

We did it! We did it! Thank you everyone for all your support and helping to make the first week back at school so positive.

Maranacook News

For Faculty, Families, Students and Community
Sept 7th - Sept 11th



It's been a busy week here at the high school. On September 8th we started the school year with freshmen only. It was heartwarming to see students back on campus laughing and learning. Freshmen spent the day with their advisors as well as touring the school, participating in many team building activities, going over protocols and meeting their new teachers. A special thank you to Ms. Brackley for organizing the day and to Mrs. Moran, Mr. Dorman and Mr. Remington who all ran an activity and the advisors of the Class of 2024. Your hard work and dedication to the advisee system show what makes Maranacook special. Pictured above is Mrs. Nicola and her advisee group having lunch outside.

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Wednesday, Thursday and Friday both cohorts came in person with remote students attending via asynchronous and synchronous methods. It was a new learning process for both students and staff, but by Friday it felt much more like Maranacook. Dismissal at the high school has gone well each day with bell schedule being adjusted to 49 minute classes.



A huge thank you to Mrs. Hall and her team for all they did this week for the high school and district with food service. They have had to adapt and implement many new procedures to ensure everyone's safety. Both breakfast and lunches have gone extremely well with students having the ability to bring lunch and breakfast home for the days they are not in attendance.

The food pantry was a great success this summer with 475 boxes of nonperishable food along with hamburger and fresh vegetables being handed out and delivered. So many staff and community members volunteered to shop, run and distribute food from our pantry this summer. A huge thank you Mary Ellen Tracy, Greg and Nancy Durgin, Kim Bowie, Lee Behrendt, Sandy Hunter, Becca Reynolds, Anya Davidson, Kim Fletcher, Rick Wilson and many, many, many others for their efforts. Earlier this week, Mr. Wilson and the Maranacook Education Foundation, Board of Directors unanimously voted to open the online donation portal for the food pantry as well as donating \$2500.00 to kickstart this campaign-THANK YOU!

Gratefully,
Dr. Conway

Daily Attendance and the Advisor Program

As many of you may have noticed attendance information calls are going home at 2:30PM. Students may be marked absent even if they are remote students. Remote students are required to log into their classrooms within 5 mins of the start of class. If your students has any issue with logging into a google classroom or zoom please make sure to have your child reach out to their teacher as soon as possible to try to fix the issue. If you have any question about this please reach out to us at 685-4923





Meet Our New Team Members



Katy Jones: Hello! My name is Katy Jones and I'm so excited to be teaching English at Maranacook High School. I've taught secondary English in Winslow for nine years and I've also taught for the University of Maine at Augusta for two years. In 2015 I became a Maine Writing Project fellow and in 2018 I was the Kennebec County Teacher of the Year. In each of these roles I've pursued doing what I love: learning and growing with others. I love teaching because it is a way to help people and share stories — ones we tell, ones we need to hear, and ones we create together. I'm looking forward to being a part of the Maranacook team and being around people who are as passionate about helping others and lifelong learning as I am.

Ben Brigham: Benjamin Brigham is thrilled to be joining the faculty at Maranacook Community High School as an English teacher. Entering his twentieth year working in education, Mr. Brigham has previously taught all levels of English from remedial to AP while living in Pennsylvania, California, Massachusetts, Florida and Maine. His work in the classroom has led to several honors, including being named the 2015 Washington County Teacher of the Year and the 2017 PBS Digital Innovator for the State of Maine. A graduate of The Pennsylvania State University's College of Education and Schreyer Honors Program, Mr. Brigham has close family ties to the Maranacook community, having spent part of almost every summer of his life at his family's camp on Flying Pond in Mt. Vernon. Ben, his wife, Yarrow, and son, Fox are looking forward to many years of being members of the Maranacook community.



Benjamin
TECHNOLOGY



Dr. Kristin McLaren: I am excited to join the terrific Maranacook World Language team! I have lived in Winthrop for the past ten years with my family, but I grew up in Canada, where I studied in French for much of my public school and university career. My doctoral work focused on intercultural relationships, and the different ways that people make and express meaning through religion, culture and language. Over



express meaning through religion, culture and language. Over the past twenty years of my teaching career, I've taught English Learners at the elementary level, social scientists at university, and French students ages 5 to 85. I have especially enjoyed working with high school students, exploring cultural diversity in the francophone world and learning about Maine's Franco-American heritage. I look forward to building a positive,

Trudi Cormier: I have been a math teacher for 10 years. I have spent 4 years as a middle school math teacher, 5 years as a high school math teacher, and most recently 1 year as an elementary math interventionist. I have two sons. My oldest is going to be a sophomore at Central Maine Community College and my youngest is going to be a senior here at Maranacook. I love spending time with my family camping, hiking, playing board games, watching basketball games, and travelling.



I am very excited to return to MCHS as a substitute teacher! I am a former graduate of MCHS (class of 2016) as well as a recent graduate of Suffolk University where I majored in art history with a double minor and focus in arts education and administration. During college I worked alongside my professors in the Tutoring Center where I taught art history and writing to students who needed extra help. In the summer of 2019, I was a museum education intern at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston where I worked with the Teen Arts Council to help coordinate teen events and programming at the museum.

I am thrilled to be back and meet all of the students here at the high school, and I look forward to working with my former teachers. I have loved working with students in the past and I am excited I can get to be a part of the wonderful school community here at MCHS. Everyone here is working hard to make sure it will be a safe and productive school year!

Casey Spencer is a 2007 Maranacook graduate who continued his education at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He graduated with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering and worked at General Dynamics Electric Boat designing hydraulic systems in submarines. After deciding to move back to Maine, Casey started a ski manufacturing company called Northeast Ski Company, LLC. In recent years, several Maranacook students have built skis receiving guidance from Casey. Casey has also tutored students in various math and science classes.

