



# MADISON AREA MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

*The mission of the MAMHS community is to inspire academic and personal excellence in a safe learning environment where all students can develop the skills necessary to lead purposeful lives as responsible citizens and lifelong learners.*

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Christopher LeBlanc, *Principal*

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Dear MHS Students and Parents,

I am pleased to report that our return to school after the winter break has been a success and thankfully we have been able to remain open for business as usual! Once again I have been nothing short of amazed at the resilience of our staff and students who have been flexible and understanding during this time of uncertainty.

One of our greatest challenges this year has been creating routine and structure for our students. However, missing school for any amount of time can and will have a negative impact on your student's learning, achievement, and grades. When your child must be absent, be sure to let us know the reason for the absences. For absences, we ask for a written note from your doctor if it is related to an illness. This can be faxed to 696-5644. You can also call the main office if you are unable to provide a physical note.

Many students are already taking advantage of our after school tutoring program to get extra help. This is available every week on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:30 and every morning 7:00 - 8:00 am. At any point throughout the school year if you find that you have a need and would like to come in for tutoring, please to reach out to Mr. Bishop at [joshua.bishop@msad59.org](mailto:joshua.bishop@msad59.org) directly to schedule a time. Please understand that due to restrictions on numbers, you will need to make arrangements in advance to set up these sessions.

For our seniors we have turned the corner heading into an important time of year, as many are now deciding the path in which they will choose to follow for the next chapter of their lives. We would like to take this opportunity to assure each of you that we are in the process of developing multiple plans for graduation as well as brainstorming ideas of ways to make the last of their final year as special and meaningful as possible.

After months of quiet evenings here at Madison High School we have had the privilege of watching our athletes once again participating in the sports that they are so passionate about. Both boys and girls basketball are heading into their first week of games, the cheerleading team is preparing for the MVC Championship scheduled for the end of February and the wrestling team has started putting in the work in the weight room. I am truly thankful to both our coaches and athletes who have been incredibly diligent with abiding by all rules and regulations set forth by the Maine DOE and CDC which I believe will result in successful seasons for all of our teams.

For any students looking to get active this winter outside of our athletic programs, Ms. Perkins continues to provide multiple offerings through the Outdoor Club and 100 Mile Club. Mrs. Luce is also hosting The Bulldog Book Club again this year which started meeting virtually before the holiday break. The first book they read was A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, and they previewed the list of North Star Young Adult Award books, which they plan to read a sampling of this year.

Important Upcoming Dates:

January 22nd - End of Second Quarter

February 15th - 19th - February Break

February 25th - Ice Fishing at Lakewood for Lakewood Students

February 26th - Ice Fishing at Lakewood for Kennebec Students

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this time until we can be together again!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher LeBlanc".

Christopher LeBlanc, Principal