

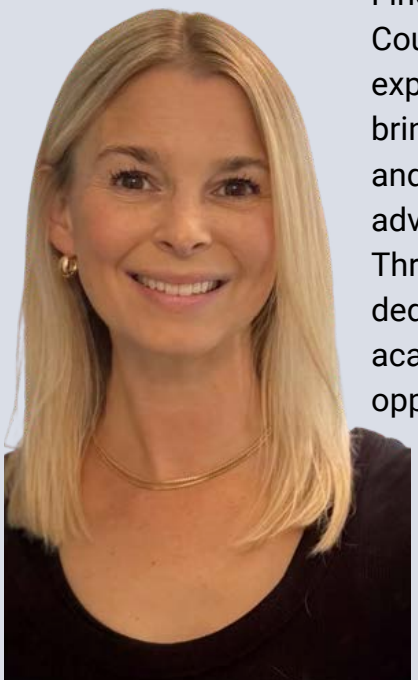
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NEWS & NOTES FROM THE MCI ACADEMIC OFFICE

A GREAT START TO THE YEAR!

As we continue to advance our School of Schools and pathway model, we are expanding academic offerings, experiential learning opportunities, and career exploration to help students discover their interests to reach their full potential. We look forward to a successful year filled with new experiences, meaningful connections, and continued progress toward our mission of inspiring students to lead ethical, purposeful, and happy lives.

MCI WELCOMES ROBIN FINELLI!



We are pleased to welcome Robin Finelli as our new College & Career Counselor! With seven years of experience in higher education, Robin brings a wealth of knowledge in college and career counseling, academic advising, and student support. Throughout her career, Robin has been dedicated to helping students navigate academic challenges, explore future opportunities, and develop the skills and confidence needed to succeed. She is excited to work with MCI students as they navigate high school and prepare for life beyond graduationn!

PSAT/NMSQT

MCI recently administered the PSAT/NMSQT to juniors interested in attending college. Taking the PSAT is a good way for students to get used to the format and structure of the SAT. Additionally, PSAT scores show areas of strength and weakness, and provide a benchmark for how students might score on the SAT. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT may qualify students for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other scholarship opportunities.

Sophomores: Consider taking the PSAT next fall!

It's a valuable opportunity to prepare for the SAT, assess your skills, and explore potential scholarship opportunities!

MCI MAY TERM 2027

MCI is excited to introduce its first MCI May Term, running May 17 through June 10, 2027. This new initiative reflects our commitment to the School of Schools and pathways model, providing students with opportunities to explore their interests through hands-on, experiential, and interdisciplinary learning.

During May Term, students in grades 9–12 will participate in focused courses designed to connect classroom learning with real-world experiences. Offerings will encourage creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving while allowing students to explore potential college and career pathways.

From business and personal finance, to cultural arts, outdoor learning, and other specialized topics, May Term will give students opportunities to learn in new ways, develop practical skills, and discover interests that may shape their futures.

May Term represents an important step in MCI's ongoing commitment to meaningful, student-centered education. By creating more opportunities for exploration and experiential learning, we aim to help every student identify their strengths, pursue their passions, and prepare for success beyond graduation.

We look forward to launching this exciting new chapter in MCI's educational journey in May 2027!



2027 MCI COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

We are thrilled to once again be hosting our Annual College and Career Fair on Friday, April 9, 2027. Last year we had over 80 colleges, businesses, military, and community organizations attend in support of our students. Interested in attending this year? Email ccampbell@mci-school.org to be added to our save the date list.

MCI INTRODUCES SCHOOLINKS

MCI is proud to offer SchooLinks as our new college and career planning platform. SchooLinks provides students an opportunity to examine their interests, possible career paths, build resumes, and begin to explore their college options, and manage their applications come senior year. This tool is available to all students and guardians.



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As part of MCI's School of Schools and pathways model, students interested in the Health Sciences pathway have the opportunity to gain firsthand exposure to the healthcare field at a major medical facility in Maine. Through this partnership, students can learn alongside healthcare professionals, observe the many roles that contribute to patient care, and develop a deeper understanding of the knowledge, skills, and commitment required for careers in medicine and healthcare.

This experience connects classroom learning with real-world applications, allowing students to explore potential career interests while developing valuable skills in communication, professionalism, collaboration, and critical thinking. It also helps students better understand the educational pathways and training required to pursue future opportunities in the healthcare industry.

We are grateful to Northern Light EMMC for investing in MCI students and helping us create purposeful pathways from the classroom to college, careers, and beyond. This partnership represents an important step in our commitment to preparing students for meaningful and successful futures.

SOMERSET CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

Maine Central Institute is proud of its partnership with Somerset Career & Technical Center (SCTC), which provides students with valuable opportunities to explore career interests and develop practical, workforce-ready skills while completing their high school education.

Through SCTC, MCI students can access hands-on technical and career-focused programs that connect directly with our School of Schools and purposeful pathways model. These experiences allow students to explore fields such as the skilled trades, technology, healthcare, and other career areas while gaining real-world experience and industry-specific knowledge.

Our relationship with SCTC helps students discover their strengths, explore potential careers, and prepare for their next steps, whether that means entering the workforce, pursuing additional technical training, or attending college. By combining MCI's academic offerings with SCTC's career and technical education opportunities, we are expanding the possibilities available to every student.

We are grateful for this partnership and its role in helping **67** MCI students build the skills, confidence, and experience needed for success beyond graduation.







FALL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

MCI Community Service Day provides students with an opportunity to give back, support those around them, and discover the meaningful impact that even small acts of kindness can have on others.

Through service, students learn the importance of compassion, empathy, teamwork, and civic responsibility. Whether helping local organizations, supporting community projects, or lending a hand to those in need, our students see firsthand how their time and efforts can make a difference. These experiences help reinforce the values of respect, generosity, and connection that are essential to building strong communities. By stepping outside their daily routines and serving others, students develop a deeper understanding of what it means to be a responsible and caring citizen.

MCI strives to inspire students to lead ethical, purposeful, and happy lives. Community Service Day is a meaningful reflection of that mission, reminding us all that kindness is more than a feeling—it is something we demonstrate through our actions.

THE CIANBRO EXPERIENCE

We believe that some of the most meaningful learning happens when students step beyond the classroom and experience the world of work firsthand. Through our partnership with Cianbro, MCI students have the opportunity to explore careers in the skilled trades, develop practical skills, and gain valuable insight into the many opportunities available in today's workforce.

The Cianbro Experience connects classroom learning with real-world applications, helping students understand how skills in mathematics, science, engineering, and problem-solving translate into successful careers. Students also gain an appreciation for the importance of teamwork, communication, safety, and professionalism in the workplace.

This partnership is an excellent example of MCI's School of Schools and pathways model, which encourages students to explore their interests, discover their strengths, and prepare for life after graduation. By connecting students with industry professionals and hands-on experiences, we are helping them see the possibilities that exist beyond high school.

We are grateful to Cianbro for investing in our students and helping MCI create meaningful pathways from education to career success. Together, we are building skills, confidence, and brighter futures!

