

MHS NEWS - December 14, 2018



UPCOMING DATES

12/17 7:00pm National Honor Society Induction Ceremony in the Auditorium
12/18 7:00 - 8:30pm MHS Choral Concert in the Auditorium
12/22 - 1/1 Winter break
1/16 11:45 Early release day
1/21 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Just a reminder as we are approaching the holidays, make sure to leave things at home that are valuable or things that are prohibited such as knives. Students often want to show their friends the gifts that they have received. If you don't need it, please leave it at home.

The Civil Rights Group promotes education about diversity. This week we would like to recognize some cultural and religious celebrations during this month.

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. The holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, games and gifts.

Winter Solstice is celebrated by some Native Americans and Atheist in North America. This year it is on December 21st. It is a celebration of the start of the solar year.

Christmas is celebrated by all Christians on December 25th. In some Latin American countries the celebration starts from December 16 and ends on January 6th. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Kwanza is a week-long inter faith celebration, and it honors African heritage in African-American culture. It is observed this year from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a feast and gift-giving.

Looking for Actors & Other Theatrical News

We are still looking for Actors for some roles in our upcoming One Act play, Sillyheart by Billy W. Boone! No experience is necessary and no preparation is needed for auditions! If you'd like to pick up a copy of the play to read over, please pick one up in room 1W. Our last round of auditions will be on **Monday, December 17th!** FMI Contact CatherineLeavitt@RSU57.org

GUIDANCE

Upward Bound is a program that provides extra support to students as they prepare for college - both with the applications process and on how to navigate educational systems. The program is free.

What does Upward Bound do?

- advise, assist, and support high school students in their pursuit of 2 or 4 year college
- provide fee waivers for SAT and college applications
- residential summer program on USM campus
- weekly in-school meetings

Who is eligible to participate in Upward Bound?

- current freshmen-juniors
- low-income students (often these students are eligible for free/reduced lunch)
- first generation in their family to go to college
- most importantly: students who want to go to college!*

For additional information, check out the [TRIO Upward Bound](#) section of the USM website.

Applications available in the MHS West Guidance Office.

The On The Spot Admissions event for SMCC has moved to January 9th. If you previously signed up for this event, your appointment will be transferred to January 9th. If you would now like to participate, please sign up in the WEST Guidance Office by January 4th.

Seniors and their Parents/Guardians: Some college application deadlines have passed but many others are in January and February. Now is the time to meet with your guidance counselor if you have not done so, and the time to work on those college applications. Please make note of deadlines! And ask your school counselor for help! We want to assist!

Seniors and Parent/Guardians: TWO Maine Community Colleges have waived the \$20 application fee for a limited time: SMCC Month of December—Free Application

YCCC From now until January 20th—Free Application
 And did you know that the following University of Maine System schools also have free applications:
 University of Southern Maine - Portland/Gorham
 University of Maine at Farmington
 University of Maine - Orono
 University of Maine at Augusta
 University of Maine at Machias
 University of Maine at Presque Isle
 University of Maine at Fort Kent

USA Employment Facts: The National Governor's Association produced a report in June 2018 that stated that 11.6 million jobs were created in the US between 2007 and 2016. Of that 11.6 million jobs, 11.5 million went to workers with some sort of post-secondary degree - whether that was a certificate, associates, bachelor's or other advanced degree. The report also stated that 65% of all jobs in the US in the next 10 years will require some form of post-secondary education. (Soergel, Andrew. "Training Beyond High School 'New Minimum for Succeeding'." *U.S. News & World Report*, U.S. News & World Report, 21 June 2018, 1:39PM, www.usnews.com/news/best-states/articles/2018-06-21/training-beyond-high-school-new-minimum-for-succeeding.)

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](#).

ATHLETICS

MHS Athletic / Activities Schedules 12/8 - 12/15

Saturday 12/15

MHS Wrestling @ Concord NH	9am	
MHS Indoor Track and Field @ USM		4:30pm
MOB Ice Hockey vs Lake Region @ USM	4:20pm	

Tuesday 12/18

Indoor Track Practice @ USM	6:30-8pm	(5:30pm Bus)
MHS Basketball vs Portland	JV Girls 3:30pm / JV Boys 5pm	/ V Girls 6:30pm / V Boys 8pm
MHS First Team Boys Basketball @ Portland	4pm	

Wednesday 12/19

MHS Wrestling @ Windham with Noble	6pm
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Thursday 12/20

Indoor Track Practice @ USM	6:30-8pm	(5:30pm Bus)
Girls Ice Hockey @ Brunswick (Bowdoin)	4:45pm	
MHS Boys Basketball vs Sanford	4 / 5:30 / 7pm	
MHS Girls Basketball @ Sanford	4:30pm / 6pm	
MOB Ice Hockey @ South Portland	(PIA)	6pm

Friday 12/21

MHS Swim vs. Scarborough @ St Joes	4pm
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Saturday 12/22

MHS Indoor Track and Field @ USM	8:30am
MHS Wrestling @ Cony Duals Tournament	9am
MOB Ice Hockey @ Gorham (USM)	8:20pm