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Maritime Academy Charter High School

Holy Moly, Holy Family!

From Holy Family Student

by Pedro Castro

Do you need help with college? Do you get shivers when you think about it or worry what it's like? Good thing you go to Maritime Academy Charter High School where they are beginning to connect you with college courses to Holy Family University for free! Spring classes are offered this year to a qualified amount of students for free and they will receive one college course for four months. Holy Family University offered us a list of undergraduate classes that we can take. In case you were wondering, these classes actually count towards your freshmen year at certain universities. Some of these courses have a fixed schedule and you'll have to do two and a half hours of class time a week. Depending on the time your classes start you can get out of school earlier.

The class levels are introductory, but if you're a sophomore or junior you could definitely take a higher level class next time (if you passed the introductory one, of course). In order to pass you must score at least a "C" (75%) and you'll receive the credits your course offers. So far, our school's dual enrollment program is focused on Holy Family, so you're not getting courses from other universities. The reason for that is because Holy Family is the only one offering these classes for free. Our counselor, Ms. Arnold is working on getting fall classes for next year, but so far we only get spring classes. So take advantage of the time you have now because then you'll knock out most of your freshmen year in college!

Why would these courses do you



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any good? Well, you save time, money and you'll have a competitive resume for colleges! Some of these undergraduate courses can range from \$2,000 to \$6,000, that's a lot of dough! You'll be taking the same course for absolutely no cost. You'll be saving yourself some

time too, meaning you're going to see a degree in your hand sooner than you planned. Not only will you feel good, now that you saved yourself time and money, you will look good, too. Colleges will see you're taking your education seriously and that you're getting good

grades at a college level, your resume will look awesome, promising and very competitive! So, why are you still here? Go talk to Ms. Arnold to sign up for some college classes for next year!

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Young Rising Sons: High Rising Band

by Jacqueline Hample

On Wednesday, December 3rd I attended a concert for British power-pop group the 1975. I entered the Tower Theater unaware of what other bands I would see performing that night and left with a new name on my playlist.

The first opener for that night's show was a New Jersey band called "Young Rising Sons". The energy they showed onstage was exponentially reciprocated. It wouldn't be shocking to hear that most people in the audience enjoyed their setlist equally or more than that of the 1975.

Just before performing their last song, the singer announced that the band wanted to meet all of the people in the audience and would be waiting in the lobby of the Tower Theater to take pictures after the show. The charismatic drummer, Steve Patrick, and guitarist, Dylan Scott, were kind enough to give this music journalist some material for her first piece while the 1975 performed.

The two musicians looked like they were from completely different social circles. You never would have guessed they'd been writing music together for ten years. "We all have our own thing," Dylan Scott states, with a man-bun and some colorful tattoos. Even their music tastes had some notable differences. Steve Patrick, sporting a Queen tee shirt and a leather jacket, nodded along as Scott spoke about his love for Americana music like Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty.

With conflicting inspirations like these, listeners have trouble pinpointing their music as just one genre. The first song they wrote ten years ago might not have been so special. "It'll remain unnamed, just because I don't want anyone to find it on youtube," Patrick says with a chuckle. "It was an awful song." Dylan and Patrick may have been writing songs for ten years, but Young Rising Sons has been around for about five years.

Steve says those years of hard work have definitely been paying off. "We've done smaller tours before this one, it's been a slow climb to opening for the 1975." The days of opening for other bands are almost over! Young Rising Sons are starting their own headlining tour very soon.

As their talent gains more attention, we can hope for some collaborations from them and the artists Steve Patrick would love to make music with, "Living: John Mayer and Gary Clark Jr. Dead: Freddy Mercury."

Some songs to download by Young Rising Sons would be 'High' the song used by Snapchat to promote their new 'Discover' feature and the perfect tune to soundtrack your sunny afternoon, or 'Turnin'' to help you lift your head up on a cloudy one.



Image courtesy of Mr. Adamchak

Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Adamchak

Maritime's New U.S. History and Civics & Government Teacher

by Jacqueline Hample

Maritime Academy has long known the value of capable, educated and charismatic educators. Seldom do they miss the mark. It's no surprise that, once again, our school has gained another asset. Specifically, the history department.

