

# Headlight



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<p>It's the greatest time of the year. I raise my head out from under all of my textbooks and notes for final exams like a bear out of winter hibernation and gaze outside at the warm, lively, and simply amazing scenery. Welcome summer! This means that the Marblehead Festival of the Arts 2014 lies right around the corner.</p> <p>In the festival's 49 year history, Marblehead has gone all-out to celebrate all sorts of art, and will do so again July 3-6. For Headers, it's the prime time to observe local paintings, watch the films of unsung directors, and lie on Devereaux Beach for the first time of the year! I have devoted this article to highlighting some of the big attractions of the festival, as well as some of the equally interesting exhibits you may not have heard of.</p> <p>The Unitarian Universalist Church will host its annual Literary Arts Café every day during the festival. Here, Marblehead writers and non-writers alike get together to listen to each other's works. Casual food will be offered, and group discussions on the writing often form. What better way to have a relaxing start to summer than hearing some original pieces from our awesome town?</p> <p>The Painting the Town Exhibit will be featured in the King Hooper Mansion from 12-5 p.m. Artists get together on a specified morning and spread throughout Marblehead to capture with paints the magnificence of living in our town. Later, they submit their masterpieces to the Marblehead Arts Association, which displays the artworks for the public to view. People can vote for the best one, and several artists receive awards for their great works that have to be finished within a limited amount of time.</p> <p>On July 5th from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Devereaux Beach invites Headers to the Kite Festival and Sand Sculpture Competition. For a kid, there is nothing more exciting on this special day at the beach. I still enjoy looking at the flashy kites and inventive sandcastles and structures people create. I have even seen one built AROUND a person!</p> <p>Of course, one of the main festival attractions is the music at Crocker Park. After checking out the line-up for this year's event, I found that people are playing varied music from all over the place! One group named Entrain has recorded eight albums and incorporates nearly every type of genre into some part of their music! The Squeeze Box Stompers promise a night of fun blues to dance to on the 4th. Their instruments range from fiddle, to accordion, to piano. Also, be sure to check out my band, Multiple Guys with Noise Machines. We collectively will have fifteen members, including backup vocalists and a horn section.</p> <p>The festival's website is loaded with activities I never knew existed until I wrote this! This year, I have resolved to take more advantage of this fantastic festival that this town puts on. I hope you will too, because everyone has a special spot for any kind of art.</p> <p>Check the festival's website, marbleheadfestival.org, for full details.</p>	<p>Well, we made it. No more papers due tomorrow, no more cramming for the next test. No more freaking out about your grade on the latest assignment. It's finally summer. Of course there's still that gigantic heap of summer work we have to do before September 2, 2014...but let's not think about that just yet.</p> <p>To those of you who graduated this year, I would just like to say congratulations. You made it through four years of high school and that is a huge achievement. All that work has gotten you here, to the beginning of the rest of your life. If you loved high school, hopefully you'll experience that same sense of community wherever you are headed. If you hated high school, I hope that you will find an environment in which you are happy. But either way, you are done with this chapter of your life. So good luck guys. Keep in mind that wherever you go and whatever you do, you represent us Headers back home; make us proud!</p> <p>And to the class of 2015, I am just going to say hang in there. This next year may not be as academically exhausting as this past one was, but it is equally important. Think about it: we have friends here who, after graduation, we may never see again. We have teachers we will miss and teachers we will be relieved to say goodbye to. After our senior year, we will go off to college, or abroad, or we will take a gap year, or maybe just jump right into the outside world. In Marblehead, we live in a bubble. But once we leave, there is no looking back. Enjoy this last year with your classmates and friends because it is all we have left. Take a moment once in a while to observe what you experience here. We have one more year left. Let's make it our best.