

October 21st - October 25th

**Dear Maranacook Faculty and Families**

Thank you for a wonderful week everyone!

The high school and middle school held Make a Difference Week this week. I really appreciate everyone's efforts in raising food and money for our own pantry and community pantries.

This past weekend we had our homecoming games and dance as well as a bonfire. The dance was a super success with over two hundred students attending. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this weekend happen.

**Reminder:** A reminder Parent - Teacher Conferences are Oct. 29th 3:00pm - 7:00

[Register for an appointment, click here](#)

**Guidance:** The Application Completion Night was a great success! 17 seniors (and some parents) stopped by to get help completing college applications. Many students completed their applications from start to finish and were able to submit their applications. Thank you to all of the students who made this night a success, and thank you to MELMAC for funding the pizza and snacks for our students.

**JMG (Jobs for Maine Grads):** This week in JMG, students are starting a Career Research project titled "Your Next Move." Students took a "Career Cluster Survey" based on their likes, dislikes and interests to find different fields that best suit them. After, students watched a short video based on their field that matched with them to learn more about it. Then, students picked two careers out of the "cluster" that best suits them and will continue to research more about it with the help from Mr. Smith. Next week, students will choose 1 career out of the 2 selected and create a keynote to present to the class. After this project is completed, Mr. Smith will look into possible job shadow opportunities for the career the students eventually choose!

**Maranacook Alternative Program (MAP):** This week students planted garlic! This is the second season they have done this! They planted two different types this year- Music and Georgian Fire.

**English:** Students in Junior Topic classes are currently writing analytical theme essays. They are either analyzing various themes in Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" or writing an

essay comparing themes in their independent reading books with a chosen film. Soon students in these classes will transition into contemporary realistic fiction book groups.

Juniors in the Honors American Literature class are drafting and conferencing over their Gatsby theme essays, focusing on narrow thesis statements that make specific claims, integrating evidence, and analyzing for style and content. Next, students will be previewing and selecting books for their Great American Novel book groups.

The AP Language students are in memoir book groups reading either J.D.Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy* or Tara Westover's *Educated*. Their reading is focused on rhetorical analysis and arguments related to education. As a class, we will be reading other opinion pieces to discuss rhetorical choices and how arguments are crafted for specific audiences.

English Department members are currently working on growing their classroom libraries. If you are interested in making a donation, please use this link to our [Amazon Wish List](#). It is important to us that we are providing current and relevant texts to our student; any support is extremely appreciated.

**World Language:** The year is well underway at this point. The French students are beginning a unit on media and creative writing. We are starting at all levels with different songs by Caudio Capeo. Each level is also beginning to learn a poem. We are actively looking for a partner city in France with the help of students, who are researching different locations in the country to find some picture perfect locations to visit. After seeing the Germans here at the school, many students want to have their own visitors from France in addition to wanting to go to a place in France for a trip.

**Advisee:** Kids Who Care Day is Friday Dec. 13, 2019. Students will be taking part in activities by advisory to give back for the holiday season. Please be on the lookout for information from advisors.

**Social Studies:** This week in Global Studies students are learning about the Global Water Crisis. Using the topic of the Global Water Crisis as a vehicle students are honing their skills in reading informational texts, analysis, and collaborative work. Some Global Studies students have already embarked on their first DBQ (Document Based Question) project. Within the DBQ students will be reading several primary and secondary sources related specifically to China's Water Crisis, then students will write an essay answering the focus question. "What is driving China's Water Crisis?"

**Math:** In November, the Math Department will be starting a recognition program of “Math Ninja” of the month. Each math teacher will award a student who has impressed them in some way in their classroom.

Mike Boyman reports that this school year’s Math/Physics projects will be held in March.

Sarah Harman’s Algebra 1 Pt 2.class used solving systems of equalities to find the Pirate Ship treasure.

Kelsea Bickford’s MAP Math group is preparing for systems of equations assessment.

Mrs Graziano’s AP Calculus just completed their test corrections from Unit 1. It is always interesting to read about student learning of concepts. Next week we will continue learning about derivative rules. Chain, chain, chain! Chain of rules!!

**Science:** In Earth Systems Science this week students created Bohr models of atoms as they continued to study the building blocks of matter.

Honors Biology: Students are exploring the rates of photosynthesis, cellular respiration and fermentation.

Robotics: Students are right in the middle of individual competitions by using autonomous codes to program their bots through various obstacles.

AP Biology: Students are in the middle of finalizing their Materials and Methods for their upcoming sterilization lab.

