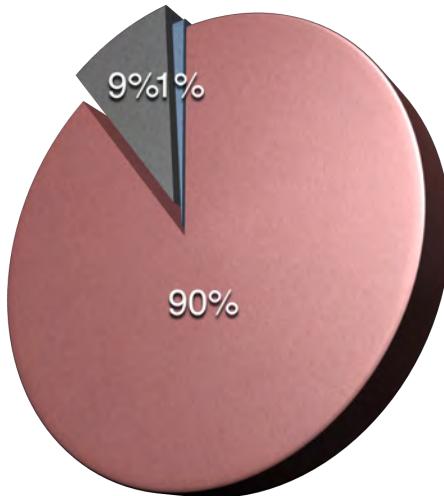


The Academic Husky

Senior College & Career Aspirations *at an all time high*

- Has a Post Secondary Plan
- Undecided
- No Plan



The Academic Office is happy to announce that 90% of our senior class has a college or career plan through February 2015. We are confident that this number will increase as we inch closer to graduation, and as we reach for our larger goals.

Our seniors have worked very hard to prepare for life beyond MCI. This has included applying to college, meeting with military recruiters, completing job applications, internships, and more.

It will be extremely important for seniors to finish off the year strong. The Academic Office will continue to submit updated information to colleges that students have been accepted into. Colleges will want to see that they are taking academics seriously as they conclude their high school careers.

Sophomore College Visits

Spring is just around the corner, and with the sunshine and melting snow come sophomore college visits! MCI will be taking students to 6 different campuses on April 6th. One group will visit Colby College and Thomas College, another will check out the University of Maine at Farmington, and the third will take a look at Husson University and Eastern Maine Community College. In the past, students have commented on how helpful these trips are to see what different campuses look like and what they have to offer. These trips are supported by MCI's MELMAC grant and are a great way for students to begin their post-secondary planning early in their high school career.

