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# Clain's Replacement Plan Leads to Chaos

With Principal Elizabeth Clain leaving at the end of this year, 11 students are campaigning to take her place.

### By BEN KULISH

Following the announcement of her plan to step down as principal after this school year, Elizabeth Clain promptly introduced a program through which Mamaroneck High School's Student Council members can run to take on her role. Students, teachers, and parents will be able to vote on Clain's replacement this June. Eleven students from all grades immediately announced their candidacies; they have accepted that selection for the position of principal would effectively end their academic careers. With no clear frontrunner, student candidates have resorted to extreme tactics to get a competitive edge.

These strategies include making broad promises and lofty goals to help them win the endorsement of the student body. Luca Giobbio ('23) recently announced his plans to remove all graduation requirements. In response, Olivia Sundin ('22) promised to make attendance at school optional. To further up the ante, if elected, Maxwell Robinson ('24) would institute a gener-

ous school-wide curve for all class grades to ensure that the school mean GPA remains above a 97. AP English Language and Composition teacher Darren Bosch pleads with candidates, "please do not enact these policies at MHS." English 10 and Creative Writing teacher Juliana Zalon admits, "the election of any of these candidates would be disastrous to this school." Meanwhile, students are elated at the proposed changes. Michele Reynoso ('23) exclaimed, "I heard about Olivia's plan, and I'm never coming to school again!" When asked for a comment on this issue, current principal Clain said "not my problem anymore. I'm out of here."

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Election tension peaked on Thursday, March 24th, when Sundin and Robinson engaged in a physical fight in front of Carol Scheffler's office while hanging campaign posters in the overpass. According to witness accounts, the brawl broke out after Robinson called Sundin's poster "preposterous." Scheffler confided that "hearing about violence between student council members whom I've worked with for years would be disheartening on its own, but that it happened in front of my own eyes was downright traumatizing." Both of these students have since been removed from the ballot, slimming down the choices to nine candidates.

Clain admitted that, due to her upcoming retirement, she does not feel obligated to interfere with this election. Yet, she does feel that these radical candidates will struggle to gain the votes of parents and teachers. "Look, I'd love to see students having more fun at school; I actually proposed some of these changes myself back in the day," said Clain. "But the parents in this district won't have it." She makes a compelling point. A parent satisfaction poll created by the Student Council yielded troubling results for the student candidates: not a single student had an approval rating above three percent. Still, with no adults currently running in the election for principal, nonstudents in the district will have to choose the lesser of the nine evils.

Clain's replacement process has shocked parents and educators across the country. Parents in districts as far as Des Moines, Iowa and Honolulu, Hawaii have



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Luca Giobbio, a frontrunner in the upcoming election, running a competitive campaign.

voiced their concerns by introducing "anti-student-principal" pledges at school board meetings. Such pledges have gained even more traction nearby in Greenwich, Harrison, and Sleepy Hollow, where parents fear that similar programs might arise due to proximity to Mamaroneck. Meanwhile, as the June election date steadily approaches, the Larchmont-Mamaroneck community is bracing itself for a major change in the academic environment of Mamaroneck High School. With the fate of the school largely in the hands of teenagers, the future remains unknown- and worrisome.

# A Desperate Attempt to Rally School Spirit: Tiger Pride Week to Bring in Real Tigers

### By ANATOLI VELIKOV

This month, Mamaroneck High School's Student Council is set to carry out a new school spirit event that seems to be greater than anything they have done before. They call the newest initiative, "Tiger Pride Week," because just one day dedicated to school spirit is certainly not enough. The Week, in theory, is probably the most straightforward event Mamaroneck High School has ever had since 1928. With the aim of being as bold as possible, next week starting on the 4th, the Mamaroneck High School Student Council will be bringing in live tigers as part of its new thrilling initiative. To do so, all spring sports tryouts and practices will be temporarily discontinued from taking place on Memorial Field and Manchester Field, in order to set up the pens and temporary habitats for the tigers.



and Azul, also Malayan tigers, from the Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, are eleven and six years old respectively. Yuri and Nikita, both Amur tigers from the Denver Zoo, are both eleven years old.

Of course, being aware that tigers are able to contract COVID-19, with the tigers from the Bronx Zoo and Denver Zoo having recovered since previously braving the illness; all tigers will be tested multiple times prior to their arrival at Mamaroneck High School and only those with negative tests will be permitted to be involved. Each day of the intrepid week will present new interactive activities for students to enjoy. On Monday, in order for the tigers to acclimate to their new high school environment, students will only be able to observe the tigers in their pens from the respective bleachers of each field. This is done to prevent the tigers from being overwhelmed on their first day of school. SEE "LIVE" PAGE 2

The tigers all come from

#### Nadia, Azul, and Bumi exploring their new environment.

different zoos across the United States. Although this may seem to be a conscious decision based on scientific reasoning, Executive Board President, Liv Bobby ('22), imparts that the choice was made with the intent of making the experience "more exciting" for the tigers, stating that, "it'll be a fun tiger meet-n-greet where tigers from all sorts of places come together to have a great time. This makes the whole experience not just enjoyable for students, but more interesting for the tigers too." The tigers are of different ages as well. Nadia and Azul, two Malayan tigers from the Bronx Zoo, are both almost six years old, with their birthdays coming up this month. Bumi







# **Live Tigers Come to MHS** *STUCO's newest (fiercest) spirit initiative!*

### **By ANATOLI VELIKOV**

#### FROM "DESPERATE" ON FRONT

In addition, PE classes will have tiger-watching as part of their curriculum for the week, which Coach Chap adamantly believes will, "motivate students to achieve the prime tiger lifestyle," of course referring to his daily 5 mile runs, as well as core and calf workouts.

