



The Husky Howl

MCI Clubs & Activities



Club & Activity participation continues to be on the rise at Maine Central Institute for the 2017-2018 academic year. Students also stay actively engaged in community service throughout the community—and beyond! As always, we are very proud of student accomplishments both in and out of the classroom. We feel very fortunate to have a dedicated faculty and staff who provide over 40 different clubs and activities for students to choose from. This number keeps growing as more and more students express interest in numerous hobbies, plans of study, etc. Be on the lookout for more Club & Activity information on the MCI Facebook Page over the next several months!

Student Council

After a successful December Campus Coffee ---complete with a visit from Santa, gifts for some staff members and homemade Christmas cookies--- the Student Council jumped right into their next big events: Cabin Fever School Meeting and Spirit Week. Spirit Week consists of a daily dress theme and various activities to involve students and staff in a light-hearted way. January 29-February 2, begins with a Cabin Fever School Meeting, a little levity to help relieve the mid-winter doldrums. We also continue to support a welcome committee for new students, to work on the senior video that will be shown at May Campus Coffee, maintain the bulletin board in the lobby of Powell Library to keep students informed of events and occasions, and address student concerns that are brought to us. **-Mrs. Kingsbury**



Art Club

Art Club has been going strong this semester. We have had a real surge of creative energy with the holidays as we prepared for the long winter break. As we get back to the school year, we are excited to begin work on the 2018 Sno Ball Mural and other decorations around campus. Currently, members have been focused on developing personal interests in drawing, painting and sculpture. Art Club meets every Friday in JR 207; we'd love to see you there! **-Mr. Farson**

Model UN

The MCI Model UN club has been practicing debate skills by holding practice committee sessions on Women's Rights and the European Refugee Crisis. We continue to practice our skills with procedure and deal-making, but now shift our focus to researching and writing position papers. These are the core of the competitive side of Model UN, as they help guide and prepare delegates for success in committee sessions. If you're interested in joining Model UN, it's not too late! As we gear up for MeMUNC XX, we'll accept new members, but act quickly! Also, if you're interested in gaining credit for Model UN, you can talk to your counselor about adding the Model UN class (Per 7) to your second semester schedule. **-Mr. Brownell**

Rock Climbing Club

Rock Climbing members have hung up their climbing shoes with the start of the winter sport season. We have developed a dedicated group of climbers at MCI that has achieved great personal achievements during the fall. We are excited to get back into climbing and prepare for the spring climbing season in Maine. Rock climbing meets every Thursday during Husky time, and we are always looking for new members!

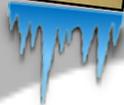
-Mr. Farson

Masardis

Masardis continues to be promoting student's original work. Masardis continues to work on editing their first online edition of their magazine under the leadership of Micaela Simeone. She has done a great job formatting and editing a collection of original creative writing including short stories, poetry, and original art. We are hoping to publish shortly after midterms. Coffeehouse is looking forward to their next coffeehouse being in January. These performances

continue to bring audiences and performers together for laughs and applause as students share their improv, original and covered vocalizations and instrumental performances. Come talk to Mr. Buys if you are interested in performing at the next coffeehouse!

-Mr. Buys



Student Leadership Committee

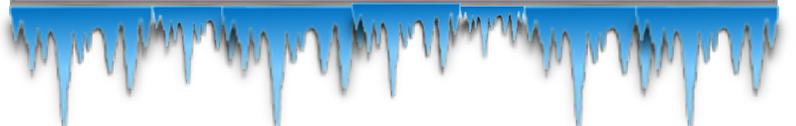
SLC has been working with Mr. Gilson on ideas that will bring awareness to our school community on the importance of wellness. SLC thought it would be fun to do an activity or game every month during Husky Time that would focus on a wellness theme for that month and give out goodies related to the theme. On December 15th SLC, along with Mr. Gilson, had a game of "Knock Out the Flu" in Wright Gym where students played Knock Out and received tissues, hand sanitizer, and oranges. Parker Sewall was the lucky winner of the game. We had a great turnout and the students enjoyed having a friendly competition while receiving free items to help reduce the risk of catching the flu.

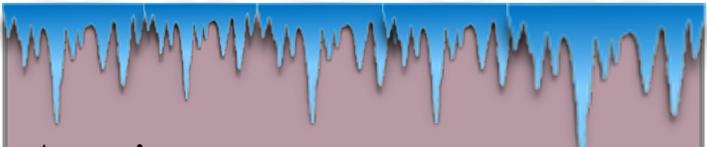
-Mrs. Caldwell

Civil Rights Team

The Civil Rights Team finished off 2017 strong with a multi-cultural holiday party. We had foods from several cultural traditions and enjoyed the holiday season. Currently, we are working on expanding our monthly bulletin board, celebrating Martin Luther King Day, and attending a weekend workshop on Maine Native American issues right here in Pittsfield.

