



The Deering Weekly Update



Sara Ali (center) participates in the Toxic Waste Spill leadership building activity. The students pictured are in Joel Costigan's Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) class. JMG delivers a student-centered, competency based curriculum focusing on academic knowledge, career development skills, leadership, and teamwork.

October 9, 2018- edition 2 Vol 3: To our Deering School Community: PSATs and college preparation activities will be on the docket for Wednesday, October 10. Students will be released at 11:00; lunch will be offered until 11:30. *For more information on the PSATs, reach out to Assistant Principal Alyson Dame at damea@portlandschools.org.*

For Deering's Sport Schedules, visit www.deeringathletics.com

Date	Event and Info	Time	Location	Notes
OCTOBER 10	PSATs and college info	8-11	DHS	PSATs will be given to all in 9-11th grade; seniors will have a choice of several activities related to the college application process.
OCTOBER 10	BRECCIA Nonprofit Night at Elsmere	4-9 pm	Elsmere BBQ	Breccia is Deering's award-winning literary magazine; it costs money to publish, so please help!
OCTOBER 10	Brown University, Colby College, Yale & Dartmouth Universities Consortium for Parents & Students	6:30 pm	Scarborough High School Auditorium	
OCTOBER 11	"DAWNLAND: Stolen Children and Culture" movie	5:30-7:30	Portland HS Auditorium	Film seeks to answer the question "Why does state power continue to be used to break up native [Wabanaki] families [in Maine]?" Made by The Upstander Project.
OCTOBER 11	"Substance Abuse" and teenagers. Vaping, e-cigarettes, marijuana.	5:30-7:30 pm	Lincoln Middle School	This is an offering of Parent-U and Portland Public Health. Here is a flyer with all the info.
OCTOBER 13	Drama Club Costume and Yard Sale	9-1:00 pm	On the DHS lawn	Proceeds to benefit DHS' production of <i>Charlotte's Web</i>
OCTOBER 16, 18, 19	PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	See newsletter below for details		

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Monday, October 16: 5 pm

Wednesday, October 18: 12-2 and 4:30-7:30 pm

Thursday, October 19: 11:30-3:00 pm

Your student will soon share a link to PTC Fast, a conference scheduling website that allows you to select the time slot you'd like for each of your student's teachers. INTERPRETED CONFERENCES will happen simultaneously for our English learners.

Up to Eight Free College Credits for our Bilingual Students!!!



This year's first round of **Seal of Biliteracy testing** will be offered this month. Students who are interested in earning their Seal prior to college applications will be taking the AAPPL or AVANT language proficiency tests on **Oct. 17 and 20**. This month, 17 Deering students have registered to show their proficiency in Spanish, French, Portuguese, Arabic, Japanese, Russian, Swahili, Kirundi, and Kinyarwanda. Students who meet proficiency levels for English and their other languages will earn their Seal of Biliteracy Award for graduation and an endorsement on their transcript. **USM has also announced that students with the Seal will be granted credit for language courses for up to 8 credits.** If students are interested in signing up for the next round of testing, they should join the Google Classroom with code: **m3lmh2r**
For more information, email Ms. Lunt at luntje@portlandschools.org.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

****Last year's Yearbooks (2018) are available for 1/2 price \$35. Please see Mr. Lawless if interested.**

****The 2019 Yearbooks are for sale for \$70. You can order on line or see Mr. Lawless. Online--YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM and the code is 11227419.**

****Senior pictures & quotes need to be submitted by Dec. 6th to deeringyearbook2019@gmail.com. Quotes & messages need to be appropriate and you will not have a second opportunity if your message is pulled.**

For those interested in
Science, Technology, Engineering and Math at Deering
from Ms Karen Shibles

STEM Newsletter Items

(newsletter with past announcements is [here](#))

Week of 10/09/18

STEM ELOs:

