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Photo Courtesy: MHS Leadership Class

Seniors Sizzle for School's Start: Marathon Fire Dept. to the Rescue. Seniors arrive at MHS on the first day of classes eager to begin the new school year.

New Year - New Look -New Staff

By TaKara Coleman

Hey Dolphins! I know you guys had a lot of fun this past summer but it's time to hit the books and get back to work. Don't be discouraged, however, we at the Dolphin Pride have several new features in this year's paper and we decided to give you a quick introduction and tour. The first thing you should know is that we have many new permanent segments. These include Teacher Spotlight, The Underclassman Buzz, and the Crazy Photo just to mention a few. We at Dolphin Pride are committed to excellence and attention to details. We hope that you will enjoy and appreciate our hard work and determination. So take your time and have a look around! We know you'll love what you see.



Photo Courtesy: Dolphin Pride Staff

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Starting Off Stormy

By Stormy Bezanis

The Florida Keys are filled with sandy beaches and crystal clear water. Most people think there is no downside to this paradise, but there is. Being a chain of islands we're an easy target for hurricanes. Six months out of every year we have to be prepared to pack up and leave at any second. Our first big threat was Hurricane Fay, causing us to miss the first two days of our school year. Most recently was Hurricane Ike. Predicted to be a category 4, we lucked out when we only experienced tropical storm weather. None the less, we ended up with a five day weekend. Of course, we love getting a few days off from school, but we always have to keep in mind that we will have to make up the days we missed. We've only had one full week of school, and this is not the end. We still have two months of Hurricane season. Hopefully we'll get lucky and don't get hit again, because if we miss anymore school we might as well say "bye, bye" to winter break.



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Hurricane Ike leaving the Keys and regaining power before hitting the east coast of Texas.

E.I.L. ?

By Layne Doyle

Experimentation in International Living (EIL)- Its mission is to find peace through communication and cooperation. Starting in 1932 with over 70,000 participants, E.I.L. provides a chance for sophomores and juniors to go abroad and learn about other cultures. E.I.L. also allows students to examine certain issues such as prejudice and intolerance. The program helps to build communication skills, increase self confidence and raise global awareness.

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From the Principal's Desk...

By Stormy Bezanis

It's a new year, new beginnings, new teachers, new students, many new changes in the air. Of course our Dolphin Pride staff thought it would only be appropriate if we sat with our principal, Mr. Russell, for an interview on his goals and expectations for this 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Russell sat comfortably in his chair, with a warm welcoming smile on his face. He shook my hand boldly and I could see a hint of excitement in his eyes.

With no hesitation we began a wonderful conversation about what he expects from us as a student body. When I asked him about his goals for the school he responded by saying he wanted to close the achievement gap and improve student performance. He wants all of the students who are eager to go to college to take AP and DE classes, with the encouragement of all the MHS teachers.

He says he has high expectations for the new teachers and students because he knows what we can achieve.



He mentioned how excited he was that the new campus has encouraged students' outlook and performance on their studies. Mr. Russell definitely seemed to have confidence in our student and faculty. At the end of the interview I shook his hand, took a picture, and walked away pleased with the interview.

Photo Courtesy: Michelle Saunders

A Chat with Ms. McPherson

By Nicky Smith

Freshwater Conch and Key West High School Alumni, Ms. Wendy McPherson has joined the MHS team as our new assistant principal. After having moved from Indiana at the young age of 10, she calls Key West her hometown. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education at Florida State University and at the University of West Florida she earned her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She returned home to The Keys to do what she loves, working in the educational system. She spent 11 years teaching in an elementary school in Key West and another five years working as a district administrator, specializing in Language Arts and Reading. As part of her job, she has visited pretty much every school in The Keys and proudly boasts, "I've always liked Marathon High the best and it's absolutely beautiful! The blue and gold school colors are also a plus!" Ms. McPherson will be a wonderful addition to the MHS Dolphin Staff. We look forward to all the things she will accomplish.

When she isn't spending all her time with work making sure everything is running smoothly she enjoys being outside and in the water or curling up with a good book. She plans on staying here in The Keys because this is where her home, heart and family are. She loves it here and the beauty of Keys doesn't escape her.

