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MAINE

VIRTUAL ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

DR. MELINDA BROWNE, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Welcome to the new families and students who have joined us mid-school year for the second semester and beyond. We hope that you take advantage of all MEVA's offerings and opportunities. Engagement is an incredibly vital component of what we do to accomplish our mission and vision. We encourage students to attend live classes, including daily Help Desk and weekly, grade-level advisory groups. These sessions facilitate social interaction and build constructive student-teacher relationships, as well as peer-student friendships. There is an impressive menu of (virtual) clubs to extend collaborative activities. Overall, MEVA promotes superb communication between our school and your homes. Please do not hesitate to request a meeting with guidance, teachers, and administration to address any questions or concerns. Your positive experience at our school is always the top priority!

RE-REGISTRATION FOR 26-27

SCHOOL YEAR

**COMING
"SOON"**

It is hard to believe that re-registration for the next school year is right around the corner, but it is! Keep an eye on your inbox in the next few weeks for communications on registration!

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IMPORTANT DATES

- February 25th- MEVA
Meets 9:30-1, Ballard
Center, Augusta
- March 20th- No School
- March 25th- MEVA
Meets 9:30-1, Ballard
Center, Augusta

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- February 13-20-
February Vacation



MEVA CONTACTS

Use these emails for a quick response to your questions:

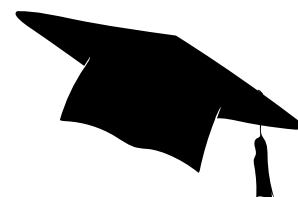
[Attendance](#)
[Guidance](#)
[Tech](#)

MEVA MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

Maine Virtual Academy's (MEVA) mission is to develop each student's full potential with learner-centered instruction, research-based curriculum and educational tools and resources to provide a high quality learning experience for grade 7-12 students who are in need of alternative educational options. MEVA will develop an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) with specific learning goals to meet each student's needs.

MEVA's rigorous curriculum is aligned to the eight Maine content areas, the Maine Learning Results, the Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards. MEVA will demand the highest level of accountability from our Maine-certified teachers, our educational management system and our nationally recognized provider of educational services. The MEVA Board will contract with Stride K12 for educational products and selected support services.

SENIORS AND EARLY GRADS:



- The Mitchell Scholarship opened up on 12/1/2025, this is a \$10,000 scholarship that will be awarded to one 25-26 Graduate! FMI and to apply, visit the Mitchell Institute [website](#)
- The Worthington Scholarship application opens up 1/1/2026, this is a \$20,000 scholarship that will be awarded to one 25-26 Graduate! FMI and to apply, visit the Worthington Scholars [website](#)
- It is time to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA can be accessed [here](#).
- Please take advantage of FAME (Finance Authority of Maine) FAFSA Help! This FREE resource can be accessed [here](#).
- If you have not met with Mrs. Tyler about your plans for after high school please reach out by [email](#) to schedule a meeting. Even if you don't know what you want to do, we can help!!
- Let us know what colleges/post-secondary programs you've been accepted to by filling out the survey linked [here](#). We are so proud of you!
- MEVA GRAD. SWAG is now available for purchase, [HERE!](#)

VACCINE AND VISION COMPLIANCE:

SENIORS: If you have not, please email your most recent Immunization documents showing a second dose of MCV4 to [Guidance](#).

JUNIORS: You will need a booster of MCV4 Prior to starting 12th grade, if you have already received this, please email your shot record to Guidance

7th and 9th graders: if you have been to the Eye Doctor in the last year, please fill out our [Vision Screening](#)



MEVA MEETS- AN IN PERSON STUDY HALL

Many of you may know me as Gina, or Ms. Davis, I send a LOT of communications to you weekly, answer your phone calls and technology requests, call to bug you for updated information occasionally or text and call to confirm your students presence at our in-person testing, among other things! What most do not know, is that I too, have a student at MEVA! She has attended almost every single MEVA meets since we started them about a year ago, and this is what I have to say, as a parent, about the MEVA Meets program!

“MEVA Meets is bridging the gap between Virtual and Brick and Mortar schools, the in-person you (and your student!) may need from time to time, with the safety and flexibility of virtual schooling. My student can accomplish in 4 hours at MEVA Meets what would take a week (and whole lot of nagging) at home. Dr. O'Grady is such a valuable part of this, she is the caring, compassionate teacher who doesn't judge, even if your student has fallen behind, but instead, quietly helps them make a plan of action to catch up and gets them excited about their progress”

I hope to see some of your students at one of our upcoming MEVA Meets!

