



# The Bulldog Reporter

Machias Memorial High School News

February 13, 2019 – Edition

## The Bulldogs Place 4th at Regional Competition Abby Hooper



On Saturday, January 26, the Machias Bulldog cheering team traveled to the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor to compete at the regional competition. Classes A, B, C, and D schools came out to compete to see who would be a top 6 squad and advance to the state championship. In Class D, Central Aroostook took first place with a score of 75.3. Behind them was Penobscot Valley (67.9), Bangor Christian (55.8), the Machias Bulldogs placed fourth with a score of 51.1, Deer Isle (51), Woodland (50.8). These teams will be performing at the Civic Center in Augusta on February 9. Machias increased their score by over 10 points from last week's DAC competition where they placed third. Over the two weeks the team has made changes to their routine to up their difficulty scores and worked on cleaning up their jumps and dances. They will need to execute these skills perfectly in order to get the most difficulty points possible. This team is full of experience with 4 juniors and 2 seniors that have all been in the state competition every year of their high school careers. The Bulldogs are led by senior captains Smita Martin and Matti Conlin. The Machias cheering team has made it to states for 8 consecutive years and is trying to keep the streak up for many years to come.



Team members on the base: Matti Conlin, Abigail Hooper, Destiny Look, Flyer Smita Martin. Back Stunt: McKenna Harriman (base), McCartney Blake (shoulder sit).

## Girls' Basketball

### Megan Preston

The 2018-2019 basketball season was a hard fought one as they lost key player Adrianna Mahar early in the season to a back injury. Having a majority of eighth graders including Jaida Case, Kaitlyn Guptill, Maggie Allen, Jaydin Anderson, and Hayley Bishko, the experience on the high school court was low. Coach Matt Johnson used his new insight to bring the young team members up to speed, even having them score the highest the girls team had in one year.

Even though they had a losing season, the girl's most notable game was a home game against the Woodland Dragons. Having a supportive crowd (the most notable for the season), the girls' launched themselves into scoring 37 points. This game wouldn't have been the same without Neveah Skinner, Mileena Silvia, and Kendra Johnson. These high school girls showed their experience as they brought the team dynamic into play to score as high as they did. Overall, the girls experienced a new learning curve on the court that will help them in seasons to come.



Back (L to R): Manager Kailee Parker, Hayley Bishko, Kendra Johnson, Jaydin Anderson, Mileena Sylvia, Coach Matt Johnson.  
Front (L to R): Jaida Case, Kaitlyn Guptill, Ardriana Mahar, Neveah Skinner, Maggie Allen.



## Boys' Basketball

### Megan Preston

This year's varsity season of basketball brought in some noteworthy, experienced freshmen including Kashman Feeney, Jayden Rhodes, Kyle Anderson, and Brady Hatt. Having a very skilled freshman baseline brought in new skill, but the team wouldn't have been the same without the returning players. Alex Wentzell, Evan Dray, Jackson Saumur, and Alex Look always seemed to come in at the right time during the games turning the tides.

Experiencing many bumps in the road including transfers, injuries, and a drop in the number of players, Reese Alley and Breckin Gooch brought the team back together in the games later in the season; coming up from Junior Varsity as swingers.

Unfortunately, they did not make it to the Cross Center for tournaments. They lost their prelim game at Deer Isle Stonington on February 12, with a score of 44-41.



Back (L to R): Coach James Getchell, Jakob Holland, Jackson Saumur, Kashman Feeney, Kyle Anderson, Alexander Look, Josh Archer, Evan Dray, Noah Albert.  
Front (L to R): Reese Alley, Brady Hatt, Dallas Moody, Alex Wentzell, Breckin Gooch, Jayden Rhodes, Tyler Look.



## History Of Valentine's Day

### Grace Preston

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 when people express their affection with greetings and gifts. This holiday originates from a Roman festival of Lupercalia, which included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men. At this festival there might have been sacrificing of animals. At the end of the fifth century, Lupercalia was replaced with the name St. Valentine's Day. He was believed to be a Roman priest. Around the same time as St. Valentine's Day, the Normans celebrated Gallatin's Day, and Gallatin meant "lover of women" which was most likely confused of this not so romantic festival.

As years went on, poets like Shakespeare and Chaucer romanticized the holiday. The tradition of giving flowers started in the 17<sup>th</sup> century in Sweden when King Charles II popularized the "language of flowers. A rose became the traditional flower because of its association with the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite. From then on St. Valentine's Day became the romantic holiday we know as Valentine's Day.

## Valentine's Day Jokes

### Ashley Norman



Q: What did the flame say to his buddy?