On Tuesday, now accustomed to the presence of students, Student Council will be hosting a petting zoo on each field where students can meet the tigers up close. On Wednesday, students will get the chance to compete against the tigers in a hot dog eating contest with a grand prize of a \$20 Starbucks gift card for the first-place winner.

On Thursday, the tigers, on leashes, of course, will stroll around the school visiting each classroom and immersing themselves firsthand in the academic enrichment of Mamaroneck High School. This particular activity was the idea of sophomore Student Council Representative, Samantha Balagot ('24), who explains that, "the tigers are at a high school, after all. They might as well learn something while they're here, and what better way is there to do that than engaging in the lessons being taught in classrooms." plans to hold a "mini-Olympics" with the tigers. The event will include a 400-meter dash, a long jump event, a volleyball match, a wrestling match, table tennis matches, a fencing match (because giving swords to tigers is a great idea), and a taekwondo match, all done with the tigers competing alongside students.

On Friday, Student Council

All students have been emailed waivers to be signed by the end of this week, which are mandatory for participation in the Tiger Pride Week. The waiver is meant to protect the school and district in the event that a student suffers an injury of any kind (not that there is any risk of that happening, of course). Students without a signed waiver will have to partake in virtual classes throughout the duration of the week.

Student Council is highly optimistic about the initiative with only a few small creases to iron out, mainly surrounding what happens with the tigers in the event of yet another fire drill, but doesn't believe this will be too big of a problem.

With the exhilarating event right around the corner, Student Council has their fingers crossed that this incentive will reinvigorate school morale. If all goes as planned, they hope to see an uptick in participation in schoolwide events now and in the future.

# MHS Administration Purposefully Shuts Off WiFi

The frequent WiFi crashes have a malicious intent behind them.

### By FATIMAH KHAN

An undercover *Globe* investigation has gotten to the bottom of the mysterious WiFi issue that has plagued MHS: MUFSD administrators have been disabling the internet routers at random intervals in order to wreak havoc on students' lives. Since January 3, students have

experienced extreme difficulty connecting to both the HSWIFI and MUFSD\_WIFI networks. This has greatly disrupted their ability to take notes in class, access online resources, and generally remain productive students. "I failed three AP Biology tests because I couldn't take notes and couldn't work on my research project during class," laments Ava Samson (\*22).

The disastrous impacts of the malfunctioning WiFi are widespread and may be life-altering. "We were taking an online AP Classroom assessment when the WiFi crashed- everyone in the class got a 0," explains Maya Gadlin ('22). "Some students received emails rescinding college acceptances the next day." Nothing seemed to fix the problem - from restarting computers to joining different networks. The *Globés* investigation

Wi-Fi
Preferred Network
MUFSD\_WIFI
Other Networks

#### MUFSD\_WIFI buffering endlessly, a common sight for all students.

found that, in a misguided attempt to pull an April Fool's prank of their own, Ms. Clain, Mr. Washington, and Ms. Rodriguez have been shutting off HSWIFI and MUF-SD\_WIFI since January in order to practice for the big day on April 1st. While they began by shutting off the WiFi for 5 or 10 minutes at a time, as Principal Clain explains, "it quickly became a favorite pastime." In an exclusive interview, she confesses that "shutting off the internet for a few hours was the perfect way to spice up a boring Monday. Hearing the frustrated complaining echoing throughout the halls of Mamaroneck High School was the most entertaining part of the school day."

Given the size of the MHS building and the complex intricacies of the WiFi network, the ad-

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ministrators were not able to pull off this prank on their own. Their accomplice, Jerry Orans ('22), explains his role in the hoax. "Every few days, I would just go unplug random cables and see what broke. Once I found the network cables, it was smooth sailing. I love to see people's reactions; everyone was so upset over the technical issues that no one thought to check the physical cord!" Orans' technical skills combined with the administrators' creative mastermind made for a powerful force, causing chaos for many students.

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When questioned about their plans for this year's April Fool's Day, the mischievous group shared sideways glances and shrugged innocuously. Keep your eyes peeled and your hotspots on, MHS!

# **Coach Chap Goes Viral: MHS Spawns New Celebrity Fitness Influencer**

The longtime Physical Education teacher and sports team coach spreads his wise words to the world via social media.

### By TISTA GOSWAMI

In recent months, numerous "Murda" Instagram accounts have appeared on the social media feeds of students in the community. Recently, a new one, bearing the handle, "@murdacalves" is taking the Larchmont-Mamaroneck com-



Just finished my first of five calf workouts for the day! 5x1000 calf raises. #nopainnogain #calfislife #hustledontstop to get their gains!" says Chap. Chap's sudden rise in popularity has been quite an adjustment. Students have observed Chap walking around the school accompanied by an intimidating set of

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munity, and the world, by storm.

@murdacalves is full of fitness-related content, none as wellreceived as the calf workouts. Who might be the fitness mogul behind this account, which has amassed 476 million followers within the first month? None other than PE teacher, Coach, and owner of "the calves" himself, Mike Chiapparelli, "Coach Chap," for short.

Recently acquainted with the world of social media, Chap decided to spread his fitness wisdom to others with hopes of encouraging more people to take control of their fitness journey. While the account documents Chap's daily, holistic workouts, which include his five mile runs, 10-minute planks,

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PHOTO COURTESY OF @MURDACALVES ON TWITTER Coach Chap updates his fanbase on his rigorous daily exercise routine.

100 crunches, and more, nothing has been quite as popular as Chap's calf workouts. Millions of people now religiously follow Chap's calf regimen with hopes of enlarging their calves to match Chap's own. "Everyone should have an opportunity to have exceptional calves!"

