

# MHS Weekly Announcements - April 14th, 2017

## Upcoming Dates

4/17 - 4/21 Spring Break

5/5 - Hanging Basket orders due for Project Graduation



**It will be here before you know it! Project Graduation** has just the thing to cure the winter blues that just don't seem to want to go away! Let's try to spread the spring fever with our annual Mother's Day Spring Hanging Basket Sale! Look them over and imagine your yard with a couple baskets brightening up the day! Ask your family, friends and neighbors to help spread spring fever! Orders are due in the office by Friday, May 5th at 2:00PM. Plants will be available for pickup Friday and Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. See details on the form. Our goal is to sell 400 plants this year. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we really need your help! Please consider supporting / selling for our event. Information on hanging baskets attached to this email. Thankyou!!

**National Honor Society is conducting a fundraiser for Earth Week.** NHS officers will be going around the community collecting bottles on Saturday, April 29th. If you have any bottles you'd like to donate, please contact the main office.

**Run to End Hunger 5K** is sponsored by York County Federal Credit Union and York County Shelter Programs and will take place on Saturday, May 20th at YCSP's campus on Shaker Hill Road in Alfred at 9am. All proceeds will benefit the York County Shelter Programs' fight to end hunger in York County.

## Student Spotlight

Great day with an outstanding young man. Congrats to **Tyler Stinson** receiving the MPA Principal's Award for 2017.



**The following students are recipients of this year's Most Improved Student award**, sponsored by the Portland Sea Dogs and NextGen College Investing. In order to receive this award, the student was nominated by one of his or her teachers for the student's outstanding efforts at school. Students who receive this award will receive a certificate, a ticket to the Portland Sea Dogs baseball game on April 23, 2017, and an invitation to a recognition ceremony prior to the game.

**Congratulations to these students for their efforts at Massabesic High School: Caitlin Alderson, Christopher Ames, Cristian Bailey, Michael Bedard, Haley Belanger, Hannah Belanger, Chase Boisvert, Katherine Castle, Dylan Charlton, Emma Chase, Jessica Clark, Owen Easley, Colby Gary, Savannah Giles, Megan Goodwin, Caelan Gray, Christopher Griffith, Mikayla Guimond, Garrett Harmon, Jada Harris, Tatianna Hicks, Tyler Houde, Austin Hudson, Hannah Jordan, Anna Kindred, Jennifer Meserve, Haley Muse, Tyler Ouellette, Madeline Pearson, Dorothy Pierce, Gregory Roberts, Corey Robinson, Christopher Sanborn, Katelyn Sanborn, Zachary Scott, Mikel Souliere, Kalei Thibodeau, Jakob Verville, Katie Weko, Kylie Wood.**

**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award awarded to MHS senior, *Cheyenne McLaskey***, at the Maine Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament April 1, 2017. Among other things, she was acknowledged and awarded for her perseverance and creativity as she managed to transport the props, setup, and perform as a one-man team when weather prevented her other two Sanford team members from showing.

"The Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award is given to a team or individual for demonstrating outstanding creativity. This award embodies all that the Odyssey of the Mind program represents. It is presented at all levels of competition from regional tournaments to World Finals." Great job Cheyenne!!! <https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/wf2017/awards-and-ceremonies/>

**Congratulations go to *Emma Desrochers*** who has been selected for the WCSH 6 Varsity Club!  
Way to go Emma!!

## **Department Highlights**

### ***ENGLISH***

In Freshman English, students are putting together their research projects, incorporating videos, hyperlinks, images, graphs, and infographics! We will be peer-reviewing these this week and next week, before break.

As always, check out the freshman blog: [themustangstampede.blogspot.com](http://themustangstampede.blogspot.com)

Sophomores have started reading a novel about the atrocities during the Holocaust and the impact on survivors' lives and families. We will be working on the assessment for our Holocaust unit when students return from April vacation.

