

MT. ARARAT MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

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HONOR ROLL

Report Cards were sent home with students this past week, and we plan to run Honor Roll before Thanksgiving Break. For a student to be assigned to the Honor Roll, their quarterly G.P.A. must be a 3.0 or higher, with no Work Habits score below a 2.5. For a student to receive High Honors, their quarterly G.P.A. must be a 3.5 or higher, with no Work Habits score below a 2.5. If you have any questions about this process, or anything else, please reach out!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear MAMS Families,

As the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in our schools continues to rise, I wanted to take a minute to provide some clarify of the definitions we must use when making close contact phone calls:

No Quarantine Required

Anyone who is fully vaccinated or who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days does not need to quarantine from school, work, or activities.

Pooled Testing

Anyone participating in pooled testing may attend school or school-based activities, but must quarantine from activities outside of school. (You can enroll or dis-enroll from pooled testing at any time.)

Universal Masking

Because we are enforcing universal masking, students wearing masks properly and maintaining three feet of distance may continue to attend school but must quarantine from after-school and community activities.

I understand that these definitions are confusing, and that quarantining for any length of time is extremely frustrating. Please know that we feel terrible being the bearers of bad news, but that we will always do the best we can to give you accurate information to help keep our community safe.

With gratitude,

[Megan Hayes Teague](#), Principal

MAMS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Because of the great value we place on focused, respectful and responsible behavior in our community, we have established a program to recognize our students. This year, we have added "kind" as a fourth core value to be recognized and celebrated. Each Friday, teams are asked to submit the name of one student whom they believe most exemplifies the team's definition of focused, respectful, responsible ***and kind*** behavior. Those students are called to the office, presented a certificate, and entered into a drawing for a gift certificate. Additionally, Ms. Phillips contacts the families to describe the behaviors that led teachers to their choice! Congratulations to the October Students of the Week.

Caiden Chase

Cambell Lamoreaux

Landon Prout

Abbey Roy

Logan Burtchell

Kingston Berry

Brady Hiltz

Izabelle O'Banyel

Madelyn Sweet

Sara Applebee

Aubrey Pelletier

HEALTH CLASS UPDATE

Students in Mrs. Rioux's health classes are just finishing up a 1-day cooking lab. 6th graders were in the kitchen making soft pretzels, 7th graders made pizza and 8th graders recently had the opportunity to make a chicken stir-fry. Students, with all precautions put in place, worked together in small groups to gather, measure, mix, prepare, bake, clean, and of course eat their finished product. Students did a great job with the entire process and students seemed to really enjoy the food that their group was able to produce. Students in Mrs. St. John's health classes will begin cooking the week of Nov 15th. Please ask your child(ren) about this experience, and you may even ask them to make the recipe at home (found on google classroom).

8th Grade:

Emelia Johnson, Rozlyn Chiarolla,
Camren Aldrich, Tyson Furin, Beau Barnes



Jaelyn Jensen



7th Grade:

Parker Romano, Lily Lachance, Sidney Keleher



Jacob Edwards, Zoe Bolton, Brooke Morgan, Bella Phinney

Scott Wheelis
Brady Hiltz
Jonathan Clemons
Jacob Stoddard



6th Grade:



Andrew Green,
Chloe Dauphinais
Rachel Baker



Ben Gove
Ethan Lagrange

Landen Springer
Jacob Bodinet
Kelsea Richards



ATTENDANCE

This is just a reminder to let families know that the school must track student attendance and mark a student's absence either excused or unexcused. If your child will not be available for learning for one of the state excused reasons, please call the Main Office at 729-2950. If we do not receive a call from you, you will receive an automated call to let you know that we have marked your child absent. We do need you to call us back to inform us of the reason for your child's absence. Without this information, we must mark your child's absence unexcused. We thank you so much for your help in keeping our attendance records accurate!

RISK OF SELF-HARM?

If you and/or your child become aware of a student that may be at risk of self-harm when school is not in session, please DO NOT attempt to contact school personnel during this time. Staff are not working at their desks and may not be checking email or voicemail during these times. Therefore, vital safety information could easily be missed and students could be placed at greater risk. Instead, please utilize [THIS](#) step-by-step guide for how a parent could respond to such a concern outside of school hours. This guide is placed prominently on our MAMS webpage, and was created in collaboration with local police, mental health providers, and the local Crisis Response Center.

COUNSELING CORNER

We are one quarter into the school year, and it's been quite a year! Everyone has been working so hard to make this year work as we continue to feel the effects of this pandemic. While we may feel like many things are back to "normal" we are reminded on a daily basis that things are not in fact "normal." So as we move into this season of giving thanks, we wanted to encourage everyone to be mindful of all that this community is doing to keep each other safe, and to continue to be in school, learning and growing. Thank you!

Here are some holiday resources for families who may be interested. Please also inquire at your local resources as they may have information and/or resources (for example, call 211, visit/call your Town Hall, etc).

2021 Winter Holiday Resources:

Sagadahoc County, Brunswick, Harpswell

- **Berean Baptist Church Thanksgiving Dinner for Brunswick and surrounding areas.** Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, *November 25, 2021*, at noon or the service may be offered as **pick up** (call to arrange pick-up time, cook with your family or pick up meals ready to eat.) Call 725-2648 to verify distribution method.
- **Harpswell Santa Fund for Harpswell Children's clothing & toys.** *For Harpswell Residents Only.* Asking for Christmas help is 100% confidential. Send requests to harpswellsantafund2019@gmail.com
- **Mid Coast Hunger Prevention.** Thanksgiving bags available November 7 through November 24, 2021, during food pantry hours. Contact Devyn at dsantora@mchpp.org. No application needed.
- **Midcoast Pizza and More Restaurant for Bath and surrounding areas.** Thanksgiving meal Take-out and delivery Thursday, November 25, 2021, from 11-1. Meal delivery available. Call 443-6631. Call ahead to reserve a seat and eat in or walk in.

Portland Press Herald Toy Fund Children birth through 16 years old. Birthdates required. Parents or legal guardians may seek assistance by downloading, printing and filling out the [2021 Toy Fund Application](#). Send an email that includes your full name and address to pressheraldtoyfund@mainetoday.com to receive an application by mail. *Send completed applications to:* Press Herald Toy Fund, PO Box 7310, Portland, ME 04112. Due to COVID-19, there will be NO place to pick up or drop off applications or donations. We encourage people to apply as soon as possible so that the applications can be processed as late applications cannot be honored. **DEADLINE this year is November 30.**