

MHS Weekly Announcements - March 24th, 2017

Upcoming Dates

3/31 - Tooth Protectors

4/5 - Junior SAT testing

4/5 - Early Release Day

4/6 - Parent/Teacher conferences, 2:15-6pm



The State of Maine requires seniors to attend school 170 days. In order to meet this requirement we need to make up lost time. Seniors have to make up a total of *15 hours* in order to meet this requirement. Hours are to be made up between March 20th and June 2nd. Senior contracts were distributed on Monday with different available options and are due today with the choices they made on how they plan to make up the hours. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Ms. Audree Roy at audreeroy@rsu57.org.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on April 6th from 2:15-6pm. Please mark your calendars to meet individually with your son/daughter's teachers. If you have Internet access, you can obtain a parent sign up guide or tutorial at the following webpage: <http://goo.gl/VKDHRx>. This guide will provide you with an example, and detailed step-by-step explanation of how to work through the signup process.

To go "live" and sign up for your conferences, click on the blue box to the right side of the tutorial page link mentioned above. The box is labeled "Massabesic High School Conference Scheduler." This information is also located on the MHS website.

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!

Nasson Bike Center is looking for volunteers! The Nasson Bike Center is a resource for local youth looking for a bike, fix a bike, needing some community service time, or wanting to learn some mechanical and problem solving skills. We are looking for volunteers to mentor our kids as they rebuild bikes making them safe and reliable. There is no requirement that the volunteer participate a certain number of hours. It is helpful that they participate on a regular schedule. Contact: nassonbikes@gmail.com.

<https://nassonbikes.wordpress.com/trips-for-kids-nasson-community-bicycle-center/>

Attention Seniors!!! Class dues need to be paid ASAP. The dues are \$75. The price will not increase from that amount. 131 students still need to pay dues. This amounts to almost \$10,000 that we desperately need to pay for end-of-year expenses. If you're not sure if your dues have been paid, please email jaimessmith@rsu57.org.

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to the Class of 2017 Top Ten Percent:

Valedictorian: Leah Ryan

Salutatorian: Hope Saucier

Honor Essayist: Emma Desrochers

The remaining Top Ten Percent students are: Kyra-Mei Cartwright, Grady Connolly, Abigail Darling, Grace Gile, Zachariah Harding, Kathleen Harper, Devyn Heathcote, Morgan Houk, Sarah Howe, Emily Kelley, Joanna LaFrance, Anna Lane, Gabrielle Langlois, Emily Levesque, Lydia Marcotte, Lindsey Marquis, Michelle Radley, Aspen Reinauer, Elizabeth Schepis, Natalie Thayer, Jessica Toomey, Thyme Whitten and Colby Williams. Congratulations!!!!

Department Highlights

Social Studies

Mr. Poulin's AP US History students will be taking the annual trip to Gettysburg, Antietam and Harpers Ferry April 12-15.

Sophomore US History students have completed their unit on Civil Rights and are currently working on a unit relating to America's Role in the World, 100 Years of Involvement 1917-2017.

21st Century: We just recently finished a movie trailer assessment. Students put their creativity to great use on making a movie trailer showing showing how the events that ended World War II impacted Soviet Union/United States relations going into the Cold War. We had students create comedy movie trailers, action movie trailers as well as romantic comedies.

Psychology: Students recently learned about the parts of the brain and their impact on behavior. Students created in-class presentations on case studies regarding brain injury. Many students looked at the new concussion rules for professional sports while others looked at different brain disorders. We are moving on to memory and conditioning and how it is used in an educational setting and teaching tasks.

AP Courses are beginning to wrap up new materials and preparing to review for exams in May. AP social studies test dates are as follows:

May 1 PM - AP Psych

May 4 AM - AP Government

May 5 AM - AP US History

May 12 PM - AP Euro

Science

On March 21st, students from Ms. Pennell's Science Workshop class taught a science lesson in Mrs. Hamlin's class at Shapleigh Elementary School. The high school students taught a lesson on waves to the fourth graders. This is the first lesson for this class and they did an excellent job providing multiple ways for the students to learn about waves. The lesson included interactive activity stations, a "Simon Says" game, and a Kahoot. Thank you to the following students for making this possible: Alyssa Aubut, Guinevere Cote, Hunter Piknick, Chelsea Pinkham and Mason Cantara.



Guidance Department

Parents - Is the plan for your child to go into college? Are you unsure how to support your child on this journey? Maybe the resources on Big Future would be helpful. Check it out to see if this is a resource for you.

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents?ep_ch=PR&ep_mid=11357182&ep_rid=59345782

10th Grade College Field Trips

The 10th grade College visit field trip is upon us! Through a grant funded by MELMAC, MHS is able to bring the entire Sophomore class on a field trip each year to visit a college campus. The purpose of this trip is to have students tour a college campus and realize opportunities for their post secondary plans. This year's field trips are taking place on Wednesday, April 12, 2017. Each student will get to tour two campuses. Students were given permission slips in advisory which announces the schools they are going to be visiting. Permission forms need to be returned to the Guidance office by Friday, March 31st. Please note your child's trip return time as some trips will return after 2pm. Students who return after 2pm will be eligible to ride the activity bus if needed. Lunch and snacks are provided for students at no charge.

AP Students

Parents of AP Course students: Notices were mailed home earlier this week if you still have an outstanding balance on your student's exam fees. These final payments were due on March 10th. We need to collect the remaining balance ASAP. Please send your child to Guidance with checks made out to Massabesic High School. Thank you!

Scholarship Info for Seniors

Local scholarship packets were handed out to all seniors last week. Students who did not receive a packet can pick one up in the guidance office. The packet contains information for students to apply for 70+ local scholarships. We also encourage students to check in the scholarship listing in Naviance as well as follow MHS Guidance (@MHSGuidance57) on Twitter for scholarship announcements.

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.

Activities Announcements 3/24

Spring Sports begin Monday. Students are still able to register for Spring Sports but have to be cleared by our school nurse before beginning practice.

Congratulations to the following students who represented MHS at the SMAA Student Athlete Summit. They represented MHS with dignity and class and were leaders throughout the day in the activities they participated in.

Skylar Renaud	Ben Samson
McKenzy Ouellette	Winter Whitten
Emily Stinson	Jakob Saucier
Madison Pomerleau	Nick Roberge
Grace Tutt	Jason Guinard

An amazing group of kids to spend the day with!

Congratulations to Emma Desrochers and Tyler Stinson for being named the MHS SMAA Citizenship Award recipients. Each year the SMAA recognizes two senior student athletes from each school for their outstanding contributions to the school community. Emma and Tyler will be recognized for their contributions to MHS at the annual Citizenship Banquet on April 11th. Great job Tyler and Emma! You very much deserve this recognition.