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It's here! Yet again, it's October and this month brings the yearly celebration of Halloween. From ages 2 through 40 something, there's plenty of Halloween fun and activities that everyone can join in. So, here I ask, what are you doing for Halloween?

For starters, there's the all too famous Aviation Blvd. trick-or-treating. Every year parents take their children behind the airport, to enjoy haunted houses, costume contests, scary sights, and of course the sweet candy. Not only will you find trick-or-treaters, but you might also run into those pesky shaving creamers! So walk slowly, play it safe, and have fun.

Another famous trick or treat spot is in the Marathon Gulfside Village shopping center. This is where all the businesses in the shopping center get together and set up Halloween displays outside of their stores after school for the neighborhood children to have a safe trick or treat environment. They dress in costume and scary fun for toddlers. Last year our Dolphin reporters managed to

take pictures of the trick or treaters and store owners. Check out the photo below.

For the students that are not between the ages of 2 and 16, and for our Keys adults, there's the island wide party down in Key West so named Fantasy Fest. Here, you can dress up as a vixen, villain, sultry vampire, or something else that

appeals to your liking. This goes on for a week near the end of October, with parties, balls, and costume contests. Then on October 31st, it's time to get dressed up and head to Duval for the Captain Morgan Fantasy Fest parade, which includes lights, beads, and an applauding crowd.

Whether you're 2 or 40, there's always something to do on Halloween here in the fabulous Florida Keys. So, grab your trick-or-treat bag or your Fantasy Fest costume and come on out and join the fun. But before you leave, make sure to lock your door and beware of all Hollow's Eve!



No tricks only treats at the Gulfside Village.

Photo courtesy of Dolphin Pride archives.

Let the Music Play



By Jessica Smith
Photos courtesy of Kyle Flingos and Jose Galicia

Having once graced the halls of the Philadelphia Philharmonic Orchestra, this 75 year old grand piano will grace the stage at MHS. John Rudolph, pictured left, sits at the piano he has generously donated to our school. The auditorium and piano will be put to good use with the assistance of Mr. Rudolph. There will be a spectacular performance by John Rudolph, a renowned Keys entertainer, accompanied by Charles Hindburg, pianist and composer, and Theo and Ganine award winning ballroom dancers on Saturday, October 24 at 7:30 PM in auditorium. Tickets are only \$20. It should be a night to remember!

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A Word with Ms. Lynn, College and Career Counselor

By Cindy Zaldivar

Ms. Lynne our college and career counselor (CCAPs) wants to have a word with MHS students and parents about what is important at this time for students planning to attend college or technical schools.

“One of the most important steps for students to prepare for college is to take the SAT and ACT.” The SAT and ACT are required for college admission. “I would like students that are taking Algebra 2 and higher to take the SAT and ACT exams. Seniors who are going to 4 year universities need to be working on their college applications now. Juniors need to be done taking these exams by the end of this year.” She wants students to remember that one of their goals should be to try to attain a Bright Futures scholarship. Some of the other services Ms. Lynne provides is a personality test that helps students to get an idea about careers that they may be suited for. Seniors and juniors who are on free or reduced lunch should see Ms. Lynne for a fee waiver to pay for the exams. Both parents and students are welcome to make an appointment anytime.

SAT	Test/date	Sing-up Deadline	Late fee Date
	*Nov 7	Oct 1	Oct 15
	*Dec 5	Oct 30	Nov 12
	*Jan 23	Dec 15	Dec 30
	*May 1	March 25	April 8
ACT	Test/Date	Sign-up Deadline	Late Fee Date
	*Dec 12	Nov 6	Nov 20
	*April 10	May 7	May 21

A New Student's Perspective

By Therese Console

Moving to Marathon: good or bad? Let's see what our new tenth grader, Jasmine Escobar has to say on the subject.

Jasmine informed us of her feelings towards MHS. “I love Marathon High, it's definitely better than Lake Howell Academy.” “Plus all the teachers help you, and want you to learn.” Jasmine continued saying that she has met some great people already and hopefully will meet more.

As for clubs and activities, Jasmine has not joined clubs or a team because she is not competitive, but she does love photography, swimming, volleyball, and many more activities.

Everyone has a favorite class, what is Jasmine's? She loves Commercial Art, but would not recommend Biology. When asked her opinion on Spanish, she said she would rather take French. Being a new student as well, I definitely agree with Jasmine, there should be other language offerings than just Spanish.

So far so good Jasmine Escobar, enjoy your year and welcome to Marathon High, Home of the Dolphins.



Therese (left) and Jasmine (right) share the spotlight as two new kids on the block!

Photo courtesy of Dolphin Pride staff.

