

November 12th - November 15th

**Dear Maranacook Faculty and Families,**

Please help us with your child's daily attendance. Your child's attendance at school is vital to his/her learning experience. When students are frequently absent, learning opportunities are lost because they have missed lessons, activities, and the rich conversation that takes place in classrooms, and this cannot be recreated. Students who are frequently tardy or absent are at risk for not meeting grade-level benchmarks in literacy, math, and content standards. In fact, studies have shown that missing as much as 10% of a school year, or two days per month, can severely affect a student's ability to succeed academically due to the gaps in learning that occurs.

We are all about student success; we enjoy teaching your child and want to see her/him each day! We understand that sometimes your child may be ill. If they are ill, please call the school to report their absence. Andie or Kelly are happy to take your call.

**Guidance:** Kim and Sara visited with Thomas College to review Dual Enrollment offerings. We have one student, Wyatt Cannell, who will be graduating with his Associate Degree this year! Sophie O'Clair is on track to graduate with her Associate Degree next year. Both Wyatt and Sophie attended the Kennebec County Superintendent's showcase to discuss the dual enrollment program at the high school. Thanks to Wyatt and Sophie!

**Music Department:** Hannah Liscord was one of 10 Maine Students, who was selected to attend the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) 2019 All-National Honor Ensembles on November 7-10, 2019, in Orlando, Florida. Hannah reports that it was an incredible experience and that she learned so much from the musicians there. We are very

proud to have had Hannah represent our Black Bears at this event!



**JMG (Jobs for Maine Grads):** During a short week due to Veterans Day and a snow day, students in JMG continued to work on their personal resumes. Students learned what the purpose of a resume was, what not to put on a resume, the importance of action words, and then started to construct their own with the help of Mr. Smith. Students were shown examples of very good resumes as well. After students completed their resumes, they were told to save it in a place where they could continue to update it for years to come. Students also sent their resumes to Mr. Smith so he could have a copy for them in case they lose their own!

**Maranacook Alternative Program (MAP):** MAP Students had a short but productive week. In STEM students are working hard to move forward in Math content at their own pace. Building off of the Fresh movie, students are starting to track what they are eating to have a stronger understanding of where their food is coming from. The students also said farewell to Hey Hey and Ruby (their two chickens) for the winter. They will be back again in the Spring!

**English:** Last Friday, the English Department attended the annual Maine Writing Project Conference in Belfast. The theme was “The Pen is Mightier: Teaching Writing for Change” and many of the sessions addressed the transformative nature of writing and challenged us to examine our definition of what it means to read and write. Mrs. Moran presented on how teachers can create their own academic escape rooms. With an inspiring keynote, by award winning Maine author Monica Wood, it was a wonderful opportunity to learn from other Maine writers and educators.

The seniors in the CP class are starting a new unit, shift away from our focus on nonfiction and memoirs to fiction and literary analysis. We are examining how authors craft themes through characters and craft moves. To do this work we will be transitioning away from independent reading a bit and starting *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*. We will still have opportunities for independent reading to keep the momentum from the fall going

AP Literature students are beginning to work on their final analysis of *Frankenstein* paying close attention to the author's portrayal of the characters. Students will be asked to argue who is "the monster" based off social norms, human nature, human desires, or human connection.

Thank you to all of the parents/ guardians who have donated books so far; we really appreciate it! If you are interested in helping us grow our classroom libraries, please use the following to our [Amazon Wish List](#).

**World Language:** Mr. Barnes's participated in an immersion weekend offered by UMA called, "French By the Sea,". This weekend helped him to gain a better understanding of fluency targets for French instruction in the classroom. **French I** students are talking about their schedules right now. **French II** students are using the past and the future tenses. **French III and IV** students are diving into a discussion-based approach to literature in different novels by Alexandre Dumas.

**Advisee: Kids Who Care Day** is Friday Dec. 13, 2019. Advisor's should be sharing plans!



Some of the plans include making baked goods, writing cards, or wrapping presents. Juniors have decided on the theme for this year's prom theme is The Roaring 20's.

**Social Studies:** **Ethics** students are creating PSA Ads for an environmental issue that encourages the public to act ethically. **AP Psych** students are learning about conditioning and are practicing positive and negative reinforcement in the classroom through some simulations. **AP US History** students are working on NHD projects and have started reading the Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass in class. **World History and US History** students are continuing to work on NHD Projects with creating a Thesis Statement and finishing their study of the Revolutionary War, constitution and post revolutionary era.

**Global CP** students are working collaboratively to analyze documents related to China's Water Crisis. Soon students will be given an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to analyze a document on their own. **US History** students are encountering their first progress check for NHD projects and finishing their study of the Revolutionary War. **AP World History** students are comparing the Qin Dynasty and Japan's Shogunate Dynasty. Also comparing the Aztecs and the Inca. **AP Comparative Government** students are writing a position paper on The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad by Fareed Zakaria.

