

MSSM

Community Update

Fall 2020



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#First Days



Ms. Pelkey and Mrs. Moore greet new families.



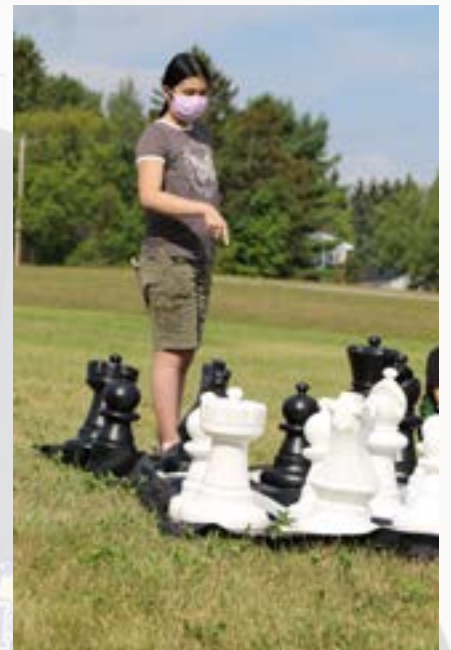
First night outside for a campfire.



Daniel sets up binoculars.



Aaron and Graham wait for the other team.



Vealy plots her next move.

Seniors joining the fun.



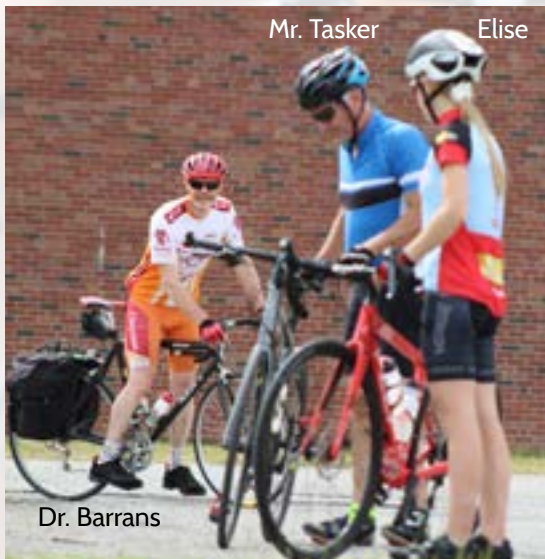
First year students eating lunch.



#Cycling

On Saturday, Sept 11th, MSSM Seniors Lydian, Connor, and Martin spent the afternoon on a bicycle tour of the former Loring Air Force Base. While there they visited MSSM's first dorm buildings, learned about Loring's very important role in the Cold War, checked out nose-dock and arch hangers, saw the site of two "Phish" concerts, and watched "land-boats" racing down the former main runway. (Reports that

they cycled headlong down the parallel taxiway and then had a snack stop on the ramp by the former alert facility can be neither confirmed nor denied.) Our next Senior Ride to Loring will be to Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge and the East Loring Weapons Storage Area- at one time the largest repository of nuclear weapons in the American arsenal.



There is a great deal of history in our immediate vicinity, and this Fall the best way to see it is on a bicycle. We hope to get a great many Seniors out on our next Loring ride.



As part of our first Sunday field day some of our instructors and students took a cycling tour around Limestone. Here are Dr. Barrans, Isaac, Elise, and Connor at a very quiet Canadian border just east of town. The group then returned down Long Road at an impressive speed to enjoy a well-earned barbeque lunch at school. Our cycling class kicks off tomorrow, and judging by the number of bicycles in the dorm the roads of Limestone will be busy this Fall!



#Fireside Chats

Due to circumstances, visiting schools all around Maine was not possible this fall. The Admissions department is introducing the new normal of sharing the vision of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. Dean of Enrollment Management, Alan Whittemore, hosted a series of fireside chats that covered a plethora of topics twice a week. We hope you have as much fun watching these short vignettes as much as we have making them. A special shout out to Ryan McDonald as the shows producer. We promise no more than five minutes of your time!



Ep. 17 - Student Stories



Ep. 16 - Resident Assistants



Ep. 11 - Hybrid Learning



Ep. 7 - Athletics

www.mssm.org/fireside

#Penguin Day



A Penguin Day is on a regular school day, but there are no classes. Students can sleep late, relax with friends or even catch up on home work. On September 14th, we had our first Penguin Day and the Residential Life staff bought fruits, muffins, milk, and doughnuts.

