

September 30th - October 4th

Dear Maranacook Faculty and Families

We know this week started out with a stressful incident on 9/30/19. We truly appreciate the feedback that has been provided by our families as well as our students about this incident. As a staff we are always working to improve and support our students.

As always, we will continue to focus on school safety and reviewing communication protocols. We have learned important lessons to help inform decisions for the future. Our students' safety, and sense of safety, are most important to us and we will continue to find ways we can better support students and families especially in critical events.

Though the week started out stressful, our students and staff showed what an incredible community we live in by participating in Advisee Day Out where we continue to build the positive relationships that make our community so special. The day included students and staff working in the community supporting those who need assistance with preparations for winter. Additionally, students and staff attended college visits to explore opportunities of life after high school. Some grade levels worked on building relationships that make our advisor program shine.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns my cell phone number is 458-1223 or Ms. Brackley can be reached at 491-0499. If any concerns arise over a weekend we are always available to talk.

We look forward to having an incredible rest of the school year!

Weekly Updates from Departments

Guidance: Kim and Sara have been visiting the Health classes for suicide prevention training. Students have been learning about warning signs, myths, facts, and support systems. We appreciate students' engagement and thoughtful questions!

JMG (Jobs for Maine Grads): This week in JMG, students are focusing on identifying their own personal values. Students were told that recognizing one's values is important to deciding on a future career path; a job should line up closely with your values! Students were also told that values change throughout life; and that is okay. Later in the week, students researched and came up with questions for our guest speaker coming in to speak to the entire program next week, October 8th. Our guest speaker will be Shawn Roderick,

who works at the state house in Augusta and is a JMG alumni from Carrabec High School. He will be sharing his story about how JMG helped him equip certain skills necessary for life after high school.

Advisee: Advisee Day Out was a fun and successful day for all. The Junior Class had a great Day volunteering and helping those in need in the community. Thank you to all who helped with transportation for the day! Advisories will start planning for Kids Who Care Day 12/16/19 soon!

Social Studies: Students in AP US History used the Question Formulation Technique (rightquestion.org) to analyze the Paul Revere woodcut of the Boston Massacre. Students generated questions about the image, classified them as open-ended or closed-ended, and then graphed them on an axis of difficulty vs. interest. We then selected a few to find the answers to and explored an in-depth example of the power of propaganda and persuasive techniques and what it reveals about the battle over hearts and minds in the American Revolution.

Students in Global Studies are learning about Sustainability while practicing their critical reading and analytical skills. Sustainability seeks to find a balance between environmental well being, economic well being and social well being.

Math: Robbie Morin's Algebra 1 class is moving on to solving equations. His Transitions class is working on rational numbers and integers.

Jay Levasseur's Algebra 2 class is working on piecewise functions.

Robyn Graziano's AP Calculus class has started the Derivatives unit this week.

Math Team: The Maranacook Math Team finished the first meet of the season in 4th place with 164 points. The top scorer was Trenton Murray with 36 points, followed by Zach Berg, Nathan Couture, Delaney Crocker, and Sara St. Clair who each scored at least 20 points. A great job by everyone who participated. Our next meet will be here at Maranacook on October 30th.

Health Center: The flu shot clinic is monday Oct 7 so please remind your child if you signed them up to get a shot and have them wear a T-shirt to make it easier for the

vaccinators. The influenza vaccine is recommended for anyone over the age of 6 months and is

English: Neil Gaiman wrote, “short stories are tiny windows into other worlds and other minds and other dreams. They are journeys you can make to the far side of the universe and still be back in time for dinner.” All Freshmen English classes are using the short story genre to explore how authors use literary elements to create meaning in a condensed space. Classes are reading various short stories; including Graham Greene’s “The Destructors”, James Hurst’s “The Scarlet Ibis”, and Ian O’Flaherty’s “The Sniper”. Students are examining how authors use literary elements to craft and create their story and analyzing the effects of those choices on the text and reader’s experience; this relationship between author, audience, text and society is one that will be explored their whole high school career.

Science: This week in Earth systems classes students were working on how scientists organize elements.

Physics students are learning how to use computer interfaces and probes that let them directly measure data, record it, and analyze the data on their Airbooks. They will be having their first summative assessment next week as well.

Students in honors chemistry took their unit one summative assessment this week and then began unit two with details about subatomic particles and moles. Other chemistry students wrapped up their labs on physical and chemical changes while also reviewing for their first summative assessment which will take place on Monday.

Physical Education:

In Mr Magnusson’s PE 9 class students just finished the Ultimate Frisbee Championships in. In PE 10 students are learning about fitness.

Health:

Students are learning about Mental Health. Students have done projects about themselves and what is important to them. We have also talked about mental illness, stress, emotions, and suicide awareness.

World Language: The German program is kicking into high gear. Levels 1 and 2 have finally wrapped up their Intro units and we are facing much more challenging and enriching information. Level 3 and 4 will be presenting a comprehensive travel project that

includes a well-researched slideshow of a city of their choosing, journaling, and at least a 4-minute presentation in front of the class.

