

## MHS NEWS - March 31st, 2018



### UPCOMING DATES

**4/3 - State Math Meet, Augusta**

**4/3 - MEA Testing**

**4/5 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 2:15-6:00pm**

**4/5 - MHS Band Concert and UMO Symphonic Band Concert @ MMS**

**4/13 - Staff In Service Day / No school**

**4/16 - 4/20 - April Break**

**After much thought, research and discussion**, the School Board voted to make the last day of school for students 6/22/18 with a dismissal time of 12pm. We will be changing our previously scheduled Early release days on 4/4 and 5/16 to full school days.

**Parent/Teacher Conference Sign ups now available!** 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 sign-up 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.

*Freshman Parents: Please note you should only select ONE conference for your son or daughter's specific team. If your child has an off team teacher, please stick to the team where the majority of their classes are based. In addition to the TEAM conference, you may also opt to meet with the elective teachers such as Wellness, World Languages, Music, Technology, Art, etc.*

Conference names with designation (EAST) are to make you aware of the building location so you can coordinate your building location effectively.

If you do not have the access to complete this sign up process, please contact Guidance Secretary, Amanda Cormier at 247-3141 ext. 2217, or email, [amandacormier@rsu57.org](mailto:amandacormier@rsu57.org) and she will arrange your schedule. If you need an email address added to your household information, Ms. Cormier will also be glad to update that for future correspondence.

**Mustang Theatre is planning a Theatre Showcase for Friday, May 31st.** We are looking for self-motivated, energetic and enthusiastic theatre folk, new and old to join us on Mondays from 2-4pm, starting April 2nd. The showcase will be short performances that are student directed and possibly student written. If you have an idea for a skit, short story or monologue or would like to act, direct or share something you've written, please contact Mrs. Leavitt. This is a way for students to ease into our after school theatre program. New students are encouraged to join.

**Mustang Theatre has planned the show lineup for next year** and information packets are available in Mrs. Leavitt's classroom as well as scripts for the plays next year. We will be performing one comedy and one tragedy. Anyone new to theatre is encouraged to pick up the info packet before the end of this school year as auditions will be held shortly after school starts in the fall.

**Project Graduation Spring Hanger sale is here!** Money and forms are due by Friday, May 4th. Please see attached order form.

### **A Note from the School Nurse:**

Just an fyi for all parents, and those taking their children to the doctor in the upcoming months:

There will be new state mandated vaccine requirements going into effect this coming 2018-19 school year. The state legislature has "provisionally adopted" a rule change for Chapter 126/261 (LD 1664) Immunization Requirements for School Children. A letter from the Maine CDC will be forthcoming when the rule passes the Senate and the House:

Quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4): Effective for the start of school year 2018, one dose of MCV4 is required for children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Any child entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade is required to receive two doses of MCV4. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the second dose shall have been received on or after the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, at least eight weeks after the first dose. If the first dose is administered when the child is 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required.

This link explains the Meningococcal vaccine:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/mening/index.html>

In addition, all incoming grade 7 students must have the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) booster shot.

Please ask your doctor to give you an updated immunization record to send to Nancy Sobanik, RN, Massabesic High School nurse, along with a physical and clearance (if required for sports or other activities). All grade 12 students will be required to provide documentation of immunization with the MCV4 vaccine. Thank you!

**Volunteer opportunities available with Queen of Hearts Thoroughbred Retirement!** Duties include: Barn work, cleaning stalls, cleaning paddocks, feeding horses, grooming horses, training horses for experienced students. Fundraising activities, farm maintenance, community outreach programs, grant writing, learning about how to run a farm, learning about horse care and veterinary care.

For more information, students may go to our website: [QHTR.org](http://QHTR.org) They can fill out a volunteer application as well as a liability waiver, and call [207-432-0929](tel:207-432-0929) to schedule a time to come out to the farm.

**The 2018 Prom Project was a success!** Students were able to choose from 100+ gowns and accessories to find the perfect look for prom. Accessories included tiaras, earrings and bracelets. A few MHS students volunteered at the event, and 8th grade girls from Hardy Girls groups helped out as well. About 13 girls left with dresses to wear to either prom, homecoming, and/or the Military Ball.

### **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

Congratulations go to Ryan Castonguay who was chosen to receive the Massabesic Lions Club Youth award!! Ryan will be attending the Annual Youth recognition awards night on April 26th at the Massabesic Lions Club Regional Medical Center in Waterboro. Way to go Ryan!!



## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### ART

Please see attached newsletter from the MHS Art Department!