### remarks Chap.

Demonstrated by Chap himself, these calf workouts are a hit! "It really works! My calves are huge!" says John Smith from Arizona. Marge Appleseed from Wyoming beams, "I owe it all to Chap. I never thought I'd make it this far in my calf workout journey!"

Chap is currently the most followed person on Instagram, just 3 million away from beating Instagram itself as of mid-March 2022. "At first, I was a little surprised at just how fast this grew, but who wouldn't want to work themselves should have an opportunity to have exceptional calves!" - Coach Chap

bodyguards. In addition, Chap is currently fielding sponsorship offers from multiple fitness brands including Nike, Adidas, Under Armour, Lululemon, and Gymshark.

Check out Chap's new merchandise line at www.murdacalves. com. Use promo code, "MURDA-GLOBE," for 15% off of your order and a free lanyard with your purchase.





# It's Official: No One Reads The Globe

A new survey reveals a not-so-shocking truth about MHS's student newspaper.

### **By CAITLYN CARPENTER**

In a survey conducted of MHS students after the release of the Globe's February Issue, the Cube found that only 7% of MHS students actually read its articles. 31% were found to skim titles, while over half of the student body ignores new issues entirely.

Darren Bosch, an AP Literature teacher and one of the paper's advisors, commented how "these numbers are deeply concerning both from an advisor's perspective but also from the perspective of overall student connectivity." Bosch explains how, "even though some of our titles are mismatched and our copy edits are abundant, the lack of interest among MHS students to keep in touch with their school community is disheartening."

The survey found that students who do read the paper typically only read articles by their friends or that quote their friends. For a paper whose intention is to act as a means to uplift all student voices, this could be considered a significant failure. The grade with

the highest percentage of readers is by far the Freshmen Class, who have yet to adopt the same culture of dissing the Globe that the upperclassmen have. "It's a real school newspaper," Max Lazarus ('25) exclaimed. "The Hommocks Writer was nothing like this!"

In comparison, when MHS senior Maya Gadlin ('22) was approached with a question about her Globe reading habits, she responded, "The Globe is still a thing? I thought it died after COVID."

"The Globe is still a thing? I thought it died after COVID." - Maya Gadlin (\*22)

While the survey didn't specify whether or not the pandemic damaged the paper's readership, those who run the paper assume that is the cause of these dire numbers. "Of course it was COVID, a lot changed after last year," commented Evan Madin, AP Language and Journalism teacher, and another one of the paper's advisors. "You'll see, people just have to adjust again. Trust the process. We'll be fine....yeah, we'll be fine." Some senior Globe staff mem-

bers believe that the Globe readership has always been this low, just no one has ever exposed it before. "Yeah, I don't know why you guys decided to do that study," commented Fatimah Khan ('22). "Why would you expose what everyone already knew? I mean, I saw a Globe in the toilet after the last issue came out, what did you expect?"

Regardless of whether or not the low readership is a recent development or has been a permanent reality of publishing a high school newspaper, the Globe issued a statement promising that they "will use the results of the survey to improve the quality of our high school journalism, both for the school and the broader community."

With applications for the new year of staff coming out on Monday, April 4th, the paper hopes that this won't impact students' interests in applying.

PS. If you made it to the end of this article, we appreciate you! <3

FATIMAH KHAN/THE CUBE The aforementioned Globe in the toilet (yes, this actually happened, all jokes aside).

# **Students Excited as James Charles' Makeup and Self-Care Class Comes to MHS**

This new makeup and self-care class is aimed to help students become the best that they can be.

### **By FLORENCE HAINES AND** HANNAH MEHLER

Spring is a stressful time for Mamaroneck High School students, in particular seniors, who have a lot on their minds. As the weather gets warmer, they agonize over college decisions, their AP exams and, of course, graduation. Earlier this week, the MHS Physical Education Department announced that they will be introducing a new addition to the Senior Experience Program, a flexible, hybrid program that allows second-semester seniors to attend gym class just once a week, while engaging in self-selected activities for the remaining time. In addition to exercise, self-care is crucial to one's well-being and mental health, especially during this final semester. Instead of having a free period, students participating in Senior Experience will take part in MHS's brand-new initiative that is solely unique to Mamaroneck. Introducing Makeup and Self Care by James. Popular influencer, James Charles, decided to get his BA in education, and after graduating this past fall, Charles began his search for a job that combined both his enthusiasm in education



creative passion." The class will be graded on a pass-fail rubric and will encourage students to participate and involve themselves in an abstract classroom setting, far different from what MHS students are currently used to.

Both students and administration are incredibly excited for the launch of this program. Masks have been a very relevant topic in these past few months at MHS,

"I cannot wait to inspire and educate young minds through my passion for creativity." - James Charles

PHOTO COURTESY OF @JAMESCHARLES ON INSTAGRAM This tie-dye inspired look is one of many that will be featured in Charles' class.

and his creative talent. Charles spent months unable to find a position that aligned with his vision, before taking initiative himself. He approached Mamaroneck administration with the hope of introducing a brand-new self-care class into our curriculum. His proposal received great feedback from the board, and he was recently offered a teaching position, in which he will begin next year. "Self-care is a necessary step that allows students to work through stress. We hope that Charles will be able to help us to improve the general mental health and wellbeing of our seniors. We can't wait for him to begin teaching this wonderful new program!", states MHS Principal Elizabeth Clain. In collaboration with Mamaroneck, Charles has curated an interesting and enjoyable curriculum. The class will follow a structure similar to that of the PACE program. From March to mid-April, students will rotate through different courses. From thereon, students will choose a major to focus on for the remainder of the year. Potential majors include makeup, skin-care, hair-care, and generalized self-care. Charles himself has said, "I cannot wait to inspire and educate young minds through my

but now that the mandate has been lifted, many teens are finding it hard to maintain clear skin and feel confident in their appearance. The Mamaroneck Board of Education believes that this class will majorly improve these aspects of student life. Class of 2023 will be in for a treat, because in the next school year, they'll become the first seniors to have the opportunity to take this class.





