

STUDENT/STAFF/ ALUMNI NEWS

Senior Anna Berenson won a 2011 NCTE Achievement Award in Writing. Congratulations!

The Graphic Novel Classroom: POWERful Teaching and Learning with Images by English teacher Maureen Bakis was released in November.

High School Social Studies teacher David Mitchell, the 2008 National History Teacher of the Year recipient, was an invited guest to this year's recipient naming and awarding ceremony in Washington, DC.

2006 Masco grad Peter Hunt is teaching an Advanced Computer Science course to Masco students. Having had a great experience at Masco, Peter wanted to give back and is volunteering his time to teach a great course. Over 40 students have signed up.

DO YOU KNOW?

Winter Sports

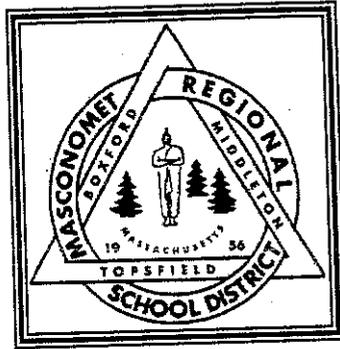
Visit the Athletics page at www.masconomet.org for all the Winter Sports schedules.

Science Fair

High School—3/8/12
Middle School—3/15/12

St. Patrick's Day

Senior Citizens St. Patrick's Day Dinner 3/14/12 -4:30 pm. Sponsored by the HS Student Council.



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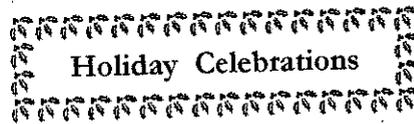
Dear Council On Aging Members:

One of the district goals, as supported by our superintendent, Dr. Darrell J. Lockwood and the Masconomet Regional School Committee, is to increase communications within the Tri-Town Communities. While we continue to keep our school families informed through our monthly electronic newsletters, we would like to reach out to you as much as possible throughout the school year.

In addition to this occasional mailed newsletter, you can receive the monthly e-newsletter by going to: <http://masconomet.org/co/newsletters> and completing a short subscription process at the bottom of the page. Please note you can opt out at any time!

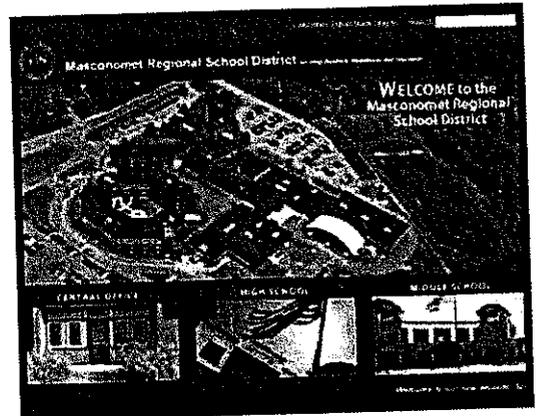
We have chosen highlights from some recent newsletters and hope that you will enjoy learning about the wonderful programs, events, and student/staff successes at Masconomet as well as some of the challenges we face as we strive to educate our children in the 21st century. In addition, we invite you to attend some of the events that will occur on our campus this winter season.

Masconomet Regional School Committee



Holiday Celebrations

Masconomet holiday celebrations were plentiful and extremely entertaining. The High School Select Percussion Ensemble led by Roger Brockelbank and the Concert Band led by Randy O'Keefe, Bill Gray and guest conductor Meghanne Farmer kicked off the season with a performance that rocked the house. One day later, the Middle School students, under the leadership of guest conductor Meghanne Farmer from Gordon College, Roger Brockelbank, percussion conductor, and Bill Gray, eighth grade concert band conductor, treated the audience with their musical talent and performance flair. To end our holiday concert series, the High School Chamber Choir and Chorale entertained everyone with their repertoire of songs and finished the evening with Masco alumni and friends sharing the stage and bringing down the house. A job well done by all!



Getting the Most out of the New Masco Website

We continue to add content to our website www.masconomet.org. We encourage you to explore the information. In addition to Middle and High School academic and extracurricular information and departmental web pages, the website also includes the School Committee Agendas, School Committee Meeting Minutes, Financial and Other District Reports. Please note, the Masconomet emblem to the left of the title is a hot link to the home page of the site no matter where you are in the site.

