Winterim is a two-day (Jan. 30 and 31) learning opportunity for MA students that simulates the longer winterim sessions that many colleges provide to their students. It is designed to be a break from the usual class curriculum at the mid-way point in the school year so that everyone can learn something new, take a break from the routine, and return to the spring semester with more energy and determination. It is intended to provide students with a brief but intensive opportunity to learn something that they otherwise might not have an opportunity to learn. Our goal is for students to learn by doing. This year’s High School Winterim consists of 18 separate offerings including:
- Aerial acrobatics
- Cosmetology
- A trip to Boston’s Little Italy
- A two-night trip to NYC
- Studying ancestry
- A boater safety course

Winterim Expo Feb. 12
Students will be highlighting what they did and what they learned during their Winterim sessions at the 2nd annual Winterim Expo to be held in the MA Gymnasium from 10:30 to 11:30 on Feb. 12. Join us if you can and hear all about it. Snow date will be the following day, Feb. 13, same time, same place.
Feb. 3rd PD Day

The focus of the morning for the staff professional development day on Feb. 3rd will be school safety and drill rehearsal. The MSD staff, led by the MA and MCS Emergency Response Teams, will practice lock down and evacuation drills followed by a controlled reunification plan for how to release students to their parents in the case of an emergency. When the Safe Schools Team deems us ready, the reunification process will be practiced with students.

From the High School Guidance Office

- Students in grades 8-11 will be receiving information about signing up for next year’s classes during the last week of January.
- **8th Grade Parent Night Feb. 5, 7:00 pm.** Ms. Chapman, HS Counselor, and Mr. Coppinger, HS Principal will review for parents the changes to expect as students move from the middle level to the high school.
- **SAT prep** - Students who would like to improve their SAT performance should review their PSAT report and utilize the Khan Academy resource. Sessions are being offered at school during PAWS. Speak with Ms. Chapman for more information.
Yearbook News and Discounts

If you purchase a yearbook before April 1\textsuperscript{st}, use the special coupon code “Winter” to receive $10 off the normal price of $65. Just go to yearbookforever.com, search on “Moultonborough Academy” to place an order with a credit card. Prefer to pay by cash or check? Contact Julie Bruneau (jbruneau@sau45.org) for an order form.

Family, Friend, and Business Ads in the Yearbook

Many families like to purchase advertisement space in the yearbook to send a special message to their graduates. These ads come in four sizes: one-eighth of a page ($60), one-quarter page ($120), one-half page ($200) and one full page ($350). These advertisements include photographs and messages written by the family. If you are interested in purchasing an ad for a student, or if you own a business and would like to place an ad to congratulate the class of 2020, please get in touch with Julie Bruneau (jbruneau@sau45.org). The deadline to purchase an ad is Friday, March 6.

BLIZZARD BAGS

As you are no doubt aware, the Moultonborough School District adopted the Blizzard Bag approach to snow days a number of years ago. Our policy is that the first “snow day” of the year is a traditional no school day that will be made up in the spring. Subsequent snow days adhere to the Blizzard Bag approach with classroom work for high school students being posted on-line on Schoology. As I write this newsletter we have had one no school day and one Blizzard Bag day. The next four snow days will be Blizzard Bag days unless otherwise indicated by Supt. Andrew.

Academy high school teachers have prepared lessons that can be accessed on-line and that should take approximately 20–25 minutes to complete (2X that for a double block class). Teachers are available from 8:30–12:00 via email or Schoology. In order for the day to count as a school day by the NH Dept. of Education and thus not need to be made up, at least 80% of the students must “attend” school. This is measured by whether or not they complete the given assignments for each class. Students have until that class meets again to complete their assignments and be counted as “present” in school. If you lose power at home during the storm then the time can be extended.

If you have any questions about your child’s Blizzard Bag assignments, your best source for information is the classroom teacher.
**Parent Advisory Council**

Now in its 17th year, the MA High School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will meet again on Monday March 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 in the SAU Conference room.

The PAC is an informal meeting with parents and the HS principal to discuss topics of interest to either or to both. Cell phones and dress code are among the 3rd quarter meeting agenda items. Any parent of an MA High School student is welcome to attend. To add items to the agenda for discussion please email Mr.Copinger at acoppinger@sau45.org.

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**MA’s Got Talent Feb. 20**

One of the great new additions to the traditional Moultonborough Academy Winter Carnival is the MA’s Got Talent event. On Thursday Feb 20 at 7:00 pm in the Community Auditorium a host of talented MA students will vie for various prizes and the honor of winning the annual MA’s Got Talent showcase. The HS National Honor Society organizes the event, chooses the acts that will perform, and award prizes to the top performances. Join us for a fun night of laughs, talent, and bravery.