



MAINE VIRTUAL ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to MEVA's summer school session which runs June 20-August 4. We have an impressive menu of free offerings including:

- Self-paced courses in math, English, social studies, science, and art for high school students who choose credit recovery, advancement, and enrichment. Students have until August 11th to build their final grades. Instructional support is available from individual teachers and at the Help Desk on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:30 am. We strongly encourage our students to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity to bolster their progress towards graduation and post-secondary goals.
- Enrichment for building core academic skills is available by election and by invitation in the middle school. We have a robust program in place to close students' achievement gaps in math and English, facilitated by our talented teachers. Students and families willing to invest time in addressing learning losses, due to the pandemic and other disruptions, will be extremely pleased with improved outcomes.
- We are also running the summer Prodigy Club open to all students for fun and enrichment.
- Students may earn high school (external) credits for summer activities, such as employment, volunteering, and other projects.
- Reach out to your **Guidance Counselor**, if you would like to join any of the above.

Utilizing technology, MEVA prioritizes developing our students' academic

Important Dates

- August 4 End of Summer Session
- August 11 SY 22-23 Self Paced Courses Close
- August 28 First Day of SY 23-24
- September 11-15 Fall Virtual NWEAs
- October 2-27 In-Person MEAs
- **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
 - July 3-7 Summer Session Break
 - July 4 Independence Day
 - September 4 Labor Day



proficiency and growth, as well as their career readiness, and twenty-first century skills, such as creativity, flexibility, collaboration, and communication. As you know, we happily serve our students and their families all year long.

NHS Schoolwide Food Drive



The National Honor Society (NHS) is hosting a schoolwide food drive. We are asking that each able student donate to a local facility that allows food donations. If you are able to do this, please fill out this **form** after each donation! If you plan on making multiple donations at different times you can complete more than one form. The grade and student with the most donations by the end of the summer will be highlighted in the MEVA Newsletter. That being said, the food drive is about giving back to the community!

Fall Virtual NWEAs

Save the date! Grades 7–11 students will participate in the virtual NWEAs the week of September 11th. This data allows us to design a personalized learning and intervention plan for your student!

Save the Date: In-Person MEA Testing

The Through Year Assessment for Math and Reading, the new MEAs through the Maine DOE, will be held throughout the month of October. This assessment is administered to all students in 7th, 8th, and 10th grade. The assessment will allow us to measure student's progress towards grade-level proficiency.

Stay tuned for more information about a testing site near you and everything you need to know about in-person testing!

- MEA In-Person Spring Testing Grades 7, 8, 10, Math/ELA Open October 2–27

ACCUPLACER Testing

All graduating students for the school year 2023–2024 will need to complete the virtual ACCUPLACER testing. This test assesses a student's post-secondary readiness skills in reading and mathematics. The data allows us to personalize a learning plan for your student to ensure they are college and career ready when they graduate. *Note if a student completed the testing during the 2022–2023 school year, they do not need to take the test again unless otherwise indicated by their scores.

SY23–24 Language



Language courses offered next school year (Fall 2023) include Spanish and World Language. American Sign Language is a visual hands-on language class being offered to students who are comfortable on camera (if you are not comfortable on camera, please do not sign up for ASL). Please email your **Guidance Counselor** if interested in signing up for any of these classes.

UMaine Early College

Maine public high school students can register for 12 tuition-free college credits per year. MEVA covers the cost of the books! The University of Maine's courses start August 8, 2023 and December 8, 2023. You get high school AND college credit! See full course listing at this [link](#).

MEVA Clubs

During SY22–23, we offered a wide range of clubs: Animē, Chess, Coding, Creative Writing/Reading, Debate, Drama, Gaming Prodigy. Based on student interest, we may be offering these clubs again in the 23–24 School Year. If you have different club ideas, reach out to **Mr. Fournier**.



Laptops

All students returning in the Fall 2023, please keep your MEVA laptop for next school year. If you graduated or not returning to MEVA in the Fall, please return your laptop now to avoid fees. Contact **Ms. Davis** if you have not received a label. Summer school students who will not be attending MEVA in the Fall, keep your laptop until the end of summer. Please complete the **Tech Form** if your laptop has any issues.

Maine Broadband



The Maine Connectivity Authority is developing a statewide Broadband Action Plan for Maine. Do you know what the FCC Affordable Connectivity Program is and whether you are eligible to apply? The National Digital Equity Center (NDEC) offers a one-hour live class to teach people how to apply for this very important program. Click on this [link](#) to read more information or sign up for a class.

Senior Yearbook



Class of 2023 Yearbooks are now available for purchase on [Lulu.com](#). Click [the link](#) to purchase an 8"x8" soft cover photobook for \$24.57. Shipping has been recently delayed, so please be patient with the orders.

Summer Literacy

Summer is a great time to read a good book! You can use our digital library SORA at this [link](#) to checkout books. You can visit Maine DOE's [Summer Literacy website](#) for more options. We also encourage you to visit your local public library this summer to browse and make your own selections.

Citizenship Award

Congratulations to Emersyn Williams for receiving the Secretary of State 2023 Eighth Grade Citizenship Award! Emerson was recognized for outstanding citizenship, scholarship and leadership, scholarship in school and community. Great job Emersyn!

NHS Ceremony

The MEVA chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) held our final meeting of the year on June 6th. During our get-together, we celebrated Isaac Drayton and Tessa Farrenkopf as graduating seniors. We also inducted Kyle Rich and Charles Veilleux as new members. Our ceremony was fairly brief this year. We intend to campaign for new members, 10th grade and up, again early next fall.

Congratulations Scholarship Recipients

Every year, students from MEVA compete within our school for the opportunity to win large scholarships from two prestigious foundations. With such small applicant pools, these are amazing opportunities to provide access and affordable college experiences to our graduates. We wish to congratulate this year's recipients of the Worthington scholarship, Tegan Hemond and Tessa Farrenkopf. Tegan will receive up to \$14,500 to CMCC over the course of four years, while Tessa will receive up to \$14,500 to UMO over four years. Another big congratulations to Tessa for also winning the Mitchell scholarship, where she will earn a variety of incentives like mentorship, networking, and \$10,000 in scholarship money to attend UMO! Tegan was also awarded \$100 for the Kurt Theriault Memorial Scholarship. Congratulations to you both!!



Art Box

Jayden Davis' Art



Jayden drew what she was imagining as she was reading.

Summer HelpDesk

HelpDesk is where you have access to the teachers for all of your subjects. In HelpDesk we ask questions, complete homework, and conquer missing assignments. You can even access one of our student tutors. Some students may be required to attend if your teacher(s) feels it is appropriate.

Summer School Students
HelpDesk meets 11:30am - 12:30pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

For more information, please check the **HelpDesk** content called **Students Corner** or email Nicole Hart at nhart@mainevirtualacademy.org

Newsletter Ideas

We are happy to highlight the successes of MEVA Students. Send your newsletter ideas and shoutouts to SCarter@MaineVirtualAcademy.org.