Fall Sports Highlights

More than 500 high school students participated in fall sports, practiced and played hard, and brought home many awards.

State Championship
Golf Team

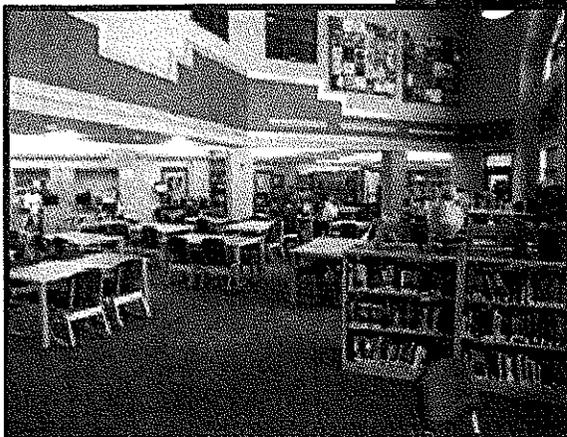
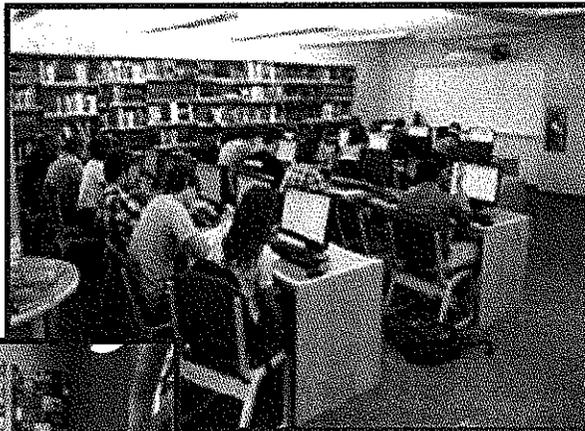
North Division Championship
Boys Soccer

Division I Eastern MA Championship
Boys Soccer
Girls Cross Country

Cape Ann League Championship
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Girls Cross Country
Golf Team

Our Libraries - Not Just A Place For Books

Exciting changes are happening in the Middle and High School Library Media Centers! Both libraries are now equipped with two classroom computer labs, including Smart Boards, Mimio Projectors, and video editing labs. This allows for the libraries to function as a Learning Commons, where the focus is on helping students become 21st Century learners and citizens. Multiple classes are simultaneously working in the libraries, researching databases and books, collaborating electronically, creating videos, or Skyping (electronic computer interaction) with other schools. Teachers and librarians are collaborating and co-teaching units in every subject.



Both libraries are purchasing Nooks, Barnes and Noble's version of an e-book. Nooks will provide book clubs and English classes an exciting opportunity to read using the latest technology. Multiple users can read the same book for the price of a single title.

Each Nook will also allow students to preview a free reading sample so that they can make suggestions for books to add to the collections. Students will have access to a vast range of free books, many of which are hard to find. New releases will be immediately available. The Nooks are part of the district's efforts to provide centralized resources to staff and students through the libraries. Now, teachers and students have the ability to not only learn the many technologies, but also to discover the best 21st century teaching and learning practices.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Masco's National Honor Society inducted 75 new members this year.

96 Masco seniors qualified for the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship.

Masco Middle School students and staff collected thousands of food items and hundreds of coats to donate to area food pantries and shelters this holiday season.

This fall, the Freshman Class of 2015 raised and donated 30,000 to Boston Children's Hospital through its annual charitable walk, Masco in Motion.

Masco's Student Enrollment: 2144

- 794—Boxford
- 699—Middleton
- 651—Topsfield

Masco now has a Single-Stream Recycling Program.

Masconomet Education Foundation (MEF) campaign continues to support the following initiatives:

- 21st Century Classrooms
- Global Initiative Programs
- Collaborative Efforts among teachers, administrators, parents, and community members.

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to Masconomet Education Foundation, 19 Candlewood Dr., Topsfield, MA 01983

Masconomet Regional Scholarship Foundation awarded over \$190,000 in scholarships to the Class of 2011.

Tax-deductible donations to benefit the Class of 2012 may be sent to Masconomet Regional Scholarship Foundation, 20 Endicott Road, Topsfield, MA 01983

School Committee meetings, which are typically on the first and third Wednesday of the month, are televised on local cable channels in each of our Communities.