Mr. Adamchak, the new U.S. History and Civics teacher, says it was easy for him to figure out what he was meant to do. "When I was a little kid I wanted to be a fireman like every other little kid." He says that when he focused on a career he pushed aside his considerations in business and economics for teaching. "I had a firm grasp on what I thought it took to be a teacher." Though he's met many surprises along the way he's continued teaching for seven years. Within the seven years of his

career he says he's seen a lot of changes for the better, especially at Maritime. "That's not even sucking up, that's the truth!"

Mr. Adamchak says never being inspired by a teacher made him want to teach. "There was a combination of people I looked up to that were teachers but there wasn't one person I looked at and thought I wanted to be like them."

Grading papers isn't all Mr. Adamchak does! When not spending time with his two young children, he's training cops in boxing. "Cops fight the fireman for charity," he says, "I've trained and work the corners for a couple of them." Mr. Adamchak thinks teaching in a classroom might be less frustrating than teaching in a boxing ring. "If you guys aren't

paying attention to me teaching you're not going to get beat up for it," he jokes. "If you're a fighter and you aren't doing what I'm telling you to do you're going to walk away bleeding with loose teeth."

Mr. Adamchak also reads often. He's a big fan of James Patterson's novels and other dramas. All of the reading will come in handy when he continues his education in the future, which is one of his remaining goals.

Besides getting As in his class, his advice to students at MACHS is the same advice his mother gave him. "Choose your friends wisely."

Stop in Mr. Adamchak's class on the second floor to welcome him if you haven't already!

My KYW Experience

by Sissy Troy

As I get older I need to really figure out what career is right for me. I love to write but sometimes I wonder if I'm good enough to be a journalist or an author. It's normal to doubt yourself but my doubt just helps me realize that I need to be better. I need more experience, more critics and advice in order for me to find out where my skills and I belong. Certain experiences have helped me shape the idea of what I want to do with my life and the KYW news radio station has definitely helped me figure out a little bit more about where I belong and where I don't.



Sissy Troy

Every year KYW gives an amazing opportunity to about fifty students who are interested in the broadcasting career. I was given the privilege to be one of those fifty students, thanks to Ms. Rambo who saw enough potential in me to sign me up for the Newstudies program that KYW was offering.

The program was on Saturdays, starting at nine o'clock. I was extremely nervous, despite my family and friends assurance that I would do great. As I walked into the KYW station, students filled the main hall in silver chairs, chattering among themselves. I couldn't find a seat and I began freaking out on the inside until I found one all the way in the back. I kept my relieved expression at bay while others watched me take my seat. To make matters worse, I was completely underdressed. I wore jeans, my chucks and my Sons of Anarchy hoodie compared to other girls who wore dresses, stilettos, and giant designer bags tossed over their shoulders. I wanted the floor to swallow me whole. I slumped in my chair, hiding my voice and avoiding conversation until the seminar began.

One piece of advice all the journalist could agree was that being a broadcast journalist is a 24/7 type of job; nights, weekends, holidays would be spent writing, editing and broadcasting. This piece of information was very insightful. We spoke with our individual teachers who were going to help us pick and edit a story of our own to broadcast on the radio. I would actually be able to broadcast my own story on the radio.

The story we had to pick had to revolve around our school or community. I was stumped. I had no idea what to choose until I had a discussion with one of my best friends, Yaritza Rodriguez. Yaritza is incredibly brave. She's not afraid to be herself. She's not afraid to open up about her sexuality even though people may not accept it. One conversation with her and



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KYW's Tony Hansen giving a presentation to the 2014 Newsstudies class.

others led to another and I realized that Yaritza and her relationship with Kayla are discriminated a lot, inside and out of school. I can't imagine what they go through on an everyday basis as young adults who are openly gay. I knew right then that I wanted to do my story on them. With their permission I began to write my short story. My article didn't take long to write because I had to be able to read it out loud in under thirty seconds. In the next meeting my article was edited and I signed up for a day afterschool to come to the station and record.

