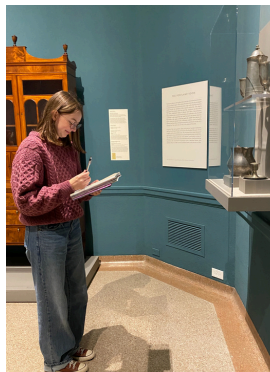




### OCTOBER 2024 BOARD REPORT

## HOME COMING WEEK

What an amazing Homecoming Week filled with positive energy and smiles! A special thank you to Greg Patterson and Farmington Walmart for donating TVs for our raffle, and to Garrett Reynold at Riverside Greenhouses, Dunkin, Frosty Paws, and Randy Barker of Barker Built Homes for their generosity. Huge thanks to JMG's Matt Reynolds, Student Council's Melanie Prescott, and class advisors—Randi Dyke, Amanda Barker, Kim Jaques, and Noah Carroll. Special shoutout to our chaperones—Griffin Conlogue, Liz LeClair, Noah Carroll, Kim Jacques, Pam Cherneskey, Kim Allen, Randi Dyke, Matt Brann, Galen Dalrymple, Todd Demmons, and Greg Henderson. With over 365 students at the dance, Homecoming was a great success! Thank you to you all!



## ART MEETS HISTORY

On 9/12, Tyler Brown, Pam Cherneskey, and Kim Jaques took their Maine History and AP Art students to the Portland Museum of Art to see Jeremy Frey's solo exhibition, "Woven," which featured Wabanaki traditional and contemporary baskets. The group also visited "Passages," a group exhibition of Wabanaki artists celebrating Land, Water, and People. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

## MBHS GIRLS ATTEND FALL FORUM LEADERSHIP EVENT

Ten girls from MBHS, grades 10-12, joined 600 peers from 36 Maine high schools at the Fall Forum Leadership event in Bangor, hosted by the Olympia Snowe Institute. The day began with an inspirational welcome from former Senator Olympia Snowe. Students engaged in panel discussions, post-secondary presentations, and workshops focused on personal values, using their voices, and developing future visions. A highlight of the event was a musical performance during lunch by Maine's own American Idol, Julia Gagnon. This experience empowered our students and reinforced the importance of leadership and self-expression.



# ELECTRONIC DEVICES

As we resume the school year, we're reinforcing our cell phone policy to enhance student engagement and create a focused learning environment. Phones should be put away during class unless permitted by the teacher. They are prohibited in disciplinary situations and must be stored during detention.

I look forward to working with the board to update our electronic device policy. Thank you for your support!



## MBC WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We are thrilled to welcome 14 international students to our school this year! These students come from various countries, including Austria, Egypt, France, Germany, Poland, Spain, and Thailand. Their diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives enrich our community, allowing us to learn more about different cultures and global perspectives. We are excited to see their positive impact on our school and look forward to the experiences they will share with us..

## CANARY ISLAND TRIP

I'm pleased to report that we are making significant progress in organizing our upcoming trip to the Canary Islands. We are finalizing student numbers and investigating flights to ensure an enriching experience for all participants. Our team is diligently working to secure the best arrangements possible. We anticipate presenting a formal field trip request to the board, outlining details and budget considerations. We are excited to visit The American School of Las Palmas, where students will engage in meaningful cultural exchanges. Thank you for your ongoing support as we prepare for this exciting opportunity for our students!



## BOCCE TRAINING DAY

The Mt. Blue Unified Schools Club, which promotes inclusion and teamwork among students of all abilities, participated in a Bocce training day at Leavitt Area High School. The event featured 28 teams from area high schools and adult day programs competing in round robin games. Highlights included learning the game of Bocce, meeting new people, and developing team sportsmanship. The Unified team is excited to compete in the upcoming Spring Bocce Competition. Next on the agenda for the Mt. Blue Unified team is a bowling training day. Go Unified!



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