

October 14th - October 19th

Dear Maranacook Faculty and Families

Thank you for a wonderful week filled with incredible classroom activities, field trips, a pep rally and games. The football game Friday night was especially nice. The Bear Cave was packed and rocking and had the additional guests of Mr. Gilbert and the drum section. During timeouts scores and the half time the band got the crowd going to help support the team. A special thank you to Mr. DeAngelis, Mrs. Graziano, Mr. Levasseur and Mr. Gilbert who helped chaperone the evening.

Reminder: A reminder Parent - Teacher Conferences are Oct. 24th & 29th 3:00pm - 7:00
[Register for an appointment, click here](#)

Guidance: Kim visited with representatives from selective colleges to get updates on admissions policies and the application process. Representatives from Yale, Dartmouth, Brown, Bates and Colby provided feedback on our school profile and suggestions for our students when they apply.

JMG (Jobs for Maine Grads): This week in JMG, students finished an “Ethical Dilemma” presentation where they researched or came up with an ethical question, picked a side and “took a stand,” for what they believe in. Students presented this to the whole class once they finished.

Later in the week, students started a “Career Research” activity/unit where they first identify their personal interests, then narrow down a career they are interested in and do extensive research about it.

Maranacook Alternative Program (MAP): Students are continuing to read their independent novels and identify various literary elements. Students are exploring their topics for National History Day with the theme of breaking barriers. STEM students are brainstorming different bridge building ideas via prototyping with spaghetti.

English: Seniors in AP Literature and Composition are working on deepening their skills of analysis through the use of Socratic Seminars; specifically they are examining self-reflection techniques of their performances/skills exhibited in those seminars. They are currently reading Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein” and examining the novel's place in the literary canon.

Seniors in the college prep classes are wrapping up their first unit on close reading and personal essays. They have finished their college essays and have read several memoir pieces, observing how authors use various craft techniques to shape the tone and convey purpose. They will start their final writing piece based on Donald Murray's, "The Stranger in the Photo is Me" reflecting on photos from their past and conferencing to discuss moves and techniques they are incorporating in their own writing. Students have made some impressive progress in their independent reading, recommending book titles and setting weekly reading goals. Be sure to ask your students what they're reading!

World Language: After their bus broke down just outside of New York City, the Germans finally made it to Maranacook on the 8th. It's been a wonderful experience as Viersen and Maranacook celebrate the 40th year of GAPP at Maranacook High School.

As a group, they have hiked Mt Battie, visited the town of Camden, taken tours of the city of Portland, visited the Portland Museum of Art, had plenty of time to shop and discover the Old Port, checked out Downtown Augusta, and even toured the State House and State Museum. This weekend, the students will experience the Homecoming Game on Friday and the dance on Saturday.

We are blessed to have such willing and amazing host families. Herr Fecteau has heard so many wonderful things from the German students. They've visited all over the state and tried many new things: apple picking, pumpkin carving, hiking, lobster, etc.

The Germans leave next Tuesday, but not before we wrap it all up as a group on Monday evening for a final dinner and a chance to celebrate and appreciate the international exchange and partnership before us.

Advisee: The Class of 2022 is holding a wreath sale, please see a member of the class to order your wreaths. Make a Difference is this coming week! The advisory with the highest total at each grade level will win a pizza party. Kids Who Care Day is Friday Dec. 13, 2019.

Social Studies: AP United States History students are working on NHD projects and preparing to role play Hamilton vs. Jefferson before listening to "Cabinet Battle #2" from the musical Hamilton.

AP Psych students are starting to analyze their dreams to apply different dream theories. Interestingly this is one of the last areas where “the father of psychology,” Sigmund Freud, is still considered an “expert”.

US History students are studying the French and Indian War as well as working on NHD Projects. Comparative Government is looking at the Brexit Deal and the impact the deal will have on Europe, the EU and the UK.

Global students will continue honing their analytical skills, and practice how to properly question a source and learn from it while moving through the DBQ on China’s Water Crisis.

World History students are working on NHD Project and focusing on the Geography standard through a study of the Ancient Greeks.

Math: Students in Ms. Harman’s Algebra 1 Pt2 class are finishing solving systems of equations using graphing, and then algebraically using substitution and elimination.

AP Calculus AB students in Mrs. Graziano’s class are practicing their skills of using derivative rules. There are so many rules they need to know and they will eventually be taking a License to Derive exam to make sure they know all the basic rules.

Science: Earth Systems: Earth systems classes are continuing to investigate various concepts related to the structure of the atom.

Honors Biology: Honors Biology is wrapping up their introduction to cell biology and is getting ready to learn about the cellular energy required for life.

Robotics: Robotics has just finished their coding unit where they learned the basic processes of making a robot run autonomously. Next they will begin individual competitions where they will make use of both coding and driver controlled operations.

AP Biology: Students are beginning the process of creating a sterilization lab followed with a peer reviewed publishable lab report using industry standards, procedures, and techniques.

Physics: Students in physics this week worked through mathematical questions related to gravity.