### NJROTC



Massabesic High School's NJROTC unit conducted their Annual Inspection on March 29, 2018. The inspection is an annual requirement with a formal report sent to the Naval Service Training Command, Pensacola, FL with a copy to the Superintendent of RSU#57. The inspection looks at all areas of the Unit to include school support, administration of the program, academic program, reports and records, cadet performance, and student mentorship. During the visit the cadets form up for a uniform inspection with awards for outstanding personal appearance, perform a formal parade and drill demonstration, present supply and admin programs, and brief the inspecting officer on the state of the program. Members in the NJROTC unit at Massabesic have been practicing and preparing for this moment all year, to make sure every shoe was shined, movement mastered, and knowledge of the maritime heritage of the Navy learned, all for inspection day. NJROTC curriculum emphasizes citizenship and leadership development among its cadets, through the teachings of structured courses and extracurricular activities, all done to teach our future leaders of the community. The curriculum lived up to its purpose at the inspection when cadets were able to demonstrate the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. The ceremonial phase was open to the public and was well attended by staff, administrators, parents and school board members. The inspecting official this year was CDR Craig Baranowski from Falmouth, Maine.



Twenty-nine (29) students from Massabesic's Naval Junior Officer Training Corps attended a Leadership Challenge Weekend during the first weekend of Spring 2018. While most families in the RSU#57 area are enjoying the annual event of Maple Sunday, NJROTC cadets were involved in physical fitness, team

building and leadership activities in Castine, Maine. The cadets participated in a number of events including, hands on Engineering Experience, Marine Biology Lab, Survival Suit Swim, Physical Fitness session with an active duty Marine Corps Drill Instructor, Ship Bridge Simulator (driving a ship), and much much more. There were more than 170 cadets from 8 programs throughout the state of Maine and New Hampshire.

The purpose of Leadership Challenge Weekend is to emphasize all the attributes of the NJROTC program outside of the school environment. Building confidence, enhance leadership skills and to develop a sense of responsibility and independence. The training was not all work, the cadets put their team building skills together at a Leadership Challenge Olympics where cadets competed against other platoons in many different physical fitness activities. This included tug of war, dodgeball, capture the flag, relay races, etc... The cadets also enjoyed sleeping onboard the TS State of Maine, Maine Maritime Academy's training ship, a unique experience. Their meals were provided by Maine Maritime Academy's dining facility, rated one of the best in the nation for college/university quizes. Every meal offered multiple entree's, fresh fruit, fresh salad bar, and an over abundance of deserts to entice anyone's pallet.

Even though the course was only three days in length, these cadets walked away with more than just leadership experience. They walked away with lasting friendships and the true knowledge of what it takes to be a leader.

## **GUIDANCE**

**Final day to turn in your course sign up sheets for the 2018/2019 school year is MONDAY.** If students don't turn in a sheet, their classes will be picked for them. Please see your Guidance counselor if you need assistance.

### **College Planning Workshop**

We were glad to see many families at the College Planning Workshop on Wednesday night. For those unable to attend, the [presentation and resources](#) have been posted on our website.

**Juniors: Thinking about applying to college next year?** Visiting college campuses is a great step in the college search process. Attached is information about college open house events at many two year and four year colleges within Maine. Want to visit another college? Check out a college's website for information on events or how to arrange a visit.

**The Portland Sea Dogs are hosting a College Fair in the Hadlock Field Concourse** before that evening's baseball game on Thursday, May 10th from 3-5PM. Each student who signs up to attend will receive (2) two free General Admission tickets to the College Fair and to the Sea Dogs game! Sign up in the West Guidance office by Wednesday, April 10th. Additional tickets are available for purchase at the Sea Dogs' Ticket Office, by phone at (207) 879-9500, or on the website: [seadogs.com](http://seadogs.com).

### **Summer Opportunities**

Now is the time to start thinking about summer opportunities!

In fact, a few programs have application deadlines that are quickly passing. For a list please [see our website](#).

### **Notice to Juniors**

*April 3rd* - All juniors will be taking the MEA Science Exam blocks 1 & 2. AM Voc students will not attend SRTC that day.

*April 10th* - All juniors will be taking the SAT during blocks 1-3. AM/PM Voc students will not attend SRTC that day.

**Reminder to Seniors: The local scholarship packet was handed out a couple weeks ago** and while a few scholarship deadlines are passing, the largest deadline is April 11th. If you have any questions about scholarships, please see Mrs. Cormier (MHS West Guidance) or Ms. Schutte (MHS East Guidance).