Thursday after school, I came home, grabbed my article and dragged my dad down to the station with me to record. When I got to the station my hands were trembling as I reread my article. I was called to the back with two others. We sat in gray armchairs outside of a recording room with glass walls. I could see a girl inside already recording with two people next to her. My butterflies had turned into giant

bats. Then a man came from a nearby hallway and asked if I was there to record, once I said he asked me to follow him to the back. I knew from meetings before that he was one of the news directors at KYW. I had to make sure I did not mess up in front of him. He took my article and completely rearranged it. There was pen marks all over it. I read it to myself quietly, trying to mentally prepare myself for the recording. We went inside the recording room and I sat in front of a giant microphone and Mr. Big Time News Director went on the other side. Now my hands really started shaking. I read my article and stuttered the first two lines then skipped over Yaritza's quote. I could feel my face growing red as I continued and I chastized myself over and over again. But when I left I never felt so accomplished. I went, I recorded, I completely embarrassed myself but I did it. I have an experience not many people can say they.

I never really understood why I was so nervous to be in the station. From day one I felt like a pigeon in a room full of flamingos. Maybe I knew that there were people in this program who could write better than me, and present themselves better than me. I have never actually been critiqued before and in this program I knew I would be. In this type of field, if I made a mistake, they would move on to the next girl who can write. It's very hard to get into this field and if you do, your life becomes your job. I love to write but I also love to read. If I joined a broadcasting career could I honestly do what I love? I am grateful for the opportunity and I loved being able to see what this field is like up close but I don't think it's for me. KYW helped me discover what I actually wanted to do with my future. Their stories and advice will not be forgotten but I do hope no one tuned in to hear my stuttering story!

The Black Mass Tour

by Irish Haines

On Christmas, when you're waiting to see someone you haven't seen in forever, the tossing and turning never seems to cease and the smile constantly creeps at your lips. This feeling is similar to the night before a concert, especially one you just know is going to be good. This is also how I felt Tuesday, November 18, the night before I would attend the Black Mass Tour.

The date rolled around and my concert squad was ready before noon. We are all very experienced on do's and don'ts of "getting ready". For one, it's okay to want

to look nice because you are going out and going to be taking pictures but know the line. You are going to be in a hot room jamming with a bunch of sweaty people so wear appropriate clothing and your hair up. If you're going early, actually do eat well beforehand and stay hydrated.

The Philadelphia date of this particular tour was held at the Electric Factory, a great general admission (GA) venue. General admission basically means standing room only. To us, this means all day line waiting to ensure we get the best spots as well as maybe spotting a band member or two strolling around outside. Unfortunately, the brisker than expected weather stopped any of the members from stopping out. It didn't do much better on the line either who were starting to get antsy when doors did-

n't open on the dot. Just as I thought a riot was going to break out, the doors flew open and it was time to get the show on the road!

By the time Drama Club, the first band, came out we were all together and ready to dance. Drama Club is a masked couple of DJs who consider themselves electro house/shock pop. Individually going by Zero and Andromeda, the duo surprised even me by being a relatively decent band- especially live. You couldn't just stand still while they were up there! They ended with their own original song, Halloween365 (Never Coming Down) and a mirage of claps.

The next thirty minute set-up seemed to drag on until the band I had been waiting for, Set it Off, came out to screams of approval. Pumped with energy, Set it Off always performs as though it is their last time.

As per usual for their shows, both Falling in Reverse did not just perform but rather put on a show. You could tell this was going to be good just from watching the set up with their props and backdrops laid out in a certain fashion only a fan would recognize. Falling In Reverse walked out on stage in the usual sequence; first Ryan, then Derek and their replacement bassist and finally Ronnie. On stage with them stood two skyrim's with cartoon fists on them to match the backdrop of a cartoon man. Beside the skyrim on the right was a basketball net and finally Ryan and his drums stood on a black pedestal with the bands lip design on it. The band opened with a classic, Sink or Swim. After that Ronnie introduced the band to the crowd of screaming adoring fans. Their stage presence as well as their energy are unmatched by a lot of bands in the alternative scene as well. They ended their set with their most well-known song, The Drug in Me is You.

