

RSU 9 News

December 9, 2022



COMMUNITY | CULTURE | CURRICULUM Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all

A message from Superintendent Elkington

We all agree on how important it is for the children of RSU 9 to attend school each day. Excellent attendance is the backbone of student growth, progress, belief in themselves, and success. Excellent attendance is a dual responsibility of both family and school. Our children need support from their parents to attend school ready to participate and work with others. Our children need to know that school is a place where they will learn, grow, be "known", cared for, respected, and feel safe. These are our responsibilities. Sometimes it can be the smallest of actions such as an extra word of hope or encouragement from a parent before their child leaves for school or an extra kind word of welcome from a staff member when they arrive or "look forward to seeing you tomorrow" at the end of the day. If your child needs a few more positive actions or words, a "pick-me-up" when they get to school, please let us know by calling or emailing your child's teacher or your school's principal. Excellent attendance is a TEAM effort! Please click here for some helpful hints.

National Honor Society inducts new members

The Mt. Blue Campus chapter of the National Honor Society recently held its annual induction ceremony.



Nineteen new inductees joined the 26 members who were inducted last fall. Chapter advisor Sean Minear welcomed the new members and their families to the Mt. Blue Campus Forum for the evening ceremony. Mt. Blue High School Principal Monique Poulin and Foster Career and Technical

Downloadable Calendars for 2022-23

- 2022/23 District School Calendar
- <u>2022/23 Blue/Gold Calendar</u> (MBHS/Foster Tech)

Important Dates Coming Up!

- Dec.13, 2022 RSU 9 <u>Board of Directors</u> <u>Meeting</u> - 6:30pm - The Forum, MBC
- Dec. 21, 2022 NO late arrival Wed.
- Dec. 22, 2022 P-12 Early Release
- Dec. 23 Jan 2, 2023 NO SCHOOL -Winter Holiday Break

Promotional Flyers

Check out our <u>dedicated district webpage</u> that shares non-RSU 9-sponsored events.

- <u>Christmas Show</u> Farm. Rec.
- Farmington Area Ski Team Titcomb
- <u>Prep Basketball</u> Farm. Rec.
- Junior Pro Basketball Farm. Rec.
- <u>Christmas Events</u> Town of Wilton
- <u>Gingerbread House Competition</u> -Town of Wilton
- <u>Co-Ed Major League Basketball</u> Town of Wilton

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Education Center Director Melissa Williams greeted students and families and offered brief remarks. Mt. Blue Chapter President Bridget Reusch spoke about the chapter and the many volunteer activities they have participated in.

Seniors Abby Hatch, Tessa Marcotte, Rachel Maxim, and Meren Zeliger spoke on the attributes of Character, Service, Scholarship, and Leadership. Following the student addresses, Bridget Reusch introduced the new members who received their membership cards and pins. The ceremony concluded with the National Honor Society pledge.

Check out <u>this article</u> published in the Daily Bulldog for the names of the 2021 and 2022 inductees. Congratulations to all!

First quarter Honor Roll announced

Congratulations to the students at <u>Mt. Blue High School</u> and <u>Mt. Blue</u> <u>Middle School</u> who achieved academic honors for the first quarter. Your hard work and dedication shine through!

MBHS student selected for state-level cabinet



Abigail Goodspeed has been <u>selected to represent Franklin</u> <u>County</u>on the Maine Department of Education's Student Cabinet.

The <u>Student Cabinet program</u> has allowed the Maine DOE to integrate student voices into decision-making on education issues that impact their journey through Maine's

education system. In past years, students have helped in identifying mental health needs at school, raised issues of racial equity, and helped brainstorm ways to individualize learning. Congratulations, Abby!

School picture retake day is coming up

The schedule for school picture retake day is as follows:

- Academy Hill School Tuesday, December 13
- Cape Cod Hill School Wednesday, December 7
- Cascade Brook School Tuesday, December 13
- G.D. Cushing School Tuesday, December 13
- Mt. Blue High School Friday, December 16 (8:00-9:30am)
- Mt. Blue Middle School Friday, December 9
- W.G. Mallett School Thursday, December 8 (9:00-10:30am)

Staff Members of the Month

Our professional and support staff members of the month for November will be announced at the Dec. 13 Board of Directors meeting.

Click <u>here</u> for a list of all previous honorees.

RSU 9 is hiring!

Have you ever considered working for RSU 9? <u>Click here</u> for a complete list of job openings, information about each position, and to apply.

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2022/23 Winter sports schedules



Mt. Blue High School <u>winter sports schedule</u>.
Mt. Blue Middle School <u>basketball schedule</u>.

Students visit Farmington Library



Mrs. Lesperance's first-grade class from W.G. Mallett School recently visited Farmington Library. Students enjoyed a tour of the library, a read-aloud from the children's librarian, and created a craft to go along with the story. A great time was had by all! Special thanks to the Farmington Library for hosting our students.