



SY 24-25 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

ISSUE #4



Dr. Melinda Browne Head of School

We are thankful that you have joined us at Maine Virtual Academy (MEVA), and we want you to take full advantage of everything that MEVA offers. We started the new school year by asking all our students five (5) Individual Learning Plan (ILP) questions:

1. What do you do or want to do with your time?
2. What can MEVA offer you to match your interests?
3. What are your post-secondary plans?
4. What is your ideal career when you graduate?
5. What is one academic goal that you have for yourself this year?

We want to use this information to help students develop career readiness skills and to make MEVA a great fit by encouraging engaging activities, including employment, internships, virtual job shadowing, volunteering, clubs and organizations, portfolio projects, and Early College and AP4ME courses.

Reach out to your guidance counselor if you would like more information about how to participate.



IMPORTANT DATES -

Semester 1: August 26th 2024 - January 16th 2025

Semester 2: January 17th - June 13th 2025

MEVA HOLIDAYS -

November 11th: Veteran's Day

*November 27th - November 29th:
Thanksgiving Break*

December 23rd - January 1st: Winter Break

January 20th: Martin Luther King Day

February 14th - 21st February Vacation

FALL ANNUAL ESEA

On October 23rd, we hosted the Annual Information Meeting for the "Every Student Succeeds Act" on Zoom. If you couldn't attend but would like to watch the recording, please follow this link. You'll be prompted to enter a passcode, which is: &MifQSR9.

FALL TESTING

We would like to give a big shout out to all the Learning Coaches and Students, for showing up to complete the Fall State Assessments!

MEVA teachers are always happy to be able to meet you all in person and put the names to the faces! We look very forward to seeing you all again in person this coming Spring!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is on track to be released by December 1, 2024.

Below are some requests and updates to make navigating financial aid season as easy as possible!

Financial Aid Information Sessions

One of the best ways for students and families to get familiar with the financial aid process is to attend one of FAME's Financial Aid Information sessions. We have numerous in-person and virtual events scheduled in October and November. For a list of upcoming events, visit [FAMEmaine.com/events](https://famemaine.com/events).

FSA ID Creation

Now is the time to create their Federal Student Aid accounts (FSA IDs) at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). Individuals should create their FSA IDs before the release of the FAFSA so that their demographic information can be matched with the Social Security Administration. This is what allows federal tax information to be transferred from the IRS, making FAFSA completion much easier!

Federal Student Aid just released the "[parent wizard](#)" to help families determine which parents' information is required on the FAFSA and which parent(s) needs to log into the FAFSA with their FSA ID.

A Message From HelpDesk!

We are proud of the progress you've made this year! Your hard work is paying off, and we're excited to see your continued growth. If you're struggling with grades or feeling overwhelmed, remember that we are here to help.

If you're falling behind, the first step is to check your progress—and we can help with that! The HelpDesk teachers are available Monday to Friday to assist you with checking your grade books, understanding where you stand, identifying areas that need improvement, and of course, helping with your homework!

We can also help you create a personalized plan for success, including setting a priority to-do list to help you manage your assignments and stay organized. Our goal is to help you break down your workload into manageable steps so you can make steady progress and catch up where needed.

HelpDesk Hours:

Monday – Friday: 10:30 am (HS Only) and 2 pm (Whole School)

Location: <https://mainevirtual.org.zoom.us/j/84397724746>

Don't hesitate to reach out for support with assignments, study strategies, or to make a plan for success. We're here to help you every step of the way!

Keep up the great work, and remember—no matter where you are right now, we believe in your potential and are here to help you reach your goals!

Cheers!

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TEACHER FEATURE



Mrs. Pasternack

A Little Bit About Me:

This is my third year at MEVA and my fourth year teaching! I have really enjoyed being able to meet students who live all around the state! There are so many things I can learn from each of my students. It is a joy to come to work each day.

My Hobbies Are:

I have a blended family with four kids and two cats. I love to spend time outside hiking and looking for sea glass at the beach. When I am inside, I like to get cozy and watch things like Harry Potter and Gilmore Girls. If I could do any other job it would be a photographer or working at an animal shelter.



STUDENT FEATURE

Timothy Mills

A Little Bit About Me:

I started MEVA this past fall and so far I really like it. My favorite class is Math.

My Hobbies Are:

I watch anime and play video games in my free time. I also have a cat named Louie.



MEVA CONTACTS:

Please use these emails for a quick response to any questions you have:

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Happy
Thanksgiving