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# Pete Davidson to Teach MHS Students How to Handle Cyberbullying

As someone with experience in the field, Davidson aims to make a huge impact on students.

### By LEAH BRODY & ELLIE GUERREIRO

Cyberbullying is a prevalent issue that many individuals, especially teens and young adults, face in today's day and age. As screens and technology become more vital to our daily routine, rates of cyberbullying have reached extraordinary highs. In response of this issue, many

celebrities have stepped up to the plate and are advocating for a change. Pete Davidson, a comedian, star of Saturday Night Live, and, most recently, a targeted victim of cyberbullying, is one such celebrity. Pete Davidson, commonly known by the name "Skete" lately, is headed to MHS. Why, you may ask? In light of recent events, Davidson has "felt the need to spread awareness on cyberbullying," and is taking action himself.

This roadshow, titled "Pete on Beat," features Davidson beatboxing his way through the steps of fighting cyberbullies. However, in comparison to his many songs throughout his SNL stint, the reviews

have been less than extraordinary. Davidson's partner, pop culture icon, and billionaire, Kim Kardashian, remarks, "I'm just so incredibly proud of him and how he's dealt with everything like I just don't know how he does it, honestly like those comments that were made towards him were just tragic, to say the least." Officially declared single on March 2nd, Kardashian is now able to cement a place beside Davidson and support him to her full capacity.

For those of you who missed it, multiple counts of cyberbullying have been plaguing Davidson on the day-to-day. Specifically, we can look towards comments and posts made by Kanye, "Ye," West. There



FATIMAH KHAN/THE CUBE Pete Davidson gives a lecture in McClain audtiorium to a group of MHS students.

> have been a variety of different methods utilized in attacking Davidson, and it has been cited as his main inspiration for this show. As Davidson said himself in the highly publicized interview announcing this launch, "it was a personal siege, and the kids need to know that it's not cool."

The excitement is growing around MHS as well. "I just can't believe, out of all the schools in the country, we were picked!" exclaims MHS's Principal Elizabeth Clain. "I'm honored that we are able to have such a passionate and well-spoken individual come and speak to the students on an immensely important and prevalent issue." Along with Clain, various faculty members, along with

most of the student body, have expressed their excitement for Davidson's arrival. In particular, Student Council has been working on filling up the hallways of the school with posters of the comedy genius, as well as certain inspirational quotes.

MHS's Guidance Department is also ecstatic for Davidson's arrival, and in a recent newsletter, the department stated that they are "Immensely grateful that a person like Pete, who is such a well rounded and responsive figure when it comes to the topic of cyberbullying, is coming to open the minds of our 1,600+ students." Many students have al-

ready expressed their interest in attending, but not to

worry as tickets are free of charge and available to everyone. Rumors have recently spread that Kardashian may be present as well at the MHS show, so students are advised to keep their eyes open. We're all excited to see "Pete on Beat"

on April 1st, and we hope to see you there!

## Ms. Kennedy to Use Lottery Money to Open Historical Theme Park

### **By ELLA SHAPIRO**

For over 12 years, Erin Kennedy, beloved AP United States History teacher, has been an avid lottery participant. Each week, she purchases multiple tickets in different lotteries in hopes of winning big. Scratch off, Lotto, Powerball, Wind 4–she plays them all religiously. Despite her efforts, she never expected anything to come of it. Every week, she watches the numbers get called and eagerly checks her lottery tickets, only to be disappointed each time.

However, last week, while she was diligently grading her students' papers, Kennedy



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\$500,000,000 comes with nearly endless possibilities. When asked what she wants to do with her newfound winnings, Kennedy exclaimed, "It has always been a dream of mine to open a historical theme park. Something like Brinkley meets Mickey Mouse!" Her desired location for the theme park is the grounds of MHS. KenFATIMAH KHAN/THE CUBE

#### A sneakpeak model of Kennedy's future historical theme park.

nedy thinks that MHS would "make for a very interesting visit for people from around the world." She also believes that a historical theme park would be the best way to completely immerse people into a world of history and further their learning of the most important information in the world.

Despite Kennedy's excitement for her new project, her colleagues do not feel the same way. With the closing of MHS, many teachers are worried about the future of their jobs. Physics teacher Edmundo Nunes says that he is worried for the "future of his career," and thinks "a historical theme park may be the worst idea I have ever heard." Nunes asserts that a better, more interesting idea, would be a STEM-related theme park. Many other teachers agree with this assessment and are not hopeful for the theme park's success. To ease this worry, Kennedy has generously offered a small stipend of her earnings to each staff member who is set to be terminated. In addition, she has committed to offering them jobs, from ticket takers to security personnel, as her goal is to have familiar faces from MHS on the grounds of the new theme park.

Construction is set to begin at the beginning of August 2022 and is projected to be finished in 2024. The first ride is the Manifest Destiny water pistol shooting range. Kennedy is still trying to decide whether to put the Hamilton/Jefferson mock debate simulation in front of or behind the gift shop where you can make your own Louisiana Purchase. Get ready MHS!

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# Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson Announced as Guest 2022 Graduation Speaker

"The Rock" is set to strike inspiration in the hearts of graduating MHS students.