Although it was not a full day off due to the compressed schedule, everyone enjoyed the casual pace and many needed the downtime to recharge. Some students took the morning to watch TV with friends in the lower lounge.



#Academics



Rye H.



Anna P.



Declan S.

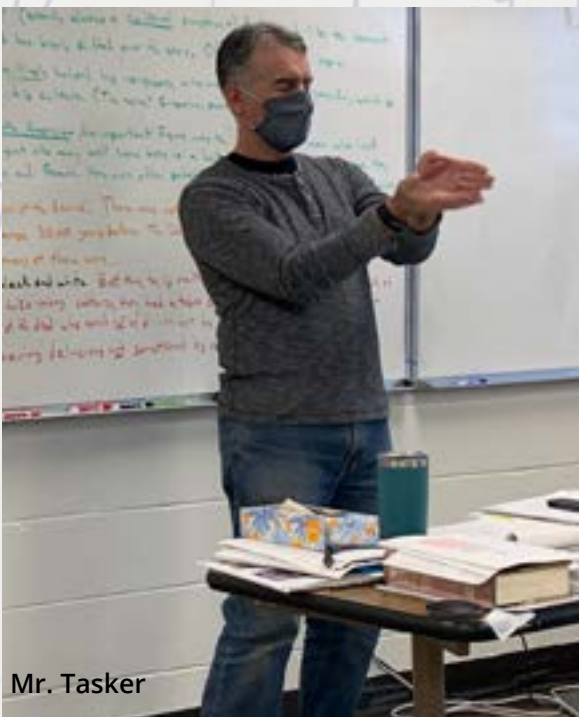


Shawn M.



Raymond L.

Charles R.



Mr. Tasker



Mr. Sullivan

#Academics



Seamus F. William T. Martin B. Milica S. Nina D.



Mrs. Rhodes



Madi M.



Milica S. William T.

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Raymond D. Daniel K. Connor S. Lydian F.



Daniel B.

#Athletics



Liam H.



Elizabeth R.



Griffin D.



Myles B.



Milica S.



Ben B.

Shawn M.

Martin B.



Evyn L.



Dr. Richard Barrans



Raymond L.

#Athletics

Lydian F. Shelby C.



Kylie T.



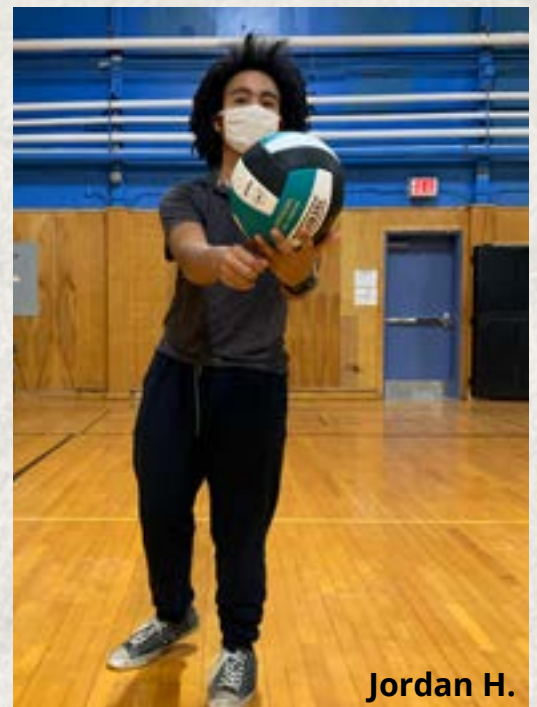
Amber Jeskey



Aryan B.



Seamus F.



Jordan H.

#Clubs



Marlowe D.



Lydian F.

Milica S.



The Astronomy Club hosted a quiz night for the club.

Do you know the answer to the question on the computer screen?

The Rocket Club took advantage of good weather to launch a few rockets. On the right, Mr. Berz holds up the rocket they plan to launch.



Mr. Larry Berz

#Clubs



Madi M.

Martin B.



Owen D.

Aryan B.

Martin B.

Tryn F.

The Student Senate hosted a Family Feud night with teams consisting of students and faculty.



The Prom Committee (PromComm) is moving ahead with plans to hold a prom this year. Current ideas include local hotels or even a large tent outside on the campus. They are going to push the date later in the year so it's warmer and less snow if they go with the tent option.