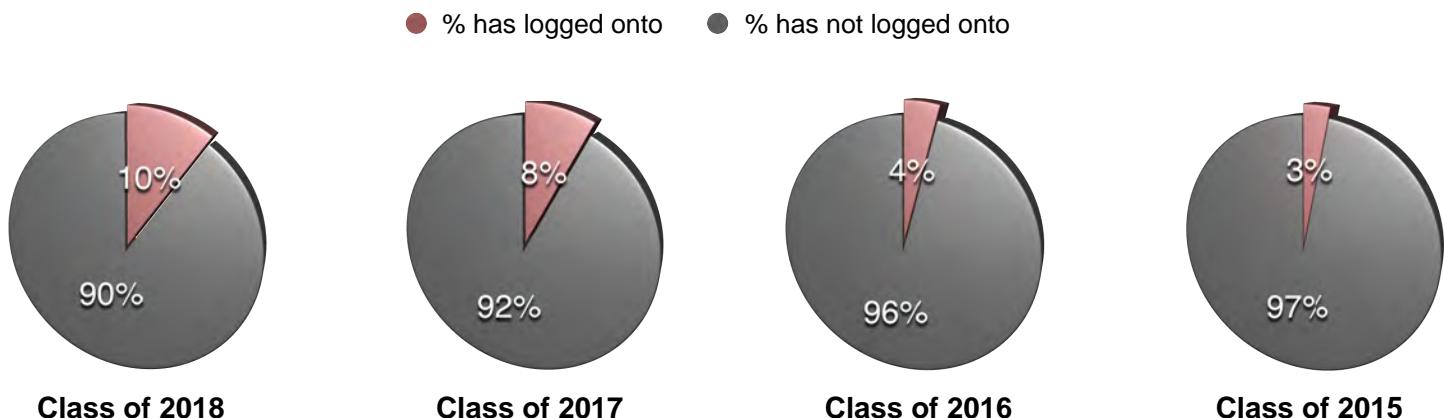


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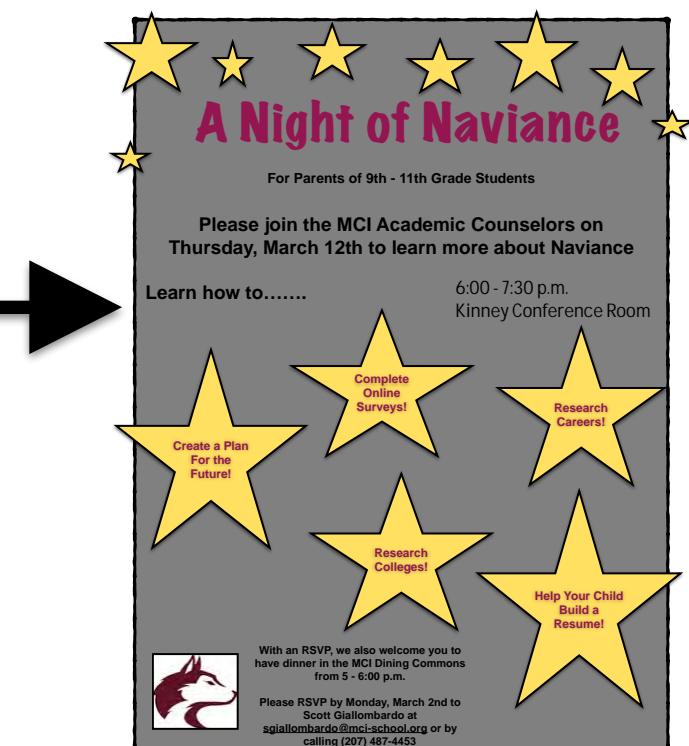
Naviance Information

Help us help your student plan for the future!

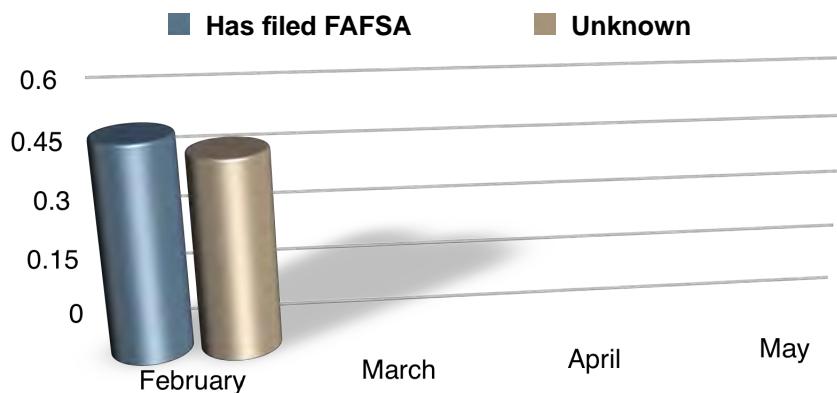


The information above represents the percentage of parents by class who have logged onto Naviance through March 3rd, 2015. Naviance is a very important resource tool that the academic counselors use to support students' college & career aspirations. Each student at MCI has an account that they can access. Students should be using Naviance as they begin to consider their post secondary options, which may include college, military, careers, etc. Beginning in February 2015 each MCI parent(s) was given a Naviance passcode to use and access their student's Naviance account. We hope you will use this as an opportunity to plan and prepare with your student. It is never too early to begin planning for the future, and we recommend starting early during your child's high school career.

The MCI Academic Office is offering a "Night of Naviance" on Thursday, March 12th. Please join us from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Kinney Conference Room to learn more about Naviance and the impact that it could have on all of our students! This is the corrected link that we sent to you in your email <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=mci>



FAFSA Follow Up



Through February 2015, roughly 52% of our seniors have completed and filed the FAFSA, while about 48% have not yet submitted one. The Academic Office encourages these students and their families to fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible. It is crucial in receiving financial aid to help pay for college. Please visit the following site to learn how to complete the FAFSA. <http://goo.gl/YoyLrj>

Senior Advice for Underclassmen

Course Registration 2015-2016

Course Registration is under way for the next school year. Current MCI students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will be able to select their courses for the 15-16 school year. On March 9th all the students were given information regarding course selections and new courses for the upcoming year. Their access to select their courses is through their PowerSchool Student account. Parents can also access their selections through their PowerSchool Parent account. We encourage all parents to sit and go over their child's course selection prior to the deadline of March 13th. The MCI Course Catalog for 2015-2016 is accessible through our MCI website at www.mci-school.org. Please call your child's Academic Counselor with any questions and if you need assistance with PowerSchool, please contact Mrs. Cray at dcray@mci-school.org or call the Academic Office at 487-4453.