### By KATE BOSWELL

To compensate for the abnormal years the class of 2022 has had at Mamaroneck High School, the administration has been working tirelessly to make their graduation at MHS as special as can be. One of the initiatives they are taking: hiring a celebrity guest to speak on the baseball field this coming June. The leading elect: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

Following a successful year

### "It's about drive, it's about power" - Dwayne Johnson

for The Rock, he was looking to give back to his fans in new and unique ways. MHS began by reaching out to therock@studiofanmail.com, the official email



Dwayne Johnson as a commencement speaker in the past.

for fans to talk to Johnson. The MHS administration chose Johnson because of his many talents, in hopes to inspire graduates to Though many may know

him for playing Maui in Moana or

as Luke Hobbs in *Fast & Furious*, Johnson was also a professional wrestler. In addition to that, he holds two world records, has a minister's license and can officiate

weddings in California, plus millions of people listen to his songs on streaming services. Johnson claims to be looking forward to inspiring MHS graduates to make the most out of their lives by achieving as many things as possible. As he sang in his song "Face Off," Johnson believes that if you "put in the work, put in the hours," you will be able to claim your success. Seniors are ecstatic to hear the wise words of The Rock, and are looking forward to hearing more advice-like "be humble. Be hungry. And always be the hardest worker in the room." In a further display of his generosity, The Rock has agreed to perform one of his songs following his speech. While he is choosing to keep the song a surprise, MHS students were polled to see which song they would prefer. There were 57% of MHS seniors that voted for "You're Welcome," while the other 43% were in favor of hearing "Face Off."

With graduation coming just around the corner, the MHS Class of 2022 is eagerly awaiting to see what The Rock's speech has in store for them.

# Section 1 Baseball is Set to Switch to T-Ball for the 2022 Spring Season

After an extensive debate, the official results are in: T-Ball for 2022.

### By JONAH BARON

In a shocking and very controversial decision, Section 1 has agreed that all baseball will make the switch to T-Ball for this season, effective immediately. Here is what you need to know regarding this decision.

This decision was not made lightly and was debated for a while after an injury during an opening day game between two undisclosed teams. One of the infield players was struck by a line drive and received an injury from the impact of the ball. The player was okay in the end, but he received injuries that will leave his status for the rest of the season in jeopardy. This event sparked the major change, so there will no longer be as much impact off the bat.

believe they can achieve anything.

Due to the fact that batters will be hitting off of tees, there will be changes around the field to come. There will no longer be a need for pitchers and catchers, which has left several players throughout the Mamaroneck program furious about this sudden decision to drastically change the way baseball will be played. However, despite the termination of pitchers and catchers duties, teams will still be permitted to use nine players in the field while their opponent is at bat. It will be very interesting to see how every team uses this change in the field differently, with some coaches and players on the varsity and junior varsity reporting that the Tigers will move the two additional players to the outfield to ensure that there are no fly balls dropped. If need be, the first or third baseman will cover home.

Despite the disappointment for so many regarding this change, it is not all bad. Umpires currently play a crucial role in the outcome of the game, but this rule change allows the game to be in the hands of the players in a far greater way. Normally in a high school baseball game there are two umpires- a home plate umpire and a field umpire. The home plate umpire has the ability to dictate a game based on how he calls balls and strikes, but there is no need for that now. The home plate umpire will take a role as a second field umpire which allows for more accurate calls in the field, and the elimination of missed calls in terms of pitches which can change the outcome of a game, cause major controversy, and lead to every sports fans' fa-





FATIMAH KHAN **T-Ball in action,** already instated at other schools nation-wide.

FATIMAH KHAN/THE CUBE

The MHS T-Ball team practicing the new sport.

vorite proposition-"What If?"

The Section 1 baseball department's decision to move to T-Ball has led a few other Sections in New York to follow (Sections 2 and 8). But when it becomes time for the winner of Section 1 to participate in the Regional and State tournament, how will the games work? The answer is very simple. Whichever team in the tournament has had the better record during the regular season will be the home team and decide if the game will be played as T-Ball, or regular baseball with a pitcher and catcher.

The switch to T-Ball will definitely be a big change for the many fans in attendance and especially for the coaches and players who will really need to adjust. But this rule change is to prevent potential injury and is best summed up by a quote from an anonymous coach in the program. "This will take tons of adapting, but it is out of regard for the safety of all students so I am all for it," they claim. The T-Ball Tigers will have their first official game with the new rules on Wednesday, April 13, against the Walter Panas Panthers.





# **Goldberg Has An Evil Twin?**

Students of Mr. Goldberg were surprised when walking into class after the February break.

### By KATIE LOGA & JADE DECKER

The rumors are true. Upon returning from February break, the 5th period students of AP U.S. History teacher Craig Goldberg noticed something peculiar when they walked into his classroom: there were two Mr. Goldbergs. "I couldn't believe what I was seeing," student Ella Puley ('23) shared. Despite how curious Goldberg's students were to learn about his twin, the duplicate appeared extremely

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irritated, so the students deemed it best not to approach him. When Goldberg started class, he did not address his look-alike and instead jumped straight into his lesson on the Gilded Age. At first, students thought little of the double version of their teacher sitting in the classroom corner. However, just as Goldberg was getting ready to start a lively class discussion regarding the growth of large corporations in the early twentieth century, his twin tackled him to the ground.

Puley was in complete shock as she witnessed one of her favorite teachers being "ruthlessly attacked" by his look-alike. "It was like a fever dream and no one was quite sure what was happening." For what seemed like hours, Goldberg and his twin threw punches at each other, taking out their anger while on the palmer-tiled floor. It was only once the surrounding history teachers intervened that the fight broke apart, leaving the students in a state of shock but with the benefits of a free period.

The origins of this disagreement date back to three years ago. Goldberg, swamped by the pestering workload of writing college recommendations and grading DBQs, turned to the miracles of science to fix his problem. Converting his home into a laboratory resembling that of Dr. Frankenstein, Goldberg spent weeks locked indoors, attempting to create a second version of himself to aid his overbearing troubles.

