## Machias Memorial High School News

November 16, 2018 – Edition

#### Model State Samantha Cox

Model State is a program where Maine students from across the state get together to learn about the various jobs in the Maine State Legislature. At our school we were required to draft and submit a bill to participate in the program.

On Friday, November 9, 2018, we departed from Machias at seven in the morning to arrive in Augusta by noon to register. Fortunately, we arrived early and had time to explore the Maine State Museum. After registering, we went to take pictures and were seated for the opening of the program. Then we broke out into committees to talk about each



individual bill. Each committee was different depending on the subject matter. While in committee we talked about and debated each bill to decide if it would pass to the House and Senate. After one long day of introductions and debating on bills we headed to the hotel.

The second day we had to be up by 6:30 to eat breakfast and get ready to leave the hotel to return to the State Capitol building. We were separated between the Senate or the House of Representatives. In session each bill that received a pass vote in committee had to be brought to the floor. We talked about each bill along with voting to see if each would pass or not by voice vote or division. A voice vote is when you say "yea" or "nay" to the bill, and a division is to stand up for a floor vote on the bill. People talked for the bills or against them and stated why we should vote yea or nay. A vote 'yea' means you want the bill to pass, and a vote 'nay' means you want it to fail.

The third day was like the second one. We worked in our respective chambers to finish voting on the bills. As part of the closing session a new governor was elected for the 2019 program. Four-year participants including Matti Conlin were recognized with a red, white, and blue cord, and MSSM student Annette Mubang received the 'Best Bill' award. Each of us realized the jobs the House and Senate members have been doing for us and by participating ourselves we came to understand the process.

#### Golf Smita Martin



We had a small golf team this year with two students, Senior Evan Dray and Junior Jacob Sinford. With that said, it was a very successful season. Evan and Jacob have won multiple events, receiving medals in those events. The teams played more courses this year against DAC and PVC teams than ever before. The boys have improved their skills and were playing better after each meet. Meets were held in Jonesboro, Ellsworth, Bucksport, Calais, Sorrento and Lincoln. The DAC Championship was their final meet at the Barren View golf course in Jonesboro. Both Evan and Jacob finished in the top 5 and were named as DAC All Stars for golf.

#### November Birthdays Abby Hooper

Jackson Saumur - November 1 Kaitlin LaPointe - November 6 Stephanie Huntley - November 7 Hunter Rolfe - November 8 Kyle Anderson - November 10 Keegan Lowe - November 11 Destiny Floyd - November 15 Michael George - November 19 Dakota Brown - November 25 Marcus Doyle - November 29

# Thanksgiving Jokes Abby Hooper

Why did the turkey cross the road? ~It was the chicken's day off.

What happened when the turkey got into a fight?

~He got the stuffing knocked out of him.

Why did they let the turkey join the band? ~Because he had the drumsticks.

What kind of music did the Pilgrims like? ~Plymouth Rock

### **Upcoming Events Rebecca Burgess**



November 9- Veteran's Day Program

November 11- Veteran's Day

November 12- No school- Observing Veteran's Day

November 15- Student led conferences

November 15- Fall sports awards at 6:30

November 15/16/21- 1/2 days – Release @ 11:30

November 22- Thanksgiving Day

November 23- Black Friday

November 24-25 Cheering Choreography

#### Machias Memorial High School Announces Quarter 1 Honor Roll

Principal Leavitt and the faculty of Machias Memorial High School proudly presents the Quarter 1 Honor Roll for academic excellence. The following students have earned the distinction of being recognized as achieving high honors or honors.

#### Honors

Seniors: Jonathan Cole, Madison Conlin, Simon Edwards, Keely Tibbetts, and Alex Wentzell.

Juniors: Ayden Arthur, Kennedy Cates, Breckin Gooch, Abigail Hooper, Joseph Horvath, Austin Look, Sadie Phillips, Grace Preston, Megan Preston, Nevaeh Skinner, and Raye Ward.

Sophomores: Quincy Davis, Hannah Faulkingham, Katelynn Holland, Leif McKenna, and Hunter Rolfe.

Freshmen: Cheyenne Gandy, Wesley Huffman, Angie Scribner, and Yulinka Warren.



#### Students of the Quarter Smita Martin



**Senior** – Smita Martin Junior – Marc Michaud **Sophomore** – Tyler Demarest Freshman – Cheyenne Gandy

#### DAC ALL STARS FOR FALL 2018

The following student athletes have been selected by the coaches of the Downeast **Athletic Conference to receive the honor** of All-Star:

Samantha Cox, Cross Country Jason Weaver, Cross Country Jacob Sinford, Golf Grace Preston, Volleyball Evan Dray, Golf Jayden Rhodes, Soccer Leif McKenna, Cross Country





#### **Literacy Students of the Quarter Smita Martin**



Senior - Matti Conlin Junior – Joseph Horvath **Sophomore** – Hunter Rolfe Freshman - Angie Scribner



**Cindy Moore-Rossi, Cross Country** Coach of the Year!

Congratulations to all our DAC All-Stars! Go Bulldogs!

# **Interview with Resource Officer McCartney Blake**

A resource officer is a career law enforcement officer with sworn authority who is deployed by an employing police department or agency in a communityoriented policing assignment to work in collaboration with one or more schools.

This year Machias Memorial High School hired a new resource officer, William Sternberg. I interviewed Mr. Sternberg and asked him questions about his new job. He told me that he used to be in the military and that going into law enforcement was something that he has always wanted to do. There is a no schedule between RMG and MMHS he goes wherever he is needed.