The House of the Book Worm

By Paul Acosta

The Dolphin Pride staff selected me to go find out what is in store for our students in the media center. Are there special school days or after school activities planned? When I had asked Mrs. Dodamead what she is planning for the library, she told me that she wishes that more students should try for the Young Reader's Award. She is also trying to get three new clubs going, namely, the high school book club, the middle school book club, and the chess club. Mrs. Dodamead is hoping with the new clubs in the media center that she might get new students interested in reading as well. She is getting ready to order some new books to add to the collection that she has for the school. The types of books that she had in mind are more fiction books as well to add more books that are part of series that students are always asking her about.

Her advice to students that are concerned about how the library is used is that it's “a place to study” and “to read,” not a place to hang out with your friends and talk all you want. Ms. Dodamead states that if you need to talk, do it quietly for the sake of others because there will be some students present that want to study or do homework for a class.

Dancing With the Students

By Christina Rios

“My hope is that our 8th grade students will be transformed into ladies and gentlemen, have fun, and learn several dances that they can use in social settings throughout their lives,” said Mrs. Belotti passionately. We all know her as a Language Arts teacher, but what a lot of us don't know is she is the Educational Coalition for Monroe County (ECMC)'s Educational and Dancing Classrooms Coordinator.

Ms. Belotti has had prior experience with dancing which is the reason she became involved with this program. She danced when she was a child and took Swing Dance lessons in college. During the summer of 2008, she became involved with the program. Afterwards, ECMC decided to send her and others to training in New York and view the possibility of bringing this program into the schools in the Keys. She then was trained in the Dancing Classrooms method by founder Pierre Dulaine.

She firmly believes in Dancing Classrooms because she thinks it is very important for students to be able to express themselves and have a creative outlet to include writing, dance, or any other art forms. She also feels this ballroom program can be used as a vehicle to teach respect among students



8th graders dancing away. *Photo courtesy: Stacie Colon*

and team work. Ms. Belotti tries to enhance her students' lives not only through education, but through valuable lessons that teach them life skills. “Through both the Dancing Classrooms program and Language Arts curriculum, my goal would be that students realize they have gifts and see the joy of expressing themselves.”

Spooky Halloween

By Danielle Pabon

Halloween is all about the horror and fun a person can experience! But, not many know the history and superstition hidden inside this dreary day. Beyond the pumpkins and sweets lies a tradition that's been around for centuries. So read along as I tell you what Halloween is really about...

In an article called *Spooky Halloween Superstitions*, it states that Halloween was first practiced by the Celts as a festival for the end of summer. As time went on, other things were added or it was reshaped entirely to become a sort of holiday. Superstitions evolved and were practiced and passed down to younger generations. Witches, ghosts, curses, and things of the night became common symbols in Halloween. Today we see many of what was done in the old days, we trick or treat, wear costumes, hold festivals, and even have parties.



According to Sara Grey, the writer of *Spooky Halloween Superstitions*, even now and back in the old days, this day is full of superstition. Black cats were thought to bring bad luck if you crossed their path, some people even thought it was the devil in disguise. On Halloween people lit candles so ghosts would keep away from the home and if the candle went out it was all over. Witches were burned or thrown into the water and see if they were innocent or guilty of being a witch. Owls were thought to steal the souls of the dying and bats brought on spirits if they flew into your house. So on the night of Halloween I suggest you take heed and watch the shadows.

Halloween 2009

What will MHS students dress up as this year for Halloween??

By Lianet Fleites

This year MHS students will show off their Halloween costumes whether it's for trick-or-treating behind the airport or at Fantasy Fest. Though the theme this year is mostly vampires, villains and vixens not all MHS students will follow it. Many will dress up as super heroes, movie characters and others. Due to my curiosity I went around our beautiful Marathon High School campus interviewing students from grades 9-12 in search for an answer to my question. What will the student body at MHS dress up as? "I will dress up as a circus director, it's so cute it brings a hat and even the whip to control the elephants" confessed Leticia Zambrano, a senior at MHS. In the interview, I asked many questions including if she was going to go trick-or-treating, she rapidly answered yes and said "I'm going with my younger siblings, but after that I will safely enjoy the Fantasy Fest environment."

Senior Jose Galicia, said "I'll be Jacob from Twilight, but I will be trick-or-treating instead of going all the way to Key West (LOL)." So what will you dress up as for Halloween??

Halloween Not For You? by Paul Acosta

Just in case Halloween doesn't interest you - check out these other October events to celebrate!

EnergyAwareness Month
National Pizza Month
National Popcorn Popping Month
National Roller Skating Month
Polish American History Month
National Stamp Collecting Month
October 1st: Homemade Cookies Day

Adopt-a-Shelter-Animal Month
Computer Learning Month
Family History Month
National Apple Month
National Clock Month
National Dessert Month
Oct. 15th: National Grouch Day

2012???

