

# A Passion for Headlight

- Meredith Piela

It was only a few weeks ago that I was writing what I thought would be my last article of the year. Well, I was wrong. Here I am, writing again, except this time, it's as an Editor-in-Chief. For those who don't know me (which is the case for the majority of you), I'm Meredith Piela, an incoming senior at Marblehead High School. In addition to Headlight, I run cross country and track, and I'm a member of the MHS band. As you can see, I'm not exactly a part of the more popular sports teams or activities, but I am part of ones with some of the nicest people. This includes Headlight, which is why I'm so glad to be a member, and an Editor-in-Chief.

When I was a freshman, still trying to figure out what I wanted to do, some of the Headlight members attempted to convince me to join. I didn't think journalism was for me, so I said no, not knowing that my mind would change the next year. Looking back, it seems like they knew me and what I wanted to do better than I did. When I first joined Headlight in the fall of sophomore year, I started to realize what I had been missing all of freshman year. Here was this great group of writers, led by their friendly and welcoming editors, Grace Perry and Dan Rosenberg. Grace and Dan's enthusiasm about writing in the paper rubbed off on all of us. I knew I had found my place.

In the past two years, Headlight has taught me so much about the importance of deadlines, how to deal with edits in my articles, and most importantly, journalism. I know as an Editor-in-Chief I will learn more, but I can't wait to share what I've learned with all of the new members. Within a few weeks of joining Headlight sophomore year, I realized that journalism is what I wanted to do, so I made a promise to myself that I would work my hardest to be an Editor-in-Chief senior year. While filling out my application sheet, not only did I realize how much of a writing nerd I am (seriously, I'm pretty sure I was the only one who wrote that I love to edit papers and give feedback), but I also realized how passionate I am about journalism and Headlight. Not only do I love writing for the paper, but I also love reading it. Every morning at breakfast, I read the G section of the Boston Globe, and every Thursday, I look forward to coming home and reading the Marblehead Reporter.

After being led by the wonderful Grace and Dan for the past two years, I believe Alex, Liam, and I can successfully lead Headlight next year, which won't be too hard, since we have such a great group of writers.