

Monmouth Academy Newsletter

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Welcome New Staff Members

We recently welcomed two new staff members to MA. Mrs. Laurie Pinkham is our new Librarian and Makerspace Facilitator. She comes to MA with a wealth of knowledge and experience in library sciences. Ms. Tamara Stockwell will be teaching Economics for the remainder of this school year. Ms. Stockwell comes to us after teaching humanities and English as a Second Language from Kents Hill School. We are thrilled to welcome both of them to our team.

MA Winter Carnival

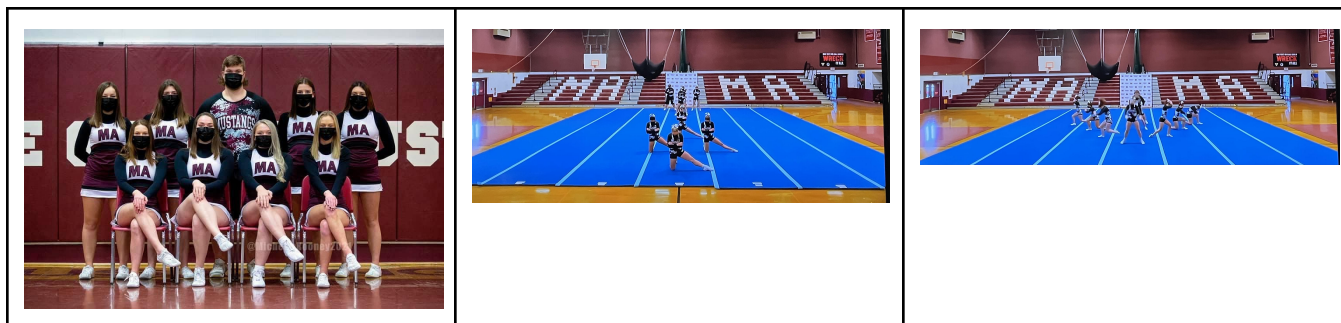
Last Friday Monmouth Academy wrapped up its Winter Carnival with the Class of 2021 winning. Planning a safe Winter Carnival in the midst of a pandemic certainly was a challenging endeavor, but one that our Monmouth Academy Student Government (MASG) officers gladly accepted! This year featured one class period per day during which events were held and these were broadcast live, along with color commentating, to classrooms and remote learners. Wednesday, our remote day for all students, featured a day filled with new and exciting virtual events.

Winter Carnival could not have been successful without the leadership of Hayden Luce, MASG President, Mr. Pascarella and Ms. Menice, MASG Advisors, and the rest of the MASG team of officers. A special thank you to Mr. Mitchell and his team (Lucas Harmon, Zeke Delorme, Jacob Umberhind, Ben Harmon, and Rick Maroon) who livestreamed the events throughout the week.



Mustang Cheerleaders Win MVC!

Congratulations to our Varsity Cheerleading team on winning the 2021 Mountain Valley Conference Championships (held virtually)! Next up for our cheerleaders is the Maine State Championship this week. Good luck team!



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News From the Guidance Office

- **CATC (Capital Area Technical Center) Sign-ups for 2021-2022 School Year:** If your young adult is interested in attending a program at CATC, sign-ups are taking place now until **2:30 p.m. on March 24, 2021**. Because there are limited spaces for each program, students must interview for programs. For more information regarding CATC and signing up for a program, please view this [video](#) and contact Mrs. Sarah Knowlton with any questions.
- **[Automotive Trades Virtual Career Fair](#):** This **Wednesday, March 17, 9-10 a.m.**
- **Consider Engineering** is a challenging and rewarding four-day summer program for high school juniors to get a taste of college life and what it takes to be an engineer. This program is offered three times in July to groups of 36 students who have completed their junior year of study, excel in math and science, and demonstrate communication and leadership skills. This free-of-charge educational and inspiring program is competitive, with only half the applicants gaining admission. Food and lodging are included. Please visit umaineppf.org/consider-engineering/ for more information. Deadline: April 15, 2021.
- **Financial Aid Information Nights:** FAME (Finance Authority of Maine) is offering free financial aid informational sessions. For more information please visit [Virtual Financial Aid Information sessions](#).
- **Local Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors:** [Here are local scholarship opportunities for the Class of 2021.](#) Please check often as this list is updated frequently.
- **Post-Secondary Planning:** If you have any questions regarding post-secondary planning - college, internships, military, scholarships, financial aid (FAFSA), etc. - please contact Mrs. Sarah Knowlton, MA College and Career Coordinator, at sknowlton@kidsrsu.org or 933-4416 extension 7203.

