

MHS NEWS - November 2, 2018

UPCOMING DATES

- 11/9 5:30 - 7:30pm - Field Hockey Banquet in the East Gym
11/10 8:00am - 8:00pm - Project Grad. Scrapbooking Event in the Cafeteria
11/12 Veteran's Day - No school
11/15 6:00 - 7:00pm - Project Graduation Parent Meeting in the Library Media Ctr.
11/21 - 11/23 Thanksgiving Break
11/26 6:00 - 8:00pm - Curriculum & Instruction Community Information Night at the Middle School Cafeteria
12/5 Early release day
12/7 & 12/8 6:00pm - Drama Production in the Auditorium



ALL MEAL ACCOUNTS ARE TO BE USED AS A DEBIT ACCOUNT. PLEASE MAINTAIN A POSITIVE OR ZERO BALANCE. IN ORDER TO MAKE IT CONVENIENT FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS, ALL OF OUR CAFETERIAS ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH: Cash can be deposited into a student's meal account. Grades PreK - 8 please place cash in an envelope clearly marked with student's name and the \$ amount.

CHECKS: The cafeteria accepts checks made payable to "RSU 57 School Nutrition." There is a \$5.00 fee for each returned check.

ONLINE PAYMENTS: Please visit www.myschoolbucks.com to set up an account. Mobile apps are also available for IOS and Android.

**There is a small transaction fee of \$2.49 for making an online payment, however, if you deposit \$50.00 into a student's account, that student will earn a bonus meal that can be used to receive a free bonus meal.

MEAL PRICE BENEFITS: If you need financial assistance please visit www.myschoolapps.com. Families can apply or re-apply at any point during the school year.

PAYMENT PLANS: If you are struggling to pay off your child's negative balance, please contact the School Nutrition Office to set up a payment plan at 247-3221 x2257.

This is just to remind all students to please be prepared for the cold, dark walk to the bus stop in the morning. Please be sure to wear coats, hats, gloves and whatever you need to wear to be warm as winter approaches. Also, it can be a good idea to bring a flashlight to the bus stop, as it is dark out this time of year. It is also important that before you cross the road to please make sure cars have stopped, and you can safely load the bus. Stay Safe.

The first issue of the 2018-2019 [Mustang Stampede](#) is up!

There is a Veteran's Day Service at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale on Sunday November 11, at 11 am. It Marks the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. It will take place at the new WW1 Memorial.

The Curriculum & Instruction Community Information Night:

November 26th 6:00PM-8:00PM

Massabesic Middle School Cafeteria

All community members are encouraged to attend!

The event will be facilitated through the World Cafe Method. This means that community members will have the opportunity to explore multiple topics through several rounds of small-group conversation. Topics will include:

- Guiding Documents: College & Career Readiness Framework
- Programs: Extended Learning Opportunities, Farm to School
- Report Cards & Grading
- Assessments
- Nutrition & Community Outreach

GUIDANCE

Seniors - When applying to college, colleges want to see fall of senior year grades. Thus, at Massabesic High School, progress reports are the grades that are sent. Please keep those senior grades consistently high to show your best academic abilities!

Are you interested in Architecture? The University of Maine at Augusta has a Bachelor of Architecture Program and is hosting an Architecture Info Day on Saturday, December 8th from 9:30-noon. This event will take place at UMA's Handley Hall located in Augusta, Maine, and prospective students and families are all invited to attend. For more information and to RSVP to attend this event, [visit the UMA event page](#).

Seniors - On The Spot Admissions! This is a great opportunity for seniors to apply to colleges and to have the opportunity to impress a college in person. Please refer to the attached flyer for details on how to participate and an explanation of the benefits. Upcoming Admission Events: Southern Maine Community College, University of Southern Maine, University of New England, & University of Maine at Farmington. Sign up in Guidance ASAP!

Seniors and their Parents/Guardians - The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now available for filing and filing early is encouraged! Those who file earlier are likely to receive more financial aid than those who file later.

Need help filing the FAFSA? FAME (Finance Authority of Maine offers on-line help (FAMEmaine.com/FAFSA); phone help (1-800-228-3734). by email (education@famemaine.com).

Use this link for more information from FAME on [Filing the FAFSA](#).

Seniors - Register for the next SAT test:

TEST DATE: December 1, 2018

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 20, 2018

Register at Collegeboard.org

THIS IS THE LAST SAT TEST AVAILABLE FOR USE WITH MANY COLLEGE ADMISSION DEADLINES!

Seniors - Register for the next ACT test:

TEST DATE: December 8, 2018

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 19, 2018

Register at ACTStudent.org

THIS IS THE LAST ACT TEST AVAILABLE FOR USE WITH MANY COLLEGE ADMISSION DEADLINES!

Seniors and their Parents/Guardians: Concerned about the cost of a college education? Did you know that four Maine Universities offer Tuition Free programs for eligible Maine students who demonstrate financial need? Some limitations apply but check out the links below for more information - and know that as with many things, if interested, applying early is advised!

[University of Maine at Presque Isle](#)

[University of Maine at Fort Kent](#)

[University of Maine at Machias](#)

[University of Maine at Augusta](#)

Seniors and their Parents/Guardians: Want information about [Maine's Community Colleges](#)? Check out their website.

[Many majors](#) - related to careers in many industries (mechanical, technical, medical, business, and many more!) are available in ONE AND TWO year programs. Did you know that financial aid is available at all Maine Community Colleges, and that the [average cost for one year at a Maine Community College](#) for students who attend classes and live on campus can be as low as \$10,000 a year (varies by campus)? And if a student did not live on campus, for one year the average cost would be around \$5,000. A Maine Community College education can be an economical way to train for one's future career!