

**Parent Update
Week of May 3rd**

Good morning and hello May! The weather yesterday was gorgeous, I hope that people were able to get out and enjoy it! Lexi did the inaugural jump off from the rope swing yesterday. Although it was warm it was also a bit breezy and the water temperature was a brisk 48 degrees. I'm thinking I may have done that when I was 10 but just watching her at my age gave me goosebumps!

Teacher/Staff Appreciation:

This week is teacher/staff appreciation week! Please provide a word of thanks to the teachers who have provided support through this year!

A Word of Caution as we continue to Navigate this Pandemic:

We are thankful for some of the restrictions being lifted in regards to masks; however, that doesn't mean that we are back to "normal." We have seen a spike in cases in the state and in the school recently. I strongly discourage large gatherings. There is word on the street of an informal junior prom. Please know that if that event becomes a COVID spread event that spring sports will not recover in time for playoffs and that it could cancel senior week events. My last two premier soccer games have been canceled due to the number of players impacted by COVID. Please be smart and let's focus on celebrating the seniors as they depart Hall-Dale.

Countdown:

Seniors are now down to 20 academic days. The 9th through 11th grade students, depending upon their cohort, are down to 21 and 23 days, respectively (providing they finish their learning targets). The 8th grade is down to 24 days while the other MS cohorts are down to 25 and 26 days.

Testing:

We are in the midst of testing at both the high school and middle school. This week the MS is taking the NWEA's while many of the Advanced Placement tests are being administered. MS students who are remote will have work to do while students in "brick and mortar" will be testing in their ELA and math classes.

The high school, grades 9-11, will be testing next week.

** Students in 8th grade and 11th grade will be required to come into school on Wednesday May 19th to take the state science exam. The exam is a two hour test. Students will arrive for 7:45 and will be released around 11:25. We will provide bussing that day.

Sports this week:

M 5/3 VBaseball @ Winthrop 4:00
VSoftball @ Winthrop 4:00
GTennis v Madison 4:00

T 5/4 MS Baseball @ Gardiner 4:00
MS Softball @ Gardiner 4:00

W 5/5 VBaseball v Maranacook 4:00
VSoftball v Maranacook 4:00
GTennis @ Oak Hill 4:00

R 5/6 Track v Madison, MA, Buckfield, Carrabec 3:30
MS Baseball @ Cony 4:00
MS Softball @ Cony 4:00
MS Track @ Cony

F 5/7 VBaseball @ Oak Hill 4:00
VSoftball v Oak Hill 4:00
GTennis @ Winthrop 4:00
MS Baseball v Richmond 4:00
MS softball @ Madison 4:00

S 5/8 JVBaseball @ Messalonskee 4:00
JVSoftball V Madison 4:00

Upcoming concerts:

After School Rehearsal Date: Monday, May 17

Students will meet in the HS Gym. They will be dismissed to the parking lot near the tennis courts at the end of the scheduled rehearsal.

- 6th grade chorus rehearsal 5-6 pm
- 7/8 grade chorus rehearsal 6-7 pm

Chorus Concert Date: Wednesday, May 19

Students will wear black from the waist down, and white from the waist up. Students should arrive at 6:00 pm and meet in the HS gym/HS theater area. **A Live Stream Concert will begin at 7:00pm.** Students can be picked up between 7:45 and 8:00.

After School Rehearsal Date: Monday, May 24

Students will meet in the HS Gym. They will be dismissed to the parking lot near the tennis courts at the end of the scheduled rehearsal.

- 6th grade band rehearsal 5-6 pm
- 7/8 grade band rehearsal 6-7 pm

Band Concert Date: Wednesday, May 26

Students will wear black from the waist down, and white from the waist up. Students should arrive at 6:00 pm and meet in the HS gym/HS theater area. **A Live Stream Concert will begin at 7:00pm.** Students can be picked up between 7:45 and 8:00.

Middle School Music Cookout and Celebration:

Thursday, May 27 5:00-7:30 Chorus students are invited to attend an outdoor cookout and night of lawn games and fun!

The High School music Concert will be on Thursday June 3rd.

Senior Information:

Wednesday 6/2	Marching Practice (8:00 a.m.) Sr. Scholarships/Awards 12 noon (sr's may invite 2 guests)
Thursday 6/3	Marching Practice (9:00 a.m.) Concert
Friday 6/4	Marching Practice (9:00 a.m.: if needed) Prom at the Vaughn Homestead
Sunday 6/6	Graduation 10:30 a.m. (sr's may invite 4 guests) Project Graduation

8th grade celebration:

Monday June 7th

Have a great week!

Mark