A: "I found a perfect match."

Q: Why do skunks love Valentine's day?

A: "Because they are scent-imental animals."

Q: Why shouldn't you fall in love with a pastry chef?

A: "Because he will dessert you."

Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend on Valentine's day?

A: "He gave her a ring."

Q : "I gave my girlfriend a cannoli for The Bulldog Reporter

Valentine's day.

A: When she asked why, I said, "I cannoli be happy with you"

Q: What is the perfect thing to say to a coffee lover?

A: "Words cannot "espresso" how much you mean to me."

Q: Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?

A: "Why yes I do, February 14th."

Q: Why is lettuce the more loving vegetable?

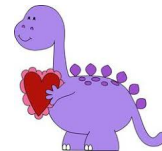
A: Because it's all heart."

Q: What did the whale say to his girlfriend on Valentine's day?

A: "Whale you be mine?"

Q: What did the rabbit say to his crush on Valentine's day?

A: "Some bunny loves you!!"



## Top Ten Valentines Day Gifts

### Smita Martin

1. Chocolates
2. Flowers
3. Cards
4. Jewelry
5. Dinner For Two
6. Clothing
7. Gift cards
8. House plants
9. Perfume
10. Personalized or household gifts



## Drama

## **Samantha Cox**

The Drama Club has a new advisor this year, Ree Anna Bridges. She works at RMG as the JMG supervisor so our club meetings are held in her room which isn't the ideal place to practice. Drama is acting and performing so a larger room would be preferred. Raising our voices and making sound loud and clear is a must when the acts start so the audience can hear and watch a good performance.

It was Mrs. Bridges idea to combined 7-12 grades in drama so we have more people and a variety of different ages to work with. Everyone met Tuesday, February 5, and we discussed a play and how to respond emotionally with voice manipulation.

Our play is called 'These Are the Most Famous Cats of All Time.' The final performance has been scheduled for May 2. All of the kids are looking forward to it and would like anyone to come and watch on their big day.



## **Upcoming Events Rebecca Burgess**

February 8 - Early release at 11:30

February 8 - Cheerleading pep rally - 10:30

February 9 - State Cheering competition in Augusta

February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 15 - Early release - 11:30

February 18-22 - February Vacation

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February 18 - President's Day

February 18 - Washington's Birthday

February 23 - Chocolate Fest/Yard Sale in MMHS Cafe

## **Birthdays Grace Preston**

February 2 - Ashley Norman

February 3 - Leif McKenna

February 8 - Alex Look

February 11 - Ivan Targon

February 15 - Victor Sokoloski

February 15 - Caleb Sprague

February 18 - Shane Alley

February 18 - Braden Pottle

February 19 - Logan Haskins

February 21 - Morgan Harmon

February 21 - Ardriana Mahar

February 22 - Noah Albert

February 26 - Tucker Mallar

February 28 - Ethan Harmon



## **February Facts.**

The 2nd **month** of the year brings us George Washington's Birthday, Valentine's Day, and the shortest **month** of the year. In the Gregorian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, **February** is the second **month** of the year with 28 days in common years and 29 days in leap years, with the quadrennial 29th day being called the leap day. Leap years happen every four years.

## **Student of the Quarter 2**



## Smita Martin



Senior - Jackson Saumur  
Junior - Megan Preston  
Sophomore - Jason Weaver  
Freshman - Wesley Huffman

## Literacy Student of the Quarter Smita Martin



Senior - Keely Tibbetts  
Junior - Alex Look  
Sophomore - Leif McKenna  
Freshman - Alex Keene



## Horoscopes

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## Smita Martin

The month begins on a tense note with a Mars-Pluto square. Everyone should watch what they say and how they react to each other on February 1st. But have no fear, relief is on the way. Communicative Mercury will sextile fiery Mars on the Feb 7th helping everyone to talk about their needs and intentions. The sun and Jupiter will also sextile on this day bringing an energy of positivity and open-mindedness. Change-making Uranus will conjoin with ambitious Mars from the Feb 11th to 14th. How will you tap into your creativity and make your dreams a reality? Dreamy Neptune conjuncts charming Venus on February 17th, putting us in the mood to treat ourselves. If you go shopping, make sure that you don't go overboard — avoid creating clutter for yourself. In fact, try to get rid of one thing that you don't need, and replace it with one that will suit your needs best! Virgo's full moon on the 19th will help us to get organized. We enter Pisces season on the 20th, helping us to tap into our introspective sides. Mars will sextile with the sun on the twenty-seventh, creating a positive, energetic vibration.

*-February 2019 Monthly Horoscopes by  
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