I couldn't fathom how the next band could top that performance! Boy, was I wrong. When their set ended the crowd braced itself for the headliners of the night, Black Veil Brides. The band walked out onto stage one by one; first CC, then Jake, Jinxx, Ashley and finally Andy, most fans' favorite. From the front to the back, the crowd was

From the front to the back, the crowd was alive in movement.
~ Irish Haines

alive in movement. They paused occasionally to thank the crowd, the other bands and the stage hands who made the tour possible. After CC's drum solo the band treated us to a crowd favorite song called Sweet Blasphemy that was off of their first ever album, We Stitch These Wounds. You could hear the progression the band has made through each song they played. The band ended the show on a bittersweet note with their final song, In the End.

The final band left the stage and the venue lights lit back up. I could not believe I had just witnessed a show like that. One after the other, the bands just kept getting better. Whether you were a fan of a particular band or not, everyone seemed to enjoy each act. You could also hear people yelling with excitement as they exclaimed so-and-so touched their hand or they laughed because they had cried during a particular song being played. A concert is an environment of music lovers and that is never more apparent than right after the curtain closes. As we made our way to the door, we were also surprised to see that both Drama Club and a few members of Set It Off were around their merch tables ready to meet people and sell their items. It was an overall satisfactory night filled with grand energy, superb sound and fantastic people.



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Did you make it to the Black Mass Tour?

Chocolate Chip Bacon Cookies

For The Sweet Tooth

by Pedro Castro

We all have those days where Netflix is calling our name and we just want to sit and feed our face. All too often settle for Doritos or Chips Ahoy rather than the baked wonders that come as a result of our own creativity in the kitchen. The next time you're bored and consider preparing for a lazy Sunday, try out this fun new recipe combining everyone's two favorite foods: bacon and chocolate.

This recipe does not require much. You're going to need an oven and a deep skillet. Paper towels and a big plate will be good to have at the ready. A non-greased cookie sheet is needed, and when the cookies come out a wire rack for cooling. Along with these materials, you're going to need a few ingredients.

Ingredients:

- 6 slices of bacon chopped
- 1 1/2 cups of white sugar
- 1 cup of softened butter
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups of all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup of cocoa powder
- 3/4 teaspoon of baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon of salt
- 2 cups of semi-sweet chocolate chips

How To Do It

Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Place the bacon in a large, deep skillet, and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasion-

ally, until evenly browned, this should take about 10 minutes. Drain the bacon slices on a paper towel-lined plate. Beat the sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla extract in a large bowl until it's fluffy and smooth. Stir in the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt. Mix in the chocolate chips and bacon. Drop cookies by rounded spoonfuls onto a non-greased cookie sheets. Lastly, bake for 10 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven. You should let them stand for 5 minutes before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.

Then eat them all in one sitting. But that goes without saying.



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These make the perfect partner for a Netflix marathon.

Strike After Strike: MACHS Bowling Team

How 'Bout Them Dogs?!

by Savanna Brown



Image courtesy of Ms. Weiss

The MACHS bowling team about to make a spare!

Like almost any other school Maritime takes pride in its sports and cheers on every single team. However, the Maritime Academy Bowling team had only recently begun to get recognition for the achievements made. Unfortunately most people don't see bowling in their minds when they think of high school athletics. They think of football, basketball and baseball. I'm here to tell you as one of those people who didn't count bowling as a sport that those are misconceptions. From the moment I joined the Maritime bowling team I discovered it was serious and not recreational.

You can't just go in and throw a ball down a lane and expect accurate results, it's all about technique. You have to stand properly and find the perfect weight distribution, and let me tell you it takes practice! Every Tuesday the entire

team got together for about an hour and a half of practice. Every single person on the team was not perfect and needed the occasional cheering up after a tough game. However, even if you failed you always turned back around to a group of cheers and smiling faces.