This year she's taken on the role of assistant principal. When asked why she chose the position she explained that although she loved working as a teacher and district administrator, she added, "I am always looking for my next challenge and this is definitely it!"

She is extremely excited to be with us this year and wishes to accomplish two main goals: First, to learn her role better and excel at it and second, to meet and bond with the students. "Part of my job is to protect the students, I want them to know I'm tough but fair and someone they can trust." She also puts out there that if any students need her, let her know. She says that the staff and students here have already been very welcoming and supportive. Everyone here at Marathon High wishes to welcome her this year to our staff and daily lives. We'll be seeing ya!



Photo courtesy: Layne Doyle

NEW TEACHERS WITH A PURPOSE

By Alicia Young

Scout over MHS veterans we have a few newcomers on campus to mix things up a little. Let's welcome seven new teachers with open arms: Marybeth Alexander, Jessica Snook, Ryan Fortenbaugh, Karl Aping, Christina Belotti, Danielle Dominguez, Brian Flanigan, and Philip Steadham. They are ready to take our school by storm! Drifting from the other side of US1, we see some familiar faces; our sixth grade teachers are here to join the MHS staff and are ready to leave their Switlik porpoise family and join our MHS Bull Dolphins! Here are a few comments from some teachers:

Phillip Steadham: "I would like to begin by saying MHS is an amazing school filled with positive bright minds that will carry them far in life. It is also a pleasure to come to work at a place where staff and students possess not typically found at most schools..."

Ryan Fortenbaugh: "I am adjusting well to the school, and it is mainly because of the experienced teachers giving me a hand when I need it. Everything is going well and I hope it stays like this for the entire year."

Brian Flanigan: "I am adjusting to MHS very well; I hit the ground running and have been doing well since the start of school. My classes are in fine running order. So far, I like everything here at MHS. We have a great administration as well as a great faculty, staff and students."

Jamie Buhyoff: "I love the new school. I love getting out at 2:30 so that I have the afternoon still to workout but not sure I like getting here by 7:30. Switlik starts at 9:00, so just as the new 6th, 7th and 9th graders I am having to adjust to earlier start time; So far so good."

Danielle Dominguez: "I am very happy to be here. I recently moved here from Miami and love living in the keys. I like wearing flip flops to school."



Mr. Steadham and Ms. Dominguez are two new teachers for our 08-09 school year.



School Changes by Michelle Saunders

There have are many changes throughout Marathon High School this new school year. These changes include new courses and clubs such as: a ceramics class (also known as 3D Art) taught by Mrs. Dick, who is also the new sponsor and teacher for the school newspaper, The Dolphin Pride.

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There's a new T.V Productions teacher, Mrs. Dorl and she also teaches middle school art, and finally, a Scuba Dive club sponsored by our Spanish teacher, Sr. Kaye. We also have at MHS, a middle school pep squad led by Mrs. Dodamead and a new middle school band program led by Mr. Stephen Whitfield. Stop and take a look around our new campus, notice the changes and say "hi" to the new teachers- they're the "new kids on the block!"



Students in 3D Art work on clay tiles in the new ceramics lab.

Photo courtesy: Dolphin Pride Staff

E.I.L continued from page 1:

The program lasts for three to five weeks and has twenty-seven countries around the world to choose from, such as China, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, Turkey, Morocco, and Australia. The project based program focuses on themes like community service, language study, ecology, travel, or the arts.

During the expedition you will stay with a host from your chosen country, and experience their customs and traditions first hand. With the experience from the trip, you will gain the ability to open your eyes to new things.

To participate in the E.I.L. program you need to go through an application process that includes paperwork and an in-person interview. The information from the application process is to match you with a group of students from a wide range of backgrounds and life experiences. Every year the program searches for motivated young men and women wishing to learn about different cultures.

Here at Marathon our Take Stock in Children program works hand in hand with the E.I.L. organization to help sponsor and give financial aide to students who are interested in the program. When asked about her thoughts on E.I.L. Ms. Hipson stated, "E.I.L. is an incredible opportunity being offered and if you don't grasp it, it will be gone."