On the job he is looking for things out of the ordinary. When I asked him if he would arrest someone, he told me he would if what the student was doing was criminal and if it warranted an arrest. He said, "The biggest challenge is all of the different people and learning everyone's name. I'm better at learning people's faces than I am with names. I am able to recognize the students by their faces but not so much with their names. I love my job, I like seeing all of the exciting students in the school, and I would rather help students now than put them in jail later. I was worried I wasn't going to be accepted in the school, because every time the school has brought in law enforcement there has been a bomb threat or a fight. So far it is going well."

I had a fun time interviewing Mr. Sternberg and getting to know him. We talked about other things besides his job, he told me on his days off he likes to go out on his side-by-side.



If you haven't had the chance to meet

Officer Sternberg, take the time. He is interesting to talk with.

#### Thankfulness Smita Martin

What am I thankful for? I am thankful for the family I have, the school I go to, the team I am on, and the house I live in. I



am thankful for the friends I have and the memories we have made. I do not take for granted the privileges I get because there are a lot of people in this world that do not even get to be with their family or even have a family. We can't take for granted the things we have and get to do.

Not only am I thankful for what I have but I am also very thankful and privileged to be able to help those in need who don't have a lot or anything at all. I get the privilege, as well as my friends do, to donate things such as toys and books, and things that many people need like clothes and toothbrushes and soaps.

Around Christmas time everyone has the opportunity to get kids who do not have anyone a little something for Christmas. Churches will put together 'shoebox gifts,' and towns and communities will put together giving trees and other fun and neat ideas for kids to be able to enjoy the holidays. Anyone and everyone can go out and donate little gifts that are given to kids all over the world! I am very thankful to be a part of such a wonderful community and to help others feel loved and noticed. It is not only a good feeling for us, but we make these people who don't have what we have know that there are many of us who care to help and will always be there to help as much as we can. Thankfulness isn't just something for us, but we can help others to feel gratitude and comfort as well.

What are you thankful for?



### Veterans Day Program Tyler Faulkingham

On Friday, November 9, 2018, the Machias School Department Veterans Day Program started off with a breakfast in the Rose M. Gaffney gymnasium. Then the veterans made their way up to the Machias High School gymnasium for the program. The program started at 9:00 a.m. opening with the Presentation of Colors by the American Legion Stuart Green Post #65 Lubec. Once that was done, the RMG PK-3 opened up the band and chorus with a *Grand* Old Flag/Battle Hymn Medley. Next, fifth grade teacher Kelly Woodward and her class lead The Pledge of Allegiance. The Star Spangled Banner was then played by the Machias Band grades 6-12.

The welcome to veterans was presented by Superintendent Scott Porter followed by the rendition of From Sea to Shining Sea by Grades 4-12 Combined Chorus and the Machias Band Grades 6-12. Guest Speaker Bill Layman, Sergeant, United States Air Force Vietnam talked about his military experiences and the different places he's been and the life long experiences he will carry with him forever. When the speaker was finished, Destiny Look and Kaitlin Guptill performed their solos and joining with them was the 4-12 Combined Chorus presenting Hallelujah. The Introduction of Veterans was next on the program. Each veteran's name was announced by either MMHS Principal Mr. Brain Leavitt or RMG Principal Mrs. Joyce Fragale while the RMG National Honor Society handed out roses. The band presented *Marches of the Armed* Forces and the combined Chorus sang God Bless The USA.

Mr. Leavitt and Mrs. Fragale presented In Remembrance of our Local Veterans. Followed by Mr. Richard Larson who introduced *The History of Taps*. Following a moment of silence, *Taps* was by played by Eliza Albee and Hovey Hall. Ending the program was the retiring of the colors by American Legion Stuart Green Post #65. Thank you veterans for your service!

#### Horoscopes Smita Martin

The Astrology of November is heavy hitting, expansive, and life-altering. No, that is not an exaggeration. It can't be -- not when Jupiter, the planet of blessings and abundance, will enter her home sign of Sagittarius on November 8 for the first time in nearly 12 years. This is monumental in terms of you now having the support to achieve any and all of your pie-in-the-sky aspirations. There are no limits other than the ones you place upon yourself, and Jupiter in Sagittarius will help you erase those limitation lines like no other astrological event can. This placement is the universe's version of "The Secret." You can be, do, and have anything you want. See it as already done.

A stunning New Moon in Scorpio on November 7 will leave you in a place of truly knowing just how powerful you are. This lunation will be at a perfect link to Pluto, the planet that rules Scorpio. You've got a profound shift in a certain area of your life that will feel like the wise words of Mufasa in *The Lion King* when he reminds Simba to "remember who you are." Then, on November 16, love planet Venus turns direct in relationship-oriented Libra. This is significant and will lead up to the last of three Venus-Uranus oppositions on November 30 that, since the middle of September, have surely shifted your love life in the most unexpected ways. This opposition is a bit different because Uranus will have re-entered Aries (he does this on November 6) and you'll be integrating a new normal into your partnership that you never imagined would be. Uranus will remain in the last degrees of Aries until March 6, 2019, so a final personal awakening about expressing one's individuality in the most unusual and courageous way are now starting to wrap up.

Also on November 16, Mercury retrogrades in Sagittarius and remains out of phase through December 6. It's time to reassess any self-righteous thoughts and learn the difference between being true to

yourself without trying to shove your truth down another person's throat.

A Full Moon in Gemini on November 23 might help you let go of an idea or thought pattern you were convinced had merit but now realize was simply overinflated. The month winds down with Neptune turning direct in Pisces on November 23. The only way to lift the fog in your life is to be willing to get lost in it first. Enjoy the sweet escape.