Key Club International, also called Key Club, (below) is an international service organization for high school students. As a student-led organization, Key Club's goal is to encourage leadership through serving others. Key Club International is the high school branch of the Kiwanis International family, classifying as a Service Leadership Program and more specifically as a Kiwanis Youth Program.

(from Wikipedia)



Elizabeth R.

Chloe H.
Annie S.

Avery M.
Max U.

Kylie T.

Madi M.

Vealy L.

Shelby C.

Raymond L.



#Halloween



Quinn P.

Ms. Amber Jeskey



Mrs. Rhodes



Mrs. Tracy Moore

Ms. Amber Jeskey



Milica S.

Hadley B.

Connor S.

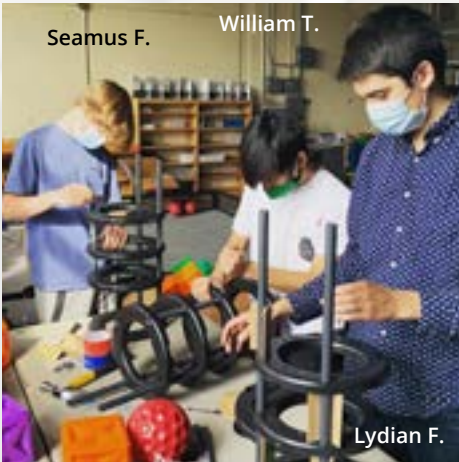
Lydian F.

Brooke R.

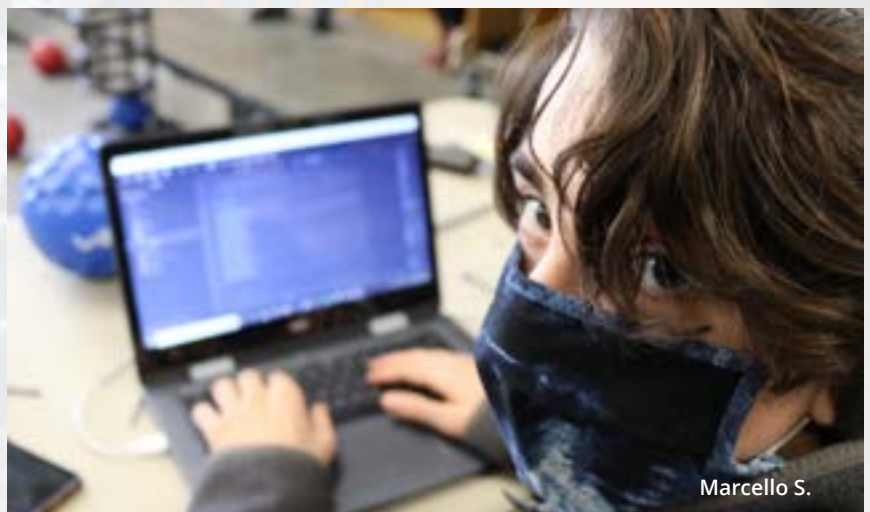
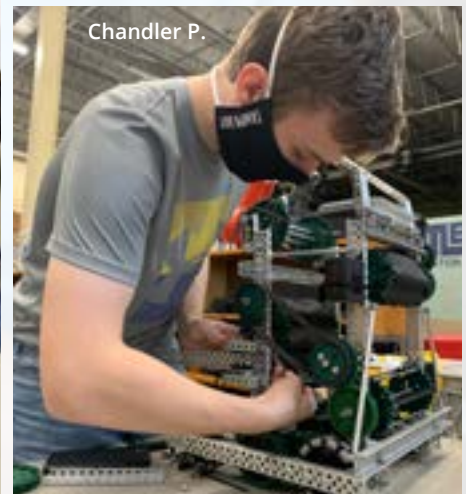


Bella F.

#VEX Robotics



VEX Robotics is educational robotics for everyone. VEX solutions span all levels of both formal and informal education with accessible, scalable, and affordable solutions. Beyond science and engineering principles, VEX encourages creativity, teamwork, leadership, and problem solving among groups. It allows educators of all types to engage and inspire the STEM problem solvers of tomorrow!



