

December 3rd-7th

**Dear Maranacook Faculty and Families**

Congratulations to Lauren Moran who was named November CATC student of the month. Lauren Moran is a senior who is currently enrolled in the Certified Nursing Assistant program. She has enjoyed the clinical experiences in the long term care facilities and working with the residents. Her instructor, Mrs. Deborah Belanger-Warnke states, "Lauren demonstrates keen abilities to becoming a nurse, not only academically, but clinically as she displays outstanding caring attributes and keen clinical acumen when working with residents." After Lauren graduates, she plans to earn her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and work in pediatrics.

**Health Center:** Did you know that students signed up for expanded services have access to Express Care at school through the Health Center? On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, our Physician Assistant can see students with any type of health concern. The visit would be billed to the student's health insurance. If you don't know if your child has expanded services, they can stop in and ask, or give us a call and we will tell you!

**Black Bear Boutique and Pantry:**

**Black Bear Boutique and Food Pantry Winter 2018 Update**

It's time for our seasonal update on the successes and needs of the Black Bear Boutique. We continue to have a substantial supply of many types of clothing available to all students. Our clothes come from your very generous community donations, and we appreciate all the help many of you have provided.

Our guidelines continue to be as follows: Please be sure clothing is clean and in good condition and appropriate for teens. In addition, items with printed logos and place names (i.e. Grand Canyon) do not tend to be used.

Please note the specific **items that we need at this time:**

Warm winter Coats for young men and Young women

Leggins, all sizes (new preferred)

Phys. Ed. Clothing, especially shorts and sweatshirts

Phys. Ed. Shoes, all sizes, guys and girls

Men's briefs, all sizes, New

Sport Socks, low ankle socks and crew socks

Girls Socks

We appreciate the continued community support. We always appreciate cash donations, and they can be brought in to Anya Davidson in the high school Health Center.

**Social Studies:** The Social Studies department has been super busy these last few weeks. Mike Streeter and Shane Gower attended the National Council for the Social Studies Conference in Chicago, IL. This conference was attended by over 4000 teachers from around the country. Mr. Gower and Mr. Streeter each attended a variety of professional development breakout sessions over the three days connected to topics such as: Teaching the Korean War, using Virtual Reality Technology to experience historical field trips, using Nearpod to create interactive technology based lessons, Presidential crisis simulations, Media Literacy with NPR's Peter Sagal, Ethical Issues in Psychology, Lessons from Holocaust Survivors, Civics and the Constitution, Developing Social Studies specific reading and writing skills to analyze primary sources, Making sense of Memorials and Monuments, and more. As President of the Maine Council for the Social Studies, Mr. Gower represented the State of Maine in the House of Delegates where various proposals to advocate for Social Studies education were proposed for the organization to adopt and advocate for at the Federal and State level. Mr. Gower and Mr. Streeter also met with incoming National Council President Tina L. Heafner. Ms. Heafner is a professor in the Cato College of Education at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and leading researcher on the negative impact of the loss of time specifically devoted to Social Studies skills and content (as opposed to "integrated" skills and content) in grades K-8 on ELA test scores and on preparation for College. Ms. Heafner is interested in working with Maine on this issue. One of the best parts about the Conference is the amount of free resources, books, and teaching materials they were able to bring back for their own classrooms and also others in the Department.

**Advisory:** Kids Who Care Day will be Friday, December 14th. Students who are leaving campus need to have a written permission slips, verbal permission is not permissible.

**Math:** Ms. Harman's and Mr. Babbitt's Geometry classes are finishing a unit on Transformations and beginning a unit on parallel lines and special angles created when cut by another line. This is the beginning of students' introduction to proofs.

Mrs. Graziano's AP Calculus AB class is starting a unit on Application of Derivatives. During the last unit, students learned the many different ways to derive all kinds of functions. Now, they will learn how derivatives of functions can be used to solve real-world problems.