Students in Junior Literature and Composition will begin a study of the American Dream in literature through an in depth analysis of F. Scott Fitzgerald's timeless classic, *The Great Gatsby*. Heavy emphasis will be placed on literary analysis as well as understanding the novel through the historical lens.

Seniors in Nonfiction have recently completed reading a class-chosen work of nonfiction. After April break students will dive into a unit on technical writing with real world application. Students will be writing business correspondence as well as other practical applications for critical reading and writing.

Seniors in World Lit are immersed in *The Kite Runner*, gaining insight on Middle Eastern culture during a time of turmoil. Not only are they acquiring knowledge from the book, but they have also researched specific topics pertaining to the setting of the novel. Students will finish reading over April break then dive into an analysis of how the author uses story elements to develop the central idea of the novel.

Students in AP Literature are busy comparing George Orwell's *1984* to the more contemporary, *A Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. After April vacation students will begin the final preparations to take the test which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd.

### ***MUSIC***

The Music Department has had a busy year! In January, both band and choral students participated in the District 1 Music Festival. This groups at this festival consisted of students from southern Maine who successfully auditioned. Massabesic was well represented with Isaiah Binimou, Collier Coleman, Katherine Dupuis, Amie Giles, Kathleen Harper, Madison Martin, Acacia McAdam, Zolyia Nedzbala, Madison Richards, Olivia Thomson-Collins, Aaron Trost, Jared Vigue, Jared Walberg making it in for the choirs and Aaron Brown, Aiden Galbraith, Xavier Lundrigan, Elizabeth Nadeau and Anastasia Vermette making the concert band. Students really enjoyed performing in these high quality ensembles that takes the best musicians from around the district.



In addition to giving a well received concert in March, the band also participated in the Maine Band Director's Association annual Concert Festival. The band students had the opportunity to perform for and work with a local university professor. The trip was a great experience.

The Chamber Singers and the Chorus went to the University of New Hampshire to perform in the Choral Gala alongside 12 other high schools from New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts. Students attend the day long gala and were able to perform in the 250 person choir with full orchestra at the end of the day for their friends and family. The performance went so well they even got to do an encore!

March is considered music in the schools month and to celebrate the MHS Chamber Singers went and presented a concert at all of the elementary schools! This is a rewarding experience for both the elementary students and the Chamber Singers alike. The singers performed some concert pieces, did music activities with the elementary schoolers and answered students questions. This is one of the Chamber Singers favorite events of the year!



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 18-20 - ALLSTATE Orono, ME / Participants: Kathleen Harper, Treble Choir, Jared Vigue, Mixed choir, Aaron Brown, Concert Band, Aiden Galbraith, Concert Band.

MHS Chorus Concert - May 25 - 7 PM

MHS Band Concert - June 6 - 6 PM

## **Guidance Department**

### **Seniors headed to college in the fall need to do the following prior to May 1, 2017:**

1. Pay the deposit and notify the college you plan to attend that you accept their offer of admittance - Not meeting this May 1st deadline will likely forfeit the offer of admission a student received.
2. Notify the colleges at which you were admitted that you are NOT planning to attend their college in the fall - Letting the college know you are not attending should stop the numerous mailings, emails, and phone calls you are receiving and can free up resources for a student who wants to attend that school.

**Juniors: Now is the time to engage in your college search!** Many colleges have Open House events this spring for juniors and their parents. Information for these events or on how to visit a college can be found on the college's website, usually on the Admissions page. Attached is information on a few Open House events in our area.

**College Bound Seniors: Read Any Mail and/or E-Mails Your College Sends!** At this point, all correspondence between you and your future school will be important. It's where you'll find out about orientations, housing options, class registration, not to mention, many important deadlines! Make sure you pay attention because, if the colleges is trying to contact you, there's probably a good reason, and if you ignore the email, don't read it carefully, or procrastinate, you may miss an important opportunity and it could cost you - both literally and figuratively!

**ENJOY THE BREAK!!!**