- UNE is sponsoring a **Health Science Leadership Program** for students in grade 9 who identify as, or have family that identify as, immigrants or refugees to the United States. This 4 year program requires participation in learning & career exploration activities on the early, early release Wednesdays from 12:00 pm-2:00 pm. Dates are 10/3/18, 11/14/18, 12/12/18, 1/9/19, 2/13/19, 3/13/19, 4/3/19 and 5/8/19. To learn more about the program and how to apply see Mrs. Wiegand ASAP in room 214 or contact her at wiegak@portlandschools.org

- **Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS) and USM STEM Sisters** are sponsoring a “pop-up” engineering program for girls interested in transportation, mechanical, electrical, and structural engineering careers. This 4-week, hands-on program, being offered during WINN, will take place 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, and 11/13. Interested students should sign up in room 214 to reserve a spot.

STEM ELOs:

- High school seniors who plan on attending UMaine to study engineering or engineering technology should check out the Pulp & Paper Merit-Based Scholarships that are offered. To learn about eligibility requirements and the application process, go to mainepulpaper.org. Deadline to apply is December 31, 2018.

- [ACE Mentor program](#), a free after-school program that gives high school students a hands-on introduction to architecture, construction management and engineering, is hosting their first meeting Wednesday, Sept. 12th from 3:30-5:00 at Baxter Academy. Can't go this week? Don't worry - they meet every Wednesday. See Mrs. Shibles in room 303 for registration information and a calendar or check out the provided link.

- Maine Medical Center's [Health Career Pipeline](#) Program is “an effort to reach out to diverse youth and young adults in all Maine communities to enhance and stimulate an interest in health careers and encourage individuals to keep those careers in Maine.” Students 16 or older can set up job shadowing experiences. See the details on their website. Proof of specific vaccinations as well as a confidentiality statement are required.

- Please note that Maine Medical Explorers program is on hold until the Spring of 2019.

- ON Semiconductor and Southern Maine CC are hosting a three-day program for students who want to know more about technology careers. The program, [SEMI High Tech U](#), will provide students a chance to work directly with tech professionals, participate in fun workshops, and hear about different pathways from school to work. They provide great food and all the supplies; students must bring a positive attitude, career questions, and a willingness to learn. This program takes place November 6-8th and is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors. See details and application online at the provided link. Apply by Friday, October 12th.
 - Encourage your student to join the STEM Endorsement Google Classroom for program requirements, ELO trackers, and general announcements. Code: **xa03aiv**
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Welcome to Hannaford Helps Schools 2018

This year, we're celebrating 20 years of collaborating with schools to help schoolkids reach their goals. We appreciate your continued partnership and if you're new to the program, we welcome you!

Between 9/2/18 and 12/1/18, with the purchase of 4 participating Hannaford Helps Schools items, a customer will receive a printout for 3 school dollars at the register. The customer can place that printout into your school's slot in the Hannaford Helps Schools collection tower, located at the front of the store that your school is registered with. Additionally, Hannaford will donate \$1,000 to each school that earns the most dollars from their store location!

Last year Deering received \$1,107 from this event. Our registered store is the Forest Avenue branch located next to Back Cove here in Portland.

Please consider donating your slips to us. They can be placed in the Deering slot in the display located at the front of the store...

Thank you for helping Deering !!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SUMMER ABROAD with CIEE's GLOBAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM!

For the past five years, CIEE has provided **thousands of dollars in scholarships** to send Deering students overseas to study for part of the summer. Send your student to Morocco, Beijing, Toulouse, Madrid, Hyderabad or any number of other world-class cities for three to four weeks. Programs include entrepreneurship, language immersion, marine ecology, K-Pop culture, and a host of other topics.

See CIEE's [Global Navigators website](#) for more info. The deadline for scholarship applicants is **November 30**.

COME TO OUR PARENT and STUDENT INFO NIGHT on OCTOBER 18 at 7 in the DHS LIBRARY. A CIEE REPRESENTATIVE WILL ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS.

