

WMHS School Committee Update
February 12, 2019

- On Wednesday, January 16th WMHS hosted the **Maine Steiners Group**. The Maine Steiners are the University of Maine's Premier all male acapella group. Students and staff truly enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Ms. Brewer for arranging this visit.
- It never ceases to amaze me how many wonderful opportunities we give to our students. Special thanks to Ms. Bell, Ms. Mundy, and Ms. Paradis for coordinating our **Career Chat Day** last Friday, February 1st. Our students saw first hand a plethora of career opportunities in the healthcare industry. We had doctors, radiology staff, EMT's, acupuncturists, massage therapists, office personnel, and others. I know it opened our students eyes to new possibilities. Thanks to all who supported this effort.
- On Monday, February 4th WMHS staff participated in a "**Portrait of a Graduate**" Activity selecting specific 21st Century skills they feel are most important for our students. Data from this activity will be shared at a later date.
- Our staff continued its work on **improving student achievement** this past month. Activities included:
 - A comprehensive data dive into our empowerME, NWEA, PSAT, and SAT data for mathematics. During this dive our math department performed a gap item analysis identifying areas of concern and how we could address specific areas.
 - A review of our current course offerings in all content areas and discussions about future course offerings for the 2019-2020 school year..
 - A visit from Michele Mailhout, ME DOE Math specialist and Morgan Dunton, ELA Specialist assisting us in the analysis of student data.
 - A collaboration with RSU 40 @ Medomak Valley HS to review and strengthen SAT scores for our students.

- We now have 12 students enrolled in our newly formed SAT prep class taught by Mr. Hammond. These students will develop and enhance their math skills and test taking strategies for the upcoming SAT on April 9th.

- Ms. Long made our school proud! Check out the front page article in the Lincoln County News on January 31st spotlighting her Forensics class. **Ms. Long** does a great job helping articulate the benefits of the class and how our students are getting the "hands-on" experience. Great job Ms. Long!
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- On Tuesday, February 26th @ **10:15 A.M. (NOTE NEW TIME)** WMHS will be conducting the first of two **LOCKDOWN DRILLS** for the year.
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- As of Friday, February 8th our **ADA** this week was 87.49% this is up from last years rate of 86.55% on the same day. Recent cases of influenza has affected our attendance. We continue to encourage our students and staff wash hands and cover coughs.

- **WMHS Athletics**- The Winter season is coming to a close with Wiscasset being represented very well by our athletes, coaches, and community. The Cheerleading Team, and Swimmers will be competing at the State Finals! WMHS has good reason to be proud as we finished with all teams being able to compete in every event and sport that we offer. In the MVC and Busline League very few schools can boast the high participation rate that we maintain.
- This is **Winter Carnival** Week sponsored by our very own WMHS Student Council. This week our students continue the long standing tradition of celebrating their school. Through a series of activities culminating in our Winter Carnival Assembly this Friday, February 15th
- Great News !!! WMHS is having a **Poetry Recital**. Our recital will be held on Wednesday, March 13th at 5:00 P.M. Check out the attached flyer for details. Special thanks to Ms. Fraser for helping coordinating the event. Please encourage all our students to submit an entry!

