

Headlight



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Getting Involved

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Whether you are a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, it is not too late to get involved. I feel that I started to get involved around my junior year. It took me a while to find activities and clubs I wanted to join, but it was not too late!

By "getting involved," I mean through school clubs, activities, and sports, but also in community efforts, such as volunteering. Marblehead High School has over 50 clubs and tons of sports that students have the opportunity to become a part of. There are even some clubs that are flexible, if you are unable to make some meetings. Also, Marblehead and surrounding towns have countless community service opportunities for high school students. For example, SPUR has many different volunteer opportunities that impact local towns, such as Marblehead, Lynn, Swampscott, and Salem. I have been making meals for people at the Lifebridge shelter in Salem for a few years now. I love to cook, so this is a perfect way for me to do what I love while helping others. There are so many local volunteer opportunities that combine service with hobbies and interests.

High school is the perfect time to get involved in school and the community. For National Honors Society, community service hours are required for the applications. For college applications, community service hours, clubs, and sports look great! But, putting required hours aside, I love to be a part of clubs with people that share similar interests as me, and I love to help my community. For example, I have been in Headlight for four years. I am able to work with people who enjoy writing and share stories, like I do. Now, as an editor-in-chief, I am able to work closely with the two other editors, Emma and Sophie, and Mr. Higgins to continue this newspaper tradition at Marblehead High School.

Last week, MHS held an activity fair for its students. Each club had a table, and students could walk around, talk to club representatives, and sign up for clubs that they were interested in. I thought that this was a great way to expose students to all of the clubs offered at the high school and provide an opportunity for students to become more involved in the school. If any student did not take full advantage of this opportunity, I would encourage them to next year!

On Step-Up day, in eighth grade, one mentor told everyone to get involved. At the time I did not completely understand why, but now as a senior I do. Getting involved allows you to leave your mark at MHS and in the community. It opens you up to new opportunities and new friends. I encourage all students, of any grade, to look into new clubs, join sports, and research volunteer opportunities around town and get involved!

Standardized Testing Tips

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The ACT (American College Testing) and SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) tests are some of the most daunting parts of the college application process. These seemingly simple multiple choice questions can sometimes make or break your college applications. However, with a little effort, and by following these tips, obtaining a good score on these tests is very feasible.

1) Figure out which colleges require each test. Some colleges may require both, some colleges may only require one, and some may require none at all! Just put in the time upfront to be sure you are prepared.

2) Find out which test works better for you! If you love science, the ACT is probably for you! If you'd rather stick to the basics, the SAT is probably best. If you're unsure, you can always take both.

3) Register for the test as early as possible! Test centers often fill up fast, so the earlier you register, the better off you'll be. Also, the closer the test center, the less tired you'll be! Getting up early for the test is no fun already, but it'll be even worse if you have to drive an hour away to the test!

4) Several weeks before the test date, utilize the free online practice resources like Khan Academy, or printable practice tests. These tests will allow the student to become familiar with the style and wording of the questions, which can be very useful to save precious time on test day.

5) Practice for 10 minutes each day! Just a few minutes of practicing per day can mean the difference between an ACT score of 30 or a score of 32.

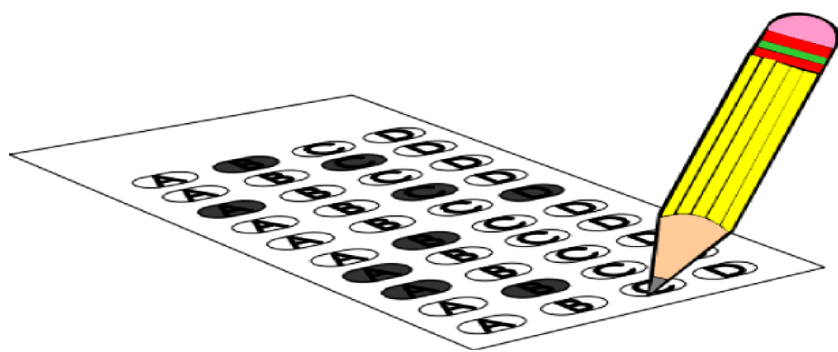
6) The night before the test, be sure to go to bed early, and to prepare everything the night before to avoid the last minute scramble in the morning.

7) On test day, be sure to eat a good filling breakfast.

8) Bring several sharpened number two pencils, an eraser, a calculator, your student ID, a water bottle and your admission ticket to the test. Without an ID or admissions ticket, you will not be able to test, and you won't get a refund!

9) On both the SAT and ACT, you are not penalized for wrong answers. You are only given credit for the answers you answer correctly. When there is five minutes left in testing, if you have any unanswered questions, fill in the bubbles anyways! There's a 25% chance that your answer will be correct!

10) Relax! A test score does not define you!



The School Year Begins with Good Vibes

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The positivity and willingness of MHS students to connect in creating a school community that welcomes freshmen, and reaches out to underclassmen, is unifying. The senior girls chose "good vibes" as their shirt slogan for the year. Throughout the summer, students of the MHS Leadership Council gave tours to families of freshmen and staffed registration for the upcoming school year. The Peer Mentor Program ensures that freshmen and international students can have ongoing support within the

school. Students organized an orientation to acclimate freshmen to life at the high school, providing them with an understanding of how the school works and with familiar faces of high school students they could talk with. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors arrived early on the first day to point freshmen in the right direction when navigating the halls. At the 2017 Club Fair students and faculty created a vibrant forum for learning about ways to get involved.

The Marblehead High School community continues to develop as a group of students, teachers, and administrators who collaborate to impact the school as a team sharing "good vibes."



Quote of the Week

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream"

-C.S. Lewis

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