Yet, something went horribly



Mr. Goldberg and his evil twin embrace each other for a photo-op.

across Goldberg's face. He exwrong. Instead of creating an identical version of himself, Goldberg plained that he was "still in shock regarding what happened." Alas, formed a monster who wanted nothing more than to take over his being the knowledgeable and ever-inspiring teacher that he is, life and be the superior Goldberg twin. Ashamed of his dark past, Goldberg could not conclude the Goldberg locked his crazed twin in interview without leaving his stuhis basement, in hopes of never facdents with a valuable life lesson of never choosing to take the easy ing such darkness again. However, after a late night of binge watching way out. As overwhelming as life "Squid Games," Goldberg forgot can be, Goldberg argued that tryto close the basement door, aling to escape your responsibilities is never the answer, as the reperlowing for his duplicate to escape. cussions can be everlasting. "I'm When approached about the fight, visible discomfort spread now forever stuck with an annoyKATIE LOGA/THE CUBE

ing twin who, despite his good looks, is ill-tempered and quite the disturbance," Goldberg remarked.

While this fight is nowhere near settled, Goldberg has chosen to leave his twin chained to a corner in his classroom so that students are constantly reminded of the consequences of trying to get someone else to do their work for them. In light of the twin's recent tackling of Goldberg, it is recommended that students and faculty keep their distance from Golderg's twin at all times.

# **Board Game Teams Come to MHS** MHS looks to expand their athletic dominance by adding board game teams.

### By THOMAS PALMER

As you head to the baseball game to watch Coach Chap's baseball team fight for a championship and root for the star-studded lacrosse team, there's one more spring sport team you must keep your eye out for. We can already see the packed gymnasiums and hear the fans rioting as the board game team of MHS makes a great play by rolling a six. You heard it here first- a Mamaroneck High School Board Game team is going to compete this spring. A group of students, inspired by their weekend board game nights, has successfully petitioned the athletic director into creating a board game team. The board game team is structured to include as many board games as possible. It includes dicebased games, like Snakes and Ladders, Sorry, and Yahtzee. These games require elegant throwing ability to land the perfect dice throw. The team is expanding their boundaries into even more types of games. Strategy based games have been rising in popularity, and athletes on the board game team are specializing more and more into games like Settlers of Catan and Risk. The games have even been growing beyond just boards. Connect Four has been become the major skill set for multiple members of the team, especially team captain, Finnegan Atkins. ('24)

Many critics condemned the decision to create the team. People have said that board games require no athleticism, skill, or talent. That is not stopping team captain Finnegan from training a small team into becoming champion contenders. At his practices, he leads his team in his board game drills. Finnegan said

can screw us over, devastates our athletes with a bad die throw."

The technique of the board game team is intricate and specific. When each die throw is the difference between a win and a loss, mannerisms in die throws are important. Gabe Noureldin. ('24) describes his technique as "eloquent, with a perfect roll off the palm of my hand." He set an impressive five sixes in a row with his latest Candy Land game. His teammate, Owen Barnes ('25), matched that



with two Yahtzees. Connect Four, the trickiest game to master, has team captain Finnegan working

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"Training is absolutely necessary h for us to play well. The mental t intensity of games like Snakes of and Ladders, where one slip-up t

hard to become the master of the red and yellow coins. He said of the game "The game is harder than chess. At the competitive FATIMAH KHAN/THE CUBE A peak into the training grounds of the new MHS team.

level, games are decided by horrible blunders. That doesn't deter me from becoming the Magnus Carlsen of Connect Four though. I have had a winning streak."

The future is promising for the board game team. Tournaments are being organized for the rest of the school year. Every weekend, our athletes will be fighting for properties in Monopoly, taking a spin on the wheel in the Game of Life, and studying their vocabulary in Scrabble. Their practices have shown affirmation in their ability to strategize, as well as their competitive mentality. The future is bright for the team. Let's root for our Tigers as they give Mamaroneck another section title in a brand new sport.



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# Boston Post Road to Become Interstate and SLOT to be Destroyed

MHS parking drama is set to intensify with this radical change to Mamaroneck roadways.

### By WILLIAM ANDERSON

Yesterday, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced that the Boston Post Road will be converted to a new interstate, I-1, citing that more highways are needed to improve traffic in the Tri-State area. The FHWA argues converting this road into an Interstate is effective as not many changes will need to be made . According to an FHWA agent, "Building an interstate is hard. Since the Post Road already exists, we'll get it done quickly with lower construction costs."

This development obviously affects MHS as it is on the Post Road. I-1 alone will already be annoying due to motor noise. But it is far worse because the school parking lot ("SLOT") by the Post Road will be used as an area for an entrance and exit ramp to I-1, meaning seniors and teachers who park there will lose their spots.

Why did the FHWA choose the school parking lot as an entrance and exit area? Highways need entrances and exits-and finding spots for them is difficult. In Mamaroneck, most areas by the Post Road are occupied by buildings. Since it is expensive to tear down buildings, the FHWA realized the MHS parking lot would be a great spot to construct entrance and exit ramps because there is plenty of open space. Sadly, MHS cannot prevent anything, as the FHWA has the final say over local objections. Construction of the ramps will begin on April 15, 2022, so current seniors have only two weeks left to enjoy their parking.

As for I-1, its name comes from how the Post Road is the first major road in the U.S. The speed limit will be 60 mph and a concrete median will divide the two sides of the road. Shockingly, the highway will be constructed with the opposite orientation as currently. Motorists will drive on the left side of I-1, with northbound traffic on the left and southbound traffic on the life in the U.S. Virgin Islands, a U.S. territory that drives on the left).

