

CLASS OF 2023

JANUARY NEWS



ADVISOR UPDATE

Happy New Year, Class of 2023!

We have a lot coming up in January, so I hope you are rested and ready to go! You will take your first midterm exams in two weeks. See our exam study tips on the back of the newsletter. In high school, your semester grades are calculated as follows:

$Q1 (40\%) + Q2 (40\%) + \text{Midterm} (20\%) = \text{Semester 1 Grade}$

You will have a semester one and a semester two grade for each of your classes. Semester grades do not impact honor roll. Honor roll is based on your quarter grades.

The semi-formal is January 31st! Get your ticket today and don't miss out on this awesome night! Next year, your class officers and I will be the ones planning this dance, so please let us know what you liked and what you would like to change, if anything. If you're on the fence about going or not, just go! It's a fun night - You don't need a date - You can go with a group of friends. Lots of fun, food, and dancing! Don't miss out! :)

- Ms. Finnegan



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Happy New Year!!!

It's Matt again, your class president. I just want to congratulate everyone for getting through 2019! Sadly, we have midterms coming up, but don't be frightened. With your great teachers to help you, you'll all do fine. One thing to look forward to is the semi-formal that is coming up! Make sure you buy your tickets!

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

- Matt

2023 TRIVIA



Be the first to see Ms. Finnegan with the correct answers and win a PRIZE. Congrats to Madison LeColst and Sophie LeMay for winning the December trivia challenge!

1. This freshman fosters pit bulls until they can be adopted.
2. Name the freshmen who are broadcasters on the morning update this year.
3. This freshman plays Philostrate in the winter production of "Midsummer Night's Dream"

KEY DATES

January 1: Happy New Year!!

January 2: School Re-Opens

January 8: LAST DAY TO BUY SEMI-FORMAL TICKETS

January 9: Poetry Out Loud School Competition

January 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
(Focus on midterm studying!)

1/21: Periods 1&2 Midterm Exams

1/22: Periods 3&4 Midterm Exams

1/23: Periods 5&6 Midterm Exams

1/24: Period 7 Midterm Exam

January 24: Semester 1 /Quarter 1 End!!

January 27: No School!

January 31: Frosh/Soph Semi-Formal!

MEET THE MAXWELLS!



HILLARY VS. NATALIE

Today we had a trivia game between Hillary and Natalie Maxwell. We asked them questions ranging from their biggest fears to if they know the other twin's schedule! Natalie ended up winning by one point! Every question we asked, they knew the answer and were tied the whole game! It came down to them standing on one leg to decide who the winner was. In the end, Natalie won! Clearly, these twins know everything about each other!

- Stella and Maggie



TEACHER FEATURE - MEET MISS ALMEIDA - BY: CONNOR

Ms. Almeida is a freshman English teacher who is a ray of sunshine. She was inspired to be a teacher when she was a freshman in high school. Her Biology teacher was the person who helped her succeed academically, socially, and emotionally in high school. Ms. Almeida says if one student felt the way her old teacher made her feel, her life would be complete. To follow that goal, she came to Masco in 2015.

In her life outside of the classroom, she is still active in Masco. She has been involved in teaching college prep and perspectives English. She has helped out with WBMT, and now is the peer leader advisor. She loves being a freshman teacher and is proud of everything that we're accomplishing. Outside of school, she loves hiking with her dog, Finn.

To go back to her teaching career, she is so passionate that it influences all aspects of her life. She even has a master's degree in school counseling and a graduate certificate in special education. She encourages creative thinking and for everyone to "think outside the rubric" by going beyond it. Ms. Almeida is always thinking of ways to interact with students, through creating projects, real-world scenarios, and adding current events into her classes. To further her working and social relationships with students, she is communicative with students with an "open-door" policy, where students can come chat about anything. Her old biology teacher inspired her to encourage the supportive and collaborative nature of the Masconomet community. "Teaching is more than content; it is about what you learn to use outside the classroom." She says everyone has been doing a great job building a community at Masco, and she wants everyone to keep on doing that.

Finally, she wants to give shout-outs to her co-teacher, Ms. Fudge, her peer leader captains, and finally to Mr. Batcheller.

EMMY'S TIPS FOR SEMI!

- Boys wear nice pants or khakis, and collared shirt.
- Girls wear a dress and nice dress shoes.
- NO JEANS!
- Buy your ticket as soon as you can!
- If you want to bring a date, get a form from your house office.
- Get your own ride to the semi formal.
- If you are late because of a Masco affiliated event and get there after 8, you have a discounted ticket of \$10.
- Have a great time!

MAKING THE MOST OF MIDTERMS

1. Make a plan and map out what you will tackle each day. Be specific. Don't just write "Study". Write "make flashcards for vocabulary".
2. Take care of yourself. Sleep, eat well, exercise. If you don't take care of your body, you won't be in a good state to take your exams.
3. Ask for help! Your teachers care about you and want you to succeed. Reach out to them!
4. Review old quizzes/tests to identify areas you struggled with.
5. Identify distractions and eliminate them. Put your phone on silent and put it in another room. Find a quiet space to study. Work in breaks with rewards. (After 30 minutes, get up and get a snack, check your phone, etc.)

****Good luck! You've got this!!****