiving.

When: Thursday, November 16th from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Where: In front of Marblehead High School



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