



The Husky Howl

MCI Clubs and Activities: News & Notes

Each year, we continue to be amazed with what our students are able to accomplish outside of the classroom! With a variety of interests on campus, students are given so many opportunities to explore areas that they are passionate about. They wouldn't have such wonderful opportunities without the devotion, time and care of many faculty and staff. Always going above and beyond, our club & activity advisors are making a difference in the lives of our students, and having a direct impact on their learning experience. With over 40 different clubs & activities on MCI's campus, students are given a rich educational experience. Many thanks to our faculty who are the driving force, both in and out of the classroom!

Sewing Club

Sewing club would like to thank those who donated or loaned sewing machines to us! Much appreciated! We are still looking for a workable iron and an ironing board, if anyone has a spare one. At our first meeting we learned how to sew on a button and planned our course for the year. We took a trip together to Joann's and bought patterns and material to make pajama pants for our first machine project. Some chose some pretty funky materials! These will be very creative and that's exactly the direction that we all would like to go in!

To date, materials are cut and ready to go to the machines with. We have planned some extended Husky times to have time to sew. Pics next month!

-Mrs. Glidden



Paper Art Club Bake Sale Prep

Robotics Team

The TerrorBytes are hard at working preparing for the first competition of the year. This year's task is proving to be quite challenging and the team is having to think in new and innovative ways. They completely disassembled last years bot and basically started fresh in an attempt to bring a whole new outlook to the problem being presented to them. We have many new faces joining the team this year and are always eager to welcome great thinkers and tinkerers to the team.



-Ms. Kearney



Outdoor Adventure Club

Outdoor Adventure Club has been busy! The perfect fall weather was great for a few paddling trips in town, hikes out of town, and planning for our annual Maine Huts overnight in November. In September, we attended the Association of Maine Outing Clubs annual conference and had a great time meeting other Outing Clubs and battling fierce winds while sea kayaking and stand up paddleboarding. Snowshoeing and ice fishing are on the agenda for the winter!

-Ms. Wagner



National Honor Society

The National Honor Society held its induction ceremony on Monday, October 17. Twenty-four new students were welcomed to the group. Many parents, grandparents, friends and the entire MCI student body were present to witness the pinning of these fine young adults deemed exemplary in the four NHS pillars: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Please congratulate the following students on their achievement:

Hayden Caldwell
Maggie Hodgins
Meghan Cookson
Hannah Folan
Allison Hughes
Abi Monteyro
Aaron Schanck
Nikki Stewart
Elspeth Taylor
Sarah Trimarchi
Devon Varney
Caroline Vigue
Sarah Welch
Addi Williams
Abi Bernier
Hayden Boreham
Jacklyn Larochele
Keely Manzo
Aidan Peacock
Carter Richmond
Emily Richmond
Brayden Rollins
Brandon Stevens
Hunter Wintle

-Ms. Shorey



Student Council

Student Council is led this year by junior Jacob Ackroyd as president; other officers are seniors Jacklyn Larochele, Carter Pearl, and juniors Hannah Folan and Sarah Trimarchi. So far in this short period of time we've held three fundraisers so we might have the funds to meet our mission of making each day a better experience for every student. Some of the services we've provided so far are maintaining the bulletin board in the library entranceway and welcoming students who arrived to MCI after September 15 through giving a personal welcome and presenting a gift basket and information on clubs/activities and upcoming events. We have also planned an assembly and other events for a Theme Week (date not yet determined) and are working on requirements for our participation at the State StuCo Conference at Camp Kieve later in the fall. We've also started the senior video for our May Campus Coffee ---it's a big project: never too early to start! And finally we've planned two team-building events for our group members that should be a ton of fun! Busy is good and we certainly are that!

-Mrs. Kingsbury



Aomori

18 MCI students and their families hosted 36 Aomori - Minami H.S. students from Japan for 4 days this past week. After the Aomori students gave presentations about traditional Japanese life to grades 1 - 5 at Vickery and Warsaw, they attended classes at MCI, went to soccer playoffs, bowling and shopping, carved pumpkins, and ate lobster. Everyone had a wonderful time and after a group photo in front of Founders, tears were shed as "see you later's" were said and the bus pulled away.

