

## **MHS NEWS - April 1st, 2016**

### **Upcoming Dates**

4/3 - Girls Lacrosse Spring Clean-up day Fundraiser (see attachment)

4/5 - Project Graduation Meeting, 6pm- Library

4/6 - Talent Show, 6-9pm - Auditorium

4/7 - Parent-Teacher Conferences / Financial Aid Presentation, 6:30

4/9 - NHS Highlighter Dance, 7pm

4/12 - SAT's for Juniors at MHS

### **Updates for all MHS Parents/Guardians:**

**The MHS Parent-Teacher Conference evening will be held on Thursday, April 7th from 2:15-6:00pm.** As you know MHS has implemented an online system to streamline the process for signing up to visit with your son and/or daughter's teachers. If you haven't signed up please go to conferences by going to <http://goo.gl/VkdhRx> and clicking on the "Massabesic High School Conference Scheduler box" on the right side of the page there still may be slots available. Thanks very much!

**We have had some problems with creating the 9th grade honor roll through Empower.** It will be posted early next week. Our apologies.

**To All 3rd Year Parents/Guardians** the SAT is being administered free of charge to all 3rd-year students (juniors) at MHS on April 12. This also doubles as the state assessment. Juniors will be dismissed at approximately 12:30 when the test ends. Juniors who cannot leave because of transportation needs will be allowed to wait for the bus in a relaxed study. **Seniors who are not in academic difficulty, will not have school on April 12 so as to assist with having the best testing set-up possible.** Senior SRTC students will need to only go to their regularly scheduled SRTC Program this day. Freshmen and sophomores will attend their regularly scheduled classes.

**Let your light shine!** Our National Honor Society is hosting a Highlighter Dance at MHS on Saturday, April 9, with the doors open at 7pm. The funds from this dance will support scholarships. Cost is \$10 for 1 ticket or \$15 for 2.

**Our National Honor Society is collecting for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society** with a Pennies for Patients fundraiser. Collection boxes are in each advisory through April 14. The school goal is to collect \$650 (roughly \$10 per advisory) If we reach this goal the advisory that collects the most money earning a pasta meal here at school from Olive Garden. Yummmm!

**Please check out the Student Help Desks newest Tech Help blog post at:**  
<http://rsu57techdesk.blogspot.com/2016/03/what-is-udemy.html>

**Prom tickets are on sale now!!** Prom is May 14th! Tickets are currently being sold during lunch at the concession stand for the next two weeks.

### **Guidance Info**

**10th Grade Families** - MHS 10<sup>TH</sup> graders will be taking our annual College Visit Field Trip on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> visiting one or two colleges either in Maine, Massachusetts or New Hampshire. This opportunity allows our sophomores to get a feel for the environment and culture of a post-secondary educational setting

firsthand. Transportation and lunch are provided at no cost as this exciting opportunity is sponsored by a grant MHS receives from the MELMAC Educational Foundation. Over the last five years we have found this opportunity greatly benefit all MHS 10th Graders. **If you do not wish for your son or daughter to attend please download, fill out and return the attached Opt-Out form to MHS Guidance by Monday, April 4th.** Thanks!

**This is the academic plan for all 10<sup>th</sup> Graders on April 6<sup>th</sup>. If you decide that your son/daughter will not be attending this trip, we advise you to keep your son/daughter home. 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who do not attend this trip and will be assigned to study halls.**

**Did you know that starting with the 2017-2018 college year**, the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be filed starting with October 1, 2016? Since this is so early in the senior year for the Class of 2017, MHS is hosting a Financial Aid Night for JUNIORS, THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS, AND OTHERS on April 7, 2016, at 6:30 PM, in the MHS West Auditorium. We strongly encourage juniors, their parents/guardians, and others to attend to learn about the financial aid process that will quickly be here!

Financial Aid FAFSA Filing Chart by College Year of Attendance

Academic College Year	FAFSA Filing Date	HS Graduating Class
2016-2017 College Year of Attendance	January 1, 2016	Class of 2016, 2015, and before
2017-2018 College Year of Attendance	October 1, 2016	Class of 2017, 2016, and before
2018-2019 College Year of Attendance	October 1, 2017	Class of 2018, 2017, and before

*Parents/Guardians of sophomores or freshmen who would like to learn about the college financial aid process are welcome to attend.*

**We are hosting a Seminar concurrently with the Parent Teacher Conference on Thursday, April 7th.** MHS Guidance will host the **"Getting There from Here"** college planning seminar at two convenient times- 5:00pm. and 5:45pm. This opportunity gives you the chance to visit with teachers **AND** attend this fact-filled college planning seminar in the auditorium!

Seminar Topics:

- Presentation on the College Admissions Process
- Strategies for researching and applying to colleges
- Learn what colleges look for in prospective students
- Tips on optimizing your chances for admission

If you cannot attend this seminar, information will be posted on the Guidance website shortly after this presentation. Please call your son or daughter's Guidance Counselor for more information.

