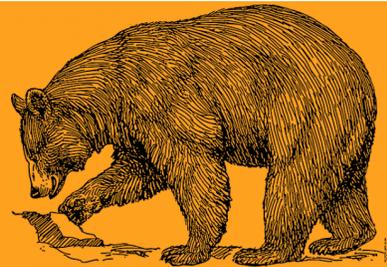


Maranacook News

For Faculty, Families, Students and Community
March 23rd - 27th



Dear Maranacook Family,

We are so excited to see remote learning start on Monday, March 30, 2020. This will allow students to have the opportunity to continue learning and engage with their teachers here at the High School. This could be challenging for some students, but we are here to support everyone on this journey. Teachers will be posting assignments in their Google Classrooms for students. Students and parents feel free reach out to teachers with questions. It was great to see so many families pick up materials from school Friday.

There are still many unknowns as we move forward. There have been a lot of questions about Prom and Graduation and so on. In the coming weeks depending on how long we are out, we will figure out the answers to these questions. Know that we are thinking about it and are looking at possibilities. The Class of 2020, will be honored and celebrated. They have worked hard to reach

this point and it will not go unnoticed.

We did get word this week that the SAT requirement as the State of Maine assessment has been waived for all 3rd year high school students. As we continue to get information we will pass it along in our newsletter and through emails.

Please don't hesitate to call or email with questions or concerns over the coming weeks. We are all in this together and know that together we will support each other during these challenging times. Despite the challenges we face there is much to be positive and happy about. Continue to look for the good in every situation.

Pictured above are students from the high school who missed each other and wanted to spend time together back at Maranacook. It was a heartwarming site to see.



Student Expectations for Remote Learning

Below is the high school schedule for students during remote learning. Monday and Thursday each week will be Black days, while Tuesday and Fridays will be Gold Days. Teachers will be posting assignments to google classroom for students. Students are expected to complete assignments and hand them in to the teachers remotely based on teachers expectations. We will be extremely flexible with students. Teachers will have office hours each week to work with students remotely and answer questions. We encourage students to be engaged as much as possible with the online learning. We know that not all students may be able to complete all assignments though. We are here to offer support and help students be successful with remote learning. Many students have picked up pen and paper assignments and we will make arrangements for those assignments to be collected at a later date. Students should check their email Monday-Friday at least once a day for updates from their teachers. Please don't hesitate to contact teachers, advisors, or myself dwayne_conway@maranacook.com with questions via email.

Maranacook High School Teacher Daily Schedule. Students may follow this schedule but complete work at anytime during the day. Teachers may set up optional meetings for students during these times.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-9:45	Teacher Office Hours	Teacher Office Hours	Grade Level Meetings for Teachers	Teacher Office Hours	Teacher Office Hours
10:00-10:45	B1	G5	CPT Meeting for Teachers	B1	G5
11:00-11:45	B2	G6	Office Hours	B2	G6
11:45-12:15	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:15-1:00	B3	G7	Office Hours	B3	G7
1:15-2:00	B4	G8	Staff Meeting	B4	G8

We are extremely happy to announce Ms. Despres will be teaching French for us the remainder of the year.



Hi! My name is Abby Despres. I am a third year political science major at the University of Maine with minors in French, Legal Studies, and International Affairs. I have been studying french for seven years now and I am very excited to share the knowledge I've gathered with the students at Maranacook over the coming months. I graduated from Maranacook in 2017 and am looking forward to coming back to the community and being involved. For now, I'll be based out of my parent's home in Fayette while I teach and finish up my own semester. A little about me: I love to sing (I'm in the female a cappella group at UMaine along with two other choirs), nordic ski, read, and run. After school I'm looking to pursue a masters in public policy so I might go on to lead a career in public service. I love a challenge and can't wait to get started with this project. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone over the coming months!



Senior Spotlight:

Ashley Cray - is doing a great job of handling her quarantine after returning from Spain. She is continuing to be optimistic and look forward as she prepares to head off to college in whatever form that may be. Ashley is using her time to apply for lots of college scholarships - I think we have talked at least 5 times about recommendation letters. I am so impressed with her ability to bounce back from whatever challenges she faces. Ashley models what resilience looks like!- Mr. DeAngelis



Cambelle Nutting - for being such an active member of the Maranacook School Community. She thoroughly immerses herself in her studies and interests maintaining an excellent average and attitude. As president of the Gay Straight Alliance she actively engages the school community to think of each other's rights and dignity. She also mentors students at the middle school, participates in each sports season as captain of the girls cross country team, is a dedicated member of the girls nordic ski team, and is a member of the girls track team.- Mrs. O'Donoghue

Vita Scott - Vita always has a smile on her face and is willing to take on many different roles within the student body. She is a



middle school mentor, participates in skiing and the musical, and is the co-head of student voice. She has spent some of her last two summers volunteering in South America. Last summer, she completed a hippotherapy (horseback riding as a therapeutic/rehabilitation) internship to learn more about the physical therapy profession! She is an amazing student and advisee! - Mrs. Ray



Jackie Gordon - for having such a tremendous year in the Law Enforcement program at CATC. She also is pursuing this as a career and will be attending a local college in the fall to continue her training. Jackie has been such a big part of the Maranacook family over the past four years and has grown into an amazing leader!

