

# Monmouth Academy Newsletter

## October 30, 2020

### Creative, Innovative, Collaborative Learning All Around!



We are incredibly proud of our students, teachers, and staff with their creative, innovative, and collaborative approach to learning this year! Last June, our team began planning for the unknown upcoming school year. Would we have all of our students back for in-person learning, would we have some sort of hybrid, or would we be fully remote? We planned diligently for each of these scenarios so that we could move seamlessly between whichever model. Our students returned enthusiastically and have worked collaboratively with our team of educators.

Learning is taking place everywhere - in our classrooms, remotely, outside, and a combination of all of these! As we continue to navigate this new (hopefully temporary) normal, we have discovered innovative ways to interact with each other. A few examples include virtual lab partners, group discussions with students remotely and in-person having live discussions, the use of document cameras along with "at home" art kits to teach art, band and chorus being held outside, teachers using iPads and/or whiteboards to demonstrate to in-person and remote students simultaneously, in-person and remote students pairing up in literature classes, and so much more! It is amazing to witness! Even though this is not our preferred system of learning, our students are gaining transferable skills that will assist them greatly in their future endeavors!

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### **Parent/Teacher/Student Fall Conferences**

Parent/Teacher/Student Fall Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 4 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 5 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Due to Covid, this year's conferences will be held virtually via Google Meets or by phone. Please view the links below for more information:

**Parents sign up here:** [https://ptcfast.com/schools/Monmouth\\_Academy\\_1](https://ptcfast.com/schools/Monmouth_Academy_1)

**Instructions for parents here:** <http://bit.ly/maptc20>

If you need further assistance, please contact Seth Mitchell at email [smitchell@kidsrsu.org](mailto:smitchell@kidsrsu.org) or at 933-4426 extension 7251. If you cannot use the electronic sign-up, please contact Pat Goff at 933-4416. She can sign you up.

If these times do not work for you, please let us know and we will gladly set up appointments with teachers you would like to meet with.



### **Averi Beaudoin Selected as Monmouth Academy September Student of the Month**

Averi Beaudoin, Class of 2022, was selected as Monmouth Academy September Student of the Month. Avery is a member of the varsity golf team, varsity softball team, and Future Business Leaders of America. In presenting this award, Ms. Alyssa Littlefield, M.A. English teacher, remarked, "Averi is someone who defines consistency and effort, is curious, dedicated, and perhaps most importantly, positive. Her humor and light drives her participation and as a result, we have the joy of experiencing her in our lives." Avery is the daughter of Karen and David Beaudoin.

### **Have You Downloaded the RSU 2/MA App Yet?**

Follow all M.A. and district news on your smartphone. The RSU 2 app is available in the Apple and Android app store, just search for RSU2. Visit <http://www.kidsrsu.org/article/126354> to view a short video to help you get started.

### **News From the Guidance Office**

Even though college representatives cannot visit MA in-person due to Covid health and safety protocols, representatives are meeting virtually with Juniors and Seniors. [Click here to view upcoming virtual meetings.](#) If you have any questions regarding post-secondary planning - college, internships, military, scholarships, etc. - please contact Mrs. Sarah Knowlton, MA College and Career Coordinator, at [sknowlton@kidsrsu.org](mailto:sknowlton@kidsrsu.org) or 933-4416 extension 7203.

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**From the Health Office:** For those of you who don't know me, my name is Maria Sirois and I am the nurse at Monmouth Academy and also help out at the new Memorial School. This school year has certainly been interesting so far. I would encourage anyone with questions to please call (option #1 for MA, then option #5) or email me ([msirois@kidsrsu.org](mailto:msirois@kidsrsu.org)).

Thank you for doing daily checks with your students! Staying home when sick is essential to keeping Covid under control in our schools. I also wanted to make you aware that the district nurses are following guidelines from the Maine CDC when we determine if a student needs to go home and be referred to a medical provider. I will be calling you to pick up your student and the student will not be allowed back in school without a doctor's note, or a stay home in isolation for 10 days.

I understand these are difficult and stressful times for everyone, but we are trying to keep everyone safe.

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**On Pace/Behind Pace and HOW Emails:** On Mondays, you should have received via email your young adult's course pace status. Also, as recently as October 26, you should have received an email notice if your student was not meeting Habits of Mind (HOW). HOW and the pace descriptions are described below. If you have any questions about these, please contact (email or call) your young adult's teacher. Teachers' email addresses can be found here: <http://www.kidsrsu.org/o/ma/staff>.

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**Course "Pace" and "Behind Pace List" (BPL) Emails:** "Pacing Calendar" and "On-pace" are defined as follows:

**Pacing Calendar:** Yearly (or semester) plan of when Measurement Topics and Learning Targets are taught. The pacing calendar guides teachers to complete all the measurement topics for a particular course in one school year (or semester). Some pacing calendars last for more than one school year or semester depending upon the particular course section.

