

MHS Weekly Announcements - March 17th, 2017



Upcoming Dates

3/17 & 3/18 - One Act play performance, "The Storm" at 6pm - Auditorium

3/20 - MHS Boosters Meeting, 6:30pm - Library

3/22 - MHS Prom Project, 2pm - East Gym

3/31 - Tooth Protectors

4/5 - Junior SAT testing

2017/2018 Course registration forms are now due!! Please submit your course selection sheet to your English teacher or the Guidance Department ASAP to ensure the best chance of getting the courses requested.

On Wednesday, March 22nd any student needing a gown for prom can attend the MHS Prom Project. The event will run from 2-4pm in the East Building gymnasium. Dresses are free of charge and can be tried on. Come check out our selection of dresses in various styles, colors, and sizes. For more information, please contact Jennifer Landez at Massabesic Middle School.

The new issue of the Mustang Stampede is up! Please check out a couple articles and leave a comment if possible! Highlights from this issue include: historical context about St. Patrick's Day, local events, recaps of the Grammy's and Oscars, the results of the technology survey we sent out last week, and an interesting article about being a high school student and holding a job.

themustangstampede.blogspot.com

Did you know your child can be seen by a dental hygienist at school for an oral exam and dental cleaning? Tooth Protectors will provide these services in the Fall and Spring. Our next clinic is scheduled for Friday, March 31, 2017. If you do not currently have a dental provider and want to use this resource, please fill out the attached permission form and return it to the school nurse, Nancy Sobanik. Be sure to include Mainecare or insurance information, or enclose a payment check if self-pay. Please call 247-3141, ext. 2215 if you have questions for the school nurse!

Department Highlights

NJROTC

Some of our cadets are busily preparing for the SATs by participating in the NJROTC free SAT prep course through Peterson Associates.

In Naval Science one, first year cadets are gaining proficiency in targets for government and civics. Naval Science two cadets are wrapping up targets in World War II in the Atlantic before moving to the Pacific theater of operations in World War II. Naval Science three cadets are finishing up ship construction and damage control, while Naval Science four cadets continue to learn from their study of medal of honor recipients.

Massabesic NJROTC cadets boarded the DownEaster AMTRAK on 26 January in route to Boston's North Station. While in Boston, the cadets replenished with lunch at Quincy Market and its giant food court. Next stop, a subway ride on Boston's "T" (TUBE) to Harvard Yard and the university's Natural History Museum. Established in 1998 as the public face of three research museums, the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University Herbaria, And the Mineralogical and Geological Museum, the Museum exhibits world-class collections and the research of scientists at the University. The Harvard Museum of Natural History was a terrific learning experience for all, and it promoted an excitement for the sciences.

After a campus excursion and a photo “op” with Harvard’s Founder, the cadets returned to Quincy Market for supper. The cadets then boarded AMTRAK for a relaxing transit back home. The cadet leadership had superbly planned and executed a field trip that was both educational and fun!



Also in January, five five-cadet teams from Massabesic participated against over 600 Navy JROTC Schools from around the country and from overseas. Massabesic’s team number one placed in the top 10% of all teams. The team of Brendan Byther, Michaela Callahan, Rachael Raymond, Ivalani Callahan and Katelynn Rosa matched their knowledge of naval subjects with the best in the NJOTC program-they demonstrated Pride in Mustang Nation with their exemplary showing!

Special recognition goes to cadets Katelynn Rosa and Michaela Callahan who placed first in the Lions Club speak out under the tutelage of our own gifted and talented teacher, Mrs. Hawes.

On 31 March 2017, Cadets will bus to leadership challenge weekend hosted by Maine Maritime Academy. Cadets will spend Friday through Sunday to April competing against cadets from Army, Navy and Air Force JROTC units. They will compete in physical training, drill competition, land and sea navigation exercises, water survival skills, uniform inspections, leadership exercises, teamwork events, spirit demonstrations, and problem-solving scenarios.

