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October Community Letter

Dear Maranacook Families,

What a great start to school it has been at Maranacook! We have had many celebrations and activities already happen this fall, and have many more planned! We are a caring community and we want to make sure we share with everyone the great things happening at MCHS. Below are a few highlights from this fall, as well as some upcoming events

What's Been Happening at the High School...

Health Center Advisory Council: The group had their first meeting of the year at 6:30 on Tuesday 9/19 with great turnout. The council discussed ACES, Adverse Childhood Effects and funding for the health center. The health center is an essential part of our community high school.

Social Studies: From Mr. Gower-Recently the social studies department had a fantastic day with Joe Schmidt from DOE around Inquiry-Based instruction. Dr. Harriman and the rest of the Department were there and we were all inspired by it! It really helped us to think about engagement and he allowed us to work through Scales and Targets using this model. The design template uses formative and summative assessment based off of a standard. So not only did we love the idea of inquiry, but he helped us connect it to PBE and Marzano. I think Dr. Harriman would agree that it was just what we needed!

200th victory: Coach Beckwith, the head boys varsity soccer coach, celebrated his 200th victory in mid September. Coach Beckwith has worked incredibly hard to build a program from the ground up, which has paid immense dividends. Congratulations Coach Beckwith!

Field Hockey: The field hockey program celebrated its first victory in almost two years on Thursday, September 21st. Coach Paradis has worked so hard with the team to build back numbers and increase interest in the program. Since that win, they went on to win 2 more games, setting them up for a promising season next fall. Whether winning or losing, the team remains humble and always gives 100%. Thank you for your hard work Coach Paradis!

Community Mentor Program: The new mentor program had its last training on October 3rd. The purpose of the mentor program is to help build community with students and volunteer adults- many of whom, are retired teachers or Maranacook alumni. These fantastic volunteers will begin helping out in our schools starting in November.

Alternative: The high school alternative program is up and running and doing some amazing stuff! One student is creating an aquaponics system to grow vegetables indoors by using fish waste as fertilizer. Another student is creating a thermal solar panel to heat the chicken coop

through the winter. The entire alternative program has started building a timber framed sugar shack on campus, with much of the materials being donated to the group from Kennebec Land Trust. They have also planted a crop of winter hearty veggies in the greenhouse. Johnny’s Seeds donated all of the seeds.

Advisee Day Out: The high school had a successful Advisee Day Out on 10/4/17. The freshmen class went to Mount Battie, where the entire class hiked to the top and enjoyed a picnic lunch. The sophomore class went on college tours. Each sophomore was able to enjoy a lunch on a college campus, which was sponsored by the high school’s MELMAC grant. The junior class gave back to our community by doing various volunteer activities, for the high school's annual “Day of Caring.” Community service activities included: stacking wood, raking, cleaning graves, and trail clean up. The senior class did post-secondary planning activities including: filling out Brag Sheets (for applications), completing the common application, writing essays, mock interviews and career exploration activities.

PSAT: On Wednesday, October 11th all 9th, 10th and 11th graders took the PSAT. The assessment is used to help students prepare for the SAT, which Juniors will take in the Spring of this year. Seniors used this day to attend a financial fitness fair at Winthrop High School and hiked Mount Pisgah before returning for afternoon classes.

NWEA: Our students took the NWEA in early October and their scores were quite impressive. Below is a comparison of the scores from last January and this October.

Class of 2020 January 2017 ELA NWEA Overall Scores

Overall Performance	Lo %ile < 21		LoAvg %ile 21-40		Avg %ile 41-60		HiAvg %ile 61-80		Hi %ile > 80	
	count	%	count	%	count	%	count	%	count	%
MAP: Reading 6+ Common Core 2010 V2 / Common Core English Language Arts K-12: 2010	3	4%	7	9%	15	18%	27	33%	30	37%

Class of 2020 September 2017 ELA NWEA Overall Scores

Overall Performance	Lo %ile < 21		LoAvg %ile 21-40		Avg %ile 41-60		HiAvg %ile 61-80		Hi %ile > 80	
	count	%	count	%	count	%	count	%	count	%
Growth: Reading 6+ CCSS 2010 V3 / Common Core State Standards English Language Arts/Literacy: 2010	1	1%	5	6%	5	6%	32	41%	36	46%

2020 January 2017 Math NWEA Overall Scores



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Mathematics	8	11%	9	12%	19	26%	23	32%	14	19%

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Mathematics	0	0%	15	19%	15	19%	18	23%	30	38%

Mark Your Calendars...

Movie Night: On Friday, October 20th we will hold a movie night in our Performing Arts Center. We are looking forward to utilizing our new projector and large screen in the PAC, which will help to produce a high quality movie experience. The students chose to show the movie Poltergeist and are excited for a scary night.

Harvest Dance: Our first ever Harvest dance will be this upcoming Saturday, on 10/21/17. Students have asked for this dance and it should be extra special as we have the GAPP students joining us.

Make A Difference Week: The campus's annual food drive is coming up, during the week of 10/22-10/27. The Kick Off Assembly will be held on Thursday, 10/19/17, at 1:45pm. If you are able, we would love to have a community effort in collecting as many donations as possible. Below are the "Theme Days." All donations can be brought directly to the high school. Thank you!

Our theme days for Make a Difference Week are:

- Monday-Paper Product(Paper towels, etc)
- Tuesday-Canned Goods
- Wednesday- Personal Hygiene
- Thursday- Dry Goods
- Friday- Clean out your pantry (Anything)

GAPP Students: Within the next week our GAPP students will be arriving. GAPP is the German American Partnership Program and every year our students either go to Germany or our German Partners come visit us. This is an incredible program that positively impacts both our schools and our community. Thank you to Mr. Fecteau who does an amazing job organizing GAPP.

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences: Just as a reminder conferences will be occurring in mid November. As always it's beneficial for parents to bring their students with them to the conferences to provide clarity to the grades and to make sure everyone is on the same page.

Guidance College Application Support: This year the Guidance Department will be trying something new for one of the Parent Teacher Conference Nights! On November 14th, Kim and Sara will be available in the Student Center to help students complete college applications from 3:00PM to 7:00PM. Any student who wants help with their application can stop by during that time for some extra help! If you have any questions, please contact the guidance office.

Proficiency Night: On November 28th at 6:00 PM at the high school we will have a proficiency based education parent night geared towards the class of 2021. This will be an excellent chance to talk with the freshmen teachers and administration as well exploring the Jumprope grading portal.

Student Senate: We are so excited for this school year. Maranacook is a place for students to reach out and help affect growth in their school community. We have worked hard to provide student lead morning announcements, student's have given input at the leadership meetings, they have lead conversations regarding new home work concerns and so much more. Our goal this year is to communicate more effectively the work we are doing. We have created a new web page on our high school website that holds our meeting minutes and upcoming events.

Respectfully Submitted,

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