By Danielle Pabon

Millions of people are wondering what will happen on December 21, 2012. Will the sun explode or the earth simply cease to exist? 2012 marks the end of the Mayan calendar. According to **Survive 2012**, there is zero scientific evidence that the world will end. Many things can threaten us, but that is on any day, not just a marked date humans set down. The universe is huge and filled with debris that could easily hit us. A giant asteroid can slam into the earth destroying all life with fire and vaporizing entire oceans. Some think the sun will go super nova and cover all the planets in close range. There's a guess a giant black hole in the center of our galaxy will explode causing gravity waves. From super volcanoes to pandemics that could wipe out billions, you can see there are many theories out there!

Universe Today states that nothing will happen, that it's simply the end of a calendar. Individuals always seem to get an idea in some point of history that the end is coming. *Universe Today* says the planet Niberu (a big deal in end of the world theories) is not real and therefore not going to hit us. Everyone has a theory! According to a student at Marathon High School, the Mayans never finished their calendar because the guy died and he didn't take on an apprentice!

Seeing we have all these warnings and predictions you'd wonder why NASA would want to launch rockets at the moon and shoot debris into it! You would think that scientists would not want to blow chunks out of the moon because it might cause a bad reaction and bring more fears of 2012.

Stars by Sabrina Z.



I'm Sabrina Z., the MHS astrologist guiding you through this school year and preparing you for what's in store.

Well MHS Scorpios be on the lookout this month for the separation of your social life and your school life. Difficult aspects in the hallways will cause stress and a need for your patience. Be conscious of your commitments though, Work will be demanding on October 25th and 26th, but you will be able to carry a lot on your shoulders. The sun will enter your sign on October 28th and bring confidence and inner strength. Your luckiest days will occur on Tuesdays.

DOLPHIN SPORTS

Fall Sports By Jose Galicia

Should bad grades exclude students from sports?



Football Update

In Marathon High School, bad grades won't just lower your GPA, it will also exclude you from playing sports. It doesn't matter if you're the star athlete of the team. If you don't have the grades, you won't play a sport; that's the rule. Recently there has been a debate about whether this rule is fair or not. Some argue that the rule is not fair because not everyone is academically equal while others say that it's a good rule because that will make students keep their grades up in order to play.

The MHS Football team has had very disappointing results in the last three games. First, losing to our Keys rivals, Key West, then, losing to Dade Christian and lastly, losing to Parkway Academy. The Key West game was an entertaining face off, but the Dolphins couldn't make a touchdown in the last quarter and we ended up losing 17-10. After the bitter loss against Key West, the Dolphins tried to redeem themselves against Dade Christian but again we failed to win and we lost 42-21. Coming from two straight home losses, Marathon was visited by Parkway Academy. The Dolphins were without starting QB, Nyran Ross due to an injury. Despite his absence, we still managed to play a good game until the second half. The final score was 30-0. We will be hoping the Dolphins bounce back from this three game losing streak Saturday, October 17 against Archbishop Curley.

Behavior should be the deciding factor, not grades.

Golf News

The MHS Golf team has not had a very good season this year. They are 0-7 but we're still cheering them on. They will be going against Palmer Trinity, an away game on October 15th at 3:30 and



hopefully we can get our first win. This will be our last match before we have the Golf District Tournament on October 19, 2009. Good luck MHS Golf team!!

The MHS Golf Team and Coach Kevin Freeman, upper right. Photo courtesy of MHS website.

**Let's Go Dolphins...
Let's Go! Pep Rally Madness**
Students cheer football players Friday, Oct. 9th before the last home game until Homecoming.



Photo courtesy by Dolphin Pride staff

Photo courtesy of Jose Galicia

on athletics so they don't have to go home because of a bad home life. Taking sports away from students will not change their grades. It will only make them angry and the end result will be worse. We shouldn't treat everyone the same academically because not everyone is smart. At least everyone can control their behavior.

"I don't believe kids should be excluded from sports because of bad grades; behavior should be the major component" answered Cross Country coach, Mr. Lettau. He said that if you take sports away from students, many will just give up, "If I couldn't play football in high school, I wouldn't have shown up." He also mentioned that many students count

They need to keep their grades up if they want to play.

"If a student wants to play a sport, he/she will need to have good grades. School comes first period," is what sophomore Virgilio Sanchez says. He says that there's a reason for them to be called student athletes, because they're students before athletes. "It is true that not everyone is academically equal, but in order for them to play, they will have to work hard, just like in real life you have to work hard to get what you want."



Photo courtesy of Jose Galicia