With great support from parents and community members, NJROTC hosted a highly successful spaghetti supper last Friday evening, raising over \$1000 for future activities, including the Military Ball in Rochester, New Hampshire on 7 April and a visit to a planetarium and space exploration center in Concord, New Hampshire.



The following students participated in the Speak Out Contest at MHS this week. The three 1st place winners will move on to the Regional Level Contest being held at the Waterboro Lions Club Thursday night, March 30th. **ALL** of these students deserve your congratulations for having the courage and commitment to participate.

Students deliver a self-written 4-6 minute speech by memory on a topic of their choosing and answer 2 questions from the judges on the spot following their speech that require more than mere recall, but rather some reasoning and application of their knowledge on the subject of their speech.

<u>MHS</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1st place	Callahan, Mikaela	Effects of Representation
	Levesque, Benjamin	How Pretzels are Like People
	McLaskey, Cheyenne	Freedom of Speech
1st place	Rosa, Katelynn	The Buzz, Crops, and Pesticides
1st place	Shubert, Kate	Are You Offended?
	Souliere, Mikel	What Kindness Means to Me
	Trafton, Jason	Arming of Teachers
2nd place	Waters, Jeffery	Current Grading and Education System

Guidance Department

Class of 2018 Students & Parents - Just a reminder that the school day SAT's will be held on April 5th. For those of you that are looking to practice for the big exam I would encourage you to check out Khan Academy, a free online tool. Please be sure to note that students must create a College Board Account prior to using Khan Academy. The link can be found here <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat> . We encourage you to review your previous PSAT exam that was held this past fall. For more information please see your guidance counselor.

On April 12th all 11th grade students will also be participating in the state mandated MEA science exam. Please contact your guidance counselor for more information.

Seniors - Having trouble comparing financial aid award letters? The Comparing Costs and Financial Aid Worksheet from FAME will help! Please see attached document.

Senior Scholarship Packets - Local scholarship packets were handed out to seniors this week. Any senior who did not receive a packet should stop by the guidance office to pick one up. There are local scholarships available to students who are heading to trade schools, community colleges, 4-year schools and even a few for students who plan to work in a trade after graduation. We encourage all students to review the packet to see what they might be eligible to apply for! Application deadlines vary; the earliest deadline is March 30th. Scholarship information is also available on the MHS guidance website.

College Planning Night for Juniors - MHS counselors held a college planning night for Juniors and their parents/families on Thursday, March 17th. Thank you to all students and parents who were in attendance! For those unable to make it to the presentation, materials from this evening are posted on the MHS guidance website.

Activities Announcements 3-17 / 3/25

Friday 3/17

MHS Drama Performance of The Storm 6pm

Thursday 3/23

SMAA Sportsmanship Summit- South Portland High School 8am

Spring Band Concert- MHS Auditorium 7pm

Spring Sports Begin!! In spite of what it looks like outside, Baseball and Softball Pitcher and Catchers report for practice this Monday. Softball will be in the gym at 2:15pm. Baseball will follow at 4:30pm.

The following Monday, 3/27, the remaining spring sports teams report for practice. Students interested in signing up for a spring sport should visit the Athletic Office for more information.

Congratulations SMAA Citizenship Award winners

Annually the Southwestern Maine Activities Association recognizes two Senior Athletes from each school for their contributions to their teams, their schools and their communities. This years representatives from Massabesic High School are Emma Desrochers and Tyler Stinson. Congratulations Tyler and Emma!

Spring Sports Revtrak Registrations

Pitchers and Catchers for Baseball and Softball Begin on Monday, March 20th. All other spring sports practices begin on Monday, March 27th. All spring sports registrations and clearances should be completed by Monday, March 13th to ensure a smooth start to the season. Reminder all athletes must have a current physical on file with the MHS nurse Mrs. Sobanik (2 years), and proof of insurance.

MHS Boosters

The MHS Athletic boosters is always looking for volunteers for events and fundraising. Click on this link to see where you might be able to jump in and help! <http://signup.com/go/h2PMTN>. Monthly MHS Boosters meetings are held in the MHS Library on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm. All are welcomed to attend.