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MRSD COVID-19/Remote Learning Update December 15, 2021

Please continue to follow the CDC recommendations for layered mitigation strategies which can include, social distancing, hand-washing, masking, and vaccination. Important reminder to keep your children home if they are sick. Take care and please stay healthy.

NEW UPDATES

- **Bus 9** - Last night Community Transportation informed us that there was an issue on Bus 9. We have conducted a thorough investigation and have determined there is no known danger to anyone at this time. Chief Able was consulted as well.
- It is budget season! Please mark January 3, 2022 in your calendar and join us for the FY23 Budget Hearing at MRHS, 6PM. Exercise your rights as a citizen and attend our Deliberative Session, February, 2, at MRHS, 6PM. FY23 Budget materials will be published very soon.
- **The Drama Showcase at BMS** has been postponed until after the New Year. There will be no drama practice for the rest of the week. Drama Club will resume practices after the New Year and work to set a new date for the showcase.
- **School Board Meeting December 20, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. at the SAU Office.
To Live Stream: <https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/392bb718-6d20-4a3d-85e2-c282f42a421f>

Username: Live@mascenic.org

Password: mascenic

To Phone In: 1-803-470-5234

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- **Christmas Break - Schools will be closed for Christmas Break from December 23, 2021 through January 2, 2022. We wish you and your families a peaceful and joyous holiday.**
- **Due to the shortened school week next week, we will not be posting a weekly message.**
- **Snow Days** - In the event of a weather emergency at some point this year, Dr. Martin will send out a robo call and text message to inform the community that our schools are closed for the day. We will be returning to a traditional snow day format.

It is the policy of the Mascenic School Board, in its actions, and those of its employees, that there shall be no discrimination on the basis of age, sex, race, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, religious creed, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity for employment in, or operation and administration of any program or activity in the Mascenic Regional School District. The Title IX Coordinator is Melissa Gray, 603-291-2006. The District 504 Coordinator is Kristin Tevepaugh, 291-2011.

- **Open positions** - Please know that we are seeking to fill the following positions: **Special Education Paraprofessional at Mascenic Regional High School, Special Education Paraprofessional at Hillbridge Hill; Anticipated Long Term Substitute for Physical Education at Boynton Middle School, and substitute teachers. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please visit the website to apply!**
<https://www.mascenic.org/page/employment-opportunities>
- Dr. Martin has instructed our nurses to only answer school email and their school phones as it relates to student care, specifically, anything related to Covid-19. It is not fair to expect our nurses to answer calls from families, or staff, after hours. When in doubt about whether your child should go to school or not, keep them out and call the nurse during school hours. You may also email the building principal, but again, your inquiry may not be responded to until school hours. As always, if you have a medical emergency, please consult with your family physician. Also, please refer to the linked document for guidance regarding quarantine and isolation. [Quarantine and Isolation requirements](#).
- **Reminder to check the emails/messages from your child's school!** You'll find information about drama club donations, athletics, music events, dances, school events, etc! i.e. BMS is looking for donations of hangers, gently used costumes and flat sheets for their drama club.
- **IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!** Families with positive COVID-19 household members need to quarantine for 10 days from the last date of exposure. If a student or household member is awaiting test results, students should not attend school until all results have been received and are negative. Negative rapid tests can be followed by a positive lab test.
- If your child is absent from school due to COVID-19 quarantine, please know that these absences are excused.
- Our website has been updated to reflect the current positive cases in the district, as well as important information concerning self observation and quarantine rules, maintaining masking and suspected cases.
<https://www.mascenic.org/page/resources>
- **Important Message from our School Nursing Team:** Please do not send students to school with any symptoms of illness and to be sure to report illness, covid exposures, positive cases, and travel to the school nurse. For any questions, our School Nursing Team can be reached at:
 HHES: Ms.Kristy Zina 878-4387 ext. 2012
 BMS: Ms. Brittany Touchette 878-4800 ext. 3005

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PREVIOUS MESSAGING

- **Mascenic Regional High School has several students and a coach being recognized this fall! Congratulations to all for these achievements and accolades.**

Autumn Hughes has earned New Hampshire All State honors for Treble Choir, and will be performing later in the school year with many other New Hampshire students.

James Crawford has been selected as Mascenic's recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) award. Students selected for this reward are recognized as exemplary citizens in our community. James will be recognized at the State House in the spring.

Annika Martel was chosen as the Division III Player of the Year in girls' volleyball, along with Lyla Buxton and Kenzie Cormier being named Division III All State 2nd team.

Karen Gibson was named the Division III Girls Volleyball Coach of the year.

- We would like to notify you that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has now authorized the emergency use of a COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11.

The decision to receive a vaccine or have your child receive a vaccine is one for you and your medical provider to determine. No vaccines will be administered to minor children without the advance approval of you as a parent or caregiver.

The State of New Hampshire has preordered an initial 15,000 doses of the vaccine for this age population, which will be distributed to more than 200 health care providers. In addition, there are currently about 70 pharmacy sites throughout the state that will be offering this vaccine to children ages 5 to 11. These sites include select CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid, Osco, Hannaford, Walmart and Sams Club locations.

