



The Bulldog Reporter

Machias Memorial High School News

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Graduation

Graduation is here, you've really come far,
Rejoice and be happy, accept who you are.
Address every day with purpose and aim,
Decide what you want, make living your game.
Understand and discover,
Always be true,
The world is your canvas,
Inviting and new.
Opportunity Awaits you, just walk through the door,
New moments each day are yours to explore.

"Congratulations Graduates!"

Baccalaureate

On Sunday, May 28, 2017, the Senior Class of Machias Memorial High School held the Baccalaureate service at the Centre Street Congregational Church. Mrs. Elsie Larson played the organ prelude followed by Pomp and Circumstance to open the services. Everyone in the church stood up to watch as the senior class walk down the aisle. Baccalaureate represents one of the ceremonies that mark the end of the line for high school. The class had come to a moment where each will spread his/her wings and move on to the next chapter of life.

The service opened with a welcome by Pastor Suzie Maxwell of Centre Street Church followed by the Call to Worship. Reverend Lynn Rutledge from St. Aiden's Episcopal Church led the Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer. The MMHS Chorus performed Jay Althouse's *Coming Home* accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Atkinson

Olivia Dinsmore read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, followed by Regan Bragg who read an essay she wrote on "What Graduation Means to Me." Class President Ellie Burns read scripture from Matthew 5:14-16.

Pastor Suzie Maxwell spoke to the senior class with words to encourage them to take time to fill the spaces that will open as they enter into their adult lives and leave high school. She encouraged them to take time to be silent and listen to themselves about the choices they will make in life. She also encouraged the class to reach for their dreams no matter where the journey may take them.

A rousing graduation prayer was delivered by Pastor Aaron Dudley of the Machias Christian Fellowship followed by the senior video that was a nostalgic trip down memory lane for many in the church. *This is the Day* was a special musical selection performed by Lisa Campbell of the Machias Christian Fellowship who accompanied herself on the guitar. Many joined in to sing along with her. Pastor Lynn Rutledge then led the blessing of the graduates.

As the senior class walked out of the church, they walked with heads held high and smiles on their faces. They knew that without a doubt, no matter where life takes them, they will carry the words of wisdom that were spoken as well as fond memories of Machias Memorial High School.

The Baccalaureate services were followed by a time of fellowship in the vestibule where seniors, family, faculty, and friends gathered for refreshments. Dot Mae Whitney who was assisted by Elaine Cale coordinated the reception.

10 Ways to Spend Summer

1. Have a bonfire
2. Go fishing
3. Go camping
4. Have a barbeque
5. Go to the beach
6. Start a do it yourself project
7. Go to camp!
8. Go on a road trip
9. Have a movie day with friends
10. Go to the Blueberry Festival!

June Birthdays

Carol Smith

- June 4: Ellie Burns
June 4: Jonathan Cole
June 6: Aric McCurdy
June 7: Alex Matthews
June 8: Georgie-Anna Pemberton
June 8: Sadie Philips
June 12: James Mersereau
June 12: Patrick Murray
June 12: Reed Murray
June 13: Alissa Lester
June 17: Breanna Stanley
June 20: Kellee Moores
June 26: Brandon Beal
June 27: Robert Swallow



Senior Skip Day Regan Bragg

On Tuesday, May 23, the MMHS Senior Class went to Orono on their Senior Skip Day. Traditionally, the Senior Class travels to Bar Harbor to spend a day shopping and walking around, but this year they had something different in mind. The class wanted to go to the Orono Trampoline Park, which just recently opened and is already a hit in the Bangor area. The park has dozens of small trampolines to bounce on, several dodgeball courts, tumbling runs, basketball hoops, a foam pit, and even jousting. Thirteen seniors attended the trip, including Ava Dray, Ellie Burns, Regan Bragg, Dayanara Vazquez, Santana Perry, Veronica Green, Olivia Dinsmore, Rebecca Greene, James Mersereau, Camon Johnson, Mark Anthony, Cody Eaton, Matthew Kocincki. Chaperones accompanying the seniors on the trip were Ms. Mack and Mr. LaPointe.

After a couple hours of bouncing around, the Senior Class went to Ellsworth to eat at Shinbashi. Shinbashi specializes in Asian cuisine, including sushi, Chinese food, and even pad Thai. It had lots of options and everyone was able to find something that they liked to eat. It was also Veronica's birthday, so the waitresses brought her a desert with a pink flower candle and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to her. After their meal, the students loaded back onto the bus and they arrived back at MMHS around 3:30 pm.

The MMHS Senior Class would like to thank their chaperones for coming on the trip, as well as Mr. Leavitt for funding the trip. Everyone had a fantastic time!



