



New Members Inducted to MHS Chapter of National Green Schools Society

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Last year, Madison Bates from the class of 2019 founded a chapter of the National Green Schools Society (NGSS) at Marblehead High School. NGSS is an honor society that gives students recognition for their environmental service. Students are required to complete at least 20 hours of environmental service each year to receive awards and recognition. Members must earn service hours in both environmental service and education. They also participate in year-long environmental service projects and can come up with their own project ideas or help with another project.



On Wednesday, October 23rd, Marblehead High School's NGSS branch had its second induction. The first one took place at the end of the last school year when the club had just been founded. This year, 33 students, including freshmen, were inducted. Around 75 people, including members from last year and family of the inductees, attended to support the new members. When asked about the induction, Service Hours Coordinator Sophie Hauck said, "The induction was an exciting welcome to NGSS, and these new inductees have already helped with our environmental efforts in the week since the induction. Many of them have volunteered to monitor the composting system at lunch, which can feel tedious but is a truly worthwhile cause, proving their dedication. With the sheer numbers our group now has, we will surely be able to impact the environmental practices of the school and town community!"

After the induction, new members had the opportunity to sign up for some of NGSS' initiatives that they wanted to help with. The first project is maintaining the aquaponics systems around the school. These systems are growing greens that will be given to the school cafeteria for lunches. Students working on this project will check the pH levels and add water for the plants.

The second project is a no-idling campaign. The people helping with this project will work with Judith Black to spread awareness about the effects of idling.

The third project is making the cafeteria more sustainable. While the new system of waste disposal during lunches has made a significant impact on the amount of trash produced at the school each day, there is still more that can be done. This project would entail working to get compostable utensils and trays in the cafeteria. Members working on this project will also be responsible for helping with lunch duty and making sure that people dispose of waste properly.

Some students are conducting their own projects and will be working with Mr. Ryan, the NGSS advisor, as well as the officers and other members to ensure the success of these endeavors.

MHS Cross Country Team Dominates Northeastern Conference Championship

Last Saturday, October 26th, Marblehead High School's cross country team competed in the Northeastern Conference Championship. The team performed extremely well, with the boys team winning a first-place victory and the girls coming in second. Junior Loeden Rodrigues came in first overall for the boys race, covering 2.94 miles in 15 minutes and 20 seconds. Congratulations to the MHS cross country teams!



The Shout Heard Round the World

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The subject of the Hong Kong protests has been everywhere in the news recently. It seems that almost no one understands why they are happening. In order to understand the reasons behind the trouble, the history of the problem should be examined. In 1997, Hong Kong stopped being a British colony and was placed under the control of the People's Republic of China. China promised Hong Kong similar rights to those they had under British rule. Once China's economy grew and it was no longer so dependent on Hong Kong's, they began whittling down the freedom of the Hong Kong people.



South China Morning Post

The protests initially started because the Chinese government began taking people from Hong Kong and putting them on trial on the "mainland." Beijing has also interfered with Hong Kong elections, turning them into "selections" of Communist-backed candidates. People feared that the Communists would occupy Hong Kong, and having nothing to lose, they took to the streets and have been protesting for months.



The New York Times

This being said, I don't feel the media have done a good job covering these protests. It seems that whenever the news is related to Hong Kong, it is just a series of videos or pictures of protesters and police officers facing off. There have also been speculations of fake news being spread about the issue, some claiming that stories about the protests have come from both the Chinese government and the leaders of the protestors. Even if this is true, fact checking is quite easy nowadays, so people found the "fake news" quickly enough, but only if they bothered to look.

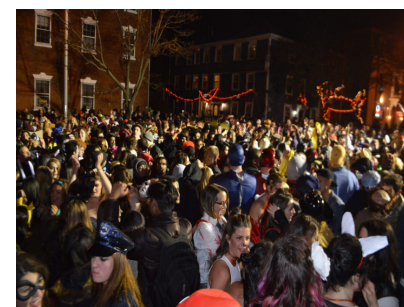
The protests have been seen around the world, and now American college students from Boston to California are pitching in. Their attempts to call out the Chinese government have resulted in some campus troubles, with pro-Hong Kong students getting into fights with those that are pro-China. If the supporters of both sides can stop fighting with each other, free speech and open debate can be the winner. So many seem confused as to why the protests are happening, but a greater conversation is being started, and that is how change is made.

Haunted Happenings in Salem!

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In honor of today's holiday, Molly Tapper describes the best things to do during Salem's most famous month.

There are plenty of things and places you can go during the Halloween season but Salem is where it's all happening. In Salem, you will experience a one of a kind Halloween. There are many activities to do in Salem throughout the spooky month of October. Some things you can do in Salem is visit the Salem Witch Museum, go on a ghost tour, visit the Witch House, or visit one of the many haunted houses. Salem has many family friendly activities as well, including parades, crafts and of course trick-or-treating.



The Salem Witch Museum is a very popular tourist attraction in Salem. Its tour goes into detail about the Witch Trials of 1692 through narrated life-sized stage sets. The second exhibit guides the visitors through the perceptions of witches and witchcraft. Do not miss the gift shop while you are there.

A ghost tour is a great way to get in the Halloween spirit. There are a few different ghost tours offered in Salem, but all are fun and show various sites in the spooky city of Salem. Tours can be done by foot, by trolley, and even by boat during the day or the night. Most last about an hour and a half. Also, not only are the tours informative and entertaining, they are helpful means for getting to know your way around Salem.

The Salem Witch House is the only structure with ties to the Salem Witch Trials of 1692. The house was bought by Judge Corwin in 1675, and he lived there for more than forty years. The house is a wonderful example of seventeenth century architecture that you can visit on tours. The Witch House, located on the corner of North and Essex Streets, truly stands out in its neighborhood, so when you drive by be sure to keep an eye out.

There are many haunted houses that you can visit, including Frankenstein's Castle and The Haunted Witch Village. The Lost Museum, which is the newest, longest, and largest haunted house in Salem, also allows you to go underground to discover haunted rooms, ghosts, and monsters. The house is filled with scary effects that make you jump, as well as living portraits. The Lost Museum is located near Gallows Hill, where many people believe witches were hanged.

These are among the many highlights of tourist attractions in Salem, Massachusetts. They are a part of the city's Haunted Happenings in the month of October, which is a fun month for every age, with something different to offer to all. So, be sure to bring your friends and family to the Haunted Happenings in Salem. Even if you only walk around, you are sure to have a blast catching all the costumes and sites.

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