**On-Pace:** The student is successfully demonstrating academic progress that correlates with the pacing calendar for the particular course. "Successfully demonstrating" may involve some level of teacher professional discretion.

To assist parents/guardians in knowing whether their young adult is progressing at course pace, a weekly email is set each Monday to individual students and their parents/guardians. The following is a guide to what you will receive via email:

### BPL Notations and Accompanying Language

Letter Notation	= Language that will print on email to learner, parent (s)	Color on BPL
BPL is blank	Learner is on pace	none
"S"	Learner is slightly behind pace and should access Google Classroom to determine what work is owed	Green
"N"	Learner is notably behind pace and needs to develop a plan in coordination with the teacher which may include working with teacher outside the class period	Yellow
"E"	Learner is extremely behind pace and must develop a plan in coordination with the teacher which will include working consistently with the teacher	Red

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outside the class period

**Habits of Work (HOW):** *Habits of Work (HOW)* are important skills and characteristics that lead to success not only in learning, but also in personal and professional life. We expect our learners to strive daily to meet the “3 P’s”: Prepare for class and learning; Participate and engage in class learning; and Persevere and put for effort each day. Learners will receive scores bi-weekly on their *HOW* in each of their courses that meet in-person two times per week and every four weeks in courses that

meet in-person once per week., and parents/guardians will receive these scores via mail four times per year. In addition, parents will be notified via email through the *Behind Pace List* when learners are not meeting *HOW*. [Click here to view the scoring guide MA's Habits of Work.](#)

## Notation for Learners Who Are Not Meeting *Habits of Work (HOW)*

Letter Notation	= Language that will print on email to learner, parent (s)	Color on BPL
“D”	Learner is not meeting <i>Habits of Work (HOW)</i> and should view <i>HOW</i> score on Google Classroom	Yellow

## **Mustangs Athletics**

Fortunately, our Mustangs returned to the playing fields, courses, and trails this past mid-September. We are proud of our coaches, student-athletes, and greater community for their adherence to the safety guidelines put forth by the Maine Principals Association regarding their *Return to Play*. It was rewarding to watch (albeit virtually) our student-athletes once again compete and participate in the sports they enjoy! Although the MPA could not sponsor playoffs in soccer and football, our students competed as in any other season, focused and giving it their all!

- Football was limited to 7 versus 7 touch, but the team enjoyed excitement in their games, while some players (pending on their position) focussed on strength building through weightlifting with their teammates and coaches.
- Presently our girls soccer team record is 6-2-1, while the boys team is 6-1-2. Both teams will be playing for the “RSU 2 Cup” Wednesday.
- **Congratulations to the MA Golf Team, coached by Don Flanagan, on winning the Mountain Valley Conference Championship!**
- **Congratulations to Abby Flanagan, MA Senior, who won the Girls Maine State Class C Championship! Averil Beaudoin finished 4th in the State!**
- **Congratulations to the MA Girls AND Boys Cross Country teams, coached by Tom Menendez, on winning the Mountain Valley Conference Championship and placing first in the State Championship Qualifying Meet! Both teams will compete in the Maine Class C Cross Country Championships on November 11 (girls) and 14 (boys) in Bangor.**
- **Congratulations to Alexa Allen who placed 1st in the MVC Championship and Joe Crocker who finished as MVC Runner-up!**

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### MA Yearbook, *The Amaracus*



The historic [Monmouth Academy yearbook](#) will be filled with all the stories that make this year so unique. Help your student remember it all by reserving their copy of the [Monmouth Academy yearbook](#) today.

Buy [online](#) or bring a \$10 deposit to Dr. Ross to reserve your copy. Email [eross@kidsrsu.org](mailto:eross@kidsrsu.org) with any questions!

### MA Student Government (MASG) Online Citrus Fundraiser

*MA Student Government invites you to:*

## ONLINE CITRUS FUNDRAISER



***Between 10/25 - 11/06, MA Student Gov is selling fresh citrus through online!! Support our fundraising efforts by offering a delicious product to your friends and family. Orders ship directly to any address!!!***

Below is the link and code:

<https://www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1018826>

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#### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

11/03	All students attend MA remotely due to election being held at MA
11/04	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences - 2:30-4:30 p.m. - Virtual via Google Meets or via Phone
11/05	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences - 3:00-5:00 p.m. - Virtual via Google Meets or via Phone
11/06	Half-way point of Semester 1 - Progress Reports home will be mailed by the following Friday
11/11	No School - Veteran's Day - THANK YOU VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE!
11/13	Lifetouch Picture Retake Day 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Please email Mrs. Goff - <a href="mailto:pgoff@kidsrsu.org">pgoff@kidsrsu.org</a> if you have any questions
11/25	No School - Workshop Day
11/26	No School - Thanksgiving Day
11/27	No School - Thanksgiving Break