



FOX CROFT

ACADEMY

From the desk of the Head of School

Dates to Remember:

Graduation Date Change— Sunday, June 12th, 10:00 a.m.

End of Third Quarter— April 1st

Senior Portfolio Presentations— April 7th, 3-5 and 6-8 p.m.

April Vacation— April 18th—April 22nd



Winter Sport Accolades

The Foxcroft Academy 2021-22 winter athletic season was very successful for many teams and individuals. **For swimming** state qualifiers included: Jesse Drury for the 100-yard breaststroke, Laney Reardon for the 100-yard fly, Izabell Pizzo for the 100-yard backstroke, and Dylan Coy for the 200-yard freestyle, 200-yard IM, and 500-yard freestyle. **For wrestling**, the following students made



states: Skylar Gibbs, Gage Beaudry, Sam Charles, Kael Niland, Nathan Durgin, Garret Chase, and Kloe Moore. **Indoor track** state qualifiers were: Jack Kingsbury (high jump), Runner Jarrett (2-mile), and Jacob Reed (high jump). **In basketball**, the girls' team finished 9-9, and the boys' team finished 14-6 after losing in the quarterfinals to John Bapst.



Frequently asked questions about "Mask Optional" at Foxcroft Academy....

Why is Foxcroft Academy moving to a mask-optional model?

With hospitalizations in Maine continually decreasing, cases at the Academy decreasing, and Dr. Shah announcing that it was always a local decision for a school to require masks or not, it was decided that it was time, under local metrics, to move in this direction. COVID-19 is not going away, and we will continue to learn to live with it. Staff and students who wish to continue to wear a mask will be encouraged to do so.

Why doesn't Foxcroft Academy just go strictly maskless?

This step, using a metric to measure cases at the Academy, will be used and, if an outbreak happens, will allow the Academy to quickly re-mask if necessary. With the decrease of hospitalizations in the State of Maine, it is felt that this is the time to return closer to normalcy.

Why is the Academy still masking during the week of February 28th?

Our past experiences have shown that there is sometimes an uptick in positivity after a vacation during which many families travel. We want to review data before determining being mask-optional for the week to be safe. The decision will be made Thursday evening, so if the data shows 12 cases and below, students and staff will be mask-optional on Friday, March 4, 2022.

Will Foxcroft Academy make a weekly announcement about "mask-required" or "mask-optional"?

No, unless there is a change in status, an announcement will be made using email, IRIS alert, and social media. In the absence of an announcement, parents and students can assume the status has not changed. For example, on Friday, March 4th, if it is announced that Foxcroft Academy is "mask-optional," and there is no announcement on March 11th, this means Foxcroft Academy is mask-optional for the week of March 14th.

Are other steps in place to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19?

Yes. Students should continue to self-assess for symptoms of COVID-19, and if a student feels ill, they should stay home. Students still need to keep a three-foot distance from each other. Students will still be encouraged to wash their hands frequently. If a student feels ill at school, and with parent permission, they can get a COVID-19 test. It is also highly recommended that students receive their vaccination, and obviously that is the parents' decision.

What should I do if my student is sick?

Students should continue to self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms using the COVID-19 Pre-Screening tool for School Attendance. If your student has had a fever of 100.4 or higher within the last 24 hours, they should not attend school.

What should I do if my student tests positive for COVID-19?

Please keep your student home and call the school nurse to verify the test results. The nurse will confirm current isolation requirements and quarantine guidance over the phone and provide follow-up information by email.