

December 17th - 21st

Dear Maranacook Faculty and Families

On Wednesday 12/19 we had our first Teen Issues day of the year. Ms. Trefethen and the Teen Issues class helped to organize the day and Mr. Fecteau gave the opening presentation. The focus of the day was equality and all students created tee-shirts which they felt represented equality. Students and teachers commented on what a special day it was. Thank you Ms. Trefethen for all your hard work in making the day special.

This Friday, 12/21 is Mr. Fecteau's last school day of the school year with us. He is leaving for the remainder of the year to fulfill his obligations as a representative at the State House. We are going to greatly miss Mr. Fecteau both in the classroom and as part of the school. Mr. Fecteau will still be overseeing the GAPP trip. While Mr. Fecteau is gone, Mrs. Copper will be stepping in for him. We are super excited to have her back in the classroom full time.

Health Center: There is a great need for fuel assistance in our communities. If you would like to make a donation to help a local family, please send in a check made out to MCS with Emergency Fund in the subject line. Checks should be given to Anya or Becca in the Health Center. Please call 685-4923 x1019 and talk to Becca if you have questions. Thank you for your generosity!

Science: In Mrs O'Donoghue chemistry classes we wrapped up our unit on the periodic table this week. We will continue to use the information and trends the periodic chart provides for the rest of the school year.

Technology: Jill Watson's transitional skills class is working in the computer lab researching objects to create with the 3-D printer. Once they decided which object they will learn how to use slicer software that scales and preps their pattern for the 3-printer. The sphero robots are up and running, students may use iPads from the library or their cell phones to program and operate them.

Art/Music/IA:

Theater: During this week, Mr. Albert and Mr. Watson of the Maranacook Community HS Theater Department hosted auditions for the spring production of *She Kills Monsters*. It was a success with over 30 students taking the time to attend and showcase their acting abilities. Based around themes found in *Dungeons and Dragons* the play is a fantasy-inspired romp through the world of two sisters fighting monsters and learning more about themselves.

Industrial Arts: Mr. Stockford's Honors Wood Design and Independent Study students have been working hard to finish their CNC router designs cut from a variety of hardwoods.

Visual Art: Mr. Ferrero's students in Drawing I are engaged in creating fingerprinted stamp pad "drawings" on 24" x 36" paper and those are taking shape nicely to be finished during the next three weeks when we return from Holiday Break.

Mr. Smith's students in Intro to Art have just completed a Dichromatic Painting that they began in the first weeks of November. Students have learned to compose images and use multiple values to create depth and rhythm in their painting, taking visual cues from the 20th century painter Georgia O'Keefe. His Honors Studio Art students have begun printing their intaglio prints using the printing press.

Music: Mr. Albert's jazz band is prepping for the Winter Concert on January 31 in the High School Performing Arts Center. More details to come soon!

Guidance: Guidance wrapped up their Freshmen Parties this week! Over the past two months, every freshmen advisee group has joined us for either a Pizza, Subway, or Ice Cream Party (made possible by MELMAC) to get an introduction to guidance and see how the transition to high school went.

College Acceptances Update: Tufts, University of Michigan, UNH, UVM, UMass Amherst, Emerson, Merrimack, Bard, UMass Lowell, Endicott, Unity, Thomas, UMFK, Husson, UMPI, UMaine, USM, University of New Haven, Eastern University, CMCC, and Colby-Sawyer.

Student Senate/Council: Senate has gifted 1 more family in need of fuel assistance. The total amount that senate has given in fuel assistance this year is \$1400. Our students work hard all year at fundraising and are very excited to give back to our community.

School Spirit: These students are working with Mrs. Taylor the HR director for RSU 38 on a project. They have also proposed a pep rally be hosted in February before break to help encourage students in state level competitions. This was brought to leadership team and a survey has been sent out to staff to gain feedback.

Student Voice: These students are working on Eurosphere Dance, which will be hosted Jan 26th.

Sustainability Committee: These students have applied for a grant to help them with the supplies needed to create a wall mural that will be featured in the Media Center. This mural will help explain what sustainability is and its importance.

Health Center: These students are working on 100 reason why? Campaign

Outreach: These students are working a clothing drive to help Maine Christian Charities provide warm clothing items to our refugee population. You may drop off your slightly used clean clothing to the high school and the students will deliver to our Portland contact. Thank you

Athletics:

Monday DEC 17: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday DEC 18: Boys Varsity Basketball won over Winslow 63-52

Girls Varsity Basketball lost to Winslow 65-30

Wednesday DEC 19: No Events Scheduled

Thursday DEC 20: No Events Scheduled

Friday DEC 21: Boys Basketball will be playing Lake Region Home Freshman at 3:30pm, JV at 5:30pm & Varsity at 7pm

Girls Basketball will be away at Lake Region JV at 5pm & Varsity at 6:30pm

Saturday DEC 22: Hawks Hockey will be away at Kennebunk High School at 1pm

The week ahead

Have a peaceful and loving holiday!

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