

MHS NEWS - April 12th, 2018



UPCOMING DATES

4/13 - Staff In Service Day / No school

4/16 - 4/20 - April Break

5/19 - PROM / Seasons Event Center, Portland

Parent Technology Survey

The RSU #57 School Board's Public Relations and Technology Committee is seeking your feedback on the use of technology. This brief survey should only take 3-5 minutes, but would be a great help to us in creating our technology goals for the upcoming year. The survey is anonymous. Please go online to <https://goo.gl/8jFB57> and take the survey. Thank you for helping us plan!

Exciting news Class of 2018 and 2019!! Prom season has arrived and tickets will be on sale after April break! Tickets will not be sold at the door. In order to provide you with options and reasonably priced tickets, we have decided to offer a Dessert Buffet at the event. Therefore, you can choose where you would like to eat dinner before Prom. Tickets will cost \$35 and must be purchased during lunches. Guest applications are now available in the main office (or attached) and must be turned in BEFORE you can purchase a ticket. If you have any questions/concerns, please see Mrs. Harmon in Room 27 West. Thank you and looking forward to a great evening!

Community Service Hours reminder - all Seniors must have their hours turned in to Ms. Roy by June 1st! All seniors with 100 + hours will be honored with a purple chord at graduation. Community Service hours are *required for graduation* starting with the Class of 2021 and beyond. All hours must be turned in **within 4 months** of completion.

Keeping Your Data - Congratulations to MHS Seniors on your graduation which is rapidly approaching. RSU #57 has been given a new procedure for student email. [We will keep your Google account open through the end of June 2018.](#) Please begin the process now of saving your documents in a different Drive account, on a pen drive, in DropBox, or on another storage device. Please change the email address of any accounts that are currently tied to your school email. On June 29, 2018 your accounts will be suspended and you will not be able to retrieve your data or emails.

Again, please begin backing up any data that you need from your school email account. Student accounts for graduating seniors will be suspended as of June 29, 2018.

Gradebook Clarification - Questions were raised about how a course score is calculated through the school year and again after the Synergy Gradebook description (linked below) was sent out to MHS staff, students, and parents. When I spoke with our Gradebook representative from Synergy over the year, the answer given to me was consistently the description that was given in the write up from last week.

I called Synergy again this week and spoke with another resource that I have learned to trust for answers to tough questions. In this call, I was given a different and simpler answer. "The overall target scores are averaged together to get the overall course score."

I have changed the document (attached) to reflect this new information. My apologies for the misinformation. Kevin Perkins

A note from the School Nurse: Our 9th grade students have had their distance vision acuity screenings done, and those students in which a possible vision problem was detected have had a referral letter sent home. *Per Department of Education rule, those children who were referred are recommended to have a vision examination by their primary doctor or an eye doctor, with the results filled out on the referral form by the doctor and returned to the school nurse.* If any visual skills are lacking or not functioning properly, a child will have to work harder. This can lead to headaches, fatigue and other eye strain problems. I wanted to share that if there are financial reasons for not getting an exam, help is available. I have a limited number of vouchers for a free eye exam and eyeglasses from the national Association of School Nurses through vsp.com. To be eligible, patients must be

- 19 years old or younger
- have a US Social Security number
- have a family income at or under 200% of Federal Poverty guidelines
- have not used a VSP program in the last 12 months.

If you are interested, please contact me for a voucher! (available while supplies last)

Nancy Sobanik, RN, BSN

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The girls lacrosse team will be hosting a food drive for the York County Food Pantry in Alfred.

This Easter people were turned away because there wasn't any food left on the shelves. To change that, we will be collecting donations in the East and West offices starting next week for the whole month of April. There will also be spare change jars at the concession stands to be collected for the pantry at girls and boys lacrosse games all season long. Please help us make a difference! Thank you!

GUIDANCE

JUNIORS: ACT registration deadline for the June 9, 2018, test date is May 4, 2018. Register at actstudent.org

REMINDER: Wednesday, April 25, 2018, is the sophomore class trip to visit colleges.

JUNIORS VISIT A COLLEGE: Visiting college campuses is a great step in the college search process. Attached is information about college open house events - many of which will occur during the April break - 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.

Dual Enrollment: Are you a academically strong sophomore or junior student interested in taking a college course while still in high school? Now is the time to explore this idea. YCCC in Wells, ME, is the college where most MHS students take college courses, but it is possible to take a course at another college in Southern Maine. The cost, enrollment procedure, and requirements vary from college to college. Please speak with your guidance counselor to learn more about this Dual Enrollment option.

SENIORS: Filing the FAFSA is required for students who plan to pay for school with the help of federal, state or institutional financial aid. Students must file a FAFSA by Tuesday, May 1 to be considered for the need based \$1,500 State of Maine Grant. Students, file your FAFSA now at FAFSA.gov. Having trouble with the FAFSA? FAME can help.

FAME assistance is available in the following ways:

- Call 1-800-228-3734 | TTY: 207-626-2717 (M-F, 8 AM to 5 PM)
- Email Education@FAMMaine.com

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations go to the following MHS students who deserve your congratulations for having the courage and commitment to participate in the Speak Out Contest this year. They all were practiced, prepared and did an outstanding job!

The top three scorers at the March 26 Local/School level contest moved on to the Regional Level Contest held April 10 at the Lions Club.

Zoe Petit came in first place and moves on to compete at the top level against six other regional winners during the Lions Club District 41 Convention on Saturday, April 27 in the Samoset.

<u>SPEAKERS</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>LOCAL @ MHS</u>	<u>REGIONAL @ LIONS CLUB</u>	<u>ANNUAL CONVENTION @ SAMOSET</u>
<u>Jeffrey Fosgate</u>	<u>Why is Nationalism Demonized?</u>	<u>a top scorer</u>	<u>2nd place</u>	
<u>Kate Shubert</u>	<u>I Am Afraid</u>	<u>2nd place</u>		
<u>Zoe Petit</u>	<u>NRA and Gun Control</u>	<u>a top scorer</u>	<u>1st place</u>	<u>will compete on April 28</u>
<u>Jason Trafton</u>	<u>Young People in Politics</u>	<u>3rd place</u>		
<u>Jeffery Waters</u>	<u>We Are Divided</u>	<u>a top scorer</u>	<u>3rd place</u>	

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.

ENJOY THE BREAK!!!!

