

Headlight



Written by the students of Marblehead High School for our school and community

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Ask Gracie



The following is an advice column, which has a question that was received and answered by Grace Perry, Editor in Chief. We encourage all to ask questions. One can ask a question on our website <http://mhsheadlight.weebly.com/contact.html>

Dear Gracie,

I am nervous for this upcoming Valentine's Day. Last week, I walked into CVS and found myself swarmed with Valentine's chocolates and teddy bears. I have no idea what I should get my girlfriend. I just am not the cliché romantic type. What should I get her?

petition to see how many Valentines one could get. I remember being jealous of those select individuals who would receive more Valentines than me. That quick flair of jealousy would soon fade as I would reach into my decorated box and pull out all of my very own Valentines.

And yet, Valentine's Day continues to be measured in the same sort of ways. This holiday should not be measured in the amount of teddy bears, chocolates, or Valentines that one receives. It should be measured in simple gestures or gifts, such as a greeting, hug/conversation, or card. Sure, those chocolates, flowers and teddy bears are nice. But, I encourage you to get creative and be yourself. You don't need to spend money to show your appreciation for another. With that said, definitely put effort into your gift. But you do not have to get too crazy. If your girlfriend or boyfriend doesn't approve of your gift and isn't appreciative of your creativity, then maybe you shouldn't be with that person in the first place. Just like your mother always said, it's the thought that counts.

For those of you who are lonely this Valentine's Day, I encourage you to also get creative and be yourself. Send a Valentine to someone special, maybe a family member or friend. You may be surprised!

And Determined Dave, I can't tell you what to get her. Half the fun is the anticipation and uniqueness of your gift. I love your determination to rise above the clichés and be yourself. Your girlfriend is a lucky gal. Good luck!

Sincerely,
Gracie

Sincerely,
Determined Dave

Dear Determined Dave,

Do you remember your Valentine's Day experiences in grade school? I encourage you to look back on your past. When you were younger, February fourteenth wasn't filled with this immediate pressure. This much anticipated holiday was usually centered around the delivery of Valentines. For those of you who never celebrated this tradition, Valentines are small cards or treats that serve as a sort of gesture that expresses an appreciation for someone. These little Valentines are kind of like personalized, handmade Hallmark cards. Some gestures are usually more in depth than others. Some Valentines even had stickers, glitter or pictures. As a child, every single Valentine that you may have received held a great significance to you.

In elementary school, I used to count my Valentines. It was a sort of com

ONC Tree of Life Mission 2013

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Over the upcoming April vacation, the Old North Church High School Youth Group will be embarking on a mission trip to the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. We will be spending a week at the Tree of Life Mission working to strengthen sovereignty, economy, culture and history, and fix up the area, since it is the second poorest area in the country. As a group, we have done numerous fundraisers in the past few months for the trip, which have given us the opportunity to bond and work as a team. This trip will allow us to develop a better understanding of the Native American culture, and it will make us appreciate what we have.

This is the first time the youth group has ever been to South Dakota for a mission trip, and we hope to make it a huge success. In previous years, the youth group has gone to North Carolina to volunteer in the Habitat for Humanity organization, and last year they went to New York City to help the homeless. When we return to Marblehead we hope to have developed a better understanding of the Native American culture, become more appreciative, and increase the closeness of our youth group. The Tree of Life is a great organization, and we are so lucky that we get to volunteer there.

If you are interested in the Tree of Life Ministry, you can visit their website: www.treeofliferelief.org.

Homeroom Dates

January
Monday, 1/28

February
Monday, 2/11

March
Monday, 3/4
Monday, 3/18

April
Monday, 4/1
Monday, 4/22

Trends of Last Year

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A new year has just begun, and as the saying goes, it's out with the old and in with the new. Or is it? While there are some things from last year that we will be glad to see disappear in 2013 (it's safe to say everyone is sick of hearing "Call Me Maybe" at this point), a few of the biggest trends from 2012 won't be forgotten anytime soon. Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, and even frozen yogurt grew to be hugely popular last year.

