

Mt. Blue Middle School Update

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2023-2024 Preview

Staff/Students:

- We are excited to announce we have all of our teaching positions filled for the 2023-24 school year.
- We do have two teachers out on maternity leave but have great long term subs filling in.
- We are back up to over 500 students with lots of new students from surrounding areas and private schools.
- We want to give a big MBMS welcome to the following new staff members.
 - Mike Henshaw- Social Studies Teacher
 - Sherry Wyman- Library/Digital Citizenship (back in her prior role)
 - Jessie Gray - School Nurse
 - Adam Smith- Health Teacher

Building and Grounds Update:

- The custodial and maintenance staff have been working extremely hard this summer cleaning and waxing classrooms and hallways.



Concrete block walls are being completed and roof structure has been delivered. The building should be enclosed prior to cold weather and snow.

- The work was completed in record time this year due to a very attentive lead custodian and some great helpers.
- A new fire panel has been installed to cover the additional portable classrooms and the new Bjorn Center for Career and Technical Education
- Construction on the Bjorn Center is on schedule and progressing well.



Curriculum/Instruction:

Good News From The Classroom

- We have added additional physical education classes and will once again be able to run our alternative learning program at MBMS this year.
- This program services 10 at risk students in a more personalized setting.
- Our attendance initiative “Strive for 5” is underway which aligns with our district wide push to improve attendance in all grades.
- We are excited to announce we will also be having a yearbook club at MBMS this year run by Mrs. Mochamer. This is something that has not been present at our middle school for many years.

Community Connection: Garden Club

We are very excited to be implementing a garden club here at MBMS. Mrs. Greenlaw along with several other staff and community members have assisted in getting this going.

- Many of our students have assisted with planting, growing and harvesting food over the past year.
- This is a great way to get everyone outside enjoying nature while also learning where our food comes from.



Athletic News:

Fall sports are underway! We have **133 students** participating!!! MBMS is a part of the Central Maine League and sponsors the following Fall sports:

- Field Hockey - Danita Gilbert
- Girls Soccer - Tammy Conlogue & Miguel Barnaby (new coach)
- Boys Soccer - Shane Dudash & Adam Smith
- Cross Country - Sarah Doscinski & Cori Cleveland

Our soccer teams are starting the season with brand new jerseys as it was their turn in the rotation! The cross country team is really strong with amazing 1st place team finishes at their meet this past week in Fairfield.