Finals Week Mrs. Susan Albee



June 12	Period 1 9:00 - 10:45
	Period 2 11:15 - 1:00
June 13	Period 3 9:00 - 10:45
	Period 4 11:15 - 1:00
June 14	Period 5 9:00 - 10:45
	Period 6 11:15 - 1:00
June 15	Period 7 9:00 - 10:45
	Period 8 11:15 - 1:00
June 16	Make-Up Exams

June Jokes

- ~Where does a fish go to borrow money?
The loan shark
- ~Which letter is the coolest? Iced t.
- ~What do sheep do on sunny days? Have a baa-baa-cue
- ~What race is never run? A swimming race.
- ~What do cows wear in Hawaii? Moo Moo's.
- ~What do frogs like to drink on a hot summer day? Croak-o-cola.
- ~Why did the dog stay in the shade? It did not want to be a hot dog.
- ~Why do bananas use sunscreen? Because they peel.



Academic Awards Carol Smith

The Academic Awards Ceremony for the 2016-2017 school year were held on Friday, June 2, at 6 p.m. Almost every chair in the gym was filled with students, friends, and family members. Each teacher gave out several awards, most of which reflected academic achievement and hard work. There were many good things to be said about each student as he/she received his/her awards.

The teachers gave out a lot of unique awards and prizes in addition to certificates for the students' portfolios. Mrs. Hampson stood out with her "Gumption" Awards, which were named appropriately given the students' hard work and Mrs. Hampson's love of unique vocabulary. Mrs. Atkinson gave Pez dispensers to her award winners, each reflecting the personality of the student. Mrs. McKenna gave her awards with books for the students to read so did Mr. Henry, who gave his geometry students books on the history of geometry with beautiful illustrations. Mr. Lenke gave his awards with "maps to the nearest black hole." They were actually interesting posters, but they were still super cool. Mr. Jaques gave out gold spray painted tools as his awards. For the spelling awards, each student received a little bumblebee charm. It's a spelling bee! Get it?

Mr. Black had everyone in stitches, as always. He gave out prizes that reflected the class the student took or just the student's personality. He kept forgetting to give the students their award certificates, sparking an eruption of laughter when he called them back to receive them. He also had a special award for Cody Eaton's dad. Supposedly, he'd told Mr. Black to pick him up something, so Mr. Black gave him a Barbie doll. There wasn't a single audience member who wasn't laughing. Mr. Eaton stayed at the podium to thank the teachers, staff, and coaches at MMHS for giving his son a great education.

As for the seniors, many received their chords for Culinary Arts and JMG, and the

National Honor Society members (Regan Bragg, Ellie Burns, Olivia Dinsmore, Santana Perry, and Rebecca Green) received their stoles to wear at graduation. The top 10 students of the class were recognized as well. In no particular order, the top 10 are Santana Perry, Nick Smart, Cody Eaton, Rebecca Green, Jessyka Moores, Veronica Greene, Olivia Dinsmore, Ellie Burns, Salutatorian Jonathan Massaad, and Valedictorian Regan Bragg.

Congratulations to everyone who was recognized! Keep up the good work!



Reese Alley, Robert Swallow, Devin Keene, and Marc Michaud were recognized at the Academic Awards Ceremony for Perfect Attendance.



Farrow McKenna was selected to receive the Phi Beta Kappa Award that recognizes a junior who is "going on to higher education and who has demonstrated intellectual curiosity and achievement in and beyond the classroom."

What Graduation Means to Me Regan Bragg

When I think about graduation, it is very difficult not to look at the past and what memories I have collected during my high school years. These bring emotions of sadness that I don't want to experience. So instead, I want to talk about what the word "commencement" really means: a beginning. For me, this means the beginning of two new things: individuality and independence. These may not come as a surprise to you, but as cliché as they sound it really does sum up what I feel graduation brings.

Individuality. Graduating from high school means leaving those behind who always seem to know everything about you, and most of the time the wrong things. It gives you the chance to not only escape your past but to be able to work on developing yourself without your schoolmates there to criticize you. It means being able to experiment, try new things, and ultimately discover yourself and who you are as a person. And best of all, none of your classmates will be ashamed because ultimately you'll be happy with yourself.

Independence. Graduating high school officially marks the beginning of adulthood which for me means lots of added responsibility. It's funny how you always want more independence until you actually get it and realize "why did I ask for this"? It means no parental guidance but nobody telling you you can't do something either. But most of all, independence means freedom to chose to pursue something you love, no matter what other people think.

I think you can tell that the point I'm trying to get to, which is that the real world is a place where you should expand and ultimately become yourself: a beginning into something new that will make you. It may seem scary to be all out there, but trust me it will feel amazing. This is what graduation means to me.

I want to end on a positive note with a quote from Jess Wheaton who addressed Wesleyan University in 2013. "You will be

so many things, and the one thing that I wish I'd known and want to say is, don't just be yourself. Be all of yourselves. Don't just live, be that other thing connected to death. Be life. Live all of your life. Understand it, see it, appreciate it. And have fun."

Student Spotlight: Regan Bragg Carol Smith



Q: Who inspires you? Why?

A: "I'm inspired by Abraham Lincoln. Many people know that he freed slaves, but they don't know that he had lots of failures in business and politics."

Q: If you could have one super power, what would you choose?

A: "The ability to be able to tell what other people are thinking."

Q: Do you have a favorite sports team or athlete?

