

MHS NEWS - March 14, 2019

UPCOMING DATES

3/15	No school for students (staff inservice day)
3/18 & 3/19	Dental Clinic
3/20	7:30-10:10am Speak Out Contest
3/20	Progress Reports available in Synergy for students and parents
4/2	6:00pm Freshman Orientation Night in the Gym
4/3	11:45am Early Release Day
4/4	2:15-6:00pm Parent Teacher Conferences
4/9	Juniors will be taking the SAT
4/12-4/21	April Vacation



All students that attend SRTC: There will not be classes on 3/19 and 3/20. MHS students who attend SRTC only need to be here during their scheduled MHS classes.

We have an opportunity for your student to receive dental hygiene care at school. The second annual Tooth Protectors Dental Hygiene Clinic will be held on March 18th and 19th at Massabesic High School. If your student was seen in the fall, they will be called down again. If you wish to register your student for an evaluation and cleaning, please return the permission form as soon as possible with any insurance information or payment to Nancy Sobanik, School Nurse.

ENGLISH

Students in Accelerated Freshman English take turns writing articles for the Mustang Stampede. You can check out the latest edition here: [The Mustang Stampede!](#)

Sophomores have been working on our Holocaust unit. We've done a lot of historical background about the time period, and we are now getting into reading our Holocaust novel. Students are reading *Night* by Elie Wiesel or *Maus* by Art Spiegelman.

Students in Junior Lit. have been working on a grammar unit while reading *The Things They Carried*. They're working on SAT prep work as well.

In Accelerated American Lit. students finished their American Dream unit by working with F. Scott Fitzgerald's well-loved novel, *The Great Gatsby*. They're now diving into an extensive SAT Prep unit.

Career Prep Seniors have been working on a "Jobs" unit. They created a business website, platform, learned how to write effective advertising and correspondence, and will be practicing interviewing skills.

Students in World Lit. recently finished a study in Shakespeare by reading *A Midsummer Night's Dream* or *Macbeth*.

SOCIAL STUDIES

On Friday, March 8, AP Government had a facetime discussion with Brent Littlefield (<http://www.littlefieldconsulting.com/>) Republican Political Strategist. The focus of the discussion was how he uses Polling and Demographics in his work getting people elected.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Magaw on becoming a Maine Council for Social Studies Board Member. This is a great honor for Shawn who has worked tirelessly on curriculum development over the last few years.

GUIDANCE

SRTC Visit - Students who have applied to SRTC for next year have a field trip on March 20, 2019. Students will leave MHS at 7:30 AM and should listen to announcements at school for instructions. If parents *do not* want their child to attend this field trip, parents are asked to opt their child out by contacting Ms. Roy in the West Guidance office. Students are reminded of the following:

- Dress casually, neatly, and appropriately for the program to which you are applying.
- Remember to be on your best, polite behavior
- Ask questions about the program to show your interest
- Pay attention to the SRTC instructors and personnel
- Engage in any activities that are offered

Remember, instructors want students who want to learn, who will engage in their learning, and who will enhance the learning environment.

Seniors: Financial Aid is a big part of the college process. On the attached flyer, FAME has 5 questions to ask your college financial aid office. Understanding your financial aid award and comparing financial aid awards is another part of the process. Please see the attached FAME flyer on comparing award letters.

Reminder From College Financial Aid Offices - If you have applied to college, make sure you are checking your email - the email the college gave you - for deadlines and announcements. Missing an email or not responding to an email could cost you an opportunity or access to some money for college! And parents, these emails are being sent to your student - not to you. Please make sure your student has set up his/her college account and that your student is checking the college email at least once a week.

Seniors and Parents: The local scholarship packets were given to seniors on Wednesday, March 13th, during advisory. The same packet, as well as some additional information and scholarships, has been uploaded to the MHS Guidance Department website under [Scholarships](#). Remember - Details and Deadlines Matter!

Progress Reports will be updated and active in each student's SYNERGY account on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. If you do not have access to your student's SYNERGY account, please email Ms. Audree Roy at audreeroy@rsu57.org. Please include your name, your email address, and your child's full name.

Reminder: As required by the Maine Department of Education, juniors will be taking the SAT test during the school day on April 9th. Students can participate in individualized practice for the SAT by logging into their Collegeboard account and then linking to Khan Academy.

Please share: Save the Date - Freshmen Orientation for 8th grade parents and students will occur on the evening of April 2, 2019. More information to come.