**Math: Ms. Graziano's AP Calculus** class is just completing a large unit about derivatives. There are so many rules for the class to remember that the list of rules can be overwhelming. After this unit, students will be using these rules to solve real-world applications. **Ms. Harman's geometry class** they are continuing their study of transformations by investigating rotations of objects about a point and how this transformation results in congruence. **Mr. Babbitt's geometry** class is starting their study of proofs.

**Science: Earth Systems** class students are continuing work on the structure of atoms and the importance of valence electrons. **Honors Biology** students are taking a look at various pharmaceuticals that are used to control mitotic rates and subsequently may be used for cancer mitigation. **AP Biology** students are wrapping up their Cellular Energy Unit with an assessment. Next they will move into Genetics. **Physics** students are wrapping their work on vectors and projectile motion and getting ready to finish the work they have already started on Newton's Laws. Honors Physics students have also received the criteria for their Physics/Math construction project and will be turning in preliminary proposals soon. **Chemistry** students in college prep chemistry created paper models of ionic compounds this week as part of a lab and they took an assessment on the first half of unit 2. Investigations regarding the organization of the periodic chart began in honors chemistry this week as well as an assessment of percent composition & formulas of hydrates.

**Health Center:** It is the time of year where students get sick. Please remember to keep your students home if they are running a fever or have been vomiting within the last 24 hours. Though their attendance at school is important, we want to make sure we are not spreading viruses and are keeping our school as healthy as possible. Encourage frequent hand washing and not to share food or drinks with other students. We do have a Nurse Practitioner available Tuesday and Thursday mornings for students with expanded services.

**Technology:** For the past few weeks Engineering students that have been learning the V-Carve Pro CAD program for the CNC router have become proficient enough with skills to start creating on their own. The current project is to create a functional game board, using V-Carve and the router. This project allows students to produce a practical product by innovation and creation while increasing content knowledge.

**Fine Arts:** The amazing work over the past several weeks is culminating in the production of Mamma Mia this weekend! We are excited to have such a strong showing of talent in our students who pursue excellence in the arts. Maranacook is truly blessed to have the ability to highlight students' creative and performative efforts in musicals of this caliber.



To the cast and crew of Mamma Mia, you have made us proud of all your hard work. To Dan Gilbert and Sam Watson, we are so thankful to you and all of the time in planning and arranging that you have accomplished. Thanks for sharing that commitment and passion with our students each day. We're hoping that many community members and families are able to attend the musical in the coming days!



**Student Senate/Council:** Senate met this week and we work on various events coming up. Please mark you calendars for our Community Breakfast which will be hosted on Saturday December 7th from 7am- 10am. The proceeds of this event will be used to help support our work in providing some relief to community members in need of heating assistance. Thank you for your support.

**Extra and Co Curricular News:** The fall season came to a close last Friday night as the varsity football team lost in the regional finals to a very determined Mt. Ararat team. The boys had an undefeated regular season and showed everyone around the state that 8-man football is the real deal and should be watched closely. Rumor has it that many other schools may join the league next year. Congratulations to Coach Jordan DeMillo and the team on a great first season.

There will be no Winter Sports Night this year, instead teams will be holding their own specific informational nights. See the write up below for some of the times. (Hockey has already met) Please feel free to contact the athletic office if you have any questions about participation. As always, each student must have a current physical on file and complete a contract (found in the athletic handbook) in order to participate.

High school basketball and ice hockey starts on Monday 11/18. Our basketball teams are coached Travis and Karen Magnusson, we are very lucky to have them lead their respective teams. Ice hockey is coached by Jack Rioux and has added a fifth cooperative member to the program. This means a new name for the team we are excited to now be called the Capital Region Hawks. Home games will continue to be played at Kents Hill School Alford Center.

HS Alpine skiing gets going on 12/2. They will have an information meeting on Sunday 11/17 at 7pm at the high school. Nordic Skiing will have an informational meeting on Tuesday, 11/19 at 6:30pm in the high school student center.

**Athletic Schedule:**

Monday, November 18th: No events scheduled

Tuesday, November 19th: Ne events Scheduled

Wednesday, November 20th: No events Scheduled

Thursday, November 21th: No events scheduled

Friday, November 22nd: No events scheduled

Saturday, November 23rd: No events scheduled

Upcoming Events:

11/18 GEAR-up meeting

11/19 CATC administrators meeting

11/19 Staff meeting

11/26 Health Advisory Committee meeting in the Media Center

11/27-12/1: Thanksgiving Break

Have a Great Weekend!

Dwayne, Tina, Brant, Kelly T, Andie, Robyn, Hannah, Jeremy, Dylan, Sheryl, Kelsea, Sam, Kim, Kelly F, Lori, Anya, Becca,

GO BEARS!

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