HALFTIME HOMICIDE HINT FILES *One Puzzle Per Page

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FOAM FINGER

- 1. Examine the foam finger carefully. Look inside.
- 2. The cipher found inside is worked using hints taken from the finger itself.
- 3. Which way is the finger pointing?
- 4. What number is showing on the finger?
- 5. These provide instructions on how to shift the alphabet to crack the code.



FIGHT SONG

- 1. Notice how some of the letters are different colors. This is important.
- 2. The key to solving this puzzle is on the back of the fight song.
- 3. The letters on the back should spell the word Druid.
- 4. This is what you should do for all of the groups of letters in each stanza.



FOOTBALL FIELD

- 1. You have a list of plays on the clipboard that correspond to the football field.
- 2. On the back of the list of plays is the key to decoding the plays and translating each play into a letter.
- 3. Divide the field up according to the instructions.
- 4. The simplest way to do this might be simply writing, A=1-4, B=5-8, C=9-12, etc.
- 5. Move the ball up and down the field according to the directions in each play and write down the corresponding letter based on what yard line you end up on.
- 6. You will get several words from this that form a sentence.



PHOTO OF COACH MCCALL

- 1. Examine the photo closely.
- 2. This may involve removing it from the frame.
- 3. You should find something else in the frame along with the photo.
- 4. The puzzle provides instructions on how to use the extra item that talks about the Druid's beard.
- 5. Point the Druid's beard at the letter you are given in the instructions then pull the letters in the order you are told.
- 6. You will obtain two words.



SPREADSHEET OF STUDENTS

- 1. The main objective of the loose items is to determine the identity of Merlin, the Druid mascot.
- 2. You should have 4 facts about Merlin. These are taken from the Fight Song puzzle, the Football Field puzzle, the message inside the Foam Finger, and information obtained from the Spirit Ribbon.
- 3. When you eliminate students from the list based on those 4 criteria, you will be left with one name.
- 4. Pay special attention to the spirit ribbon it has a clue as to what graduation class Marlin is in.



WHO IS MERLIN?

- 1. Once you have solved the previous 4 puzzles and eliminated all but one student from the spreadsheet, you will have Merlin's true name.
- 2. The puzzle on the back of Coach McCall's photo will give you the correct location.



BLAISE THE JANITOR

- 1. Blaise the Janitor will talk to you and give you additional information if you can provide you are worthy.
- 2. The key word to pull from his hint is the word mouth.
- 3. You have something in your possession that relates to that word.
- 4. Move the item around on the sheet of letters according to the directions Blaise has given you.
- 5. You will end up with two words.



LOCKER

- 1. You need information from Blaise and information from the Missing poster to get into the locker.
- 2. The numbers on the back of the missing poster should correspond to a diagram you have.
- 3. Use the values of the correct numbers along with the information Blaise gives in his unlock to get the correct combination.



COMPUTER

- 1. Principal Skinner's fondness for John Philip Sousa tunes is the key to solving this puzzle.
- 2. Use the wave file on the Missing Poster and match it up to the note on her desk to obtain the password.
- 3. Focus on the highlighted parts.



FURNACE ROOM

- 1. Use the information Blaise provides along with the information on the back of the Missing Poster to gain access to this location.
- 2. You will need to examine the cheerleader's cheer to find a specific word to focus on.
- 3. Two images on the back of the Missing Poster will directly represent that word.
- 4. Translate accordingly to get the password to the furnace room.



GAINING ACCESS TO THE FIELDHOUSE

- 1. Once you have done everything there is to do inside the pencil pouch, you will be left with two suspects.
- 2. Use their first names to unlock.



WHERE WAS...?

- 1. Marcus saw something and will give you more information once you determine where he was.
- 2. Using the map of the school, follow the instructions he provides.
- 3. Narrow it down to one room.



GRID MAP

Using what Marcus tells you, follow the series of directions to determine the correct square on the map where you should search.

