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Seniors reflect on Powderpuff win, celebrate annual Senior Brunch

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On Sunday morning at 9 a.m., after a hard fought Powderpuff game, the senior class trudged into the Marblehead High School cafeteria to feast on pancakes, fruit, pastries, and eggs at the annual Senior Brunch.

The brunch came the morning after the Marblehead High School’s Powderpuff team of senior girls defeated Swampscott in a close 3-0 game on the Big Blue turf. The team was led by senior coaches Cole Barbeau, Abdullah Al Janabi, Cam Gibson, Grady Becker, Drew Dephillips, and JJ Downey. They spent the last month practicing six days a week, two hours a day, often working late into the evenings, while also maintaining academic excellence, participating in extracurriculars, and playing fall sports.

“It was intense, but it was worth it,” said MHS senior and Powderpuff player Addison Rotigliano. “It felt really rewarding because we have been preparing for weeks, practicing every day, and our coaches did a great job preparing us, so it made it really worth it to win.”

The game remained scoreless well into the fourth quarter as each team put on a defensive masterclass. But a 14 yard field goal from Courtney Hitscherich put Marblehead up 3-0 with just seconds left on the clock, and Marblehead was able to hang onto the lead to win the game. After celebrating on the field to cheers from the flag waving spectators on the Marblehead sideline, they boarded buses and took the five minute ride back home.

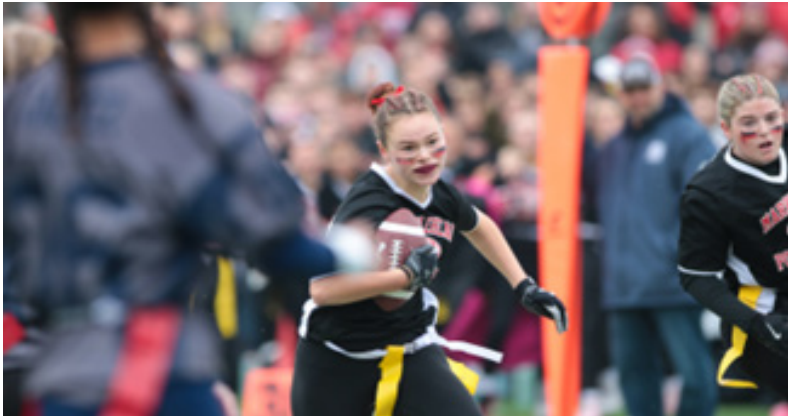
“The girls worked so hard the past four weeks, from not even knowing what a first down was on day 1 to playing an entire football game on Saturday,” said offensive coach Cole Barbeau. “I’m really proud of all of them, and it’s such an elating feeling as a coach to see all their hard work pay off and result in a win.”

The celebratory mood continued the next morning at the annual Senior Brunch at the Marblehead High School cafeteria, where most of the seniors came to talk, unwind from the stress of all of their tedious college admissions work, and eat some tasty breakfast food. The class officers, led by class President Will Cruikshank, worked with the administration, parents, and the class to organize the brunch. Students signed up to bring food to the pot-luck style event, which was a big success.

“Having a nice meal together was really cool,” said class President Will Cruikshank. “We’ve had a million meals in there as a class, but being in there on a Sunday morning and being able to celebrate as a class after the Powderpuff win was really awesome.” Cruikshank estimated that about two thirds of the 185 student class came out to brunch, which came just before the beginning of the high school’s Thanksgiving break.

“It’s ahead of Thanksgiving, so it’s a nice on-theme moment,” said Cruikshank.

Powderpuff



Stranger Things finale season: What it’s all about

Sophie Li, Mary Prindiville, and London Perlow

Stranger Things is a hit sci-fi horror Netflix series set in the 1980s. This show gained popularity because it appeals to both younger and older audiences. Based on classics like *The Goonies* and *It*, *Stranger Things* quickly became a worldwide phenomenon. The show was released in 2016 by the Duffer Brothers, and now, the final season is premiering. *Stranger Things* takes place in the fictional town of Hawkins, Indiana. Mike, Will, Dustin, and Lucas are the four main characters and are best friends. After their game of D&D, the boys ride home on bikes from Mike’s house, but Will never makes it home. In the morning, his mother, Joyce, freaks out because he is missing, so Will’s brooding teenage brother, Jonathan, teams up with Mike’s older sister, Nancy, to locate his brother, with the help of Steve, Nancy’s boyfriend. The young boys also try to find their friend, but instead encounter a girl with superpowers named Eleven, who can help find Will. Everyone is trying to uncover the mystery of what really happened to William Byers. As seasons pass, the plot evolves from monsters to shadows, and to Russian spies, while our heroes try to stop the Upside Down (an evil alternate dimension) from seeping into their ‘normal’ town of Hawkins, leading to the fifth and final season, where you finally discover how the Upside Down is connected to Hawkins and how it can be stopped before the Upside Down destroys our world.

Viewers of *Stranger Things* will not have to wait much longer for its Final Season, as it will arrive in three separate parts throughout the holiday season, making it the perfect line-up for cozy watch parties. Volume 1 arrives on November 26, 2025, with the first four episodes, just in time for Thanksgiving break. Volume 2 is scheduled to follow on December 25, 2025, with three additional episodes for viewers to enjoy this holiday season. The season’s long-awaited Finale premieres on December 31, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. ET, giving fans one final trip into the Upside Down as the year wraps up. All episodes will stream on Netflix, and there is even a chance that the Finale will receive a special screening at Warwick Place, giving our community a unique opportunity to experience it on the big screen.

Fans have come up with numerous theories for Season 5 of *Stranger Things*. Many theories suggest that the Mindflayer (the main villain from Season 2) could be controlling Vecna (the main villain from Season 4), while others think the Mindflayer could betray Vecna and Vecna’s plans for Season 5. The debates between the ships Byler and Mileven have remained heated right up until the release of Season 5, especially on social media platforms like Tumblr, Tiktok, and Instagram. These ships are notably popular among teenage fans of the show. Additionally, multiple trailers have been released, all leading to speculation around how the character Will Byers is connected to the villain Vecna. The first five minutes of the show have also been released, and it shows a disturbing scene between Will and Vecna indicating Will Byers will play a crucial role in the new season.

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