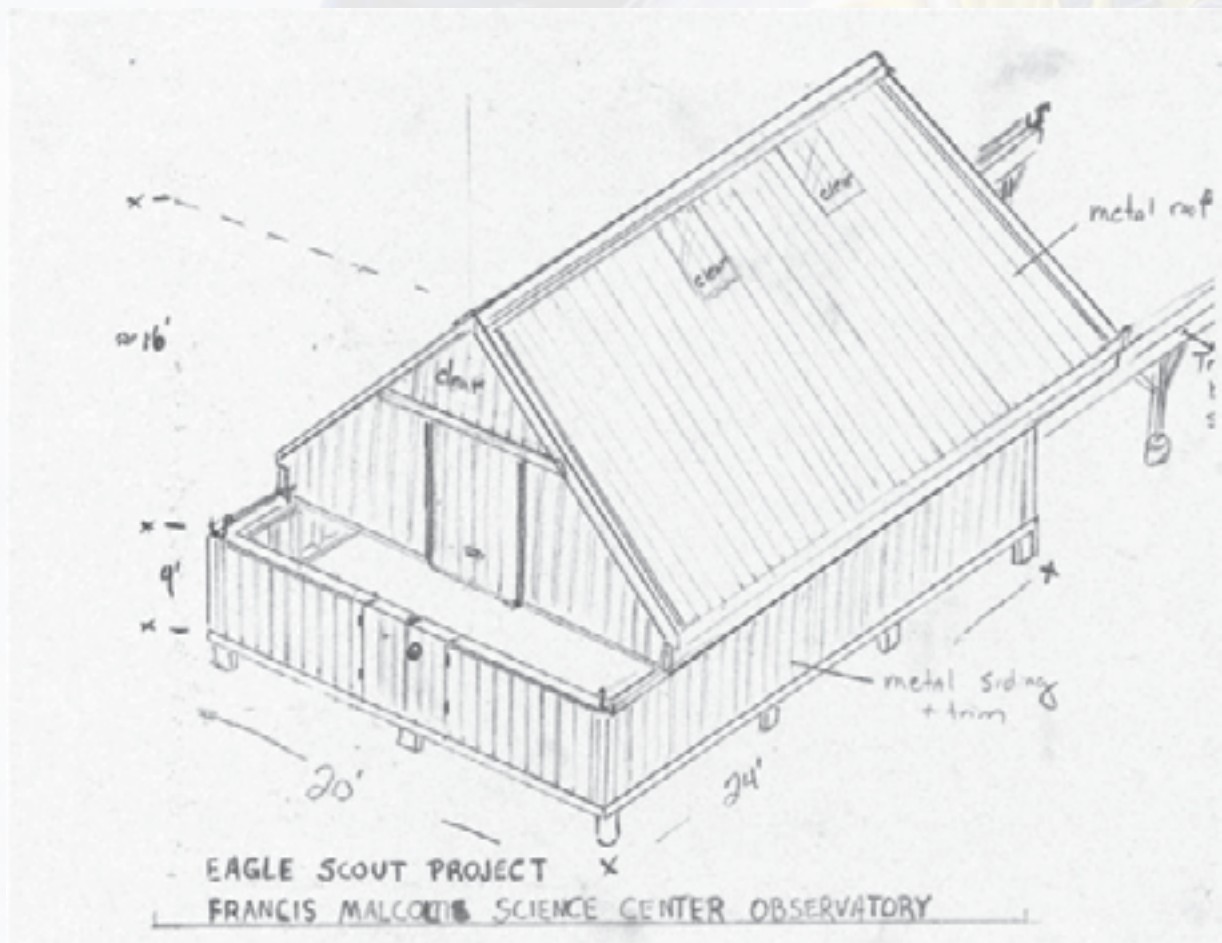
#Theater Club

On Friday, November 13th, the MSSM Theatre Club put on a series of performances in the auditorium. There were monologues, poetry skits, original plays, and an improv section in which the audience gave suggestions and they had less than a minute to start. It was quite enjoyable and everyone had a good time. The free cookies at the end were a bonus.



#CSP

Connor St. Peter, a senior from Kenduskeag, has designed and is raising money to build a telescope observatory for the Francis Malcolm Science Center in Easton, Maine. This project is part of his path toward becoming an Eagle Scout. The observatory will be on a 20x24 foot slab and be nearly 20 feet tall. Inside it will feature a 20-inch Dobsonian Goliath telescope.



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