

# THE HUSKY HOWL



## MCI Clubs & Activities

### Student Ambassadors Club

Student Ambassadors Club members took the initiative to help take pictures and interview several students and faculty members at the Winter Carnival events. They also helped edit the videos which they filmed at Winter Carnival. Members enjoyed the opportunity to let their energy out and befriend some of their American classmates. Our ambassadors have been filming many students about their days at MCI. A group of ambassadors are working on a proposal to film our fourth virtual tour of our beautiful campus for prospective students and parents. They are in the process of organizing scripts and interviews.

*-Ms. Ren*

### Civil Rights Team

This year we are introducing the Civil Rights Team to MCI. This is a school club that is linked to the statewide program known as the Civil Rights Team Project, under the administration of the Maine Attorney General's office. More information about the group and its purpose can be found at their website, [http://www.maine.gov/ag/civil\\_rights/](http://www.maine.gov/ag/civil_rights/). We are currently a small group of dedicated members who have experience working with the program at Warsaw Middle School. We are excited to get started, recruit new members, and help to educate our peers on the importance of respecting the rights of others.

*-Ms. Fitts*

### National Honor Society

The National Honor Society has begun organizing a bake sale at Bud's Shop n Save in Pittsfield. Students have been volunteering their time before school and during Husky Time too, so that they may support MCI's Student Assistance Fund and Room of Requirement, which houses donated clothing and food meant to supplement local families' resources. They have sorted many articles of clothing and organized canned and dry goods to make this space welcoming and effective.

*-Ms. Shorey*

### Art Club

Art Club members have been working for the past several weeks to finish the mural for the Sno Ball. The students put in well over 100 hours of work during and after school to finish on time! We are looking forward to getting back to working on our individual projects.

*-Mr. Farson*

### Rock Climbing Club

Rock Climbing Club has been on a break through the winter season. We are eager to get back into climbing this spring. We have several trips planned for the remaining year and still welcome anyone who wants to climb.

*-Mr. Farson*



## Model UN

Model United Nations is entering the busy season, as we gear up for the state conference in May. The MCI Model UN team will be representing Panama, Bangladesh, Rwanda, Seychelles, Turkey, and Sweden on a variety of committees. There, students will debate diverse topics ranging from Martian mining rights, ensuring maritime safety, promotion of workers' rights, and regulation of artificial islands.

The team is also reaching out to other schools in the state to hold practice sessions. In April, we're traveling to Portland to participate in a mock NATO session to address Russian aggression. We will be representing different NATO states, notable the USA.

Earlier this year, the club held a "philanthropic 50/50" - which benefitted the club and breast cancer charities in Maine. As we gear up for the conference,

Model UN will be seeking further fundraising opportunities.

**-Mr. Brownell**

## Math Team

The MCI Math Team has finished the regular schedule and is preparing to go to the state competition. Our top team finished in 29<sup>th</sup> place in the state out of 146 teams competing, which was somewhat disappointing to the team. They are hoping for a better performance at the state meet, which is in three weeks. We have an excellent mix of 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades students on the team and they have been improving their math skills through the year, so there is a reasonable hope for improvement.

**-Mr. Tyson**



## Masardis

Coffeehouses continue on Thursday nights. Crowds vary between 30 and 45 people with the refreshments and seating going quickly. Coffeehouses are also becoming de facto holiday celebrations. Mr. Wright came and wowed us with some caroling favorites that had the whole audience singing, and the improvisational Valentine's day games. Performances include vocal, improv, and instrumental talents. We have even started having more poetry and some stand up routines as well. It is extra fun when faculty come in and share their stuff; Ms. Chisolm, Ms. Sorg, Ms. McKeown, and even Mr. Gilson have been frequenting our stage! Look for the announcement for the next upcoming Coffeehouse. You won't want to miss this!

**-Mr. Buys**

## Fencing Club

The Fencing club continues to practice and the members are now very comfortable with foils and are experimenting with sabers. We still have a very small number of participants, but those who are coming are very dedicated to fencing. We are hoping to give a demonstration at a school meeting this spring to promote the club and get some new members.

**-Mr. Tyson**

## **Astronomy Club**

This club has become the home of the Team American Rocketry Challenge group. The rocket, which must carry an electronics package and an egg 650 meters into the air and return them intact to the ground in 5 minutes, is almost complete. We are in the process of scheduling a set of three qualification flights to see if we can be one of the teams invited to Washington DC for the finals. The students have designed and redesigned multiple parts of the rocket and use 3-D printing to get to where they are. The whole process is a testament to the determination of the students, particularly the lead student Kevin Shen.

**-Mr. Tyson**

## **Role Playing Game Club**

As you may remember if you have been reading this publication over the year, the Role-playing Game Club is where the members exercise their imaginations in a cooperative game. We have a large number of members who appreciate the story-telling and the social opportunity. While the world changing scenarios are wholly fictional, the organizational skills necessary and the social intelligence required is not.

**-Mr. Tyson**

## **Sports**

The 2016-2017 Winter Sports season at MCI was outstanding; with all of our winter sports athletic teams qualified for postseason spots.

This winter we also introduced a new varsity sport in swimming. The MCI Swimmers completed their first season at varsity status with a win under their belts and constant improvement throughout the season.

Wrestler ZyAnthony Moss 18' won his second consecutive Northern Maine Regional Championship – this one in the 126 pound weight class.

Twenty-eight Husky winter sport athletes received conference and/or state recognition for their efforts.

**-Mr. Leonard**

## **Kindness Krew**

Kindness Krew teamed up with the Heart of Pittsfield for a Pet Food and Toy Drive during the month of February. We are currently gearing up for this years global project "Sole Hope." Members are planning a jean/thick fabric drive that they will use to cut out shoe patterns. These patterns will then be sent to Uganda where individuals will be employed to construct the shoes that will then go to children in need. Along with our global project, planning for this years Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) week has begun.

**-Mrs. Libby**

## **Student Leadership Committee**

SLC has met with SVH coordinator Shawna Melanson and picked an activity called "Environmental scan and assessment". The students are contacting local businesses and going into their store and doing a scan of their products. For example, they will look to see if there is alcohol close to the candy or chip section. They will then make suggestions to the businesses for other options of where they could place the alcohol so it doesn't look appealing, or draw attention to teens. SLC members are also gearing up for the SVH 5k High on Life Not on Drugs race/walk coming up.

**-Mrs. Caldwell**

## **Coding Club**

In March, the Coding Club sponsored the first (annual) Computer Science Open House at MCI. Students were treated to food, fun, and door prizes while checking out projects from current CS students and learning about CS classes for next year. We gave away hats, shirts, water bottles, stickers, and gift cards. Despite a postponed date due to the snow, we still had a good turnout. On display were Javascript games from the Computer Science Discoveries class, Maine App Challenge entries from the AP Computer Science Principles classes, sample websites from the Intro to HTML class, a painting program from the Intro to Python class, and a 3D game from Video Game Design.

Next up the Coding Class is preparing a coding workshop to take to Warsaw, and hopefully present to the MLTI conference in May.

**-Mrs. Walden**