Twitter is a social networking site that allows users to create and to read messages composed of no more than 140 characters. Known as "tweets", these messages can contain words, pictures, and videos. A user can follow or request to follow anyone, whether it be a friend or even a celebrity! Created in 2006, Twitter has gained worldwide popularity, becoming increasingly popular with each passing year. Used to share thoughts, voice opinions, and communicate with friends, Twitter has appealed to millions of people. In September of 2011, 100 million us

ers were registered on Twitter. As of July 1, 2012, Twitter reached 517 million users. Twitter has become a key aspect of today's technologically dependent society.

Instagram is a free social networking app for sharing photos. It runs on Apple products, as well as on Android phones. Pictures can be edited using the various filters offered by Instagram. After being edited, images can then be uploaded quickly and efficiently to a user's Instagram profile. Users post photos to their profiles that can be viewed by their followers. Users can "like" or comment on pictures uploaded by the people they follow. Going from fewer than 900,00 daily users in March to 7.3 million daily users in August of 2012, Instagram has grown hugely popular over a short period of time.

Snapchat is also a free app and is used to send pictures and videos back and forth between people. These pictures and video disappear in a matter of 1-10 seconds once opened by the recipient. The cool thing about Snapchat is, unlike Facebook or even Instagram, it doesn't require its users to ob-

sess over how they are portraying themselves digitally. This is because the pictures and videos users send to one another are both private and temporary. Created just this year, Snapchat has become increasingly popular among teens. 20 million snaps were shared daily in October, and as of December 26, 2012, 50 million snaps were shared daily. Since its launch in September 2011, over 1 billion snaps have been shared in total.

Finally, another popular trend of 2012 was frozen yogurt. With chains such as MY Culture, 16 Handles, Farr's Fresh, The Fuzzy Peach, Yogurtini, Pinkberry, and Yogurtland popping up all over the US, it's no surprise the popularity of this frozen treat has grown. Frozen yogurt establishments like Pinkberry and Orangeleaf appeared in the North Shore area in 2012, and I've noticed an increase in its local popularity! Considered a healthier alternative to ice cream, frozen yogurt, in my opinion, tastes just as yummy. Also, there are lots of toppings available in places like Pinkberry and Orangeleaf not usually seen in ice cream shops, like cereal, candy, and fruit.

Only time will tell whether Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat will continue to grow in popularity this year. 2013 will be an exciting year, for sure.

Marblehead High School Updates:

Spring Athletes- Try-Outs

Please check with the school nurse or Athletics. All physicals must be dated on or after February 18, 2012 to be considered "Current" for Clearance Forms

Do you love Math?!

There are 20 available spaces for students interested in taking The American Mathematics Competition- AMC 12 Contest, to be held 7:30-9 a.m. on Tues, Feb 5th. Interested? Talk with Dr. Futcher, A207.

Senior Project- Deadline

Senior Project applications will NOT be accepted from any senior who has an outstanding school obligation (class dues, user fees, detention hours, etc.) Students are asked to check the board outside D211 for your name (updated daily), or see Ms. Cefalo before or after school.

Peer Mentor Sign Up

Orientations on 1/28, 1/29, 1/31 or 2/1, A103 @ 3:30 or 3:45.

North Shore Community College -Admissions Visit

NSCC will be visiting MHS on February 12 at 9 a.m. Please see Guidance for an application to be filled out before the visit. Sign up in Guidance if you plan to attend.

Student Reminder

Please pick up and throw away your trash after you eat lunch. Lately the condition of the cafeteria has been unacceptable. If you leave trash at your table you could face a disciplinary consequence which may include detention.

A.P. Writing Samples:

The writing samples for both A.P. Language and Comp. & A.P. Literature and Comp. will be held Tuesday, February 5, at 7 a.m., and Thursday, February 7, at 3 p.m. The writing sample, along with the initial application, is required to be considered for either A.P. class. See Mrs. Buono (A.P. 11) or Ms. Jones (A.P. 12).

Applications for either class can be found outside Mrs. Buono's and Ms. Jones's rooms.

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