



October 8, 2020

Greetings MCI Families,

Our first month of "real" classes have come and gone. All students successfully navigated two days of in-person instruction and two days virtually with Wednesday reserved for individualized tutoring. And our students in cohorts C and D are prospering and learning fully on-line. Our faculty, staff, and student leaders have made our students feel welcome and at home. Students have settled into the [routine of school](#) while still enjoying the beautiful weather outside – nothing like autumn in central Maine! We just completed our Underclassmen Awards ceremonies last week, so please look for them on our MCI Academics webpage as well as postings on social media with directions on how to access.

October and early November will be active months with some date changes, so please make note of the following activities:

- a) *Community Service Days: October 21 - Cohort A, and October 28 - Cohort B.* As these are Wednesdays, please link to the following: [Transportation survey](#). Service days will run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with lunch provided after the projects. Dress should be comfortable and warm and ready for work.
- b) *Homecoming: The week of October 22.* Planning is ongoing for smaller celebrations; a more comprehensive celebration is tentatively moved to Spring 2021.
- c) *Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences: Wednesday, November 4.* Appointment times are from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Academic Office will provide specific ways to sign up for time slots as we get closer to the date.
- d) *Cultural Heritage Day: Wednesday, November 18, at 9:00 a.m.* – live-streamed on MCI YouTube.

Regarding if, when, and how we may offer more in-person class contact opportunities on campus in the future, we have begun discussions regarding the “how”, with the premise that we will not compromise the safety of our faculty, staff, and students and will always be in compliance with the Department of Education guidelines. With interscholastic competitions occurring now, colder weather, and the flu season upon us, we will continue to monitor the situation here in the community, in our surrounding districts and counties, and in our peer schools. Because of these aforementioned variables, “if” and “when” has yet to be determined.

Have a Happy Halloween and keep yourself and your loved ones safe. Please continue to conduct daily home [health screening](#) before sending your daughter/son to school, and the Maine Department of Education has also provided additional home resources for you [here](#) regarding virtual learning and other social/emotional support strategies at home.

All the Best,

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