Chemistry: Some chemistry classes worked through density, percent error, and data analysis this week while other classes finished a mole lab by determining how many moles of water they could swallow in one large gulp.

Health: **Holiday assistance letters** were sent home to all families in the district. If you are in need of some help this holiday season, we are happy to be of assistance. Please fill out the wish list and send it back to the school or scan & email it to Anya (the school nurse) by November 1. All identifying information is kept confidential so please do not let that be a barrier.

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*If you want to donate gifts please check in with the Readfield town office/ Mt Vernon Fire & Rescue/ Hope Baptist Church in Manchester/Wayne Community Church. These organizations receive the lists from us and need the community's help to fulfill all the needs, thank you!

Technology/Business: This week tech, business and IA teachers are reviewing and refining course curriculum guides and maps. There is a great article in the KJ about technology use in the area schools, highlights MCS. [Read Article](#)

Fine Arts: Ceramics: Students are learning about glazes and the way to combine colors creatively to create color and decorations to enhance their pottery. Once their tea bowls are glazed, they will start designing ways to emboss designs on clay and experiment with making work on the potter's wheel.

Concert Band and Jazz Band: Some very dedicated music students have been spending time learning some percussion routines for the Homecoming Football game on Friday, October 18th. These students gave the school a little sample of what we have in store for the game at our Homecoming Pep Rally, and based on student feedback, they are INCREDIBLY excited to hear these drums as we support our school!

Student Senate/Council: What a great week!!! Staff and students shined bright all week with school spirit. We hosted our Pep Rally and Make a Difference week assembly with

great success. We are so excited to kick off our weekend with our Football game tonight at 7pm to be followed by a bonfire from 9-10 pm in the parking lot next to the kitchen at the High School. Our homecoming dance will be held at the high school on Saturday Oct. 19th at 8pm- 11pm. Cost of admission is \$8.

Next week we will be collecting Food and other goods for Make a Difference Week. The Collection lasts all week-

On Monday, send in canned goods (proteins like tuna, chicken, peanut butter, soups, vegetables, fruit, etc.)

On Tuesday, Send in dry goods (cereal, oatmeal, pasta, etc.)

On Wednesday, Send in paper goods(toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, tissues, etc.) and personal hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, shampoos, soaps, deodorant,)

On Thursday, Send in holiday basket items(cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix, canned vegetables) and backpacks for use by the food pantry

On Friday, send in any item that you forgot to send in earlier in the week!!

Helps us care for our community!

Civil Rights Team: On Friday, October 25, members of our team will be spreading a message of inclusion through an event called Day of Welcome. This event is sponsored by the Maine Office of the Attorney General through the Civil Rights Team Project, who support us in our work of engaging the school community in thinking and talking about issues related to race and skin color, national origin and ancestry, religion, disabilities, gender (including gender identity and expression), and sexual orientation. The Civil Rights Team Project and civil rights teams are supported in this work by state law and our school policies.

Students in our group have worked to spread awareness and celebrate that Maranacook Community High School is an inclusive school. On Friday, during both lunches, we will have an information table with updates on the things that we are planning for the 2019-20 school year. To be a part of the event, we are asking students and staff to do the following:

- Wear black and gold to support this day
- Morning announcements supporting Day of Welcome

- Provide information on inclusion and civil rights, as well as show positive messages that display how we feel about MCHS community being an inclusive one
- Explain what our group does in our weekly meetings and how we work to spread a message of inclusion and acceptance (e.g. we create buttons, posters and celebrate events and people in our diverse school community)
- Display banners and posters with positive messages that show MCHS is a welcoming place
- Consider helping our message by voting on a slogan that best fits with our Civil Rights Team and will help us find our mission statement for the coming year

You can make an enormous difference in helping us make the Day of Welcome a success in our school. Your vocal and visible support signal that this event is important. Please talk about it with your students and encourage them to engage with what we have planned. You are also encouraged to participate! Celebrate the Day of Welcome, but also think about what you can and already do to help make our school and community more welcoming for people of all identities.

Let's all do our part to ensure a school community where everyone is WELCOME!

Athletics: Congratulations to Carolina Bachelder for being named athlete of the week. Carolina is a field hockey player leads the team in defense on corners and has a rocket of a shot as well.

Athletic Schedule:

Monday, October 14th: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, October 15th: Boys Soccer Won over Oceanside 7-0

Girls Varsity Soccer Won over Oceanside 11-0

Wednesday, October 16th: Field Hockey lost MCI 1-7

Thursday, October 17th: Boys JV Soccer home vs Morse

Girls JV Soccer home vs Morse

Friday, October 18th: Football home vs Mt. Ararat at 7 pm

Saturday, October 19th: Cross country @ Cony at 11 am

Girls Soccer home vs Morse at 1 pm

Boys Soccer home vs Morse at 3 pm

GO BEARS!

Upcoming Events:

10/21 Make a difference week

10/24 Parent and teacher conferences
10/29 Parent and teacher conferences
11/1 Picture retake day
11/6 Board Meeting at MCMS
11/21 Fall Sports Awards Night 6:30pm

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