A: "My dad and I are avid Red Sox fans and we love to watch the games together. My favorite player is Chris Sale."

Q: What's your favorite song?

A: "I like anything that I can dance to!"

Q: How would you describe yourself?

A: "I can seem intimidating sometimes, but I'm actually really friendly. I don't just like school; I like sports, music, books, and I think sometimes I'm looked at as just a brainiac."



June Trivia

- ~June is named for Juno, Roman queen of the gods.
- ~The birth flower for June is the rose.
- ~The zodiac signs for June are Gemini (May 21 - June 20) and Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
- ~The longest day of the year is in the month of June. The 21st of June is Summer Solstice; this day measures the longest as a day on earth.
- ~June 5 is the World Environment Day and June 20 is World Father's Day. Both these days are recognized worldwide and celebrated with a festive mood as well.
- ~There is a term called, June Bug, which is given to many large bugs found in the United States during May and June. The bugs get this name because the transition of larva to adult happens in this month. They are usually seen in the dark when they are attracted to light.



DAC Banquet Jacob Godfrey

On Thursday, May 25, the Down East Athletic Conference Banquet was held at the Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium. Student athletes were awarded all star medals for their hard work, skill, and dedication to high school sports. DAC medals were handed out for the following sports: Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, Golf, and Tennis. The schools that are in the Down East Athletic Conference are Machias Memorial High School, Sumner High School, Shead High School, Jonesport-Beals High School, Woodland High School, and Narraguagus High School. Congratulations to all the DAC medal recipients.

DAC All-Stars



Noah Albert was selected to receive the All-Star Baseball Award.

Abigail Hooper and Jasmine Bell were named Softball All-Stars for the 2017 season.



MMHS Top Ten: Jessyka Moores, Regan Bragg, Veronica Green, Olivia Dinsmore, Ellie Burns. (Back) Santana Perry, Nicholas Smart, Jonathan Massaad, Cody Eaton, and Rebecca Greene. The top ten were named at the annual Academic Awards Ceremony on June 2.



Horoscopes

Aries: 3/21 to 4/19

Your friendships are all growing stronger this week. Even if you might not feel like it, help a friend out. They'll be grateful and will later return the favor. Stay surrounded by those you love; they enjoy your company just as much as you enjoy theirs.

Taurus: 4/20 to 5/20

It's easy to get frustrated with those around you, but try hard not to. Instead, investigate new ways to calm yourself and those around you. When all the screaming and shouting stops, you'll be able to make sense of what's going on and deal with situations in a reasonable manner.

Gemini: 5/21 to 6/20

Instead of worrying about all those little things going on in your life, tackle a big problem. Stop worrying about miniscule details. Rather, focus on the big picture. Your creative skills will shine through, and nobody will miss out. Enlist a trusted friend to help with the details, making it a perfect event.

Cancer: 6/21 to 7/22

Those who you consider yourself closest to will be hard to understand. Mixed signals get you confused, and you don't know which way to turn. Try not to misinterpret what people are telling you; instead confront them with what you're feeling. By the end of the week things will once again be making sense.

Leo: 7/23 to 8/22

You may not feel like it, and it may be hard, but dive into a project you've been putting off. If you can't handle everything on your own, don't be shy to ask for help. Everyone will be more than willing to put in the time, and it will help keep your stress level low.

Virgo: 8/23 to 9/22

You are in conflict between two different emotions and don't know what to do next. Try to completely avoid the issue for a

day; after sleeping on it your mind might be clearer. Then talk with trusted friends and family; other's opinions and ideas help you figure out what you truly want.

Libra: 9/23 to 10/21

Although it may seem unnoticed, your friends appreciate all that you do for them. Keep it up and your hard work will soon pay off. This week you'll receive extra special thanks from those around you.

Scorpio: 10/22 to 11/21:

You feel absent-minded lately. That's fine, but pay at least some attention to the world around you. You might end up agreeing to do something you don't actually want to do without even noticing. Keep an alert friend with you, and you'll make sure to stay on track.

Sagittarius: 11/22 to 12/21

Pull your head out of the clouds. Life is hard, and the people you are close to cannot make all the decisions in your life for you. Step up to the plate and do something impulsive that you want to do.

Capricorn: 12/22 to 1/19

Keep all your options open this week. Many different opportunities are coming your way, and you want to consider them all before making your final decision. Then, this weekend, leave all the decision-making behind and do whatever makes you feel best.

Aquarius: 1/20 to 2/18

Take care of that issue that's been driving you crazy. You'll find a quick and easy solution half way through the week -- don't turn it down. By the weekend you'll be free of nuisances and can enjoy yourself.

Pisces: 2/19 to 3/20

It may seem like you're helping somebody, but back off. Sometimes all anyone needs is time, and rushing it won't help your cause. Don't give up completely though. In a few weeks things will be looking better.

Summer Word Search

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Find these words.

family
summer
vacation
camping
backyard



beach
pool
swimming
baseball
fishing



June
July
August
sun
hot



picnic
watermelon
hamburger
ice cream



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