This past summer one of our own Take Stock students, Adonis Aviles, traveled to Australia with his group for five weeks. Adonis said,



"The program helped me experience a totally new culture and see things I never would have seen otherwise".

The national E.I.L. director, John Meislin will be coming to Marathon High on December 3rd of this year to do presentations and explain more about the trips. For more information you can contact Ms. Hipson in room 1209 or www.usexperiment.org.

Adonis Avila Photo courtesy: Paola Castaneda

Fine Arts Corner by Lucy Agababian - The world is full of fine art: art of color, art of music, art of sculpture, art in the spoken and written tongue. Sure, we hear about the arts like music through the band at football games, or visual arts when we walk through the office where paintings hang brazenly on the walls behind glass. So prepare to go on a trip to see all the arts this school has to offer. First, we will start with these paintings by our MHS Art students.

Untitled by Deysiaide "Deysi" Delgado

Done as a study in repetition using hues of red, from the lightest pink to the deepest burgundy and dark browns, Deysi creates an eerie serenity which leaves an unsettling feeling in the gut from the many dead leafless trees and the barren dirt road which leads to nowhere in particular.



18 x 24 inches, acrylic.

The Underclassman Buzz By TaKara Coleman

With all the excitement caused by our high school students, we at Dolphin Pride want to make sure our middle school underclassmen don't get left out. To kick off this brand new segment, we asked Zoey Caldwell, Jarred Hostler, and Samantha Bonilla to share their thoughts on coming to the middle school. Samantha says being new is a bit nerve wrecking and different, but it's pretty cool all-in-all. The campus was a big hit with Jarred Hostler, who says his favorite part is the huge gym. Zoey says that she feels comfortable here at MHS because she knows a few high school students. Don't be mislead, however, the transition into middle school was no walk in the park. Classes such as math have proven to temporarily stump a few students and underclassmen agree that it's just a whole new atmosphere here at MMS. Things are expected to smooth out over time, however.

Another huge change is the time high school students call travel. For our newcomers, it's time to be trampled, pushed into walls, and get completely lost trying to get to class. The five minute class change period is infamous among our new dolphins and it's not hard to figure out why. First, the school has been expanded quite a bit which makes it difficult to maneuver. Next, going to school with a bunch of towering high school students can be pretty intimidating! While you're trying to use your five minutes wisely, you find yourself dodging six foot tall football players and impatient upperclassmen with far from friendly faces.

We at Dolphin Pride know that change is hard and that many challenges await our sixth graders, but we have no doubt in their strength or ability to overcome and adjust. We look forward to seeing the great things they will do here and the names they will make for themselves.

Congratulations class of 2015, you're on your way.

Crazy Photos of the Month

By TaKara Coleman

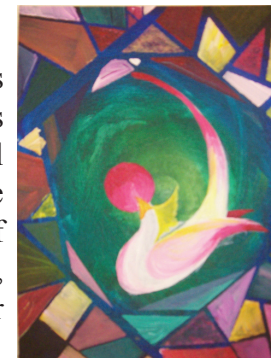


Mr. Schubert and Ms. Denny getting loose for the camera.

Thanks for showing your school spirit!

Untitled by Christopher Falcon

Using a wide array of colors to create a stained glass effect along the border, cupping an anamorphous figure that at times appears to be a fish or a graceful white bird. The painting is lit from within by the yellow ball in the center casting its light on the rest of the piece making it appear luminescent. When asked, Chris said his image could be interpreted however the viewer sees it.



9 x 12 inches, acrylic on canvas.

DOLPHIN SPORTS

Fall Sports

Swimming Success

By Joey O'Connor



On Thursday, September, 11th the Marathon Dolphin Swim team headed to Ransom Everglades High School to make history. The swim meet was a conjoined meet between Marathon, Ransom Everglades and Lasalle. The athletes helping to represent Marathon included Morgan Roberts, Blake McCarthy, Javier Rodriguez, Acacia Grube, Joey O'Connor, Devon Sipes, Erinn Byoff, Victoria Arnette, Taylor McGirr Abi Connell, Kyra Simcic-Swanson and Brendan Stearns.

