



From the Desk of our Executive Director

I'll start by saying thank you to the parent volunteers and all of our families for the outpouring of appreciation we received here on campus for Staff Appreciation Week! May is a busy time for the adult community, and the treats and gifts we received each day really made a difference for our employees. [Check here for pictures of folks enjoying the week!](#)

Yesterday afternoon, we celebrated our [athletes at the All-School Meeting](#). Each coach recognized a Most Valuable Athlete, Most Improved Athlete, and a Penguin Pride Recipient. Students have been busy with Advanced Placement tests this week, and we've also been happy to welcome some wonderful candidates for our Team next year to campus this week. We'll share more when we finalize those positions.

There is a busy weekend coming up! Several students will be attending commencement at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, where they are receiving an Associate of Arts degree. Others will be off at a track and field meet, and many will be getting ready for Prom on Saturday night. All of these activities are only possible because of the efforts of students and adults who lean in to organize all of them - thank you to all of our committees, clubs, advisors, teachers, and coaches.

We've got just two weeks of classes and then finals week left. Teachers and our Student Support Team have been closely tracking and supporting students as we march toward the end of the year. We appreciate your help as we work with your students. Please encourage your students, reassure them that they've got this, and remind them that there are only a few weeks left before they're off on their summer break.

2026 Graduation Schedule



The MSSM graduation schedule, including Senior Night, the senior banquet, and the ceremony, has been uploaded to the [Parent Landing Page](#). Also on the page is the [form for the senior banquet](#) for the families of the class of 2026.

The senior banquet form should be completed if you plan to attend. It's not just about bringing more family members; it's for all who are attending.



For non-seniors who are not involved with graduation on Saturday, you can move out after your last final exam. All students will have an exam on Thursday, May 28th.

Weekend

The weekend schedule is on the [Parent Landing Page](#).



We want to thank all of our MSSM families for making Staff Appreciation Week so special

Your kindness and generosity meant a lot to our staff. From Muffin Monday to the coffee truck on Tuesday, pizza from Rendezvous on Wednesday, thank you bags on Thursday, and Friday's treat, each day was a thoughtful reminder of how much this community cares. Thank you for helping make the week so meaningful.

Fall Course Descriptions

[Click here to view the document of classes available in the fall.](#)

Placement recommendations for English, Math, Science, and World Language classes will be sent to students by their advisor. Students need to meet with their advisors sometime before May 8 to complete their course request forms. To the extent possible, student preferences for specific classes will guide the creation of the class schedule.

March of the Penguins

Parents are invited to watch the March of the Penguins 2026. A prom tradition at MSSM. **The march will begin at 5:30 PM tomorrow, May 9th,** followed by class photos. This happens in front of the dorm in the horseshoe drop-off area.

The Students will depart MSSM at 6:00 PM to head to the off-campus venue.

The Prom committee would like to thank all parents, staff, and students who have donated time and supplies to make the 2026 Tangled Prom a grand adventure.

2026 Student Senate T-Shirt Order Form

Click the header to order. The winning colors are on the form for our 2026 Senate T-Shirt! Sales are primarily through this form, very minimal supply will be available for in-person purchase. All shirts are unisex and cost \$15.

Congrats to Geraghty for making this years design!

Size options are as follows: Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL.

Reach out to Elena (wirthe@mssm.org) with any questions!

Form Closes tomorrow



Weekly Dose of Wellness Wisdom

Sun Smart: UVA vs. UVB

Sunny days are great, but your skin needs protection!

There are **two main types** of ultraviolet (UV) rays from the sun:

UVA Rays = “Aging Rays”

- Penetrate deep into the skin
- Causes wrinkles and skin aging
- Can damage skin through clouds and windows
- Present ALL year long

UVB Rays = “Burning Rays”

- Cause sunburns
- Strongest during spring and summer
- Can damage the top layer of skin
- Major contributor to skin cancer

Sunscreen Tips That Actually Matter

Choose Broad-Spectrum SPF 30+. “Broad-spectrum” means it protects against BOTH UVA and UVB rays.

Reapply Every 2 Hours

Don’t Forget These Spots

- Ears
- Neck
- Lips
- Scalp/hair part
- Tops of feet and hands

Did You Know you can still get UV damage on cloudy days, in cooler weather, and while sitting by windows? UV rays don’t take days off!

Remember: Getting burned isn’t a flex. Protecting your skin is.

MSSM News

Do you want a quick update on recent penguin events? For a detailed look at our latest accomplishments and recent events, we invite you to visit our recent posts section at www.MSSM.org/news. Stay informed about the incredible journey of our scholars and the vibrant life at MSSM.

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