

September 9th - September 13th

**Dear Maranacook Faculty and Families**

Things are off to a great start at the high school. In the coming weeks we have many field trips planned including advisee day out. Some of the field trips include the Common Ground Fair on 9/20, the Outdoor Club is going to Freeport on 9/21, there is a Kents Hill College Fair on 9/23, and some students will be attending the Dempsey Challenge on 9/28. We have a lot going on and we are continually thankful for your support and all we can offer to our students. Have a great weekend!

**Guidance:** The Kents Hill College Fair is on Monday 9/23. Permission slips are due Monday 9/16! We will not be able to accept any late permission slips.

UMaine will be here on November 4th for an Application Review Day. Seniors can sign up to get an on the spot admissions decision and see what scholarships they could receive. Sign up for a spot in guidance!

**JMG (Jobs for Maine Grads):** JMG students learned about the specific ways to set and reach a goal (ex. A goal without a plan is a “wish”). After the lesson, students completed a goal worksheet where Mr. Smith and them brainstormed an academic goal they would like to complete this semester. If they achieve this, they receive JMG “swag” at the end of the year. Later in the week, students watched a National Geographic segment on stress; how it negatively affects our bodies, and coping skills to help with intense feelings of stress. Also, students learned how to properly introduce themselves with a proper handshake and were given a homework assignment to practice on different people in their lives.

**Maranacook Alternative Program (MAP):** Humanities- Students have been working on independent reading and creative writing as well as studying Christopher Columbus and the New World.

STEM- Students worked on refreshing their solving equation skills in preparation for solving systems of equations within the next couple weeks. Students also are working on designing a grow light to aid in their produce production for the school lunch program.

Service Learning- Students prepped the garden beds to plant garlic this fall and get them ready for winter. The students will start planting again in early spring as soon as the soil is workable. These fresh veggies go straight the school lunch program.

Freshman Transition- Students spent this past week focusing on procrastination and skills to combat it. Students were able to reflect and share what works for them. Avoiding distractions, TheHWApp, and making the most of Focus Time were some highlights.

**Advisee:** Advisors are hard at work planning Advisee Day Out on Oct. 3, 2019. Parents should be expecting a permission home soon. Students should have permission forms back to their advisors as soon as possible. Please contact advisors if you have any questions.

**Health Center:** Hello families! We are pleased to be able to provide medical care by a Nurse Practitioner in the Health Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If your middle or high school student is signed up for expanded services, they may see our Nurse Practitioner, Ashley Condon. Appointments can be scheduled through the school nurse. This service is billed to your insurance and is a compliment to the care that they are receiving from their regular doctor. We hope you find this service helpful!

**English:** It has been a wonderful first (almost) full week of school, and our Department has enjoyed jumping into our first units of study.

Seniors in the CP classes are kicking off the year with independent reading and memoir writing. Every student has selected a book and set a weekly reading goal - so check and see what your student is reading! It's been great to see students finding books and sharing title recommendations with one another. Students are also tackling their college essays, and thinking about how to craft their writing to showcase their experiences and values while adhering to the Common Application's 650-word limit.

We would love support in trying to fill our classroom libraries with relevant and engaging texts. If you have any title recommendations or would like to make a donation, please don't hesitate to reach out to your student's teacher.

**Math:** Ms Harman's Geometry class is working on vocabulary so they can be successful for the year. Her Algebra 1 Pt 2 is showing her what they remember from last year.

Mrs. Graziano's AP Calculus class is learning about using limits to determine an end-behavior function of complex functions. They are also learning about using limits to determine asymptotes.

**Social Studies:** Maranacook is starting a Rho Kappa program. Mr. Gower will be advising the group and has several students helping to get it off the ground. The goal of the Rho Kappa program is to promote civic engagement in the school and community and bring awareness to Social Studies in general in the school and community and recognize student leadership and achievement in Social Studies. For more information on the Rho Kappa program visit their website here: <https://www.socialstudies.org/rhokappa>

**Fine Arts:** Visual Art: Honors Studio Art students are beginning a pastel unit for the next several weeks. Drawing students are learning about the form principle this week, in order to prepare them for learning to draw mass and volume accurately.

Music: Music students are taking part in the rigorous work of rehearsals, focusing on tonality and accuracy.

Industrial Arts: Intro to IA students are working to become knowledgeable in their board drafting and focusing on details.

**Student Senate/Council:** We completed our Senate Selection and held our first Senate Meeting. We will host our homecoming dance Oct 19th at 2019. We are so excited to add our class reps to our group in the next few weeks and to begin planning our year.

**Athletics:!**

Monday, September 9th

Tuesday, September 10th: Boys Varsity Lost to Winslow 2-3

Field Hockey Varsity Lost to Gardnier 0-4

Girls Soccer Tied Winslow 3-3

Wednesday, September 11th: Golf Won over Erskine 6.5-2.5

Thursday, September 12th: Field Hockey Won over Erskine 4-2

Friday, September 13th: Girls Soccer @ Waterville JV & Varsity 3:30pm

Golf @ MCI at 3:30pm

Cross Country @ Waterville at 4pm

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Waterville 7pm

Saturday, September 13th: Football @ Mt Ararat at 11am

Field Hockey vs Belfast JV & Varsity 1pm

Upcoming Events:

9/16 Picture Day

9/17 Staff Meeting

9/18 Late Start

9/20 MAP program to the Common Ground Fair

9/21 Outdoor Club to Freeport Maine

9/23 Guidance to the Kents Hill College Fair

9/28 Explorers Club to the Dempsey Challenge