### **HEY MHS SENIORS AND FAMILIES!**

The Educators for Maine Program is a competitive, merit-based, forgivable loan program for Maine students pursuing careers as teachers, child care providers or school speech pathologists. Students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by May 1, and the completed Educators for Maine application must be postmarked on or before May 1. The application may be accessed through this link - <http://goo.gl/ZG16sr>

## **Student Spotlight**

**Congratulations to all students participating in the Lion's Club "Speak Out" Contest!** Many outstanding speeches were shared. Four Mustangs have been chosen to move on to the regional level of the Lions Club Speak Out Contest this coming Wednesday. Congratulations go to:

Mikaela Callahan - *The Truth About the Current Issue of Minority Mistreatment*

Cheyenne McLaskey - *Should Andrew Jackson be on the \$20?*

Kyle Myers - *2016 Presidential Election*

Kate Shubert - *The Power of Words*

Jeffery Waters - *Abortion Awareness*

Super job!

**Congratulations go to our Science Olympiad Teams for their efforts at the competition this past Saturday.** Our students placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall and scored in six individual events as follows:

Gold in Air Trajectory: Natalie Thayer & Devin Adams

Silver in Anatomy & Physiology: Natalie Thayer & Cassie Gilham

Silver in Hydrogeology: Nate Baert

Silver in Invasive Species: Jane Petit & Aaron Leach

Bronze in Geology Mapping: Aaron Brown & Emily Ireland

Bronze in Protein Modeling: Devin Adams & Kate Schubert

Well done!

**Lucian Fitts is our school's nominee for this years Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY),** which will take place June 3-5, 2016, at the University of Maine at Farmington! Congratulations, Lucian!

**Alyssa Crowell and Jane Pettit** have been honored for their exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award. This award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve our communities and country. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is granted on behalf of President Barack Obama. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service. "The recipients of these awards demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities," said John Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. Super job Alyssa and Jane!!



## **MHS Department Highlights**

### ***Math Department***

- Algebra 1 students are finishing their study of scatter plots, correlation and making predictions based on a line of best fit. In one class a competition was held to determine, which student could create the closest line

of best fit with another math teacher judging after the students discussed all entries. It was a close call! Up next for Algebra 1 students is the unit on systems of equations. The focus of this unit is to choose an efficient method to solve a system of equations and to understand the meaning of the solution.

- AP Calculus and AP Statistics students are down to the last few class days before their AP exams and should be reviewing and practicing daily!

- Algebra 2 students will be finishing their unit on different parent functions before April Vacation. Up next is creating new functions using parent functions. They will use transformations (translations, reflections, stretches & shrinks), compositions of functions and inverses to further our study of functions.

- Geometry B students are working on their study of the relationships between segments, angles and arcs of circles. It is hard to believe that 3-D figures are all we have left to learn about. Some students will be creating a net and building a pyramid or cone that has particular constraints on its surface areas and volume in our 3-D unit. Students will be focusing on precision in their measurements and final products will be presented and hung in our halls for all to see.

\*The state math meet will be held at the Augusta Civic Center on April 5<sup>th</sup> this year. Every school brings a team of 10 students (and an alternate) to compete in 6 individual rounds, 2 relay rounds and 2 team rounds. Best of luck to our 11 mathletes: Devin Adams, Zachariah Harding, Alexander Morin, Steele Muchemore-Allen, Kristen Morneau, Trystin Killer, Jared Dore, Ryan Philbrick, Brandon Bowles, Kate Shubert, and Jeffery Waters.

### ***Special Education Department***

On Friday April 8th the Transition Workshop class will be attending the Annual York County Regional Job Fair. The class has finished their resumes and cover letters and attending the job fair is a great way for our students to see the job opportunities within their communities. Attending the job fair will assist the students in using the skills they have learned in the Transition Workshop.

### **Athletic Announcements**

*Saturday April 2nd*

Girls Lacrosse @ Newburyport Mass Tournament

*Tuesday April 5th*

Project Graduation Committee Meeting 6pm MHS Library

*Wednesday April 6th*

Boys Lacrosse vs York JV 4pm / Varsity 6pm

Culture Club Talent Show 6pm MHS Auditorium

*Saturday April 9th*

MHS Varsity Softball @ Thornton Academy Play Day

### **Eligibility Reminder**

Spring Sports eligibility will be run at the progress report in April. All students playing a spring sport must be passing ALL of their courses to remain eligible for participation.

### **Sports Practice Attendance Expectations**

Please remember that our attendance at athletic practices is mandatory. While understanding there are legitimate reasons to miss practice, athletes are expected to attend. **Academics take priority and all athletes in need of academic assistance should be meeting with their teachers before going to practice. This expectation is supported by all coaches at MHS!**

If an athlete misses practice for other than emergency or academic reasons the student will not be allowed to participate in a game until making up the number of days of practice missed. As we would not expect a student who has missed school to take a test the day they come back, we have the same consideration for games if practices are missed. Vacation time is not considered an excused absence from practice.

**Need a Spring clean-up around your yard or home?** Girls LAX fundraiser is on Sunday, April 3rd and student-athletes will be available to help you! You provide the tools and we will provide the muscle and hustle! Teams of 4 players plus 1 supervising adult are available for full day (6 hour) or half day (3 hour) shifts. Cost is \$200 per shift. That's 12 hours of work time per team per shift! Book a team today!! See attached flyer for more information.

**Thanks for reading our Weekly Memo!**