To protect pedestrians, medians will be built on each edge of the road to divide the sidewalk from I-1. The stoplight intersection between the Post Road, MHS, and the Village Pizzeria will serve as a northbound exit. The exit will be relatively dangerous since motorists will have no deceleration lane. The other entrance to the parking lot between the Kemper Memorial and the Football field will serve as a northbound entrance, which will also be relatively dangerous as entering motorists must turn 90 degrees while accelerating to 60 mph. Since the southbound lanes are on the opposing side of the road, a southbound entrance and exit will be construct-

"The school parking lot ("SLOT") by the Post Road will be used as an area for an entrance and exit ramp to I-1, meaning seniors and teachers who park there will lose their spots."

right from an overhead view. This quirk derives from an administrator in the FHWA, who strongly believes driving on the left is safer (this person has lived their whole ed by Harbor Island where there are plenty of open grass areas. All seniors have expressed disgust when asked about the matter. They question how the



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The beloved senior and faculty parking lot will soon be taken away.

FHWA could take away their parking spots. "This is the worst news I've ever heard," says MHS senior Cory Reavy ('22), "but it's the future senior classes I feel most for: they won't get the pleasure of having a parking spot. They'll have no choice but park on J-row or other areas near MHS. I guess being a senior in the future won't be so great because you no longer are guaranteed a spot to park."

Teachers, on the other hand, are pleased. As AP Language

teacher Darren Bosch said, "I-1 is great. For many years, I've endured stop-and-go traffic in Mamaroneck until I could get on I-95 or the Hutch[inson River Parkway], which are both far away. Now I can get right on and off. My commute will be easier." Since it is essential that teachers have parking spots, they have now been given legal permission to park on any road near MHS with a special teacher pass. Seniors will receive no recompense and will be left to fend for themselves.

# **Thieves Found Attempting to Loot Palmer Globe** *The Palmer globe faces new security threats as the school rushes to address the chaos.*

### **By SALLY ANDERSON**

Last week during sixth period, seven students were caught pogosticking on the second floor of Palmer. They bounced in alarming synchronization and deep concentration, seemingly transfixed on a common goal. When the offenders were asked why they were pogosticking, one partaker, Mikey Sullivan ('25), stated, "We were aiming to have the globe crash from the ceiling below so we could eat Swedish Fish." Perplexed by this response, the administration performed a thorough investigation on the cherished school globe's history, as well as its recent conspiracies. In March of 2020, the F.B.I. discovered that the globe hanging in the Palmer entrance of Mamaroneck High School was stolen from the Children's Museum of Indianapolis in 1927. However, due to the news coverage and fear that came with the first waves of COVID-19 in New York and the school closing to go remote, this scandal only reached a few students' ears and was not addressed. In the Children's Museum, the globe was left virtually overlooked, attracting dust in a corner of the museum's basement

display. Simultaneously, the MHS faculty of the time began directing an undercover operation to find the perfect Palmer entrance decoration that encouraged students' to pause during their day to deeply value and reflect upon a global education. After a few casual visits to various museums and a stealthy operation involving large shopping bags, the globe could be found hanging proudly in the school entrance. The Indianapolis museum did not recover the stolen piece or catch word of the thief's identity until late 2019 when the primary culprit confessed on his deathbed to a doctor. Earlier this year, some students were supposedly seen tossing candy, including Skittles, M&M's, Reese's, Hershey bars, Swedish fish, Tootsie Rolls, Twix, Snickers, and Twizzlers into a hole in the top of the globe. Although it was unknown how much candy the globe encompassed, some students plotted to find out, whatever the cost. "I have caught a multitude of students craftily carrying in stepladders by strapping them to their backs and surreptitiously covering them with hoodies and capes," reports one beloved MHS security guard, Caitlin. More absurd incidents have included securing the ladder under portable pianos to be pushed through the entrance. According to Caitlin Solis ('25) who was entering school at the time, "A security guard asked one smuggler why they were bringing the piano into the school, and they replied, 'Soft piano background music helps me focus in gym class. Without it, I can never do the knee hug part of our dynamic warmups without stumbling."





bly, one smuggler lugged a filled dumpster through the door, claiming they needed to use it as a model for a portrait. None of the smugglings were successful due to the keen attentiveness of the security guards, so they were forced to resort to other methods. "During lunch, I saw circles

of students rounding the globe while whispering pleas to it to detach from the ceiling. Interestingly enough, a crack appeared in the ceiling before the antic was shut down by a teacher passing by," says Natalie Miles ('24). The only successful method may have involved superior technology; a fishing rod. "One time when I was passing by the globe

FATIMAH KHAN/THE CUBE Is the Palmer globe filled with candy? Only time will tell...

to leave for lunch, I saw a student with a fishing rod in their hands, and the top was bent over the globe. On my way back, I saw the same person using Twizzlers as a straw to drink orange Fanta," recalls Josephine Bruno ('25).

The administration plans to return the globe to the Children's Museum of Indianapolis as soon as possible. They are already drafting walking routes for all of the students who tried to hijack the globe to deliver it to Indiana by foot. As of this morning, a large drilled hole has appeared in the bottom of the globe, showing that unfortunately there are no longer candies inside. Though students believe the administration salvaged them for themselves, a loudspeaker announcement yesterday after school has clarified that, contrary to popular belief, there never were any candies inside. Only time will tell whether this statement is true or just another guise attempting to cover up the truth about the globe.

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# Advisory Shatters Records as the Most-Attended Class in MHS History

MHS students rave about their favorite class and bask in horror at the thought of missing a second of it.