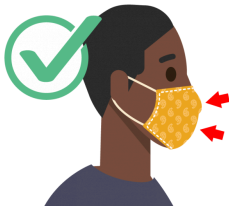
To access a map that highlights the various pharmacy sites in New Hampshire where the vaccines are available for these younger children, visit [vaccine-sites-map-children.pdf \(nh.gov\)](https://www.nh.gov/vaccine-sites-map-children.pdf).

Thank you for your flexibility and resilience throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Class of 2021** - thank you for waiting so patiently after a challenging COVID year! Your yearbooks have arrived! Graduates and/or family members can pick up yearbooks at MRHS on Friday, October 29th, between 11:30 - 2:00. A station will be set up by the side door near the art room/ gym corridor. Please hurry - we had 12 extra books and 3 have already sold. Email Ms. Scanlon at mscanlon@mascenic.org to purchase a book before they are sold out, or to make separate arrangements for pickup. **Go Class of 2021!**
- **Congratulations to the Mascenic Boys Golf Team for winning the Division IV State Championship!!!**
- **Thank you to the community and the Mascenic Athletic Boosters for an exciting and successful Homecoming! Also, congratulations to Conner Traffie for winning the Viking 5K and to Highbridge Hill Elementary School for winning the award for most participation from a school!**
- **Attention Families:** Please share the following information with any homeschool families that you are aware of.
- **High School Homeschool students:** Mr. Mellish would welcome any to participate in Band or Chorus at Mascenic Regional High School. Please contact Mr. Mellish at: jmellish@mascenic.org
- **Middle School Homeschool students** are welcome to participate in our band/chorus program at the middle school. Please email Ms. Mareello at amarrello@mascenic.org. Band is every other day during student's Unified Arts time. Chorus is Tuesday at 1:45 for grades 5 and 6 and Thursday at 1:45 for grades 7 and 8.
- **The following link provides useful information about proper masking.** Please know that this is the information we rely upon when masks are required to be worn.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>



Have two or more layers of washable (or disposable), breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps



Have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask



Wear a gaiter with two layers, or fold it to make two layers

- **Seeking Bus Drivers!** Community Transportation is seeking part- time Bus Drivers. Excellent opportunity for parents and grandparents! Clean driving record and a good attitude a must, training is provided. Please call Community Transportation at 603-532-4079 or email them at commtran@gmail.com to apply or for more information.

- **USDA Waiver for Food Services:** The USDA has extended the waiver that allows ALL Students to receive free meals through the 2021-2022 school year. This waiver, set to expire on June 30, 2022, allows all students to have a no charge breakfast and lunch at school each day as long as they choose a fruit or vegetable with their meals. These meals are provided free of charge as part of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020, USDA Food & Nutrition Service waiver. More information can be found here: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19/parents-and-guardians-waiver>
- **MealTime application for Free and Reduced Lunch:** The MealTime Apply Online application is NOW online and on our website www.mascenic.org. We have received significantly fewer applications this year than last. While all meals are free at this time the waiver is temporary. However, we will need to know who qualifies for assistance moving forward. Click on the link for the application: <https://www.mymealtime.com/Apps/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fApps%2fs%2f> Please know that meal delivery is not available for the 2021/2022 school year.
- **The bus routes have been posted to the website. Please check it out by following the link:** <https://mascenicnh.sites.thrillshare.com/browse/245389>
- **Important Message regarding buses:** After consulting with our attorney, we must comply with the CDC and require masking on the school buses.
- **Substitute Teacher Application Information:** If you are interested in substitute teaching, we have placed a copy of our application in our Parent Resource section on our website that you may print out and complete (*please scroll down through the documents in the Parent Resource section to see "MRSD Employment Application"*). If you would like to pick up a paper copy, please call Katie Desrochers at the SAU office at 291-2008. Once you have completed your application, you may scan it and email it to Katie Desrochers kdesrochers@mascenic.org or drop it by the SAU office at 16 School Street, Greenville. Once we have your completed application, we will call to set up an interview with you.
- Our process for being hired as a substitute teacher in our district consists of the following:
 - Completed employment application
 - Interviewing with one of our administrators
 - Reference checks conducted
 - Once you have been approved to substitute, we will then have you complete the following:
 - Criminal Background Check
 - Completion of W-4 Employee Withholding Certificate, I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification form

- Direct Deposit Form
- Substitute availability form

Please call Katie Desrochers at 291-2008 with any questions.

- **NH DHHS recently released an updated FAQs for Covid-19 education:**
Please visit our Parent Resources page (in the Covid-19 section) for more information.
- **NH Housing Relief Organization:** Are you on the verge of losing your housing due to COVID-19? Do you have past-due housing related expenses that may impact your ability to remain housed? The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery has announced the New Hampshire Housing Relief Program, an initiative designed to keep people from losing their housing and to secure or maintain permanent housing. Applications are available now. Please contact us today! www.capnh.org or call 2-1-1 from any NH phone. Please visit our Parent Resource section on our website www.mascenic.org (click on the COVID-19 Resources link) for more information.
- **Covid-19 Data Dashboard:** The set of dashboards below is designed to provide an overview of the current and past state of COVID-19 in New Hampshire. Please click on the link below to access the dashboard:
 - <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/overview.htm#dash>