Mustangs Winter Athletics

With the exception of wrestling our student-athletes were fortunate to be able to participate not only in practices but also games and regional tournaments. Our boys and girls basketball teams each competed in the first round of the Class C-D Regional Tournament while our cooperative Cony/MA hockey team competed in the Covid Cup Hockey Tournament. Even though our wrestling team was unable to compete, they spent the winter conditioning, reviewing skills and learning some new skills as well.

Mustangs Spring Athletics

Sign-ups for Spring sports have been taking place during the past two weeks. Student-athletes who would like to participate in a spring sport for MA, must sign up by Wednesday. Baseball and softball practice for pitchers and catchers begins on Monday, March 22 while all other spring sports begin practice on Monday, March 29. Prior to participating, the student-athlete must have a current physical on file (a physical that has been conducted within the past two years) and all other paperwork submitted to Mr. Bell, Athletic Director. Any questions regarding spring sports can be directed to Mr. Steve Bell, Athletic Director, stevebell@kidsrsu.org or 933-4416.

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MA National Honor Society (NHS) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Members Continue to Provide Service to Their School and Community

- Since we could not hold our traditional Valentine's Day Tea for Monmouth senior citizens, we wanted them to know we were still thinking of them. Our National Honor Society members wrote and sent Valentine's Day cards to our senior citizens.
- FBLA recently conducted a food drive and also donated funds to the Good Shepherd Food Bank.

Travel Quick Reference Guide from Maine DOE (as of 3/11/21)

With April vacation only four weeks away, it is imperative that you know the current guidance provided by the Maine CDC and Department of Education. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Maria Sirois, RN, at msirois@kidsrsu.org or 207-933-4416 extension 7286.

Travel Quick Reference Guide: 3/11/2021

The current guidance from the governor is to not travel. However, if families (**adults and children 12 months and older**) do travel during vacation the following table provides a quick reference. If you have a question not answered in this guide, then call the School Nurse Consultant at 207-592-0387 or 207-624-6717

| Travel Destination | Testing Requirements | Quarantine Timeline | Release from Quarantine | Special Considerations |
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| International Travel (Canada, Mexico included) | 3-5 days upon return from travel Molecular or Antigen testing accepted | 7 days with testing 10 days if not tested | Complete 7-day quarantine even after negative testing. If not tested, the quarantine is 10 days. If test is positive, isolate for 10 days. | Quarantine for 14 days from persons at high risk of contracting Covid-19. Continue to follow state PPE guidelines. If more than 7 days after international travel before returning to Maine, follow Domestic Travel guidelines. |
| Domestic Travel (Within the 50 United States and US territories: Guam, US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico) | | | | |
| Non-Exempt States (which includes US territories) | Test within 72 hours prior to travel into Maine to forgo the 10-day quarantine or immediately upon return to Maine | Without test, 10 days of quarantine and monitor for four more days | Test is negative, forgo the quarantine. | Quarantine must be maintained until negative test results are completed. If traveler has tested positive for Covid-19 within 90 days (3 months) or is fully vaccinated there is no quarantine restriction. Continue to follow state PPE guidelines. |
| Exempt States | Exempted from testing | No quarantine time | May immediately return to normal activities but must continue to follow PPE guidelines. | Continue to follow state PPE guidelines. |
| Medical Appointments in a non-exempt state (Day trip or longer) | Test within 72 hours prior to travel into Maine to forgo the 10-day quarantine or immediately upon return to Maine | Without test, 10 days of quarantine and monitor for four more days | Test is negative, forgo the quarantine. | Quarantine must be maintained until negative test results are completed. If traveler has tested positive for Covid-19 within 90 days (3 months) or is fully vaccinated there is no quarantine restriction. Testing before travel to a non-exempt state does not exempt you from quarantine or testing. YOU must test once you leave Maine or upon return. Continue to follow state PPE guidelines. |