AP Testing

On Monday, May 4th, 77 MCI students will begin taking AP Exams. These students have already registered for their exams and are preparing hard in their classes. Payment for AP Exams is due to the Academic Office by Wednesday, April 1st. Please contact the Academic Office if you have any questions relating to AP Exams.

SCTC Tours

Recently, both the sophomore and freshman classes toured our partnering vocational school (SCTC). Students were able to explore the idea of participating in the various programs that are offered, which include Automotive Technology, Digital Graphic Arts, Welding, Health Care Careers, Carpentry, Electrical Construction, Engineering, Cooperative Education, Culinary Arts and Outdoor Resources. Students interested in enrolling any of these programs should speak with their academic counselor as soon as possible.

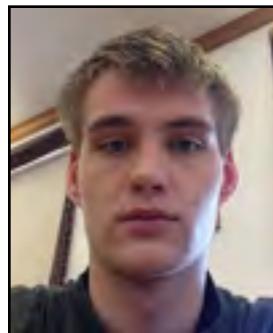
MCI College & Career Fair

On Wednesday, April 29th, MCI will host its 6th Annual College and Career Fair. The fair will be held in Wright Gymnasium from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. We anticipate anywhere between 65-70 colleges / careers in attendance. Each MCI student will have the opportunity to participate in the fair, but we also encourage parents to join us for this event.



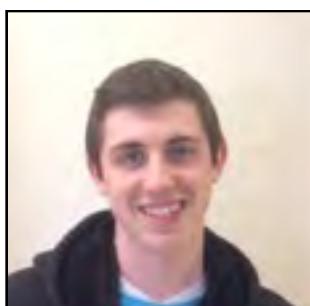
Katie George '15

"One thing that I would suggest when applying to college is to start looking at colleges early so that you can apply early decision somewhere. Once the school year starts the college search can become very stressful and overwhelming. Applying Early Decision made the process a lot easier and eliminated a lot of the stress. Also, when you apply early decision you get your decision back much sooner than regular decision, which speeds the process up a lot. If you find a school that you love I would definitely recommend applying early decision."



Hjalte Christiansen '15

"Deadlines come quicker than you think, so do not procrastinate. Get your application done, begin looking at schools very early. If possible you should do an early application, even though it might seem like a lot to commit yourself to one school. It's extremely pleasant to know where you are going as early as possible."



Justin Roderick '15

"The beginning of your senior year can be quite overwhelming and exhausting. It is very important to stay in close contact with your academic counselor through this stressful time. As soon as the school year begins, start getting ready to apply to colleges right away. Remember not to forget about your schoolwork, while staying on top of your college applications. All of your hard work from quarter 1 will allow you to have a more relaxed rest of the school year."



Natasha Turner '15

"Getting ready for college is stressful, but as long as you talk with your academic counselor, keep track of deadlines and apply to as many scholarships as you can, it's worth it in the end".

8th Grade Parent / Student Information Night

On Monday, April 13th, the MCI Academic Office will host the 8th Grade Parent / Student Information Night. The event will begin in Parks Gym at 6:00 p.m. Students and parents will have the opportunity to tour campus, while also stopping into various locations to meet and hear from our academic & athletic departments. We look forward to the evening, which will end with an ice cream social for everyone!