Among those smiling faces was one of the star players on our team, Eileen Day. Although small in size and often very laid back and jubilant, she stepped up to the lane and silenced all and even became one of the top competitors in the state girls division. She was good at her craft and set a high

expectation for everyone to do just as good. Many people did including Kari Dennett, Kayla Rodriguez, Tiffany Laird, and Yaritza Rodriguez who all at one point or another lead our team to victory. Each of them was not only a team player but also all managed to increase their averages tremendously and hold the high score for one if not more games and practices. This resulted in us making the top four best teams in the city. All in all the whole team came so far and we had a great season. Next year will be no different!

The State Of Our Union

by Pedro Castro

The Student Government Association has been working very hard the past few months to provide the student body with a great high school experience. As an example, we attempt to achieve these goals by adding fun events to the school calendar and supporting after school programs. SGA wants to make Maritime as fun as it can be so that we, as students, can enjoy

our high school years. We recently started a new club in our school that takes place every third Thursday of the month called 'A Voice'. This club is a place where students who are going through tough times or went through a serious loss, can open up and share their feelings. Through this club we feel we can reach out to students and give them a hand and some guidance

to help them get through their struggles. SGA thanks the students at Maritime for helping us know how to help you, please come and give us suggestions on things we should work on and we'll do our best!

Feel free to give your suggestions to any member of SGA or to Ms. Weiss, the faculty advisor, located on the first floor across the hall from the Main Office.

Surprises In The Snow

by Mariela Wright

A snowflake fell on my windowsill

White as milk, thin as spider silk.

I gazed upon its devilish design

Then something peculiar caught my eye.

Out of all the snowflakes in the pile

this one I could see for miles.

I rushed out the door with my snow boots on

I wanted it just for my own.

I skipped through the fluffy, fresh snowflakes

To them I'm a giant making the Earth quake.

These are my cold, little pale friends

This wonderful winter will last till the end.

Finally, I caught up to what caught my eye

It seemed to have pulled off the perfect disguise

A mountain of beauty stood before me

My heart began to glow, such amazement

How could this be?

Call me crazy for loving the snow

But please winter, please don't go.



President Castro Has a Message For The Student Body

Horoscopes

Pisces:
 -You will soon face harsh reality; things cannot be avoided or evaded any longer.
 -You may rekindle a relationship with someone from the past.
 -There is a growing distance with someone you care about and haven't heard from in a while.
 -A golden haired person will make an impression on you.
 -You will bring self-healing to your home and recover from emotional health.
 -A friend of the opposite sex may have health problems.
 -You will find the right teacher to help you develop your talents further.
 -Be good to your grandparents because unexpected events are suspected to happen.

Aquarius:
 -Somebody attractive will pay you a compliment and give you wise advice. You will come to really like this person.
 -You have many thoughts about the difficulties at work and the change of direction you want to make.
 -Soon you will changing your mind about a close relationship. You will have very little help from Sagittarians and Leos. Libras and Scorpios are better for you.
 -You have the power to change things in your personal life.

Sagittarius:
 -There may be a secret love in your mist; a passing attraction. Your social life will be busier than usual with many acquaintances.
 -You will be called on to spend time with children and a family celebration has yet to come.
 -It is time to settle past issues that may be troubling you.
 -Dark shades of blue will bring you luck this year as well as seeing bright gold stars.

Capricorn:
 -A situation could bring you down either physically or mentally, but it is a good time to review goals and your ambition.
 -Country roads and horses will appear more than once in the New Year.
 -Be careful you don't get hurt helping someone else.
 -The year ahead will be important and at times difficult.

Scorpio:
 -You will part with some-

thing or someone you love.
 -Be careful of the strain in the knees.
 -Some burdens may feel endless but they won't alter till the end of the year. You then will feel happy, freer, and less burdened than before.
 -Things you may feel have weakened you have actually made you stronger. You are stronger than you were a year ago.
 -You may have unexpected plans in January.
 -A train ride might give you new inspirations.
 -Small health matters may have to be dealt with, fewer feverish aches and pains.
 -A dream will reveal something about a past life, or will discovered something psychological about your present life
 -Grandparents or ancestors will provide good insight

Libra:
 -A valuable gift comes your way and provokes memories and your fondness for other things.
 -Money problems will ease.
 -You could be traveling to a place you have been to before along the countryside.
 -Love and romance could strike this season, a person you would not really be attracted to, someone you would never imagine yourself with, but fate is strange and could sometimes work in our favor.