-Ms. Fitts





Aomori

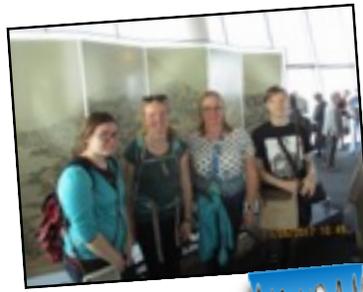
On November 4th, 2017, students Edith Tierney, Destinee Duprey, and Samantha Ray, along with Mrs. Sarah Brown and her sister Becky Cass-DenDanto traveled to Tokyo and Aomori, Japan. We spent several days touring and eating our way around this clean and quiet city of 14 million. Students and teachers alike enjoyed going up in the Tokyo Sky Tree (the world's tallest tower); riding through Tokyo on a river boat; visiting shrines and temples; eating sushi, fried noodles and dumplings; surviving the subway at rush hour with luggage; and of course shopping, lots of shopping. We also viewed both the van Gogh exhibit at the National Art Museum and the famous Great Wave paintings of Japanese artist, Hokusai Katsushika, at the very new and modern Sumida Hokusai Museum.

After a very fast, but short Shinkansen (bullet train) trip north to Aomori, we were welcomed with a party at Minami Senior High School by our host students and their families, as well as teachers. MCI students enjoyed their home stays and time in their classrooms, studying calligraphy, English, and traditional tea ceremony. We were also greeted at a whole school assembly with speeches and gifts, then stayed to observe their student representative election process. We went to museums, an aquarium, gardens, and parks to see dolphins, Hirosaki Castle, red bridges, and chrysanthemum displays, and to experience traditional drumming and the making of festival floats and other local handicrafts. We ate more sushi and had famous Aomori apples and juice.

-Mrs. S. Brown

Outdoor Adventure Club

OAC has been learning some new skills this winter along with planning a big spring trip. Club members learned about how to keep themselves safe if they were treating an emergency in the woods and how to make "human burritos" to treat hypothermia. Using the trip we won from Teens to Trails, OAC will be headed to one of the Maine Huts in March for a weekend of hiking, cooking, and being outside! **-Ms. Wagner & Mr. Libby**



Ski & Snowboard Club

Ski and Snow Board club is looking forward to their first trip up to Sugarloaf at the discounted rate on January 21. Please, talk to Mrs. Morton about rentals and discounts for students to be able to enjoy Maine's premier ski scene. Bus rides leave early, but you will get a whole day of shredding the largest ski resort east of the Mississippi River! **- Mr. Buys**

Quidditch Club

The Quidditch Club has been hiding out from the cold and snow by enjoying HP board games and trivia in the warmth of Mrs. Palonis's room. We are hoping for an early spring so we can get back outside and play actual Quidditch! **- Ms. Lamoon & Mrs. Palonis**

Chess Club

Due to vacation and mid-terms, the Chess Club has been on quasi-hiatus, but starting with the next meeting on Thursday, January 25, we will begin preparing for the state chess tournament in March. Any and all students are welcome to come and play and learn, as we will begin working on chess problems and scenarios in preparation for tournament play. **-Mr. Villmore**

Yearbook

The Yearbook Club has met two submission deadlines, finalizing 75 pages of the 2018 MCI yearbook The Trumpet. The first section completed was mostly comprised of senior recognition pages with photos and biographical information, baby pictures, and candid of recent years' antics. The latest section began to honor the spring and winter, athletic teams. Our next big task is to finalize the cover and to work on club and activity pages. **- Ms. Shorey**

NHS

The NHS is in the process of developing committees to begin work on several new initiatives. One of them is work in the Room of Requirement, which is a space for donated clothing and food items to be dispersed to those in the MCI community in need. An extension of Mrs. Giallombardo's Student Assistance Fund, this room requires organizing throughout the school year to ensure assets are utilized. NHS students have begun this organizing process, and they will continue to put together food packages and assess need which is often greatest during the winter months.

Additionally, the five NHS officers will lead committees working to raise funds through a Bingo Night and a dance, support the community by helping with a blood drive, and recognize teachers and students for all that they do in school presentations. 2018 will be a busy year for NHS members! -Ms. Shorey

Kindness Krew

The Kindness Krew had a very busy end to the 2017 year. Along with Key Club, we were able to collect Thanksgiving meals for over 27 families. Members of both groups gathered during the Tuesday of Thanksgiving break to bake pies for these meals and to deliver them to the local food pantry. The Kindness Krew also hosted the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on front campus after the holiday concert. Members of the community were able to enjoy hot cocoa and baked goods as we counted down the lighting of the tree. -Mrs. Libby

Student Ambassadors

Ambassadors have volunteered to help out campus tours with students, parents, and consultants. They recently held discussion panels with consultants and students, contributing ideas of how to be better representatives of MCI.

They continue to keep blogs and review students' personal experiences at MCI. At the end of the January, student ambassadors will be live streamed on the Chinese social media sharing their experiences at MCI with prospective students and parents.

-Ms. Ren



Philanthropy Council

Philanthropy Council continues to stay actively engaged through various fundraising activities, with hopes of making several donations to charitable causes to close out the year. Recently, the council donated \$500 to the Student Assistance Fund to help support MCI families without heat & food during the cold winter months. They are also looking forward to MCI's Day of Giving, while continuing to support the Founders Campaign in the coming months.

-Mr. Giallombardo