

Headlight

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

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Iphones vs. Social Skills

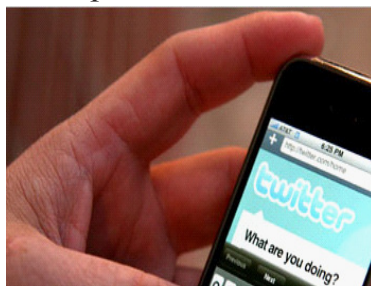
Cassidy Alla
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Is modern technology affecting the way we interact with one another? The short answer is yes, for obvious reasons. There are more methods of communication today, than there were ten years ago. From seemingly “prehistoric” means such as email or AIM, to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and more springing up each day (Could someone explain what “Vine” is?). Then, of course, we bring these sites to the cell phone, making it even easier to keep tabs on everyone you know. This isn’t necessarily a terrible thing, but it seems as if people are more absorbed in everyone else’s lives than their own.

I do not have an iPhone or smartphone of any kind, and I can count on one hand the number of people I know with whom I share this situation. Maybe I have a fresh, unbiased opinion on constant iPhone focus, or maybe I am just missing out on the fun, but I have seen countless friends so mindlessly absorbed in scrolling through their Twitter feed that they miss out on everything around them. I have sat at a silent lunch table as every single person was too busy sending Snapchats to hold a conversation. This is high school, and it is a given that everyone

wants to know everyone else’s business. Constant access to someone’s entire online life makes doing so very easy. This leads people to become obsessed with updating themselves on other peoples’ lives instead of living their own. I have memories of sitting with friends as they tell me how so-and-so Instagrammed a picture from vacation or started a Twitter fight. All the while we have no conversation of our own. As soon as we’re not together, the same friend will be Tweeting and texting me to find out what is going on in my life – this could easily be accomplished by spending time together and talking.

IPhones are affecting the way we socialize by making it easier to communicate through technology, than in person. This kind of technology and social networking isn’t a bad thing; it can be fun and interesting. But there comes a point when we must live our lives as they are happening, not through pictures on Facebook the next day. Have fun with your iPhone, but know when to put it down.



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MHS Updates

Teen Center Set to Open: Friday, April 26th

Come one! Come all! To the Teen Center Open House Friday, April 26, at the Marblehead Community Center. There will be live music, drinks, and snacks. The Teen Center is a place where teens can come to study, watch tv, or just hangout. With two TVs and video games, the center is the perfect place to hangout! Come check us out! (Info submitted by Connor Fallon, Sophomore)

Best Buddies- President needed for 2013-2014

Any student who is interested in applying to be President of the MHS Best Buddies Club for the 2013-2014 school year, please see Ms. Archer in C111.

CSFM 2nd Annual Road Race- June 1, 2013

Spring is just around the corner so mark your calendar for this 5k race. The race around the neck starts at 9 a.m. All students are \$10 and Adults are \$25. Register online at www.csfmarblehead.org

2013 National Honor Society Induction:

Will take place Thursday, May 2 @ 7 p.m. Theater.

Veg Out!

Veg Out! is a new club that plans to build a vegetable garden at the high school this spring. They plan to break ground the week of April 29th. The club is asking for your help a.s.a.p. by donating old tools such as hoes, shovels, rakes, fencing, hoses, etc. If you would like to volunteer your time this spring/summer, contact Lindsey L'Ecuyer at lecuyer.lindsey@marbleheadschoools.org. Both students and parents are encouraged to join.

Mandatory Senior End of Year Meeting:

Thursday, April 25 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Theater. This meeting is MANDATORY.

A Reflection

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This April vacation, members of the Old North Church Youth Group went to the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota for a mission trip. This trip proved to be a life-changing experience for all of the individuals involved. I for one, as a member of the Youth Group, was in awe of the reservation as soon as I exited the airplane. South Dakota is nothing like the densely populated state of Massachusetts. All one could see was snow covered plains with roaming buffalo and wild horses. As we drove to our destination we saw the vast plains of South Dakota and the “bad lands.”

When we arrived at our Tree of Life guest home, we unpacked and had a brief orientation. One of the Tree of Life leaders, Donna, told us of the alcoholism, the high suicide rate of the young, and the conditions they live under, which shocked all of us. We participated in service ac-

tivities that ranged immensely, from organizing food packages to painting and fixing houses. Every night there was a cultural event. At these events, we learned about the history and hardships involved in the reservation.

At the end of the week we reflected on what we had learned and how we felt from enduring the entire experience. Roy Martin, a chaperone noted: “Lakota people are very humble and strong people.” One of the Lakota people noted: “It’s terrible what has happened in Boston and all these bad things, but it’s people like you that make life worth living.” This was just one of the many people who told us how grateful they were and how we gave them hope.

The trip pushed us all out of our comfort zones and transformed us into better people. As for the people of Rosebud, I have faith in them and believe they can rejuvenate their culture. I have learned from the Indians that life is unfair and one can either accept it and make the best of it, or let life bring you down.

The Stress With College

Shanna Smith
Reporter-in-the-field, Junior

As summer 2013 quickly approaches, upperclassmen come closer to making one of the biggest, most important decisions of their lives so far: college. The majority of students, particularly juniors, travel across America in order to find the college that is the right fit for them. In addition to touring colleges, juniors must narrow down their lists of desired colleges, participate in extracurricular activities, and maintain a high grade point average. While this experience is exciting, is it too much for seventeen-year-olds to handle?

Finding the right college is one of most stressful experiences in a student’s high school career, arguably coming in second only to waiting for one’s college acceptance letter. The process of finding safety, probable, and stretch schools seems endless and consumes a great amount of time. Many juniors go on college road trips during

as many vacations as possible, in addition to visiting more local schools on weekends.

College visits are often limited by the lack of free time caused by extracurricular activities. Almost every high school sport meets five days each week for around two hours. This gets in the way of not only homework and sleep, but college touring as well. During school vacations, athletes must decide to embark on a college road trip or attend their often required sports practices. Since many sports oblige all athletes to attend every practice, these students are unable to tour colleges over vacations. This limits students’ free time immensely, thus adding to their stress.

Maintaining one’s grade point average during junior year, which many say is the most important year of high school, makes the college process all the more challenging. Many colleges emphasize one’s junior year of high school, so it is essential to obtain satisfactory grades. Unfortunately, junior year is

usually the most academically demanding year of high school, due to the difficulty of the content that juniors must learn. On top of all of this, juniors must search for the perfect college in their free time that seems to decrease exponentially as classes become more challenging. The stress of academics, combined with the necessity to balance college tours and extracurricular activities, requires both maturity and time management to result in success.

Choosing one’s college should require excess amounts of time, because it is a massive decision that greatly affects one’s future. The college process is a lot to handle, however it is manageable. The experience is invaluable, as it not only teaches the importance of time management, but also how to prioritize, something that will come in handy later on down the road.

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