Allee LaRoche - Allee had a lot on her plate as she transferred into Maranacook this year after being at Waterville for her 3 previous years of high school. It is very hard to transfer to a brand new school; even more if you do it your senior year. That being said, she has been a part of JMG since 6th grade and decided to join our brand new program here at MCHS; where her classmates unanimously voted her president. She is a natural born leader and has shown that in her short time here at MCHS. She has been responsible for recruiting many other students to join JMG this year. In the fall, Allee will be attending the University of Maine at Farmington with a major in psychology; with hopes of becoming a counselor in her future. - Mr. Sam Smith



Kenny Allen - He is funny, observant, super polite and kind. And -- he loves to read! He is engaged in the computer tech program at CATC. This is his second year in the program and know he will continue in this field when he graduates. Kenny likes to work on rebuilding computers during his free time, and is good at explaining technology to those who aren't quite as savvy. Kenny is a big part of both Maranacook and CATC. We



appreciate how he makes our school and community better. We are proud of you Kenny. -Ms. Libby

Gratefully,
Dwayne Conway
Principal

Get to Know Our MCHS Team



I am Liz Guillemette; I teach English and am a class of 2022 advisor! I've been a teacher for the past sixteen years after a few years working in publishing and I am lucky to have spent the past nine years at Maranacook. I have loved working at Maranacook because of the people and the community. When I first started here I got to be a part of a department that included Maranacook legends like Anne Sinclair, Paula Weisberger, and Greg Durgin who taught me a lot about what makes Maranacook so special. I had heard about Maranacook from my husband, who is a graduate and jokingly refers to Maranacook as, "that hippy school," but in all seriousness, at Maranacook I am reminded that it's people and connections that really make education valuable.

I'm a Connecticut native, went to college in Pennsylvania, spent a semester in Edinburgh, Scotland, worked a bit in Massachusetts, and traveled to Peru, but have found a home in Maine. I ended up in Maine because of my older sister, who went to Colby where she met her husband. When they graduated and lived in Portland, I would visit them and fell in love with Maine. I hadn't wanted to start a teaching career until I was in a place I saw staying long-term because I connect so much of teaching to the community. I hadn't exactly envisioned central Maine, and when I first started working up here I told myself that after a year or two I would return to Portland. But, sixteen years later I can't picture living anywhere else!

I am happiest when I can be outdoors (hiking, skiing, swimming, or gardening) with my husband, our nine-year-old twin boys Ralph and Charlie, and our Goldendoodle, Winnie. I'm also very

lucky to have parents who moved two years ago from their home in Connecticut, where they lived for over forty years, to Readfield. They may have been motivated to be closer to their grandkids, but I feel pretty lucky to have them by my side. Growing up, my father had two big pieces of advice for me, “Read for twenty minutes and you’ll feel better” and “If you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the problem” both of which I carry with me in my life and work today.

My sons’ favorite part of the year is summer at Lake Winnepesaukee with extended family. This is an annual trip that was started by my maternal grandparents before I was born and that I counted down the days to as a kid. It’s still one of my favorite places and times of the year, not just for the time I get to spend with my family, but seeing how excited my kids are to spend their days being tossed off the raft by their older cousins or fishing in the lake.

Social distancing has been good for tackling my ever-growing “to read” pile of books. I’ve finished Jennifer Niven’s *All the Bright Places*, Glennon Doyle’s *Untamed*, and Kristen Hannah’s *The Great Alone*. I try to rotate my reading between a YA book that I might want to add to my classroom library, a nonfiction text, and literary fiction and I love sharing titles and getting new recommendations.

Health Center



Food Boxes

Food Boxes will be given out Fridays from 3-4 pm at the High School.

If you have received a box from the school, we will count you as needing one weekly. If you have never gotten a box, please contact your nurse to be added to the list.

Nurses:

Readfield and Wayne Elementary:

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Manchester and Mt Vernon Elementary:

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Maranacook High School:

anya_davidson@maranacook.com

This service will continue as long as supplies last. Non-

perishable food donations are welcome! Please drop them in the foyer at the High School between 9-3 weekdays. If you would like to send a check, make it payable to RSU#38 with Food Pantry in the subject line. Thank you!

Look at the district website for updates:

Website: www.maranacook.org

Call Dr.Conway (458-1223) with questions

School Breakfast and Lunches are being handed out on Mondays and Wednesdays at Mt. Vernon Elementary between 7:00-9:00 a.m. Please just show up if you would like this service for your family.



URGENT: Food pantry in need of both food and mo...

Due to the on-going COVID-19 virus crisis, the Maranacook Area Food Pantry has ramped up its effo...

 mcs.maranacook.org

Go Bears!

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