Casey's engineering background and hands on experience will help him adjust as this semester's Intro to IA and Wood Design teacher. He is excited to be a part of the Maranacook community and share his enthusiasm and skills with students.



Guidance

Dual Enrollment for Thomas

For students who are new to the enrollment process for Thomas College Dual Enrollment class (each class is worth 3 credits), you must sign up online at the following link:

<https://www3.thomas.edu/mythomas/dualapp.asp> You only need to fill out one application. Please make sure to put down all the classes that you would like dual enrollment credit for. If you are new to the dual enrollment program, you need to apply to earn the college credits. Students who have previously applied for dual enrollment credit do not need to reapply. You will automatically be enrolled for the dual enrollment credit. If you do not wish to receive dual enrollment credit, please email Mrs. Tamborini to unenroll you from the Thomas College class. (You will still be enrolled in your class for high school credit). Deadline for dual enrollment application is September 15, 2020.

Please reach out Mrs. Tamborini 685-4923 ext. 1025

Fall School Day SAT

Seniors will have an opportunity to take the SAT test on Wednesday, 10/14/20. The SAT will cost \$49.50, but If you are in financial need, there are fee waivers available. Be on the lookout for more information on how to sign up and pay for the SAT.

Summer Professional Growth

Mrs. Jones: I have attended more professional development this summer than ever before! I attended technology sessions, particularly around equity and remote learning tools, with the Indiana Connected Educators' conference. I attended sessions on best practice for online learning through the National Board Academy. I have been attending sessions from the Unofficial AP English Teachers and Indiana Free State Conference which covered topics such as anti-racism

AP English Literature and Language Free Show Conference which covered topics from anti-racism to student blogging to hyper docs to poetry. I am also participating in the Maine State Teacher of the Year Association's book club on So You Want to Talk About Race. More unofficially, I've been listening to as many audiobooks as possible, nine and counting, and reading some kindle books (including Stop Talking, Start Influencing, which I enjoyed!) and hard copy books. I've also been working on wrapping my head around teaching a new to me curriculum with amazing help from Mrs. Moran and watching / listening to many Instagram / Facebook live events from authors and educators on educational issues, equity, and anti-racism work.

Mrs. Guillemette: I have done work with the Pivotal Network out of Georgetown University and I also finished my Ed.S.(aka. my C.A.S.) this summer through UMO in Writing and the Teaching of Writing. My final coursework included co-directing the Maine Writing Project Institute (with Mrs. Moran too, who finished her master's in case she doesn't let you know...) as well as taking a seminar course in writing. I love the Maine Writing Project because of its philosophy that teachers of writing be writers themselves and how it gives me a chance to see writing from my students' perspective.

Mrs. O'Donoghue: took advantage of several webinars this summer including those on Chemical Hygiene and Lab Safety and a 3 part series about Teaching Virtually."

Webinars: Using Formative Assessment to Improve Students' Resource Selection Skills.

Packaging Your Digital Assignments: Creating Efficient and Easy to Navigate Lessons for Learning at Home. Crafting an equitable Reopening Plan with Hybrid and Remote Models.

I will be participating in Maine Association of School Libraries: What's Your Plan? School Library Instruction and Programming in the Age of COVID-19 on August 18th.

Mrs Grazanio: This summer I participated in the following PD: 3-day NCSM Leadership Academy focused on how to make and lead decisions and math coaching.I also participated in webinars on Rich Math Tasks & 5 Practices in Online Learning, relating decimals, fractions and ratios, connecting trigonometry to its geometric roots and using readiness and coherence to determine HS interventions

Mrs. Moran: This summer I was a co-director of the Maine Writing Project Summer Institute. I also took a class in crafting young adult fiction and and a class in designing online learning experiences which concluded my Masters in Literacy Education from The University of Maine.

Mrs. Twiss: I participated in workshops for search Strategies, video projects, podcasting, digital portfolios, formative assessment methods, augmented reality vs virtual reality, creating virtual tours, creating apps, electronics for makerspaces, and blending technology into outdoor lessons. Webinars and tutorials include: google classroom, smart (white)boards, Padlet, Zoom, Powerschool updates, digital Skills and lessons in google, google earth, ibooks, Gale (library resource) Common Sense Media. In addition currently working on google teacher certification.

Dr. McLaren: In terms of PD this summer, I took an online class from University of Colorado, Boulder, entitled Blended Language Learning: Design and Practice for Teachers. I learned about different models of hybrid learning and organizing online courses. The instructor shared techniques and some useful technological tools for working with language students online and in blended

formats.

Mrs. St. Clair: I have begun an Ed Leadership program at St.Joseph's. The course I have started this summer is Curriculum Design, Development, and Assessment.

Mrs. Libby- I attended a webinar this summer for public librarians, and it was on how to interact with angry patrons due to new restrictive guidelines for library use during the pandemic.

Mr. Smith Over the past six weeks, I have been working with a diverse team of educators from around the state under guidance from the Maine Department of Education. The project is called MOOSE: Maine Online Opportunities for Sustained Education and includes the collaborative work of approximately 144 Maine teachers. My work has focused on designing curriculum for online learning that will soon be available to students in Maine. This project combines elements of professional development and educational innovation for blended and remote learning.

Mr. Remmington: Completed "COVID-19 for Coaches and Administrators" course through NFHS. Attended sessions with the Pandemic Task Force, a group of athletic administrators, sports medicine personnel, and coaches from around the state and country.

Presidential Award Winner



Maine
Mathematics




**Robyn
Graziano**

Maranacook Community
High School
Readfield, Maine

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching



One last thing-Over the summer our own, Mrs. Graziano, was recognized as the Presidential Award winner for the State of Maine in Mathematics!

Go Bears!