Ballard Center, 6 E. Chestnut St. Suite 230, Augusta, ME 04330

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, February 25th 9:30am-1pm

Wednesday, March 25th 9:30am-1pm

Wednesday, April 29th 9:30am-1pm

Wednesday, May 27th 9:30am-1pm



I AM FEELING LOST, WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

MEVA SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES:

MEVA has two school counselors who are trained to support all students in their academic, career/college, and social/emotional needs. If a student is in need of support, please reach out.

Mr. Pierce- Grades 7-10-
dpierce@mainevirtualacademy.org
Mrs. Tyler- Grades 11 & 12-
htyler@mainevirtualacademy.org

WHAT IS FOX TIME?

☀️ FOX Time: Focused Support for Real Growth ☀️

At MEVA, we believe every student deserves the time and support they need to succeed. That's why we offer FOX Time—a required support block designed to help students strengthen skills in reading and math. FOX Time isn't extra busywork—it's a targeted, standards-based intervention that gives students exactly what they need to grow with confidence.

Why It Matters:

- ✓ Builds strong foundational skills for long-term success
 - ✓ Provides personalized attention in small groups
 - ✓ Helps students practice and grow in a supportive environment
- For more info, please email [Mrs. O'Grady](mailto:Mrs.OGrady@mainevirtualacademy.org) or [Mr. Corbett](mailto:Mr.Corbett@mainevirtualacademy.org)



STUDENT HELP DESK

January is here, and that means the semester is almost over—great job so far! 🎉 As things wrap up, we want to remind you that HelpDesk is still here to support you every step of the way.

Whether you're feeling confident or a little overwhelmed, HelpDesk is a place where you can:

- ✓ Get help with homework, projects, or tricky concepts
- ✓ Work independently in a quiet, focused environment
- ✓ Ask questions in real time with teachers from every subject
- ✓ Meet with Fox tutors who get what you're going through
- ✓ Use the Writing Center for essays, reports, and more
- ✓ Stay organized with our daily Fox Planner (check your calendar!)
- ✓ Earn awards for showing up and staying engaged!

🕒 HelpDesk Hours:

- High School: 10:30 AM & 2:00 PM
- Middle School: 2:00 PM

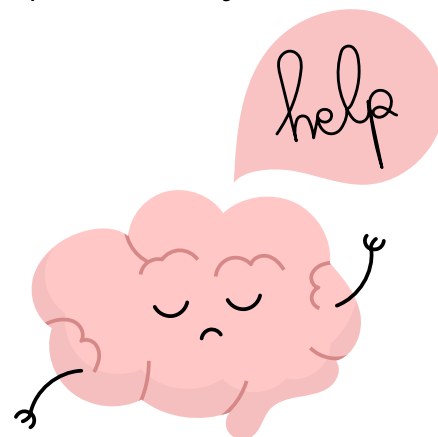
If you haven't stopped by in a while (or ever!), we'd love to see you. Even if you don't need help, it's a great time to catch up, stay ahead, or just knock out some assignments.

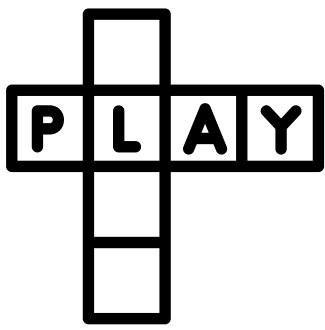
You've got this—and we've got you.

See you soon at HelpDesk!

— Your MEVA Teachers

Questions? nhart@mainevirtualacademy.org





CLUBS AT MEVA GAMING CLUB



Join the MEVA Gaming Club!

PLAY WHAT YOU LOVE: Video games, board games, card games... you name it!

FRIENDLY COMPETITION & CO-OP: Test your skills in tournaments or team up for epic adventures.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY: A positive space for gamers of all kinds and all skill levels.

DISCOVER NEW GAMES: Try something new and find your next favorite!



The Game Plan:

Who: Everyone is invited!

When: Thursdays at 3 PM

Where: Virtual!



To join a club, please email Mr. Fournier

DRAMA CLUB

Wednesdays at 3 PM

Interested in Drama and the
Performing Arts?

Want to explore unique ways to stage a performance either in front of an audience or behind the scenes? Stop by Drama Club every Wednesday at 3 PM to join in on the fun! Open to all and no experience necessary!