Although the boys did fairly well, considering their small numbers, the main focus was on the Marathon girls. The girls competed in events such as the 500 freestyle, the 100 breast stroke, the 100 back, the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay. After all was said and done the Marathon girls were able to beat the Lasalle girls 31-34 resulting in the first girls' win in Marathon history. "We've worked long and hard for this win and we deserve it" says swimming senior Morgan Roberts. The girls worked very hard and hopefully this is just the first of many more wins" says coach Sarah Maschal.



Proud Swim Team coach, Sarah Maschal beams for the camera.

MARATHON HIGH SCHOOL				
2008 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE				
Aug 29 (Fr)	Pope John Paul	Away	7:00	
Sep 5 (Fr)	Key West	Away	8:00	
Sep 12 (Fr)	Zion Lutheran	Home	7:30	
Sep 19 (Fr)	Open			
Sep 26 (Fr)	University	Away	7:00	
Oct 3 (Fr)	Archbishop McCarthy	Home	7:30	
Oct 10 (Fr)	Doral Academy	Away	7:00	
Oct 17 (Fr)	Florida Christian	Away	7:30	
Oct 24 (Fr)	South Fl Prep	Home	7:30	
Nov 1 (Sat)	Ransom	Home	7:30	
Nov 7 (Fr)	Parkway Academy	Away	7:00	
Nov 14 (Fr)	Coral Shores	Home	7:30	

Marathon Dolphin Football Scorecard 3-0

By Shelby Kuck/Staff Reporter

Game 1

Marathon versus Pope John Paul: Away Game

Final score: Marathon 24- Pope John Paul 0

Team mates gather around and listen attentively as Coach Martin delivers important game tips.

Photo courtesy: Joey O'Connor



Game 2

Marathon versus Key West: Away Game

Final Score: Marathon 21- Key West 14

At 7:30 pm, our Marathon stands were filled with school spirited parents, alumni, students and band members. With the help of the Varsity Cheerleading squad, they brought two buses filled with spirited students down to the game. "It was great to be able to take so many spirited kids down to the event that night. We will definitely continue this tradition in the games to come and next year" -stated Varsity Cheerleader, Stormy Bezanis.

The Dolphins raced to a 21-0 lead. A late Key West threat ended when freshman, Trevelle Beckford intercepted a pass on the 5-yard line. On the ground the dolphins had an unstoppable running back, a 5-foot-3, 145-pound Junior AJ Freeman. Freeman rushed for more than 200 yards. Marathon's touchdowns came on an 8-yard pass from Nyran Ross to Hector Vicioso, a 42-yard screen pass from Ross to Kenny White and a 1-yard run by Ross. The final score of the game ended up as 21-14, Marathon. On to the next victory!

Game 3

Marathon versus Zion Lutheran: Home Game

Final score Marathon 35 - Zion Lutheran 20

A school pep rally sets the tone and the streak continues! AJ Freeman rushed for 317 yards setting a new school record. Next stop University High School... "Go Dolphins!"

The Pep Rally - " Let's get fired up - Go Dolphins!" By Paul Acosta

There was no doubt that Marathon would crush Zion Lutheran at Friday's game played on Sept. 12, 2008. This was because the prep rally during 7th period earlier that day was far too extreme for it to not hype our players for the game. Who knows what would have had happened at the game if we didn't have the pep rally? We might have lost the game.

It seemed that there was a lot of spirit coming out of the sophomores during the Prep Rally. The Spirit Stick was won by the sophomores, which left some of the other high school students a little bummed out about when that happened. Maybe next time the freshmen, the juniors, or the seniors might be able to win the Spirit Stick back just as the sophomores had won it that Friday afternoon.



Javi Rodriguez, (far left) holds the school mascot by the tail. At the Game: Spirits continue to soar. Blue paint and teddy bears help lead our team to victory.

Photo Courtesy: Dolphin Pride Staff