PARENT GROUPS:

> **PTO:** The PTO meets the second Monday of every month (second Tuesday when there is a Monday holiday) in the library from 6:00-7:30. Email us at DeeringsPTO@gmail.com Ample parking and elevator access are available.

Monday, October 15. Speaker--Jonathan Werner, 'Resisting the Irresistible: Understanding & Combatting Addictive Technology.' Mr. Werner is Library & Instructional Tech Specialist, Cape Eliz. Schools **NOTE: THIS EVENT WILL BE AT LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 6:30 (not at 6:00)!**

Monday, November 19. International Curriculum and ISSN at DHS, details to be announced.

Contact us at Deeringspto@gmail.com

> **Deering Boosters:** The Boosters will meet the first Wednesday of every month in room 219 from 6-7 pm; our next meeting is on November 7.

PROJECT GRADUATION NEEDS YOU!!

Parents/Guardians of Deering Seniors,

To honor our graduates, the Deering High School Community will be organizing **Project Graduation 2019!**

Our next meeting will be on **October 9, 2019 at 5:30pm**. We will be meeting at DHS in 317 Please come join us to learn more about how you can help!

Project Graduation is one of those traditions that make this community special. Thank you for supporting this magical event for your senior!

- Email us @DHSPROJECTGRAD2019@gmail.com and cc cherrf@portlandschools.org
- Visit our Facebook page for upcoming events and meeting reminders.
<https://www.facebook.com/DHSPROJECTGRAD19/>
- Shop for swag items to support Project Graduation @
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/DHSPROJECTGRAD19/shop>

***Do you use Amazon???* (Who doesn't!)**

Make your purchases count--use the [Deering Boosters Amazon Smile](#) function so that a portion of every purchase you make goes to your favorite charity, DEERING! Sign up today:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-1120706>

October 9

GUIDANCE NEWS

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS, SAT TESTING DATES, AND FINANCIAL AID EVENTS

UPCOMING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES VISITING DHS:

- University of New Hampshire, Tue., Oct. 9 at 8:30am
- University of Maine at Augusta, Tue., Oct. 9 at 10am
- Hofstra University (New York), Wed., Oct. 10 at 8:30am
- Wentworth Institute of Technology (Massachusetts), Wed., Oct. 10 at 11am
- Colby-Sawyer College (New Hampshire), Wed., Oct. 10 at 12:30pm
- St. Anselm's College (New Hampshire), Thur., Oct. 11 at 11:30am
- University of Maine at Machias, Fri., Oct. 12 at 9:00am
- University of Maine/Orono, Fri., Oct. 12 at 9:30am
- Merrimack College (Massachusetts), Mon., Oct. 15 at 10:30am
- Thomas College (Maine), Tue., Oct 16 at 12:00pm
- Clark University (Massachusetts), Wed., Oct 17 at 11:30am
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science, Thur., Oct 18 at 10:00am
- Boston University (Massachusetts), Thur., Oct. 18 at 10:45am
- Middlebury College (Vermont), Mon., Oct 22 at 11:30am
- Bryant University (Rhode Island), Tue., Oct. 23 at 9:30am

Students interested in signing up to meet with one or more of the above college representatives can register on the home page of their Naviance account or contact Ms. Adams, Guidance Secretary at DHS.

Brown University, Colby College, Dartmouth University, and Yale University Consortium for Students and Parents

Tuesday, October 9, at 6:30pm at Scarborough High School-Auditorium

All Portland area students and parents are invited to attend this information session where the above admissions representatives will discuss their individual academic programs, campus life, selective admissions, and financial aid. Registration for this event is required at <https://apps.admissions.yale.edu/register/ScarboroughEveningSession>

THE FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID) IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS TO COMPLETE.

