

MHS NEWS - January 26th, 2018



UPCOMING DATES

1/26 - End of First Semester

2/5 - Report Cards going home

2/14 - Early Release Day

2/19 - 2/23 - February Vacation

2nd semester classes will begin on Monday!

Dear Parents and Guardians - Influenza is a viral illness that is widespread in every state at this time. When calling the absence hotline to report your child will be out, it would be very helpful to know if Influenza is suspected or has been diagnosed by your child's doctor. This will help the school to keep track of the prevalence of Influenza illness in our school. If you think your child may have Influenza, it can be diagnosed by a nasal swab test and medication called Tamiflu can be prescribed to shorten the duration and decrease the severity of the illness if taken within 48 hours of onset of symptoms. Call your medical provider if you suspect flu, and encourage children to cover their cough with their arm and practice good and frequent handwashing as a preventative measure. Nancy Sobanik, RN, BSN

The varsity cheering team is selling raffle tickets for 2 Valentine's Day Date Night packages. The first package includes a \$100 gift card to Bintliff's Restaurant, a \$50 gift card to a local florist, and 2 movie passes to Smitty's Cinemas. The second package includes 2 movie passes to Smitty's Cinemas, a \$25 gift card to a local florist, and a box of chocolates. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, and 5 for \$20 and can be purchased from a cheerleader or Coach Paradis. The drawing will take place on February 1st. Questions can be emailed to Coach Paradis at samanthaparadis@rsu57.org.

College Planning & Financial Aid Books in the Library

The library has five new books on college planning and financial aid for students wanting to attend college after graduating from Massabesic. These new books were published in 2018 and provide the most current and up-to-date information regarding the college planning process. Higher education is a key source of opportunity for many students. With these books students can peruse hundreds of colleges and universities to further their education. Students can also explore various avenues for paying for college, including student aid, scholarships, grants and tax credits. Stop by the library and check them out and start preparing for your exciting future!



Fiske Guide to Colleges 2018

Two-Year Colleges 2018

Four-Year College 2018

Getting Financial Aid: Scholarships, Grants, Loans, and Jobs 2018

Paying for College Without Going Broke 2018 Edition

GUIDANCE

Our Winter session of Credit Recovery School will begin on February 5th. It will run for 12 days from 2:10 - 4:10. This program is held to help students in completing work necessary to earn credit in a class from Semester 1. Please see flyer attached.

Seniors: Did you file your FAFSA and were you chosen for Verification? If so, check out the video FAME created to help explain the process: <https://www.famemaine.com/what-is-verification/>

Hold the date! Are you a junior or the parent of a junior who plans to apply to college *in the fall 2018*? Are you an underclassman or the parent of an underclassman who is interested in learning about the college application process? Then the College Planning Workshop, hosted by the MHS Guidance Department, is for you!

College Planning Workshop

When: Thursday, March 8, 2018

Where: Massabesic High School Auditorium

Time: 6:30 PM - College Search and Application Process

7:30 PM - The Financial Aid Process

Door Prizes will be distributed! (Snow date if needed, Wednesday, March 14, 2018)

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

World Language - French

FRANÇAIS À MASSABESIC

French I students have had a grammar focus since returning from vacation. They are exploring gender in French nouns and the use of le, la, l', les, un, une and des. They also have been focusing on verbs avoir, être and regular er verbs. This grammar and sentence formation allows them to talk about themselves, their characteristics and their school classes. Je m'appelle David. Je suis de Waterboro. J'ai 15 ans. J'adore parler français.

French II students have just finished skits based on their recent study of food and restaurant ordering. Groups presented small dialogues in French orally in class or they made videos for Apple TV and shared. The semester culminated with a viewing of RATATOUILLE. Everyone is ready to leave for Paris and to dine in a 5 star restaurant!!!

French III are studying French poet, Jacques Prévert. He wrote during the 20th century. They are reading and memorizing DEJEUNER DU MATIN and acting out skits based on this popular poem.

French IV is winding down the first semester with games and movies. They have been reading short stories and doing many activities to improve their language skills. They are listening and speaking as much as possible in French. Due to a schedule conflict, 5 of these seniors will not be able to finish the year so we are bidding them AU REVOIR and BONNE CHANCE.

World Language - Spanish

Spanish II- A Students are working on a Project "Shopping for clothing at the Mall."

The objective of this lesson is to have students creating a conversation entirely in Spanish, then present their work to the class. Students have two options, the dialogue can be presented live or video recorded. Students are expected to use the vocabulary, expressions, and grammar learned. The learning goals are: Presentational speaking/ interpersonal speaking.

Spanish I- A is working on presentational speaking. Students can handle short conversations in Spanish. They ask and answer simple questions about their classes using vocabulary and grammar learned.

MUSIC

The Music Department has been very busy over the last few months. Since our last write up students have participated in several events and concerts. In November, students auditioned for the Maine All-State ensembles and 4 students were accepted into the groups this year. Congratulations go to:

Mixed Choir: Isaiah Binimou, Emma Masse

Treble Choir: Alyvia Courmier

Bassoon: Aaron Brown

These student will be travelling up to Orono for three days in May in order to participate in these ensembles along with the best high school musicians around the state. Also in November, Aaron Brown had the opportunity to travel to Orlando, Florida to perform with the All-National Concert Band. This group is made up of students from all over the United States, and Aaron's acceptance makes him one of the best high school bassoon players in the country. Congratulations, Aaron!

