

Pebbles

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MHS Prom "Frozen in Time" a Hit This Year



Marshalltown High School held their prom on April 28th. The theme this year was "Frozen in Time". A change this year was that prom was held in the Roundhouse. In previous years, MHS prom was held in Dejardin Hall at Marshalltown Community College. This change was brought about by Mr. Boliver, who wanted to revive an old MHS tradition. "I really wanted to bring prom back to the Roundhouse this year. That's what we always used to do," Boliver said.

(Photo by publication staff.)

Saying Goodbye to The Seniors of The Publications Staffs

The Pebbles Staff

Haley Bell

"I plan to move to Ames and attend Iowa State University for a degree in Diet and exercise."

Gretchen Benscoter

"I plan to attend the University of Northern Iowa and major in Social Science Education with a minor in Spanish."

Jaqueline Wahl

"I plan to attend the University of Oklahoma and major in International Studies."



Pictured above: Haley Bell, Jaqueline Wahl, Gretchen Benscoter.

(Photo by publication staff.)

The Post Script Staff

ShayLyn Pickett

"I plan to go to the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and major in Graphic Design with a minor in Teaching Art. I will also be working for the college as a Graphic Designer."

Eliza Moran

"I am going to Marshalltown Community College to get my nursing degree and work in a children's hospital. The thing I'll miss the most about this class is the people - we all connected so fast!"

Julieta Cano

"I will be attending Des Moines Area Community College in the fall to further my education in Photography."



Pictured above: ShayLyn Pickett, Eliza Moran, Julieta Cano.

(Photo by publication staff.)



MHS End of Year Schedule

5/21/18 - **Senior Scholastic Awards**
in Aud. @ 7:30 p.m.

5/22/18 - **Senior Final Exams**
Per: 1, 3, 5, 7

5/23/18 - **Senior Final Exams**
Per: EM, 2, 4, 6
Senior Chromebook turn-in
Senior Baccalaureate
in Aud. @ 6 p.m.

5/25/18 - **Senior Graduation**
Rehearsal in RoundHouse

5/27/18 - **Senior Graduation**
2:30 p.m. in Roundhouse

5/28/18 - No School - Memorial Day

6/1/18 - Semester Exams
Per: 1, 3, 5

6/4/18 - Semester Exams
Per: 2, 4, 6

6/5/18 - Semester Exams
Per: EM, 7

Chromebook/book turn-in

Here's Why You Should Join the Publications Staff Next Year

By Haley Bell

The student newspaper at most high schools is a newspaper about school and community activities and events that is staffed, written, and edited primarily by students. A faculty member advises it, but most of it is run and organized by students themselves. The student newspaper may be offered as a class that gives academic credit, or it might be counted as an elective.

The work you do as part of your high school newspaper can vary widely depending on your school and your role on the paper.

In all cases, producing the school paper is a lot of work, and students who join it can expect to devote a significant amount of time in order to meet deadlines and have enough pieces ready for each issue. Students often work together to brainstorm ideas and review articles before they are published, but between those times you may often find yourself working independently as you research stories, interview sources, and write up stories.

Some Benefits of Joining Your School Newspaper Increase Your Confidence and Sense of Responsibility

Many people find it nerve-racking to start a conversation with a stranger and see articles they've written be printed and distributed to people they know. In journalism, you'll have to do both a lot, and by doing these things so often, they'll eventually become second nature. Working for your school paper will often make you feel more confident about interviewing people and seeing your work published.

Being a journalist can also increase your sense of responsibility because you'll be meeting deadlines, presenting stories in an unbiased way, and respecting and listening to all the people you interview, even if they have different opinions than your own.

Journalism Can Strengthen Your Resume and College Applications

Your school newspaper is a great extracurricular to have because it will give you numerous samples of your work that you can show to potential schools and employers. These articles also provide concrete evidence of the work you did for the newspaper.

Strong writing skills are useful for many majors and careers, so even if you don't plan to pursue a job in journalism or writing, the skills you gained while being part of your school's paper will be useful for practically any job you have in the future.

Personally, Pebbles is one of the things that made me come out of my shell and become a more confident person. Although we have always had a small staff, it's always been fun to meet the deadlines and see what's going on in your community. Mrs. Willman (Pebbles Advisor) is the best teacher to help you, talk to, and just hang out with in general. I don't know where I'd be if Mrs. Willman hadn't asked me to join Pebbles my sophomore year. But I do know one thing, it's one of the best decisions I've made during my high school career. I plan to join a journalism club at Iowa State and pursue my love for writing.

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