### **By GRIFFIN MCINTYRE**

Last year, Focus Fridays were implemented into the MHS schedule as a way for students to take a much-needed mental health break and allow them to decompress after a week of hard work. Students raved about the various benefits that Focus Fridays had on their mental health and well-being, and after hearing that Focus Fridays would be discontinued coming into this current school year, students were horrified. "How am I going to get through the week without a 20-30 minute decompression period?" was a common question heard throughout the halls. Fortunately, for these worried students, a 30-minute advisory period every Thursday was implemented in replacement of Focus Fridays to fulfill their educational needs.

Students' responses to this new addition to their schedule has been astounding. Recent data has emerged from the district stating that advisory has reached a 99.98% attendance rate, making it the most attended class in MHS history. When asked about this important milestone for MHS, student Izzy Nesser ('24) had only positive comments to make. "There isn't a single person I know that doesn't make it their biggest priority to attend advisory every Thursday", Nesser exclaimed. She continued to say with confidence that advisory is "by far the class I take the most seriously when it comes to attendance, I could never imagine missing even one day." Nesser went on to rave about the class's content, saying that "the weekly icebreakers are an essential aspect of my academic experience."

Many other students share a similar mindset to Nesser, and some take extreme measures to ensure that their advisory attendance remains perfect. Olivia Dorf ('23) described a specific time when her family had planned a vacation that would require her to leave early from school before the advisory period, therefore destroying her perfect advisory attendance. When asked how she responded to this dire situation, Dorf proudly stated, "I decided to attend advisory regardless of my other commitments. We ended up missing the plane and having to reschedule our trip, but it was definitely worth it to maintain my perfect advisory attendance."

Students are enjoying the class's content, as they are learning skills that are both applicable and beneficial to their academic lives. One popular advisory lesson taught students how to build a resume on Scoir, which is the program MHS students use to apply for college. This lesson was such a smashing hit, that even the seniors who have already completed the college application process avidly participated in the lesson.

United States History teacher and advisor Erin Kennedy shares her perspective on the matter. "I have never seen students so devoted to attending a class in my entire teaching career," asserted Kennedy. "It is rare that you will ever see a student leave the class to even use the bathroom or get a drink of water; they are extremely committed to remaining in advisory for the entire length of the period," she noted.

She then went on to describe the bewilderment she experienced in a particular instance where numerous students from neighboring schools such as New Rochelle and Scarsdale High School came to sit in on an advisory class of hers. "This incredible praise for advisory has somehow extended past the boundaries of MHS," she exclaimed. The shocking popularity of advisory has students from outside the district eager to experience the class that has taken MHS by storm.

By prioritizing their attendance for this class, MHS students have made it abundantly clear that they want advisory to remain a permanent addition to their schedule, and some students are beginning to take their love for advisory to



Students pack the rows of a crowded advisory classroom on Thursday morning.

the next level. Students are growing angry at the MHS administration for limiting advisory class time to a mere 30 minutes, while their other classes are nearly twice as long. Numerous parents and students have voiced their anger on this issue, and while most of these complaints have remained civil, Jack Master('23) has recently begun to organize protests outside the Post entrance demanding more time for advisory learning."It just doesn't make sense that the one class where I actually learn valuable skills is neglected, meanwhile I have to sit through an entire day

of classes learning material that I will never use in the future," Master passionately stated. Many of his fellow protestors are advocating for drastic changes ranging from two-hour advisory sessions before school every day of the week, to advisory on the weekends.

Amidst all of the chaos, if one thing has been made clear it is that students are loving all that advisory has to offer. As it continues to play a more prominent role in students' academic lives, we should expect to see attendance rates continue to soar and students continue to thrive under advisory learning.

# **Gov Ball to Change Dates to Accommodate Senior Prom**

Widespread outrage and backlash causes Gov Ball organizers to make drastic changes.

### By OLIVIA DALY and MICHAELA LOUGHRAN

"Our hearts go out to the students at Mamaroneck High. First a pandemic ruins the majority of their high school years, and now this?" tweeted Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York and organizer of the Governor's Ball. in," says a senior who asked to remain anonymous. "There's a senior prom every year, but you only have one chance in your life to see Kid Cudi headline Gov Ball."

### "There is no [redacted] way I'm having my senior prom on a [redacted] baseball field." - Marissa

niors, and was moved to reschedule the festival. In a heartfelt speech she gave last week, Hochul commented: "It is a New York State Constitutional right that all Westchester students have an opportunity to attend the Governors' Ball. Forcing teenagers to choose between prom and Gov Ball is an infringement of human rights, and



On February 8th, tragedy struck at Mamaroneck High School. The Senior Prom had been negligently scheduled for the same day as the opening night of Gov Ball, an annual three-day music festival much more culturally relevant than prom. Students were offered the option of a non-conflicting date, but this option meant that it would have to take place on the baseball field. As Marissa Lazarus ('22) put it, "There is no [redacted] way I'm having my senior prom on a [redacted] baseball field."

Seniors have not taken the news well, with many openly sobbing in the halls and talking about organizing a walkout. "We have to stand up for what we believe Lazarus ('22)

This is a sentiment that seems to resonate with many seniors, who feel they are being forced to make a near impossible decision. The Governor received word of the turmoil amongst the seit will not stand. We, the people, must stand up to injustices such as this. We CANNOT let it slide, and we CANNOT leave these students behind. The entire Governor's Ball will be moved to the following weekend, starting Friday June 17th and ending June 19th." seniors everywhere MHS had only just started celebratthe governor's decision ing when Kid Cudi himself reached out. Cudi issued a formal apology, and insisted on performing at senior prom free of charge. So grab your elbow length gloves and hoop skirts MHS! The Governor's Ball no longer conflicts with prom and the Cube hopes to see all you seniors there!

PHOTO COURTESY OF @GOVBALLNYC ON INSTAGRAM The official Governor's Ball setlist with updated dates.

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