

## Get to Know the Class of 2023! By: Emmy



Meet Luke Maczynski! He plays football and baseball. One of his main hobbies is astronomy and he wants to become an astrophysicist in his future!

Meet Ava Caron! She loves to play soccer, basketball, and softball. She claims she can eat macaroni and cheese for every meal of the day. If she could meet any famous person, it would be Alex Morgan of the US Women's National Soccer Team.

Meet Vedant Desai! He loves to play football and if he were to have only one food for the rest of his life, it would be Mexican food. If he could go on a trip anywhere, it would be Jamaica.

# Class of 2023

## FEBRUARY NEWS

## Advisor Update

Happy February, Class of 2023! Only two weeks until vacation! You can do it! Take some time to reflect back on Semester 1. What did you do well?? What do you wish you did better?? Set some goals for yourself so you have an amazing Semester 2! Learn from your mistakes from the first half of the year and you will definitely see improvement. Even though Q3 can seem very LONG (It ends April 3), there are some positives! High school is no longer brand new. You have one semester DONE! That means you have learned a lot about what works and what doesn't. Take weaknesses from semester one and turn them into strengths for semester two! By setting goals for yourself, you will have a clear vision of what you want to accomplish over the next two months. What is preventing you from achieving these goals? Don't be afraid to ask for help (teachers, family, friends) so you can achieve your goals. Best of luck!

- Ms. Finnegan

## February Break Recommendations! By: Maggie

### TV Show Recommendation

Hillary Maxwell recommends the show "The Circle" on Netflix. She says, "You can't stop watching it!"

### Book Recommendation

Ms. Finnegan recommends the book "Scythe" book #1 in the "Arc of a Scythe" trilogy. It takes place in an alternate society where people no longer die of natural causes, and scythes are trained killers who must cut the population down every year. Ms. Finnegan says, "Everyone who reads it loves it! You won't be able to put it down!"

### Fun Activities for Break

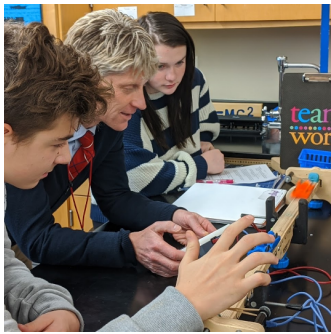
- Go to the movies
- Take a day trip into Boston
- Go on a bike ride
- Get your nails done
- Go skiing or sledding
- Spend time with your family!



## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Congratulations on making it through your first midterms ever! It's Matthew Theriault, your class president and I just wanted to talk about quarter 3. Quarter 3 is the time of year when everyone's grades tend to drop. This is because there are long stretches of school with little to no breaks other than February vacation, but also because the end is not in sight. With this in mind it is important that everyone works extra hard and finds way to keep their head in the game so that the misfortune of quarter 3 does not affect you. Other than that, there's really nothing to worry about. February vacation is in sight and spring is coming! - Matt





## TEACHER FEATURE: MEET MR. SERINO!

BY: CONNOR THOMPSON

Mr. Serino has been teaching at Masco as a science teacher for nearly 30 years! He encourages students to set goals, make positive change, and get involved in the Masco community through active participation in clubs, sports, and academic teams.

Mr. Serino created the peer leader program in 1996 in an effort to support freshman students as they navigate the difficult transition from middle school to high school. In the past, he has also served as a class advisor and coached

several sports including soccer, indoor track, and ultimate frisbee. In fact, he created the Ultimate Frisbee Program in 1998, along with then-student Ms. Finnegan. One of his fondest memories is winning the Division 1 state Ultimate tournament in 2014!

In his Introductory Physics class, Mr. Serino encourages "learning through discovery". He aims to "ignite a passion" for science by providing his students with hands-on lab activities that challenge them to work cooperatively to achieve a goal. His class is interactive, team-oriented, and allows students to re-awaken their curiosity regarding how science can explain many phenomena in everyday life.

When asked to offer advice to students, Mr. Serino emphasizes the need to ask for help when you need it. His favorite quote is "Tough times don't last forever, Tough people do!" He acknowledges that at some point, every freshman student is going to encounter obstacles on their journey through high school. The above quote emphasizes that despite the obstacles, all freshman students can utilize the strength within themselves and the support from trusted adults to push through the tough times and, in the end, achieve all of their life goals!

### January Trivia Answers!

1. This freshman fosters pit bulls until they can be adopted.  
**Nico Giacalone**
2. Name the freshmen who are broadcasters on the morning update this year. **Ethan Tierno, Dylan DiSisto, Connor Thompson, Lee Cusack, Julia Graves**
3. This freshman plays Philostrate in the winter production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" **Allison Bellardino**



## MEET DANIEL VONER!

Meet Daniel Voner! Daniel is on the Masconomet swim and dive team. Daniel swims the 500 freestyle and the 100 Butterfly. Daniel's favorite part about being on the swim team is the positive culture that surrounds the team. "The swim team's atmosphere is very uplifting and positive. It's a place where everybody is supportive and cheering you on." Overall, Daniel is a kind and talented teammate!

## February Dates



Monday, February 3: Delayed Start

Friday, February 7-9: Midsummer Night's Dream (Theatre Production)

Thursday, February 13: Jazz Concert

Thursday, February 13: Peer Leading Meetings

Friday, February 14: Valentine's Day

February 15-23: February Vacation

Thursday, February 27: Course Selection Assembly