**Outdoor Club:** The Outdoor Club spent an overnight last Saturday at Maine Huts & Trails' Stratton Brook Hut. Eleven students of all grade levels and five adults snowshoed 3.1 miles to the hut. We backpacked our gear; including sleeping bag, clothing and food. Before and after dinner, students went sledding down the access road and had a great time! Students helped cook dinner and breakfast in the commercial kitchen. Afterwards we played Dixit, cribbage and Bull Shark and Spoons.

**Technology:** Friday evening (Nov 30th) 7 students spent the night at Thomas College competing with 40+ teams from around the state in a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math challenges. The kids were divided into 2 groups, both did an incredible job. One team receive top scores in Robotics and Gaming, the other team was low in numbers so they were grouped up with students from Baxter Academy, this team won 1st Place overall in the 5 challenges attempted. The 1st place trophy will be on display for a few months at MCS and at Baxter Academy.

**Guidance:** Kim and Sara have been visiting the health classes to present the Suicide Prevention curriculum this week. Students have been respectful and open minded during this discussion which includes how to help a friend who you are worried about and how to reach out for help.

College Acceptances have been rolling in! Students report acceptances to Husson, UMPI, UMaine, University of New Haven, Eastern University, CMCC, and Colby-Sawyer. We look forward to watching this list grow!

**Science:** In chemistry classes with Mrs. O'Donoghue students have been boiling water out of hydrates, determining the percentage of the water based on the mass fluctuations, and then using that data to identify the unknown chemical. Other classes recently finished a unit on ionic and covalent compounds and are beginning a unit which emphasizes exploring the patterns found within the Periodic Chart of Elements.

#### **Art/IA/Music:**

The MCHS Music Department is proud to announce the 2nd Annual Maranacook Community Holiday featuring the Maranacook Chamber Singers and Concert Choir at Hope Baptist Church in Manchester on Thursday, December 13 at 7 PM. Please come and hear the wonderful sounds of our student singers!

Also, Mr. Albert is pleased to announce that 12 Maranacook HS students have recently been accepted into the All State Band/Chorus/Orchestra to occur in May of 2019. Stay tuned for more details!

**Student Senate/Council:**

**Outreach Committee:** Hosted the Community Breakfast on Dec 1st. This is such a great way for our students to give back. This fundraiser is design to raise funds to help support heating assistance to families in our district. Through this and our dances, we will be giving 3 families assistance in our community in the amount of \$350 each. Our students are very passionate about this project and the support they can give.

**School Spirit Committee:** These students are working on the Winter Carnival and a Pep Rally to be hosted before Winter State Meets and games in February.

**Student Voice Committee:** Are working on lunch buddies, the student dress code, as well as how we might address the concern of PDA.

**Health Center Committee:** Are working on a clean hands campaign as we are heading into flu season. They are working on the details of handing out information of the importance of hand washing with the possibility of small bars of soap.

**Sustainability Committee:** They are writing into the Maranacook Alumni Grant with the hopes to have the financial support to create a mural that helps to promote who and what their committees do. They are also working on a solution to our recycling concerns.

**Athletics**

Monday DEC 3: No High School events

Tuesday DEC 4: We had many Scrimmages for both Boys & Girls Basketball to kick off the season

Wednesday DEC 5: No High School events

Thursday DEC 6: No events Scheduled

Friday DEC 7: Boys Basketball will be playing at home vs. Erskine. Freshman at 3:30pm, JV at 5pm, Varsity at 6:30pm

Girls will be away at Erskine JV at 5pm & Varsity at 6:30pm

Saturday DEC 8: Alpine Skiing will be at Sugarloaf

Coed Speech/Debate will be at Poland Regional High starting at 9am

Hawks Hockey is away at Yarmouth High School starting at 8:10pm

**The week ahead**

12/11 Intro Bear meeting 2:45

12/12 Awesome Bear meeting 6:30 media center

12/13 Maranacook Holiday Concert 7:00 PM Hope Baptist Church

12/14 Kids Who Care Day 11:30

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