

## High School Happenings November 26, 2019

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### News and Information

- **School Closed 11/27 – 11/29:** Wednesday, November 27, is a teacher in-service day. There is no school for students on that day. School will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, 11/28 and 11/29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- **Happy Thanksgiving!** On behalf of the staff and administration of Methacton High School, we would like to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone in our Methacton Family. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday with family and friends.
- **Keystone Exams:** The Winter administration of required Keystone exams will take place as follows: 12/2 Algebra, 12/3 Literature, 12/5 Biology. Students in Grades 9-11 will be assigned to the Winter administration only if they have already taken but not successfully passed one or more of the assessments.
- **Mid-Term Exams:** Comprehensive exams in the form of a mid-term exam and a final exam for yearlong courses and a final exam for semester-long courses are a component of most courses at MHS. The end of the second marking period (end of first semester) is approaching in January and the first of our twice-annual exam periods will take place. MHS will follow a special schedule during this period of end-of-semester exams (see attached). It is very important for all of our MHS families to be aware of this schedule and the manner in which the school day changes during the days of exams. It is also important for our MHS families to be aware of the academic significance of these exams. For most yearlong courses, the mid-term exam grade is averaged together with the final exam grade to reach a score that comprises twenty (20) percent of a student's total course grade. For most semester-long courses, the final exam grade counts as twenty (20) percent of a student's overall grade. Thank you in advance for your attention to the modified schedule as you plan for January and your support of these important exams.
- **The Methacton Education Foundation** is thrilled to award \$40,348 for Engineering Machines and Laptops and \$3,791 for DNA Instructional Lab Kits to the High School STEM Program. Thanks to our generous donors and an innovative grant applications from Mr. Brown and Mr. Walton for making these grants possible! Please see attached pictures. [www.methactonfoundation.org](http://www.methactonfoundation.org)

### Informational Reminders

- **Methacton School Store:** Student Council has started a school store. Many items can be customized with colors and logos! Free shipping is available to the high school for your student to pick up, or a \$6 delivery fee for home shipping. Visit the website for additional details. <https://www.yourstartinglineup.com/mhsstore/>

## Handbook Corner

- **Breakfast and Lunch:** Aramark is the official food service provider of Methacton High School. Visit the website for additional information: <https://www.methacton.org/Page/418>. *Please be aware that students are not permitted to order food deliveries from local restaurants or food delivery services during the school day.*