

BUCCANEER NEWS

WEEK 17 (December 12 through December 18)



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Tomorrow is the final day of our first semester, and as I reflect on the last eighteen weeks, I am excited about the foundation we have built for the second half of this school year. We have so much to celebrate!

Our football team plays tomorrow in the state championship! Our MHS family and Daytona community are proud of the work Coach Roland and his staff has done while cultivating an incredible group of student-athletes to represent Volusia County to the highest level of the season. Thank you to everyone who came to support our students at Jackie Robinson Stadium this past Tuesday at the city pep rally! Our city can't wait to see what happens on the field, and this week has been electric with anticipation.

Mainland HS wants to thank every community member and alum who supported our team on the road to the state championship. Mayor Derrick Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt Brown, Ms. Cheryl Coxwell and Mr. Frank Kelleher at NASCAR, the Greathouse family, Chief Young and Sherriff Chitwood, Fat Boi Gourmet Potatoes, BJs Restaurant and Brewhouse, Bethune Grill, Nothing Bundt Cakes, the Daytona Tortugas, our Mom BLOCK, and so many more supporters of our school made the past two weeks a genuinely first-class experience for our students. Thank you!

Our winter sports are off to a great start as well! The boys' and girls' basketball teams are big-time contenders heading to the break. The boys' soccer team is in full swing, and our girls' soccer team is off to a fantastic start at 7-1. The wrestling team is one of the most exciting teams in the area. I love watching our students get involved and represent MHS! We even have our new girls' weightlifting team competing this season!

Our students not only excel outside the classroom, but they are rocking academics as well! Nearly 45% of all our upper-class have over a 3.0 GPA. Mainland also finished 2nd in the district with last year's senior class leaving college and career ready at approximately 79%. Programs and academies like ASIM, ROTC, the Collegiate Institute, Electricity, Athletic Training, Culinary, Gaming Design, Digital Arts, Fire Fighting, and Criminal Justice continue to serve our students and prepare them for the next step after high school.

Some of our students enjoyed being inducted into our National English Honor Society this week. Mrs. Horton celebrated this group with a beautiful ceremony Thursday evening and named our inaugural officers to serve this outstanding organization. Everyone was proud and all smiles. It is an exciting time to be a Mainland Buccaneer! I hope all our families have a restful break and our students return on January 3rd, ready to make the second semester even better!

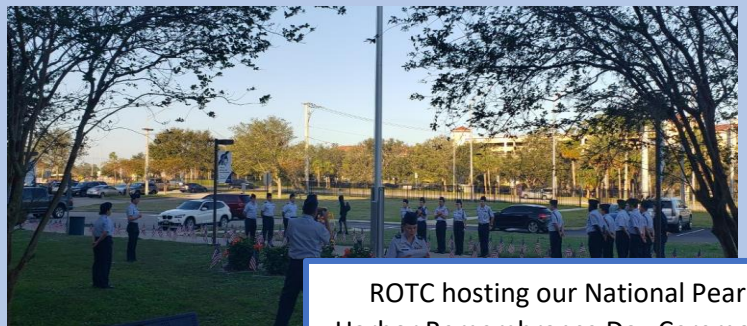
Joe Castelli
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/17: Girls Bball vs. Creekside, 12 & 2 PM
- 12/20: Boys & Girls Bball Tourn (All Day)
- 12/21: Boys & Girls Bball Tourn (All Day)
- 12/22: Boys & Girls Bball Tourn (All Day)
- 12/27: Boys Basketball Tourn (All Day)
- 12/28: Boys Basketball Tourn (All Day)
- 12/29: Boys Basketball Tourn (All Day)
- 1/3: Boys Soccer vs. University, 6 PM
- 1/5: Wrestling, 6 PM
- 1/10: BUC Family Night & EXTRAVAGANZA, 6 PM
- 1/13: Boys Soccer vs. Deltona, 6 PM
- 1/10: Girls Bball vs. B. Kennedy, 12 & 2 PM
- 1/11: Boys Bball vs. Pine Ridge, 5:30 & 7 PM
- 1/13: Boys Bball vs. Spruce Creek, 5:30 & 7 PM
- 1/14: Boys Bball vs. W. Haven, 4 & 5:30 PM
- 1/16: Wrestling, 6 PM
- 1/16: Girls Soccer, 2 PM vs. Cresent City
- 1/17: Girls Basketball, 5:30 & 7 PM
- 1/19: SAC Meeting, 6 PM
- 1/19: Girls Soccer vs. Lake Mary Prep, 6 PM



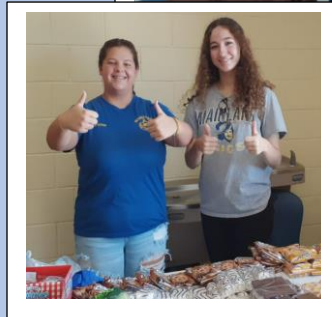
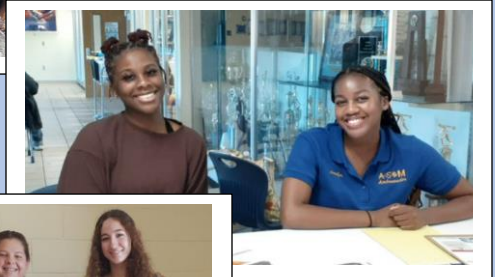
National English Honor Society putting together candy-cane reindeer w/ literary quotes to pass out random acts of kindness.



ROTC hosting our National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony.



Students from both the National English Honor Society and the National Honor Society volunteered at Palm Terrace Elementary. The students helped during the ELA family night at the elementary school.



Our ASIM students hosting our blood drive!



Our inaugural fishing club had an amazing trip to Tomoka State Park! Thank you to Captain Scott Cornelius and the Tomoka Outpost for hosting an amazing day on the water!



The football team enjoyed an incredible sendoff on Thursday on their way to Ft. Lauderdale. Thank you to DBPD and NASCAR for the first class support as we drove out of town!

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