Virgo:
 -What you want in love has begun to change.
 - For Virgos born in late August, you have been making too many sacrifices in the love department.
 - For those born in September there is a tendency to leave the life of pain behind. Things will take time to settle and your way can be full of strange

paths.
 -A new attraction in January and February will be with someone who likes boating, swimming or just the water.

Leo:
 -You will have a visit from an old friend who will sweeten up your day and allow you to catch up. This friend may have new romance in their lives.
 -Your intuition will be strong during this time, giving you the proper insight with the new people you meet. If you find yourself giving advice, it is good advice!
 -Success awaits you far from home and you will be bombarded with papers, documents, writings, or drawings. Before April opportunities are meant to come your way; they may be linked to education or hobbies.

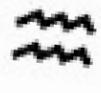
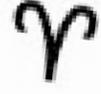
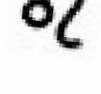
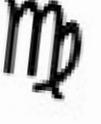
Cancer:
 -Your social life is going to bring happiness this season! Unexpected visitors will connect with the male side of the family and will liven things up at home.
 -You will meet someone; this person has knowledge about an occupation where your own future or talent lies. You will soon know your calling. Every decision you make related to this is important.
 -You have ambition but you are not always practical in making things work.
 -Money matters will improve after March.
 -A dark haired person with rounded shoulders has set their eyes on you. They may be secretly attracted to you or in love.

Gemini:
 -Relationships are changing around you. Reasons being lack of trust, seeing someone for who they really are, feeling unwanted, or betrayed.
 -There is a feeling of lonely inside you.
 -Close friendships will be weighed in the balance, one will grow in trust, the other will not.

-Travel to a royal setting that reflects greater times. Travel to other places, somewhere hotter, more relaxing.
 -This season is lucky for you and you have the chance to win something!

Taurus:
 -You have become fearful of facing current changes in your life.
 -There is someone or something you love dearly and hang on to, but consider letting go of it in November.
 -Having a conversation with someone down to earth will be helpful in odd ways.
 -Headaches are likely and some medical check-up may be necessary.
 -Your dreams, especially recurring ones, are messages that can guide you.
 -A friend with special travel plans will amuse you in January.
 -You are not ready to move on from a past relationship, yet when you connect with someone who has beautiful voice and similar music taste, you will be entranced. This person will bring happiness in a serious time.

Aries:
 -A secret is being held by someone you know...this person may not be deceiving you but just want things to be private.
 -Travel plans may be delayed for a better time.
 -A shocking break-up is around the corner that you never thought would happen. Major changes are way overdue
 -Taking a chance in April is your best bet.
 -An unfair situation is occurring in the background of your life due to karma, altering it is impossible; the best way to deal with it is to move on and accept the change. By February, the problem should ease.
 -A portrait that looks similar to someone you know signifies that a close friend has kind thoughts and will show you these kind thoughts soon.

<p>Capricorn Dec. 22 – Jan. 20 </p>	<p>Aquarius Jan. 21 – Feb. 19 </p>	<p>Pisces Feb. 20 – Mar. 20 </p>	<p>Aries Mar. 21 – Apr. 19 </p>
<p>Taurus Apr. 20 – May 20 </p>	<p>Gemini May 21 – June 21 </p>	<p>Cancer June 22 – July 23 </p>	<p>Leo July 24 – Aug. 23 </p>
<p>Virgo Aug. 24 – Sept. 22 </p>	<p>Libra Sept. 23 – Oct. 22 </p>	<p>Scorpio Oct. 23 – Nov. 22 </p>	<p>Sagittarius Nov. 23 – Dec 21 </p>

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