

Starting a new legacy

Another state-worthy team with a new coach

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Basketball season at Marion High School is a very exciting time for all, considering the major success in the past years for both the boys and girls basketball teams. After a few trips to Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines for the state tournament both teams have obviously had much success. However, this upcoming season has a lot in store for both boys and girls, especially considering both teams have new head coaches.

The boys team is welcoming new head coach Pete Messerli. Messerli has been coaching for about 14 years and has enjoyed every second. He coached football for the freshman boys for three years, he was the assistant varsity girls basketball coach for seven years and also coached sophomore football, and was an assistant coach for the boys golf team. So clearly Messerli is extremely familiar with coaching and being around athletes. If his 14 years of coaching wasn't enough, he was even basketball and coaching before he started. Messerli grew up watching his father coach for many years. Messerli even played basketball at Marion and Mount Mercy. Overall, Messerli is excited for a great season with the boys basketball team. "I hope to coach to my strengths and have a great season," says Messerli.

As for the girls basketball team, they had a pretty successful 2019 season. They made all the way to the championship game in the state championship with very few losses for the whole year. One of the lucky freshmen that got to play at the state tournament last year, was current sophomore Madison Prier. Prier has been playing basketball for about ten years. She has loved watching herself improve over the years and grow as an athlete and a person. She hasn't, however, been the biggest fan of all the running and hard

practices that come with it. Although it was very worth it in the end. The highlight of her freshman year was getting to play at the state tournament and also getting to play varsity as a freshman for the year. "I am excited to see how well her and her teammates compete against others," said Prier. She can't wait to build better relationships and strong bonds with her teammates this season under the influence of their new head coach, former assistant coach to the varsity girls basketball team, Josh Claypool.

Overall, both teams are filled with excitement for the 2019-2020 basketball season. It should be exciting for all to hopefully get to watch both teams have yet another extremely successful year mixed with a lot of fun.



Madison Prier, '22, lifts the ball during last year's basketball game.

Fashion fun

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Fashion is everything nowadays. We wear it, experiment with it, sleep with it, and listen to it. When we see some celebrity wearing a new outfit or try a new style, many people start doing it. People talk about it in high school, and trends are always changing. Fashion that was popular when parents were in high school is starting to come back. This year there's a new club that loves exploring both old and new styles called Fashion Club.

Jasmine Pizano, a senior, started the fashion club this year. Many of her fashion-loving friends have joined. They meet every Friday they can, usually during M-block, and love getting new members. "It is a correspondent with FIDM and it is a passion of mine. They offer scholarships in college," said Pizano. She is hoping to get a scholarship doing fashion this year. The FIDM stands for the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising. "Fashion club is a group of guys and gals that are creative. They come up with activities of fashion," Pizano said. One of their future activities includes painting denim pants and jackets. They have also gone thrifting. In the fashion club, they plan field trips, go shopping and do anything creative. Jasmine's favorite decade of fashion is the 60's and 2000's. She likes the 60's because of the hippy-ness, bell-bottom pants, stripes, and music. She likes the 2000's because of Paris Hilton and layering denim. "My fashion pet peeve is wearing Tims with

shorts. Any type of boots with shorts," said Pizano. Her personal achievements includes getting a fashion club adviser grant for \$400. Now they have a budget and don't have to self-fund. "My

end goal is to bring people together to create a space for creativity, provide people with opportunities and scholarships and to have a fashion show at the end of the year. Pizano sees herself graduating but passing the club on to Elizabeth Andreasen, junior.

Another member that is in the fashion club is Maddie Steffen, junior. She has many friends in the fashion club. The requirements for joining are easy. "You have to come to every meeting," said Steffen. In the fashion club, they have plans to paint aesthetic and vision boards. Steffen's end goal is too learn new outfit trends and ideas to help what she wears. Steffen's favorite decade for fashion trends is the 70's and 90's, and Steffen's fashion pet peeve is clashing colors.

The fashion club is always looking for new members. If you like fashion then come and take a look at the club. Meet new people, and express your individuality through fashion. For more information come to a meeting in the library, check out their Instagram, @_Mhsfashionclub, or see one of the members or Mrs. Kroll the faculty adviser. Don't be fashionably late.



The MHS Fashion club poses together during one of their outings, this one being in NewBo.