</p> <p>And now we get to the class of 2016. Good luck next year. Trust me, you will need it. Junior year is full of stress and insanity. You have the SATs and ACTs—if you haven't taken them already. If you have not, you have to start freaking out about every last grade—because you know college is right around the corner and if you get a B- on that project due tomorrow your dream school is never going to accept you. Just kidding. They will not care if you got a B- on a single project, but the way my classmates have completely lost their minds over a tiny letter, you might be convinced that they would care. If you catch yourself freaking out over a grade, just take a deep breath and ask yourself: "Will I even remember this in five years? Or ten?" If the answer to this question is "No," then you should probably just take a chill pill and relax. Yes, grades are important. No, they are not more important than your sanity. And that is the main thing you need to remember throughout your junior year. Good luck.</p> <p>I haven't forgotten about the freshmen. Class of 2017, you guys are going to need some amazing luck, too. But sophomore year is nowhere near as impossible as junior year. Enjoy yourselves; focus on making connections with people. If there is one thing I regret most about my sophomore year, it was being too scared to talk to anyone. Open up to people and you will feel more confident, I swear. Have fun and enjoy your next three years at MHS!</p> <p>No matter what grade you are going into next fall, you should be proud of yourself for getting through this past year. We have worked hard this year, and we all deserve a wonderful, relaxing summer.</p>	<p>If you know me at all, you know caffeine is vital for my daily survival. I have tried self-diagnosis, but I do not have anemia or chronic fatigue syndrome; I am just plain tired. This is not an article as it appears to be. Instead, it is an acknowledgement of my friend, Starbucks (and all of the baristas who put up with me). Due to my undiagnosed problem I visit the coffee shop frequently, and I am very grateful for its caffeine.</p> <p>It's not that I'm not a morning person; I just do not like waking up. That is why I set my alarm a half hour earlier than when I am supposed to slump out of bed. Early rising, six hours of learning, running (ALL THE TIME), and piles of homework make me, and many other students, exhausted. And when I finish my run, coffee is there to pick me up and get me through the rest of the day. Starbucks is there for me when I need it most, and I am so very grateful for that. When all I want to do is sleep, it is there to hold me up.</p> <p>I have always liked coffee, but I was never a coffee drinker until mid-cross country season this past year. I would add coffee to my morning routine if I was particularly tired, but it was never an everyday kind of thing. Once I hit junior year (AKA the year of no sleep) I all but sleepwalked my way through the halls. I am not the kind of person who jumps off the walls with a cup of coffee (it definitely takes more than a grande), it just keeps my eyes open. But here is a fair warning: if you ever see me on the street looking like the undead, please hesitate to say hi, unless you have a Starbucks giftcard ...</p>
<h2>A Conflict of Interest</h2>	<p>watch, right? But what if the two teams go head-to-head? Victory for one means heartbreak for the other. Where do you stand? Now, picture yourself with one family member of the nationality of one team, and another family member of the opposition's nationality. Impossible? Not for my family.</p> <p><b>The match:</b> England vs. Uruguay, Thursday, June 19, 2014</p> <p><b>The stakes:</b> My mother, an intensely proud Englishwoman with strong opinions on what "real" football is; and my brother-in-law and his family, who don't hesitate to make known their loyalties to their home country, Uruguay.</p> <p>The whistle blows, and the match begins, with fairly even possession and no clear dominance at the beginning. Family members trickle in and out of the room as the first half continues, all the while avoiding the inevitability of a goal. With the first half drawing to a close, Luis Suarez delivers the first goal for Uruguay with a header. The irony of the goal scorer is not lost on the family, and my mother especially feels betrayed that a man who plays in England in the regular season would DARE score against them. It's impossible for me to decide whether to celebrate the goal under close scrutiny. Having left the room to avoid the tension, I return only when I hear a shout; and find that Wayne Rooney has restored some pride into England. The score is level again — "as it should be," according to my mom. Just ten minutes later, though, Suarez deliv-</p>	
<p>ers the fatal blow: a beautiful goal that slams the back of the net and crushes England's dreams of World Cup glory. <b>The result:</b> Uruguay 2, England 1</p> <p>It's difficult to tell how I feel about this game. On the one hand, Suarez is arguably one of the most dangerous strikers in the world right now, and returned from recent knee surgery against all odds to deliver for his home country. On the other hand, I have to live in the same house as my mother, and she would have loved to boast of her country's accomplishments in "their sport." Either way, the game served to prove to me a very valuable lesson: in a multicultural family like mine, when it comes to the World Cup, stay out of it!</p>		

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