-Mrs. S. Brown



Quidditch Club

The Quidditch Club has been meeting weekly to play outside while it is still warm enough to do so. Despite being unable to fly, core club members have been keeping the competitive quidditch spirit alive with enthusiastic half field games. Participants hold a broom between their legs as they either defend their goal hoops or try to sneak the quaffle past the other team. We are looking for new muggles interested in joining us - all are welcome!

-Ms. Lamoon

Book Group

Book Group is reading *An Ember in the Ashes*, a fantasy reminiscent of *Hunger Games*, *Divergent*, and *Snow Like Ashes*. At our next meeting everyone will have finished it, and our discussion will revolve around key excerpts members bring to discuss. We're reading historical fiction *The Book Thief* next, and when we're finished, we'll have a movie day with the film adaptation--and popcorn, of course! It's not too late to join us! We meet on Thursday Day 1s.

-Mrs. Giallombardo

Key Club

Key Club has been busy during the first quarter! On campus, members have worked in the concession stand at soccer games and helped Mr. Allen with the home cross country meet. They spent a recent Saturday night scaring visitors at the KOA's haunted hayride and provided baked goods for the Play 4 the Cure bake sale. Next up is Community Service Day and then teaming with Kindness Krew to collect foods and bake pies for Thanksgiving to donate to the Pittsfield Community Food Cupboard.

-Mrs. Hughes

Art Club

Art Club is dedicated to providing a space where students, with no experience necessary, are welcome to work on projects of their own or are just looking for a place to doodle. This year, members have been busy working on unique projects for themselves from comic strips, watercolors, drawings, and the occasional birthday gift. Art Club meets in JR9 on Tuesdays during Husky Time; we'd love to see you there.

-Mr. Farson

MCI Club & Activity Calendar



2016 - 2017



Drama Club

Members of the MCI Drama Club are busy rehearsing their fall production, *10 Ways to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse* by Don Zolidis, which will be performed for the MCI school community in November and feature a few guest appearances from some of your favorite faculty members! The Stage and TV Makeup and Technical Theatre Class have been busy designing the set, costumes and makeup for the fall production. As part of the learning experience, the Tech Theatre Class took a field trip to the Waterville Opera House to help work on the mainstage production of *Young Frankenstein*.

-Mrs. Susi

GSA

The GSA Club meets regularly every Tuesday during Husky Time. The Club's goals are to communicate with the LGBT and youth on campus and advocate for their needs and concerns. By bringing awareness to their issues, the club strives to create a supportive community. Currently, members are working on creating a school climate survey that will help the group set future goals and projects.

-Mrs. Susi



Spotlight

Ms. Ayaka Kudo came to MCI about 12 years ago as part of this MCI & Aomori - Minami school exchange

program and now she is back as a teacher escorting her students (with Ms. Beth Paradis & Ms. Sarah Brown - advisors)



Husky Athletics

This has been a good fall sports season at Maine Central Institute. Every team has reached the postseason. Our Boys Soccer team has begun their playoff run by upsetting last year's regional finalist (Erskine Academy). The Field Hockey team is preparing to defend their regional and state titles and the football team is poised for another shot at a state title. Earlier in October, Senior Eric Dugas won the State Class B Boys Golf Championship. MCI Athletic teams also raised over \$2,300 in Play For The Cure Games that were coordinated by Emily Richmond.

We are GOOD Dogs!

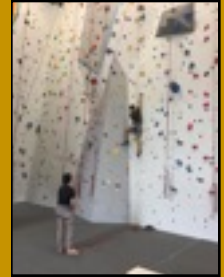
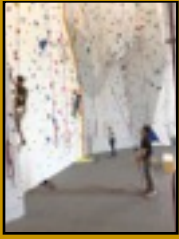
-Mr. Leonard

Philanthropy Council

The Philanthropy Council will be choosing local charities to donate \$500 each month over the next academic year. The students are proud and happy to be giving such generous donations to so many worthy causes in our area! Their first donation was given to Ali Sinclair, who used the money for her World Race experience. Club members will be selling poinsettias soon for the holiday season in hopes of raising even more money that can be donated in the future! Great students, great hearts, great causes!