In December, students put on their regular Winter Concert in the MHS auditorium. Students worked hard for their performances and it really showed off with all groups having solid performances.

Also in December, students from the choirs gathered at Sweet Frog in Biddeford Maine for an evening of christmas caroling. Students sang carols in the shop while people ate their sweets. This acted as a fundraiser with the department getting money every time someone made a purchase.

Last weekend several MHS students participated in the District 1 Maine Honors Festival. These students auditioned in October and were considered to be among the best musicians in our district. Students participated in either the Mixed Choir, Treble Choir or Concert Band. It was a great experience for all who participated and for their friends and family who were able to watch them perform at Noble High School.

Mixed Choir: Isaiah Biniou, Zolyia Nedzbala, Jared Walberg.

Treble Choir: Olivia Gerry, Amie Giles, Emma Masse, Olivia Mynahan, Madison Richards, Kayleen Turner, Lauren Weko.





Band: Zachery Bandle (clarinet), Alyssa Barfield (percussion), Aaron Brown (bassoon), Candace Lee (clarinet), Helen Philbrick (clarinet), Anastasia Vermette (flute)

Students in Chamber Singers have a unique opportunity this year to perform with a choir in another school district. In March the MHS Chamber Singers And the Noble Chamber Singers will be putting on a combined concert at Noble High School. This concert will feature music that requires two different choirs to perform. The music is especially challenging and the students are excited to do it. Also in March is what has become an annual elementary school tour where the singers will get to perform at all of the elementary schools. Students from the Band in addition to having a concert in April will also be participating in the MBDA Concert and Festival.

It is almost that time of year again for Chamber Singer Auditions. Auditions will be held during the last week of February, listen to the announcements for an exact date. Students interested in audition will be able to sign up on a sign-up sheet outside of Room 2. They will need to have a piece prepared to sing and be able to sight read and match pitch.

Upcoming Dates

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| February 28 | Chamber Singer Auditions |
| March 19 | Double Choir Concert @ Noble High School |
| March 27 | MBDA Concert Band Festival @ Scarborough High School |
| March 28 | Chamber Singers Elementary School Tour |
| April 5 | MHS Band Concert and UMO Symphonic Band Concert @ MHS |
| April 7 | CS - Requiem for My Mother@ Merrill Auditorium |

ATHLETIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday 1/27

MHS Boys Basketball @ Cheverus	12pm FT /1:30pm JV/3pmV
MOB Ice Hockey vs Kennebunk USM	8:10pm
MHS Wrestling vs. Sanford, Bonny Eagle, Marshwood	9am
MHS Cheering at Regional Finals Augusta Civic Ctr	10am

Tuesday 1/30

MHS Boys Basketball vs. Sanford	4pm FT/ 5:30pm JV / 7pm V
MHS Girls Basketball @ Maine Girls Academy	4:30pm JV / 6pm V
MOB JV Ice Hockey vs. Gorham / USM	3:50pm

Wednesday 1/31

MHS Wrestling @ Marshwood	5pm
MOB Ice Hockey @ Thornton Academy Biddeford Ice	3:25pm

Thursday 2/1

MHS Unified Basketball vs. Thornton Academy	4pm
Friday 2/2	
MHS Swim vs. Gorham @ UNE	4pm
MHS Boys Basketball vs. Biddeford	4pm FT/ 5:30pm JV / 7pm V
MHS Girls Basketball @ Biddeford	4:30pm JV / 6pm V

Saturday 2/3

Mob Ice Hockey @ Cheverus Troubh Arena	4pm
MHS Wrestling @ Biddeford	10am

Congratulations Wrestlers!

MHS Wrestling has had a very successful week. This past Wednesday night the Mustangs defeated Deering 62-12 and Scarborough 47-26. Last weekend the wrestlers traveled to Essex Vermont to compete in their annual tournament. The Mustangs placed second in the tournament which had schools from all over the Northeast. Abi Fitzgerald, Garrett Francoeur, Noah Hernandez, Matt Pooler, Micah Fitzgerald and Ethan Huff all had second place finishes. Ryan St. Laurent and Kyle Smith placed 6th. Great job Coach Derosiers and the MHS Wrestling team!

Indoor Track

We've had 3 school records fall this season and are within striking distance of several more. Syeira New broke the school 55m hurdles record, running 9.48. The old record was set in 2001, the same year Syeira was born! On the boys side, Jarrod Hooper broke the 600yd. record, in 1:19.49. He's currently top-5 in the state in that event. Finally, the Boys' 4x400 relay team of Blake Proctor, Sam Gonzalez, Tim Zimmerman, and Jarrod Hooper shattered the school record, running 3:50.14.

As for Wednesday's meet, the boys and girls both finished second of 4 teams, both beating Kennebunk and Marshwood. This was the final regular season meet, meaning that the girls finish the season with a record of 11-6...the most wins in school history (breaking last year's record of 8).

Both teams are looking to bring a healthy contingent to the conference and state championships, and are hoping to finish strong!