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Million Dollar Meatballs Coming to MHS!

By Olivia Trant

"Two bumbling jewel thieves are on the run from the cops when they duck into Chez Monyeu's, a restaurant so bad the mice are their only repeat customers. And that's just the start of their problems. Not only has Chez Monyeu's chef just quit, but the city's most powerful restaurant critic is about to arrive."

This year's middle school play is *Million Dollar Meatballs*, directed by Mrs. Chapman. This play is filled with great humor and drama and is a great show for all ages! Two diamond thieves pose as chefs

Rebecca Nylas is starring as Frankie; Miranda Howard as Beans, Julia Braverman as Ginger, and Alexandra Rychlik as Olive. Other actors include Nikolas Stravinos, Amelia Siar, Lucas Flint, Zoey Dalrymple-Lepore, Claire McDonough and Alexandria Field. High school students Olivia Mannino and Jillian Tuthill are the co-directors. Connor Liddell is the assistant director.

These actors and directors have been working vigorously for more than a month and hope you can join them on November 21 and 22! (It even counts as extra credit for students to come and watch this spectacular show!) Admission is free for students Adults can donate a food item to CAST or pay admission.



The Pleasures of Autumn

By Emma Pearsall

Good day Mattituck! Autumn is here so take a minute to notice all of the changes in nature. Mother Nature has gifted us with this beautiful world so go outside and enjoy yourself.

Autumn is the perfect time of year to take photographs since the leaves consist of so many warm colors. Make sure you get a good lighting in your background to give the foreground the effect that it is popping out of the picture.

You can also create a painting using acrylic, oil or watercolor paint. Painting a landscape in autumn is so much fun because you can paint and relax outside at the same time. Art is a great stress reliever so if school is giving you stress than take some time to enjoy yourself and explore your artistic abilities.



Basketball Forecast

By Ben Scott

Basketball is now here! This is going to be an exciting season!

My favorite team is the Brooklyn Nets. The best players on the Nets are Kyrie Irving, Kevin Durant and Deandre Jordan. Kyrie and Kevin are excellent 3-point shooters. Sadly, Kevin Durant is injured and may be out for most of the season. I predict next season when Kevin Durant is healthy, the Nets will be contenders to win the championship.



For this year, I think that the Los Angeles Lakers will win the NBA championship. Their 2 star players, Anthony Davis and LeBron James will be 2 best players on the team.

The Los Angeles Clippers are also contenders to win the NBA championship with their 2 star players, Kawhi Leonard and Paul George.

The season started October 22. Enjoy the game!

FUN FACTS ABOUT BASKETBALL

By Ben Scott

1. The first basketball hoops were peach baskets with the bottom intact. Officials had to get the ball out after each basket. The first string nets were used in the early 1900s.†
2. Basketball was created in 1891.
3. The Boston Celtics have won the most NBA championships ever.
4. Wilt Chamberlain scored the most points in NBA game with 100.
5. The shortest NBA player ever was 5 feet 3 inches.



Facts about Thanksgiving

By Madeline Hunzinger

Good day Mattituck! Thanksgiving is just around the corner! So here are a few random facts about Thanksgiving!

- The turkey and gravy is not what make you drowsy! Scientists say it's due to the high calorie meal and relaxing after a busy schedule.
- Californians consume the most turkey!
- Pilgrims did NOT wear buckled hats! In fact, buckled hats didn't come into fashion until the late 1700's!
- The song Jingle Bells was actually written for Thanksgiving! Not Christmas!
- President Abraham Lincoln declared the first Thanksgiving Day!
- No one used forks at the first Thanksgiving! Why? They were brought to the New World until 10 years after the Pilgrims landed!
- Thanksgiving Day is the most popular day for traveling!
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Junior High Winter Sports Season Starting

By Matthew Rosato

As our new quarter starts at MHS, we are also starting a new sports season, Winter .

This season, many junior high school students have been playing sports including boys basketball and girls volleyball. This year, boys basketball is coached by Mr. Amato, Mr. Litchult, and Mr. Finnecan. Girls volleyball is coached by Mr. Massa, Ms. Pickering, and Ms. Mulrain.

This year, I am playing basketball. This year, there was a total of about 40 kids signed up which brought three teams. I am very excited for the season ahead to become more skillful in basketball. School sports can be very exciting for new junior high schoolers (seventh graders). They will learn to be more competitive and get to experience a school sport.

Considering the social aspect and getting to know one another, sports can be very helpful in a student's life. If you are not doing a sport now, maybe consider one for the following sports season. Don't be afraid and give it your all :





Cook's Corner

By Tiffany Zambito

Apple Crumble

Hello Mattituck! Do you need a recipe so your parents actually think you can cook? Well I've got you covered! Here is an easy apple crumble you can make for Thanksgiving or any time of year.

You will need for the topping:

- ½ cup of all-purpose flour
- ½ cup of old fashioned oats
- ½ cup of packed light-brown sugar
- ½ tsp of baking power
- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp of salt
- 1/3 cup of unsalted butter (dice them into small cubes)

Filling:

- 2 lbs. of apples... duh (use Granny Smith or Mutsu apples for best results) they have to be at room temperature, peeled, cored, and sliced to the best of your ability (about 1/8 inch)
- 3 tbsp. of unsalted butter, melted
- 2 tbsp. of all-purpose flour
- 3 tbsp. of water
- 1 tbsp. of lemon juice
- ½ tsp of vanilla extract
- ¼ cup of light brown sugar
- ½ tsp of ground cinnamon
- 1 pinch of salt

Optional:

Vanilla Ice Cream

Here are the instructions:

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat an 8 by 8 baking pan
- Peel, core, and slice apples into 1/4-inch slices. Place apples in a large mixing bowl and toss with butter, flour, water, vanilla extract, brown sugar, lemon juice, salt and cinnamon. Pour into baking dish, and spread out into an even layer. Set aside.
- In another large bowl, mix together the flour, oats, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt for the topping. Using a pastry cutter or your fingers, gently work in the cold butter until pea-sized lumps are formed.
- Top apples evenly with topping mixture and bake until apples are bubbly and topping is golden brown. It will take about 45 minutes, rotating once halfway through cooking.
- THE BEST PART- Serve warm or at room temperature with vanilla ice cream!