-Mr. Giallombardo

Interested in a rock climbing club!? See Mr. Farson for more information!



Role Playing Game Club

The Role-playing Game Club is where the members try to keep their imaginary characters living and prospering. They solve problems, sometimes with their wits, sometimes with their strength and sometimes through dice driven combat. Cooperation, planning and creativity rule in this game of the imagination and fun. This statement was in this publication last year for those readers who have not played Role-Playing games. This year our membership has more than doubled to twenty. Some of the players are helping deal constructively with the noisy bedlam that occurs every Tuesday. All the players are responsible for notes about the adventures and their characters to keep everything running smoothly.

-Mr. Tyson

Astronomy Club

This club is still working out what the members wish to do. This year we have been slow getting moving. We have a team registered for the Science Bowl competition and are looking into the Team America Rocketry Challenge. The students have good intentions, but they are all very involved in other activities and academics, and this club has been taking a back seat. Nevertheless, we have been making progress .

-Mr. Tyson

Fencing Club

The fencing club once again is rebuilding. We have about half a dozen active fencers, most of whom are female. What we lack in experience, we make up in enthusiasm. There is also one very experienced fencer from China, who is hoping to attend some USFA fencing competitions held in Maine. We are looking at opportunities and scheduling for him. The others are not quite ready to jump into competition yet but are making good progress!

-Mr. Tyson

Math Team

The MCI Math Team has competed once and will go to the second Eastern Maine Math League meet of the year on November 2. Once again we have entered two teams in the league. We did well during the first meet, but I am hoping that we will improve on our standings in the upcoming meet. We are currently ranked 34th and 45th in the state out of 130 teams, but could easily move up multiple places with a little stronger performance. Our team this year is led by Cathy Huang and Lyndon Tao who have been attempting to fill the shoes of the very strong team of seniors that graduated last year. I am glad to see that we are cultivating a tradition of leadership in the students.

-Mr. Tyson

Student Ambassadors

Student Ambassadors Club has had a really hectic schedule since the beginning of the school year. We have a lot of new members from different countries and states. Some veterans of the club, along with the new members wrote and posted more than 10 blogs on the school website which covered our Arts program, new clubs, school events and weekend activities. All our club members took the initiative to help take pictures and interview some students and faculty at homecoming events. They also helped edit the videos which they filmed at homecoming. They enjoyed Homecoming and took this opportunity to let their energy out and

befriend some of their American classmates. Also, a group of ambassadors helped to film and take pictures of our heritage day. Our two ambassadors gave a campus tour for our Aomori sister school teachers along with Mrs. Brown. Our media group from the club and some ambassadors are working on filming our third virtual tour for our beautiful campus for prospective students and parents. They organize scripts, interviews and final editing. Our ambassadors are planning on filming our Halloween sit-down dinner and Ballet class for next month.

-Ms. Ren

Tennis & Chess Club

A lot of new members joined the Tennis club. Tennis club organizes Friday routine practices at our new tennis courts. They really enjoy playing at the new courts. Students took some pictures for our new courts! We have played some match games and are planning to play tennis at the indoor tennis club when it gets colder. We will keep our practice going!

-Ms. Ren

Fall Community Service Day

On Wednesday, October 26th, MCI participated in its annual Fall Community Service Day. With activities ranging from raking leaves, to preparing meals, to banking homes, MCI students once again showed what it means to be a Husky! We feel very lucky to have students who are so willing to show their support for our community! With much excitement throughout the day, we are already eager for our Spring service day on the last day of school!

French Club

This year the French Club has organized monthly fundraising projects to fund a trip to either Boston or Québec city. We will be doing a bottle drive Saturday morning , 11/5 . We are also planning for a “French luncheon” meeting , in early November. Bon appétit!! ...et Vive l’esprit français!

-Mrs. Glidden