Level 5 has kicked it into high gear, as well. They are experiencing German “Entartete Kunst” (Degenerate Art) from the early 1920s - all in the German language. Herr Fecteau is very excited to be beginning comprehensive research with his upper level students.

Also, our German partners have now safely landed in New York City where they will spend a few days seeing the sights. On Tuesday evening, they will arrive in Readfield and they will spend a couple of fruitful weeks with us. On top of living with host families, attending school, and doing classic Americana things like apple picking and pumpkin carving, we have some field trips planned. We will hike Mt Battie, spend the day in Portland, take our pictures in front of the infamous ‘boot’ at LL Bean, and see some of the sights and tour the State House in Augusta.

Maranacook and Herr Fecteau are EXTREMELY proud to be celebrating our 40th year of the German American Partnership Program! Maranacook has one of the oldest GAPPs in the entire country.

On the 23rd of October, the day after the Germans leave, the Goethe Institut will visit us for a day with their mobile classroom - the Wanderbus.

A note for Spanish--the Maranacook Spain trip will have a Margaritas fundraiser on Friday, October 11. Anyone who eats that day and brings in the Spain trip flyer will have 20% of their check donated to the students on the trip. Flyers are available from señora Frey and Spain trip students. Contact Kelly Frey if you need flyers or more information.

Business: Yearbook class is in full swing. Committees are formed for the different aspects of the production process, students work on the same committee for the year. Creating the yearbook this way have given them the skills for cooperation in groups, how to coordinate different tasks to produce a product, financial skills, public relations, design, etc valuable skills to have for several different career paths after they graduate, whether they go into post secondary schools, work force or military.

Technology: The tech lab operates in conjunction with the Media Center. Students are using CAD programs for Architectural structures and instructional designs for the CNC router, which is a computer-controlled cutting machine.

Media: Media Center has set up new work spaces. There are areas for; group work, individual work, study area and some new furniture.

Fine Arts: Ceramics: Students are completing the current unit on tea bowls from Asia. Each student has created 2 pieces in the tradition of the “Chawan” using design elements that reference form and ergonomic principles.

Music: The Jazz Ensemble has been ripping through song after song in our rehearsals, truly absorbing the music and making it their own. This fall we are tackling several distinct genres: swing, ballad, shuffle and funk. The funkier tunes seem to bring the most energy, but it is so apparent through their playing that they are really coming to respect and appreciate the qualities and intricacies of different styles

Weekend Events: Maine Craft Weekend is this weekend! It is a state-wide collection of events revolving around fine crafts in our state. Interested appreciators can participate in gallery openings, studio openings and attend artist talks and receptions!

-[Tonight in Portland, Maine Craft Portland at 521 Congress Street from 5-8 PM](#) will feature our very own, Tom Ferrero. Tom is the 2019 Master Craft Award recipient for his work in metals and we’re excited to be able to learn more about his expertise and process. The event falls on a First Friday and you will be able to view Tom’s award-winning pieces, ‘Aganon’s Device’ and ‘Mace.’ More information on Tom’s event can we found here: [link](#)

- [Tomorrow from 4-5 PM, Hallowell Music and Arts in sponsoring an event at the Old Firestation \(located at 124 Second Street\)](#). Jeremy and Brookes Smith will be there co-hosting a talk on working to sustain creative lives with fiber arts and ceramics. In the age of digital media, the ways we connect outside of technology plays an ever-more important role. Come learn more about what drives them to create work! More information on this event can be found here: [link](#)

Student Senate/Council: We are gearing up for our Make a Difference Week and Homecoming Dance. Homecoming will be on Oct 19th at 8:00PM and the door fee is \$8.00. Please make sure your student has completed and submitted the dance contract prior to the dance. Also if your student is requesting a guest to attend our homecoming please make sure they have completed the guest form by the end of the day on Wednesday Oct 16th.

Athletics:

Monday, September 30th: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, October 1st: Field Hockey Won over Oceanside 2-0

Girls Soccer Won over Leavitt 1-0

Wednesday, October 2nd: Boys Soccer Won over Leavitt 1-0

Math Team placed 4th at Gardiner Math Meet

Thursday, October 3rd: Girls Soccer tied Lincoln Academy 1-1

Boys Soccer Won over Lincoln Academy 1-0

Friday, October 4th: Football is at Home vs Ellsworth at 7 pm

Saturday, October 5th: Boys JV & Varsity Soccer @ Mt View at 9:30 am

Cross Country @ Belfast at 10:30 am

Upcoming Events:

10/7 Flu Clinic

10/8 Our German Partnership Program students arrive

10/11 In service day no school for students

10/11 GAPP field trip to Camden

10/15 Staff Meeting

10/16 GAPP field trip to Portland

10/17 GAPP field trip to Freeport

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