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Painting the end of the year

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As this school year is coming to a close, the Marblehead High School Art Department is hosting a Spring Art Exhibition. This event will run from May 14th to May 27th in the Abbot Hall Auditorium. There was a reception on May 14th to kickoff the show and celebrate the fabulous pieces of artwork. All artists featured in this event were encouraged to go to the reception, where light refreshments were served. Artists were welcome to bring friends and family to this as well.

Different types of media are showcased in this exhibit. From fine penwork learned in drawing one, to oil painting in Art Studio, there will be a wide variety of mediums. Similarly, this exhibit will include pottery made in sculpture and photography elements, as well as many of the other visual art electives offered at MHS. Another great aspect of this art show is that there will also be pieces from the Marblehead Veterans Middle School. This exhibition could be a great way for middle school students to look at some of the projects that they will get to create in the near future and for high school students to look back on their art pathways and projects that led them to taking art. The most important part of this exhibit is honoring the senior artists at MHS and looking at their amazing creations. For our seniors, this is their last chance to display their talents to the town of Marblehead before they start a new chapter in the fall! Some of the artists featured in this exhibit have been in very advanced art classes at the high school for over two years.

Since this event is open to the public for two weeks, it is a great opportunity for student artists to show their work to family and friends, especially if they are visiting for a concert or end of the year event. I encourage everyone to pop by Abbot Hall! The artists have worked so hard on these pieces, and it is great for them to be appreciated for their hard work. Walking through the exhibit will not take long. However, you will have the opportunity to relax and look at our original creations!

Running on empty: the high school sleeping crisis

Evan Eisen, Assistant Editor, Senior

If you've ever walked into school at 7:55 AM and asked yourself why everyone looks like they just walked out a cave, then congratulations, you've discovered the universal truth about high school: we are all exhausted. I'm not talking just being regular tired like, "I stayed up late watching TV," but being olympic-sized tired. The kind that makes you question your life choices and existence before first period even starts.

The obvious suspect is the school schedule. Teenagers are biologically set to fall asleep and wake up later. Forcing students to be in class before 8:00 AM is a crime against nature. Based on the CDC's teen sleep guidelines, teenagers and young adults need around 8-10 hours of sleep every night; meanwhile, it would probably be safe to say that most, if not all, of us are getting only a fraction of that.

The early start time is only just the appetizer to the main dish of chaos that begins once school ends at 2:30 PM. Between juggling many responsibilities like homework, sports, clubs, and jobs, many students don't have any free time, let alone be able to get a full and proper night's rest.

There is also the phone problem that many fall victim to. We all know that we should put our phones down before going to bed, but some decide to keep looking at it for five more minutes, which progresses to an hour, and then, before you know it, it's already after midnight and it becomes challenging to fall asleep. The teen attention problem is very much real, but so is also the temptation to endlessly be on your phone.

The exhaustion is very visible everywhere in the school with people constantly yawning, students and teachers drinking coffee like it's holy water, and students deciding that they don't have the energy to put all their energy into their work. So the question must be asked: What do we do to fix it?

Some schools have started to move their start times later in the morning and supposedly have seen an increase in attendance, grades, and in their students well-being. Whether our school leaders would even consider that idea is unclear as of now, but the research is clear as to what is best for students.

Meanwhile, students are using breaks in their schedule to sneak in naps, while creating a heavy dependency on caffeine to muster the energy to even function in the morning and slowly counting down the days till summer starts. The truth is, if everyone is so tired everyday, than maybe the problem isn't us. Maybe it's the system. Maybe teenagers shouldn't be expected to handle heavy academic workloads before the sun has fully risen. For now at least, students will just have to keep yawning their way through the rest of the school year.

Marblehead man's comment goes viral

Will Pelliciotti, Senior

On Tuesday, May 4, 2026, the town of Marblehead held its annual Town Meeting to discuss numerous issues surrounding the town. The meeting was held at the field house of Marblehead High School, where approximately 3,000 people came to hear and speak to the town administrators. Amongst the issues discussed at the event, one of the most controversial was the subject of 3A.

Here in Marblehead, the passage of the act has been met with much resistance, as many residents in the town have felt they should be exempt from the act. In early 2026, a lawsuit was filed by the Massachusetts attorney general against the town for non-compliance with the law. The lawsuit would eventually find its way to the State Supreme Court, where the court ruled that the law was constitutional and that Marblehead had to comply with 3A. In response, the town administrators sectioned an area of the Tedesco Country Club golf course for available housing; however, as of May, no efforts have actually been made to convert the area into housing.

The situation has been a contentious one for years now, and the meeting held on Monday was the latest chapter. At one point during the meeting, a Marblehead man named David stood up to the microphone and began to ask the town administrators about the land around the Tedesco Country Club. When asking the administrators, he questioned whether the land that had been designated around the golf course would be used to construct affordable housing, to which the administrators responded, stating that it wouldn't. David took their words to heart, saying, "So is this a way of complying with 3A without actually doing any of it?" To which the administrators affirmed it was. Then David spoke of how the manner of "preserving the character of Marblehead" was a bad and selfish endeavor, concluding his statement with, "Are we kinda being pricks here?"His remarks were met with applause from many within the field house, as his statements ring true to what many residents of Marblehead have felt about 3A. On social media David's comments reached many of the circles on Twitter, both within and outside Massachusetts, with the clip garnering hundreds of thousands of views over the last few days, and more attention being brought to the Zoning Act as a result.

Many have praised this as a rallying cry against the concept known as NIMBY (Not in my Backyard) and those who oppose the building of new infrastructure and projects within their communities. While the 3A situation is unlikely to be fully resolved soon, there's no doubt that the comments made by David have put it at the center stage of Marblehead political dealings.

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