Below are two evening events at Deering High that are expressly offered to parents and senior students in order to make attaining financial aid an understandable and smooth process. Mark your calendars for one or both! Also the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) has numerous free resources and helpful checklists for families of college bound seniors. Here are two great links for that information: **Get Ready to File the FAFSA:**

<https://www.famemaine.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/FAFSA-Checklist-2019-20.pdf>

And

A Short Video of a Step by Step Guide for Filing the FAFSA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CO4iwKHJgQo&feature=youtu.be>

Understanding College Financial Aid and Paying for College with Local Financial Aid Expert, Bill Smith

**For Students and Parents: Seniors especially as you finalize your college lists
Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshman as you plan ahead**

Thursday, October 11th, 6:00-8:00pm at Deering High School

This presentation will take the mystery out of financial aid and college cost for students and parents. Learn about the different types of financial aid and how to choose a college you can afford. Topics include types of aid such as grants, scholarships, work/study, loans; need and merit-based aid; financial aid applications including FAFSA and CSS Profile; estimating how much aid you'll get before you apply; and tips to help you manage the cost of college.

In-Person FAFSA Help Night (organized by Make It Happen)

For Seniors and their Parents

Tuesday, October 23, 6:30-8:30pm at Deering High School

College Financial Aid experts from FAME will be on hand to help seniors and their parents complete and submit the FAFSA form. All senior students and parents are invited! This evening will be particularly helpful to English Language Learners as translators will be readily available to support families with line by line completion of the FAFSA.

Important Upcoming PSAT and SAT Testing Dates

PSAT -Test Date on Wednesday, October 10th for all DHS 9th, 10th and 11th graders
SAT/Subject Tests- Test Date on Saturday, November 3 Oct. 5 Regular Deadline/Late Deadline (for an additional fee) is Nov. 16th

SAT/Subject Tests- Test Date on Saturday, December 1 Registration Deadline is Nov. 2

Any 11th or 12th grader who wants to take an SAT on Nov. or Dec. can register at here:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

IMPORTANT: Deering students in 9th, 10th and 11th grade will all be automatically registered for the school day PSAT on October 10th so there is no need to register.

12th graders are expected to attend school on October 10th! Seniors will have the opportunity to hear guest speakers on the following topics: **How to Do a Meaningful Senior Capstone Project &/or internship /job shadow opportunity in the local area; Selective College Admissions and What to Expect; Tips on Writing a Great College Essay; and How to Get as Much \$ as Possible through the College Financial Aid Process.**

Scholarships and Resources for Finding Them

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When students in Maine are exploring how they'll pay for college, they will find plenty of options available including federal and state aid, as well as scholarships, grants and student loan options. Applying for scholarships and grants can take some time and research as they are sometimes competitive. That time is often well worth it since students can graduate with less debt if they receive them.

Here are some reputable resources for scholarship searches:

FAME (the Financial Authority of Maine) lists many scholarship and financial aid resources on their website (famemaine.com). Look through the [Maine Scholarships](#) list and have your student

apply to several. This is the best site we have found for advice on paying for college. [MES](#) is another scholarship resource, as in the [Maine Community Foundation](#).

We found a good resource for scholarship information from Reviews.com. This is a website “dedicated to conducting data driven and unbiased research about topics that can help make an impact in people's lives.” Below is a link that covers the best scholarship search sites, what you should know about scholarships, and how best to apply, etc:
[Reviews.com scholarship search](#)

LendEdU for scholarships and search tips:
<http://lendedu.com/blog/scholarships>

LOCAL PORTLAND AREA AND/OR STATE OF MAINE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Clyde Russell Scholarship Fund

The Clyde Russell Scholarship Fund was created by the Maine Education Association through a trust established by the late Audrey Lewis. Mrs Lewis, President of the Maine Teachers Association in 1958, named the fund after Clyde Russell who served as Executive Director from 1945-1966. High School Seniors who will attend a Four-Year College after graduation can earn an award up to \$10,000. There is a 2nd Clyde Russell Award for High School Seniors planning to attend a Two-Year Community College after graduation. They can receive up to \$2000. Applications must be obtained by going to the following website:
www.clyderussellscholarshipfund.org . Applications can be downloaded between Oct. 1, 2018 and Jan. 31, 2019. Deadline for submission is Feb. 1, 2019.