College Acceptance List through February 2015



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bates College - Bay State College - Belmont University - Colby College - Eastern Maine Community College - Emmanuel College - Florida Tech - Florida Gulf Coast University - Florida Southern College - Franklin Pierce University - Husson University - Indiana University - Kennebec Valley Community College - Lasell College - Maine Maritime Academy - MCPHS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New England College - Northern Virginia Community College - Norwich University - Princeton University - Simmons College - Southern Maine Community College - Southern New Hampshire University - St. Leo University - Thomas College - UMASS Lowell - University of Alabama - University of Dallas - University of Denver - University of Hartford - University of Kentucky | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University of Maine Fort Kent - University of Maine Farmington - University of Maine Orono - University of Maine Presque Isle - University of Montana - University of New England - University of New Hampshire - University of New Haven - University of North Florida - University of Southern Maine - University of Utah - University of Virginia - University of West Florida - Washington County Community College - Wentworth Institute of Technology - Western New England University |
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Testing Information

As surely as it brings daffodils and sunshine, spring also brings testing to high school students. Our 11th grade students will be particularly busy with statewide assessments for English/Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics in March, the SAT in April, the statewide science augmentation test in May along with AP exams for students taking AP classes in May.

March	Wednesday 3/18	Thursday 3/19	Friday 3/20
<p>Starting in the spring of 2015, Maine will use the Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) for Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy as its annual statewide assessment. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium developed this new computer adaptive assessment to measure higher order thinking.</p> <p>In addition to being used by stake holders to improve instructional practices, the results will be reported for State and federal accountability purposes</p>	<p>12:15 (Directly after lunch) Maine Juniors begin the MEA for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA): Classroom Activity Students will miss their period 4 class</p>	<p>7:55 Maine Juniors report to assigned room to continue ELA testing. Students will test during their period 5 & 6 classes. Students will attend the rest of their classes as regularly scheduled</p>	<p>7:55 Maine Juniors report to assigned rooms to continue ELA testing. Students will test during their period 1 & 2 classes. Students will attend the rest of their classes as regularly scheduled</p>

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Monday 3/23	Tuesday 3/24	
7:55 Maine Juniors report to assigned rooms to begin the MEA for Mathematics Students will miss periods 7 & 8 The order of classes will be reversed this day, so students will attend period 5 and 6 following testing	7:55 Maine Juniors report to assigned rooms to continue the MEA for Mathematics Students will miss period 3 & 4 The order of classes will be reversed this day, so students will attend period 1 and 2 following testing	Important things for students and families to keep in mind: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students must bring fully charged iPads on each of these days.• Students should bring headphones/earbuds to use during parts of testing (most students will prefer to use their own, but MCI will supply headphones for students who do not)• It's very important that students are on time and in school on these days (Students will be required to make up any testing sessions they miss.)• Rotation on Monday 3/23 will be 8, 7, 6, 5• Rotation on Tuesday 3/24 will be 4, 3, 2, 1
April	Wednesday 4/15	Maine Juniors take the SAT or Accuplacer during the school day. Other 11th grade students have SAT prep and college and career preparedness sessions
May	Saturday 5/2	Non-Maine Juniors take the SAT
	Thursday 5/14	Maine Juniors take the statewide science assessment

College Planning To Do List For Juniors

International juniors need to meet with Mrs. Furrow to sign up for SATs held at MCI on May 2, 2015. You will also need to sign up for TOEFL exams. If you need assistance signing up for your TOEFL exam, please see Mrs. Furrow. Listed below are steps that all juniors need to follow throughout the next few months as you prepare for your senior year and post-secondary endeavors.

1. Make sure you have registered for the following sites with your Academic Counselor.
 - a) Naviance
 - b) College Board
 - c) Common Application

2. Once on your Naviance site, fill out the Game Plan Survey

3. In Naviance, using the information from your Game Plan Survey, start researching schools that fit your requirements and "pin" or save colleges that interest you to your "Colleges I am thinking about list"

4. Visit colleges, take tours of campuses and colleges that you are serious about applying to, and make appointments to meet with admissions counselors.

5. In Naviance, move schools you are applying to from your "thinking about" list to your "Colleges I am applying to list".

6. When you return in the fall, make sure you schedule an appointment with your Academic Counselor to review your progress, ask questions, and get a new "Senior To Do List"

7. Upon returning to school in the fall, remember to bring with you several (10-20) original transcripts from your JR/Hlgh School, I-20 Copy, Financial Documents/Bank Statements (*Only international students)

-There are other valuable search engines online. You may also want to try collegeboard.org, or cappex.com. However, please ultimately use Naviance to list schools you are applying to so we can send and track your college applications online.