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Monmouth Academy Class of 2021 Post-Secondary (College, Internships, Military) Acceptances

Congratulations to the following students on their acceptance to these post-secondary institutions and organizations:

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| Cameron Armstrong: | Thomas College |
| Ace Blundon: | Maine College of Art, York County Community College |
| Kylie Brown: | University of Southern Maine |
| McKenzie Brown: | Thomas College |
| Alicen Burnham: | Elms College, Norwich University, Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Saint Anselm College, University of Maine |
| Jocelyn Coffin: | University of Southern Maine, University of Maine at Augusta, University of Maine at Farmington, Thomas College |
| Joseph Crocker: | United States Marines |
| Chloe Dwinal: | Bates College, University of Rhode Island, Husson University, University of Maine at Augusta, University of Maine at Farmington |
| Clarissa Estrada | University of Maine at Farmington, University of Maine at Machias |
| Abby Flanagan: | Husson University, St. Joseph's College of Maine, University of New England |
| Alex Fox: | University of Maine at Augusta, Central Maine Community College |
| Erin Gosselin: | Central Maine Community College |
| Joseph Guimond | Kennebec Valley Community College |
| Delaney Houston: | University of Maine at Farmington, University of Maine at Augusta |
| Sophie Jones | Central Maine Community College |
| Jason Kulinski: | University of Maine |
| Stella Libby: | University of Maine at Augusta |
| Lucy McDonald | Central Maine Community College, Saint Anselm College, University of Maine Augusta, University of Maine Farmington, University of Southern Maine, Thomas College |
| Jeffrey Parquette: | Central Maine Community College |
| Rhayna Poulin: | Yale University |
| Brooke Rooney: | United States Navy |
| Mya Sirois: | University of Southern Maine, University of Maine, University of New England, University of Maine at Augusta, Husson University, Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Wheaton College |
| Breanna Smith: | University of Maine at Augusta |
| Benjamin Story: | Eastern Tennessee State University |
| Grace Vierling: | Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi, University of New Hampshire |
| Taylor Whalen: | Thomas College |

Parents & Guardians: If your young adult has been accepted to a post-secondary school, please pass along the acceptance letter to our guidance office. This is important as the guidance staff keeps a record and uses this information to determine which students may be eligible for academic scholarships. Also, if your young adult has enrolled in an apprentice program, enlisted in the military, etc., please pass that information along as well.

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Have You Downloaded the RSU 2/MA App Yet?

Follow all M.A. and district news on your smartphone. The RSU 2 app is available in the Apple and Android app store, just search for RSU2. Visit <http://www.kidsrsu.org/article/126354> to view a short video to help you get started.

Important Upcoming Dates:

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| 03/17/21 | Early Release Day (Student Day ends at 11:30 a.m.) |
| 03/19/21 | No School - Workshop Day |
| 03/22/21 - 03/23/21 | FBLA State Conference/Competition (Virtual) |
| 03/22/21 | Baseball/Softball Pitcher and Catchers Practices Begin |
| 03/29/21 | All Spring Sports Begin |
| 04/02/21 | Senior Scores "Freeze" for Graduation Ceremonies Purposes |
| 04/09/21 | Progress Reports Mailed Home |
| 04/15/21 | Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 4:00-8:00 p.m. (Virtual and/or via Phone) |
| 04/16/21 & 04/17/21 | MAD Players Spring Drama Production (Virtual) |
| 04/19/21 - 04/23/21 | No School - April Vacation |

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