Medical Explorers: Members of the Medical Explorers Club just returned from Portland where they honed their surgical suturing techniques at a Dermatology Conference.

Chemistry: In honors chemistry classes this week students worked with ionic and covalent compounds. Students synthesized new ionic compounds and then determined the names and formulas of what they had created during the experiment. In other chemistry classes we wrapped up the first unit with a quiz and a lab. The experiment investigated how inaccurate beakers are for measuring volume.

**Health Center:** Next week the Tooth Fairy-the dental hygienist is coming so if you signed up your child for this service please be aware. If you are paying for it (i.e. any student

without MaineCare) please send in a check for \$42/or cash. The services provided by the tooth fairy are a dental cleaning, oral evaluation, sealant placement if necessary, oral hygiene instruction, and a topical fluoride treatment. This service is provided 2 times a year and if you did not sign your child up but would like to please contact Anya, the school nurse at 685-4923 ext. 1033

## Technology

Past few weeks Freshman have worked on NWEA's, an online testing



program that assesses Reading and Math skills.

RSU 38 has a new web presence this year and easy to use with a mobile device. Download the app RSU38 from Google Play or the App Store. On lap or desktop visit us at [www.maranacook.org](http://www.maranacook.org).

Check out the news section for school events, projects, awards etc. The Live Feed is frequently updated with current events that help tell the Maranacook story. The Athletic section runs all events, times, scores, etc. Events, meetings, conferences, plays, concerts, etc can be found on the Calendar. Join us on Facebook.

**Fine Arts:** Music and Theater: Despite sickness and exhaustion, students in the MCHS Players have stepped it up in rehearsals as we get closer to the opening date of Mamma Mia! Dance numbers look phenomenal, scenes are breath-taking (comically and dramatically) and the music is incredible.

Fine Metals students are well underway on their design drawings for the Ring as Sculpture assignment and some students will begin the construction process this week.

Students in Honors Studio Art are learning more about the following three pastel rendering techniques: scumbling, blending and feathering. They are practicing ways to find and create accurate work using neutral colors, chromatic range and local color. Honors students will finish their pastel body of work on November 1st.

Metal Design students are working on designing and forging a unique fire poker and watch a demonstration of raising a copper vessel.

Students in Intro to Art classes are completing their first unit on portraits and creating works that possess compositional details and elements related to color, space and line to create mood and depth.

**Student Senate/Council:** What a great Homecoming! Our students are amazing and we had a great time at the Bonfire and Homecoming Dance. We hosted just over 235 students at the homecoming dance. WOW! This week we are collecting items for our local food pantries in celebration of Make a Difference Week.

Our final outcome for the food drive is as follows:

Our winning grade level The Freshman\*\*\* with 699 items -- They Now have the well sought after Traveling Trophy

2nd Place \*\*\*\*\*The Juniors with \*\*\*697 items

3rd Place \*\*\*\* The Seniors with \*\*\* 522 items

4th Place\*\*\*\* The Sophomores with\*\*\*422 items

Senate offered a reward of a pizza party for each grade level. The advisee group that brought in the most items per grade level would enjoy a fun lunch on us. The winning groups are as follows:

9th grade: Mrs. Watson's group

10th grade: Mrs. Guillemette's group

11th grade: Mr. Levasseur's group

12th grade: Mr. DeMillo's group

The total amount of items collected will be shared with Mt.Vernon Food Pantry and our own very own Maranacook Area Food Pantry is 2340 items. This is an amazing success. Thank you to our Student Senates outreach committee.

Thank you all for your support and leadership in helping our students shine!

**Athletics:** Playoffs are beginning for both soccer teams and football, and cross country is competing in regional and state championships. Follow Twitter and Instagram for the latest times and updates. (@maranacookad)

**Athletic Schedule:**

Monday, October 21st: No events

Tuesday, October 22nd: Girls Soccer Won r Mt. View 3-1

Wednesday, October 23rd: No events

Thursday, October 24th: No events

Friday, October 25th: Girls Soccer Home vs Telstar 4 pm Prelims

Football @ Yarmouth at 7 pm

Saturday, October 26th: Cross Country Regional Championships Twinbrook Rec.

Cumberland girls 12:20 pm Boys 1 pm

Upcoming Events:

10/29 Parent and teacher conferences

10/30 Coed Math Meet @ Home 3:30 pm

11/1 Picture retake day

11/5 Staff Meeting

11/6 Board Meeting at MCMS

11/9 All State Music

11/14-17 Mama Mia

GO BEARS!

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